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**MASSES**

**\*Weekday masses suspended until further notice**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**\*Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT**

**SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of all (including the St Anthony site) evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5

## Week of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Monday

455: Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 Lk 9:46-50

### Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

456: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56

### Wednesday

457: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10b-15 Lk 9:57-62

### Thursday

647: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

### Friday

459: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14b Lk 10:13-16

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

460: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66,71, 91,125,130 Lk 10:17-24

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

141: Hb 1:2-3;2L2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time:** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee

*Is there anything in our lives (items, habits and so on) that is keeping us from living our lives for Jesus and others? How can we better follow Jesus' example to love those around us who need our love and attention?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



In Jewish culture, a name is very important. A name gives purpose and meaning. Jesus conveys who is important in the parable of a poor man named Lazarus and a rich man who is unnamed. The rich man has every physical thing

he needs but no meaning or purpose to his life. A very poor man lives at his doorstep, but the rich man doesn't seem to concern himself with him. The rich man has chosen to live his life for himself, not for God, not for others. We can choose better. Jesus is our example of how to love and how to live our lives for God.

### Living the Word:

Who do you know might be lonely? Call, visit, text or write to that person. Let them know that you were thinking of them and let them share how they are doing. Pray for this person throughout your week.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – VIRTUS Training 6-8:30 pm

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$10,632.87

**Food Pantry:** \$125

**Children's Good Deeds**

...I helped clean up at the picnic...Picking up my cars...

...Play with Syd...Picking up downstairs...Helped Papa with dishes...

...Drove with my family to K-zoo to watch my cousin play football...



## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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This week was our first full week of school! The children are settling into their routines. We were also able to have word and communion at 9:00 AM on Wednesday. We will continue this on the third Wednesday of the month with our word and communion celebrations, and anyone is welcome to participate with the students! We would love to see any of you there!

The Gospel this week really emphasizes the importance of how we treat each other while we are on this earth, and the luxuries we are afforded in our life. What we do with our time, talents, and treasures determines how we are greeted in heaven. It is our job to listen to the word of God and be better in how we apply the prophet's lessons into our everyday lives.

### CMA update

The 2022-23 Christ's Mission Appeal officially kicks off next weekend. This appeal is the annual primary opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese of Saginaw to support one another through widespread ministries that impact all 56 of the parishes in the Diocese and beyond. Our parish assessment for this year is **\$74,253**. Please prayerfully consider your support of Christ's Mission Appeal.



## Autumn Months Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary, and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



**Medical Update...** This coming week, on Wednesday, I will have both a PET Scan and an endoscopic ultrasound to see the effectiveness of the radiation and chemo treatments. The results of these procedures will determine what my future treatment will be. Stay tuned! ~Fr. Tom ~

## Going South for the Winter?



If you will be gone for any length of time during the Fall/Winter months, please call the Parish Office with an update and we can have your envelopes sent to your winter address.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Both Amos and Jesus were confronting their contemporaries with their lack of concern for the well-being of others, particularly the poor and needy. With a little effort, you can picture in your mind's eye the scene that prompted Amos' passionate attack on the apathetic rich. Concerned only for their own ease and satisfaction, they lolled on couches, filling their faces with choicest meats, perfuming themselves with aromatic oils and drinking to excess. Passersby hear the reveling and ache to be included, but the rich and famous of Israel pay heed to nothing and no one save the continuing demands of their self-indulgent lifestyles

God, however, has heard the cries of the poor and, just as the party atmosphere surrounding the complacent and the comfortable reaches full tilt. Amos arrives to speak his message of truth and justice, viz., those who have turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the cries of the poor will have the dubious "honor" of being among the first wave of exiles to depart their beloved Israel. No doubt Amos was dubbed "party-pooper par excellence" and his message was as welcome as rain on a parade or ants at a picnic.

As your imaginative mind's eye shifts to the gospel, it appears that even eight centuries later, Amos' message has yet to be assimilated and the consequences of neglecting to do so have become considerably more dire. Those who refuse to attend to the cries and the needs of the poor will find themselves in an eternal exile. Jesus' parable serves as a wake-up call, challenging the comfortable and complacent to seize the present moment and be converted by the truth he speaks. Once converted, the well-to-do are to translate the grace of their conversion into a throughgoing and compassionate attentiveness to the poor.

### Social Justice:(Amos 6)

*Celebration*

Contextually, this particular pericope is part of a series of oracles, words, woes and visions delivered by the prophet from the southern kingdom to his northern brothers and sisters. To gain the attention of his listeners, Amos introduced his message by prophesying doom upon the enemies of Israel and Judah. Once he had sparked their interest, he concluded his series of oracles (1:3-2:16) with a series of three words and the three woes for Israel and Judah. These left no doubt that the Lord was displeased and that the need for conversion was imminent, lest, on the Day of the Lord (which was anticipated as a time of joy, blessedness and reward for the people) Israel and Judah would fare worse than even their most hated enemies. Why?...Because the cries of the poor had not been heeded and the responsible rich had grown cold and complacent to their concerns.

The important lesson Amos teaches in this passage is that indifference to injustice is as sinful in the eyes of God as active exploitation. The apathy of those who do not care allows evil and immorality to flourish; it even invites such injustices. Deluded by their materialistic lifestyle, the privileged live under the illusion that they are not affected or responsible for the brokenness of the community.

### Challenge of Faith: (1 Timothy 6):

*Celebration*

As his model in the faith, Timothy is offered the figure of the accused Jesus, who before Pilate confessed, "I was born for this, I

came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice" (John 18:39). Following Jesus' lead, Timothy and those in charge were to be Faithful witnesses to the truth of the good news, to biblical justice and to communal solidarity until the appearance of Jesus at God's chosen time (v.16). This *kairos idios* (chosen time) was not a chronological hour, day, or year but, Jesus' "hour" (in the fourth gospel), it referred to the moment in which God would consummate the plan for the world's salvation. For those who traveled with the earthly Jesus during his ministry, *kairos idios* referred to his passion, death, and resurrection, whereby he effected the redemption of sinners. For Timothy and for all of us who stand in faith with countless generations of Christians, the *kairos idios* is associated with the second appearance of Jesus. Until that time, known only to God, it is ours to "fight the good fight of faith" and attend generously to the cries of the poor among us.

### Gospel Parable: (Luke 16):

*Celebration*

This parable was used by the Lucan community of the 80s CE to challenge to faith those who had refused the message of the earthly Jesus and who remained unconvinced even after his resurrection. Just as the rich man's insight came too late, so also will it be too late for those who refuse to believe in this life. Repentance, conversion and translating one's faith into attentive service to the needs of the poor must happen on this side of the grave; otherwise, the joys and glories of the kingdom will be eternally forfeit. To avoid such a tragedy, the advice of Amos, Jesus and Mother Teresa of Calcutta must be taken to hear. "Hear the cries of the poor," "Raise your eyes and see the Lazarus at your gate," "Find your own Calcutta"...Today!

### On Seeing Lazarus:

*Grace Works*, Dallas Texas

The parable moves from comforting the afflicted, to afflicting the comfortable. The rich man ends up in torment after his life of luxury. Why? Not because wealth is bad, but because he allowed a beggar to starve within sight of his table of plenty. Jesus suggests that the rich man's abundance, which was more than he needed to sustain his life and household, was the very means by which God intended to "help" Lazarus. It was not God who failed to help the beggar. God provided the abundance in near enough proximity to help Lazarus. The failure was on the part of the rich man, who mistakenly assumed that his abundance was all his, and that the plight of the poor man was not his business because it was not his fault. Probably the rich man even assumed his wealth was a sign of God's blessing and favor.

He could not have been more mistaken, as he found out in the end. From the flames he is now the beggar, pleading to Abraham to send someone back from the dead to warn his family of the truth he now has learned too late. But Abraham replies that his family has the scripture to warn them. If the Bible was not enough, they wouldn't respond even if someone came back from the dead to tell them the same thing. And Abraham was right. Because we all have the real Bible to challenge us. And in addition, God even sent someone back from the dead too, the same Jesus who told us about this parable in the first place. And yet, even with all this warning, abundantly blessed people and nations still allow Lazarus to die at the gate, believing all the while that "God only helps those who helps themselves." Oh God, help us all!

*"Help me, Lord, respond  
to those in need"*








## Position Opening

The Parish is looking for a janitorial person for the main campus. This is a part-time position, hours are negotiable. If you are interested please bring a resume' to the Parish Office and pick up a job description. **Join the St. Gabriel Team!**



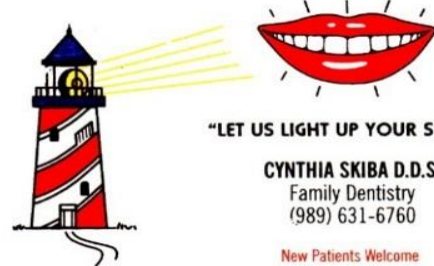
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