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MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM (Not July)
 Sunday 9:30 AM Thursday 8:00 AM (Not July)

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 8:00 AM (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month. (Please check with parish office for current schedule) Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made by contacting Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be active, registered member of parish family.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available 1st Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

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EDUCATION / FORMATION

Week of September 20th, 2021

MONDAY

449: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY

643: Eph4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

451: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

452: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY

453: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

454: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

137:Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8,10,12-14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:39-43, 45,47-48



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, September 20th - Last day for Religious Ed registration

Wednesday, September 22nd - First Day of Fall!

Sunday, September 26th - Religious Education 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8,224.50

Food Pantry: \$30

Children Good Deeds

...Helping out Mom while Dad was gone... Carried in groceries...

...Got the mail for the neighbor while she was recovering...

...Helping out Mom...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

WE NEED TO HIRE AN AFTERCARE AIDE!!!

HELP WANTED!

We are *desperately* looking for help with our aftercare program.

The continuation of this program depends on finding staff! If you would like to work just a few hours a day with some of the children in the school, this could be the job for you!

The hours are from 3:30-5:30 during the school year when we are in session. We *do not* have aftercare during any of our breaks from school. If you know anyone interested in this position, please have them email/call the principal at cswitalski@auburnac.org or 989-662-6431

✝ God Bless



Congratulations on your Baptism!

Tyson Richard Luttrell
Son of Riley & Laura

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

Why would a person who wishes to be first be last? Why would that person serve others? Are your qualities of leadership aligned with Jesus' definition of greatness?

Reflecting on the Word:



It is natural to want success and to accomplish or do something well. But how should we define success? Jesus gives us a wise way to measure it: he teaches us that

greatness comes when we put ourselves at the service of others, just as he did throughout his life. Examples of greatness do not always appear in the places we expect. Jesus offered one example when he placed a child amid the apostles. Let us look for examples of greatness among the least of us, the poor, the stranger, and even those who are the hardest to love.

Living the Word:

Who do you know is an example of service to others and a servant to all? Say a prayer for those people.

Religious Education

Registration is being taken until Monday, September 20th. Forms are at the west church entrance. We will begin formation on Sunday, September 26th.



Youth Ministry



Misty Michelle is our new Youth Minister. She will be leading a weekly program for middle and high school students. She is planning to kick off the year on Sunday,

September 26th with a campfire, s'mores, and some fun "getting-to-know-you" activities! A schedule and more information are to follow. We encourage all youth of the parish to consider joining and invite your friends too! The registration forms are available at the west church entrance or by calling the Parish Office, 989.662.6861.

Sacramental Preparation applications are available at the west church entrance. Reconciliation prep begins in November and Eucharist prep begins in February. **Remember: Forms are due Monday, September 24th.** With all sessions being offered during the week.



An Invitation to RCIA...

An invitation to come and see . . . Have you or do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Are you searching for answers? Are you looking for a faith community to call your own? Informal sessions to explore these questions and faith issues in relation to Catholic beliefs will begin in October. For more info call, Sandy, (989)-662-4335, sdesjardins@auburnac.org Pre-registration is required.



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

James insists that while the world might tout ambition, the believer in Jesus is called to be peaceable, gentle, and compliant. In the Gospel, the Marcan Jesus offers a similar challenge to his disciples. He invites them to assert themselves as leaders who serve instead of seeking to be served, to rid themselves of pride and haughtiness and not to lord their authority over others. To help them cultivate this attitude, Jesus called his own to prefer the company of children. In that way, they might pick up the innocence and docility of the child.

Jesus was the epitome of the just one described by the author of Wisdom (first reading). His teachings were hard. His truth shed light upon darkness that many were unwilling to expose. Because he dared to speak out for justice and right, the unjust and those lacking in righteousness found him obnoxious. Jesus set himself on a deliberately offensive collision course with his contemporaries, and the echoes he heard affirmed their hatred and rejection: "Crucify him! Away with him! It is better that one man die for the nation! Let him be crucified!"

After his death and resurrection, and with the empowerment they received by the Holy Spirit, the followers of Jesus took up his collision course with their contemporary culture and made it their own. They opened their ears to the echoes that he had heard, and one by one they became the obnoxious just ones whom others would rather be rid of than be bothered by their message.

Wise or Foolish:(Wisdom 2) Fr. Richard Hart,Capuchin, *Connect*

Wisdom draws a stark contrast between the upright, compassionate people, and the sinful, foolish, or those craving for negative power. We are encouraged to choose between the two. God's wisdom runs contrary to human wisdom. Most of us would agree that foolishness, sin, and negative power are prevalent in our society revealing themselves in a variety of ways: ambition, jealousy, dominance, control, exploitation just to mention a few. In contrast those driven by wisdom generate harmony and peace, which are demonstrated especially through loving acts. Wisdom is a gift from God because the wise person is committed and connected to God. The result is that these people are peacemakers drawing people together rather than tearing them apart. Wise people strive after the right order of things, especially peace and justice. They not only walk the walk, but they also talk the talk.

Peacemaker: (James 3): *Celebration*

In today's second reading, the author of James points to the baser instincts of jealousy and ambition, envy and covetousness and challenges his readers to overcome these by cultivating peace. By using the word "cultivate," James affirms that peace is more the signing of a treaty or the cessation of conflict. Peace is a process of growth that requires careful maintenance. His word for peace is *eirene*, which means right relationships between all people.

In questioning his readers about their seeming disregard for peacemaking, James sounds like the historian Philo, who wrote: "For all the tragedies of war have all flowed from one source—desire either for money or power or pleasure. Over all these things humanity goes mad," Evidently, something of this "madness" was causing conflict within the community of believers. James reminded them that although they were in the world, they were not to be of the world. On the contrary, the followers of Jesus are to seek the will of God and put it into practice with peace and gentleness, with mercy and good fruits.

Source of Greatness: *Celebration*

Following Jesus would challenge his followers' notion regarding authority. No doubt they sensed greatness in Jesus and witnessed his ability to conduct himself and to teach with authority. For that reason, they were hopeful that when the kingdom Jesus announced was finally established, they would have a share in his authority. They had yet to learn that his would not be an imposed authority, but a leadership that would raise others to dignity they had not previously enjoyed.

Call to Service: *Connect*

We all like a little recognition. It's good for our self-esteem. Whether it is grades or certificates in school, medals, or trophies in sports, or raises or perks at work, recognition can give us an incentive to do even better. Indeed, in sales, there are usually graduated tiers of incentives aimed at pushing the salesperson to keep reaching for the next level.

While eternal life might be an incentive for some Christians, the reality is that for most of us, as life goes on from day to day, we don't often think about eternity. The day-to-day struggles we encounter have a way of fixing our mind on the present rather than on a heavenly future. The command of Jesus to his followers that they are to be servants may be the perfect way to join the present and eternity. If we focus on caring for others in our daily life, heaven will take care of itself.

Follow the Master: Rev. Richard Gribble, CSC, *Liturgical Press*

God who is wise and good, has chosen to give us freedom of will, the ability to make our own choices. And so, it is our choice, not God's, as to whether we will choose to do good or evil. It is our choice as to which one we let prevail. Thus, we must use our gift of free will wisely. Jesus suggests in today's gospel that the best use of free will is service. Christ tells his apostles that those who wish to be important must become servants. But, in order to know how best to serve, we must seek the wisdom of God. St. James describes this wisdom through the virtues it demonstrates, namely, being peaceable, lenient, docile, sympathetic, impartial, and sincere.

If we seek the wisdom of God and do our best to be servants, then most assuredly God's goodness, made manifest in our actions, will triumph and darkness will be dispelled by the light of Christ. God is forever present to us, and thus we know that God will always be there for us whenever we might call. We must be present to God and to God's will if the reign of God is to appear in our midst. Therefore, let us do our best to be servants, for it is our Lord's will that we do so, to conquer the evil that we encounter, in imitation of Jesus, our brother and our friend.

End and Beginning: As of August 31st, the annual diocesan appeal has ended. Out of all the donations and pledges, (which totaled \$77,055) There was only \$275 that was not paid. The amount above our target (which was \$76,780) will be returned to the parish. We have been informed that the 2021-2022 **Christ's Mission Appeal (CMA)** will begin in October.



"Help me, Lord, to be of service."



Parish Picnic!

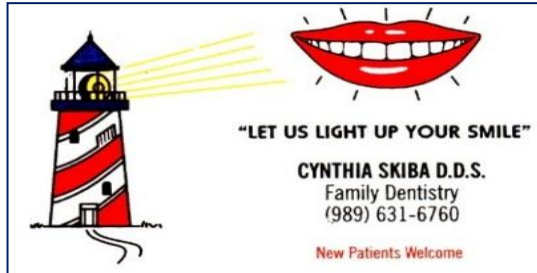
The weather cooperated last Sunday for our annual Parish Picnic. The crowds were down from previous years, and with COVID concerns remaining that was understandable. Thanks to the members of the Parish Council and Commissions (and in some instances spouses!) who generously stepped forward to serve those in attendance. It was an enjoyable event! Also, *thank-you* to the parishioners who donated gifts for the door prizes, they were very much appreciated!

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