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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 call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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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

EDUCATION / FORMATION

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27th, 2021

MONDAY

455: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23 Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

456: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY No Moring Mass

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

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

458: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY

459: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

460: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 650: Mt 18:1-5, 10

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

140: Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 26th-29th – Priest's Assembly, Fr Tom gone

Friday, Oct. 1st – No School

Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 2nd & 3rd – Mission Co-op

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$18599.10

Food Pantry: \$70 **In Memory of:** \$20

Children's Good Deed

...Helping my brother put his shoes on...Helped Mom and Dad...

...Getting my homework done...I helped my brother...

...I pay attention in school...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Picture day was this week, and it is already our 5th week of school! I have almost been kicked back into my office (at least part time). But we still need help for our after-care program. Currently we have had to cut back on a day due to a staff shortage. We are trying so very desperately to provide a program for the students and their families and could really use some help finding people to work.

The Gospel this week is talking about Jesus and the works of those who perform miracles in his name. It gives us a couple clear teachings. First, we shouldn't try and stop the works of God, no matter what your feelings are about that individual, or your judgement of them. Second, whatever we do to help others is from God, and we should be prepared to have them brought before us at our judgment day. I make a concerted effort not to be judgmental, but I also am human and sin. Making judgements about whether someone can perform God's works is a ridiculous statement. How have I been granted the ability to see as God does? How do I know what God's plan is? We must have faith in all that we do and in the habits we have developed, that they will continue to lead us down the path God wants for us. It is never easy trusting the unknown, but this year, I have seen that God was testing me at the onset of the school year, and while I struggled, I was never given too much to handle. God gives us what we need when we need it.

... God Bless...



A "BIG" thank-you from the K of C #3590 to Fr. Tom, St. Gabriel Parish and Cory Pickvett (coach) for helping with the Soccer Challenge last weekend. 11 young people kicked a ball, won some medals, and had fun!

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

What does it mean to follow Jesus? What distracts or deters you from following Jesus? During the penitential rite, ask forgiveness for the times you didn't follow Jesus and ask for his help to stay on the straight path.

Reflecting on the Word:



The language in this Gospel is disturbing, almost frightening, but Jesus drives his point home. Nothing should distract or deter you from living the right way. The punishment for evil is

separation from God forever. Nothing is worth that. The examples Jesus gives are extreme, but he speaks to encourage us to be careful about every action we take.

Living the Word:

The gift of the sacrament of reconciliation is given to us as a way in which we can examine our lives in comparison to the life of Jesus and ask for help to do better. Consider celebrating this sacrament as a family.

RCIA – An Invitation



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 information call Sandy, 989- 662-4335 or at sdesjardins@auburnac.org Pre-registration is required.

Priest's Assembly: Bishop Gruss indicated early on his desire that the priests would gather as a group not every other year as we have done in the past, but every year. His plans were stymied last year because of Covid. We are now scheduled to meet this coming Sunday at Shanty Creek Resort, just north of Traverse City. We will be together through Wednesday. There will be outside speeches and plenty of opportunities for fellowship.

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Mission Co-op: Each year every parish in the diocese is asked to host a representative from one of many missionary groups in the Church. The group assigned to us on the weekend of October 2nd & 3rd, is a religious community, **The Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet**. They minister to those living in poverty in Peru and Sister Sally, who will be speaking at all masses, was a missionary in Peru for more than 30 years. They provide groceries to families with nothing to eat, help get oxygen for those suffering from Covid-19 and assist families with funeral expenses for those who have died from the coronavirus. We had asked the company who supply our envelopes to transfer the co-op from July to October, but it appears they did not take it out of the July packet. Hopefully it will be in the October mailing....





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

With the author of Numbers, we look in upon Moses and the Israelites during their desert journey to Canaan. Up to this point, Moses had been undisputed, though not always appreciated, mediator of God's will and God's ways for the Israelites. God's own Spirit was thought to rest upon Moses, giving authority to his teachings and decisions. He was, in a sense, the institution whom the people had come to accept and through whom they had come to meet and experience God. To their credit, the people were also willing to accept that some of the Spirit with which God had endowed Moses could be shared and delegated, as it were, among the 70 elders who gathered in the meeting tent at God's command.

However, when two of the elders deviated from the plan and did not gather in the tent, Joshua objected when it appeared that God's Spirit had come to rest upon them as well. He had yet to learn the lesson with which the disciples of the Marcan Jesus would also struggle (Gospel). How could the Spirit be experienced outside the parameters of acceptable protocol? How could those who were not ostensibly associated with the company (the institution?) of Moses or Jesus also be spiritually endowed?

To educate his own in the charismatic freedom of the Spirit to blow where it will, to inspire whom it may and to empower whom it chooses, Jesus' challenge to his own, both then and now, is one of inclusiveness. To meet this challenge, believers must be willing to surrender preconceived ideas and judgments to the sometimes untamed and unimaginable ways of God. Too frequently, those who are different, those who dissent and those who march to the beat of a different drummer are ignored and rejected outright. Space must be made for mavericks and outsiders if they are not explicitly opponents of Jesus. Rather than eliminate, excommunicate, or censure the maverick, might not the church and the world be better served if we were to truly heed Jesus' insistence that "anyone who is not against us is with us!"

Delegation (Numbers 11): Celebration

A more extensive reading of Numbers 11 provides the backdrop against which God distributed some of the Spirit that endowed Moses and bestowed it upon the 70 elders. While encamped at Taberah, the people, weary from the desert and its struggles, cried out for relief. They longed for fish, cucumber, melons, onions, and garlic they enjoyed in Egypt, and complained about the diet of the sweet, sticky manna.

Undone by their constant complaints, Moses argued with God asking what he had done to be saddled with such a burdensome lot. Finding the burden too much to bear, Moses prayed to God to kill him and put him out of his misery. God's response to Moses came in the form of an order that he assemble 70 overseers, or elders, in the tent of meeting. This being done, today's first reading picks up the narrative to tell of the delegation of the Spirit upon those gathered, by insisting that the Spirit bestowed on the elders was the same that had been given to Moses, the Numbers author indicated that Moses retained his unique status; his authority was not diminished but shared. Two complementary truths can be discerned in this action, the service of God cannot be accomplished without divine aid; God's work cannot be accomplished without human instruments.

Compelled to Share (James 5):

Celebration

Being wealthy often entails a certain protocol, particularly in a society that equates riches with prestige and power. Earlier in this letter (Jas 2:1-4), the author known to us as James referenced this protocol when he warned his readers against being impressed by fine clothes and jewelry and of being put off by a poor person's shabby clothes. Should one person be treated with respect and the other without simply because of what they can afford or not afford to wear? James described such partiality as a sin to be avoided by believers in Jesus.

In today's second reading, James expands upon his point and promises that those who have been treated with partiality in this life and have enjoyed, however undeservedly, the adulation of their kowtowing contemporaries shall know quite a different protocol in the next life. Since wealth, fine apparel and gold and silver cannot travel the passage that is death, these transient joys shall be left behind to rot. Without their wealth to offer them security and happiness, the materially rich shall know an eternal protocol of weeping and wailing. Although gold and silver do not actually rust (vv. 2-3), James' use of that word recalls a reference from Jesus ben Sira (Sirach 29:10) who encouraged the rich to use their money to help others rather than let it "rust under a stone and be destroyed". "Rusted" money, indicates that it has been hoarded not shared. The charge of allowing one's money to rust was a condemnation of the rich for failing to fulfill the sacred obligation to give alms. Ancient society was founded on a network of complex relationships which compelled the wealthy to give to public causes as well as needy individuals. Hoarding was not only a private vice of the rich but a sin against the larger community.

Strong Words (Mark 9):

Celebration

We may wonder whether Jesus' words regarding scandal and the willingness to relinquish eye, foot or hand have any relevance to our lives. Yet, when taken with Jesus' counsel to welcome *all* who act in Jesus' name, we may have cause to ask whether we are guilty of scandal. When divisiveness continues to characterize the various denominations of Christians, what does that say to the world? When one congregation of Christians calls another "heretics" or "anti-Christ" (or worse). How is the Gospel served? Lest we be too quick to dismiss Jesus' harsh words, shall we not let them speak to our hearts? Shall we not allow the Spirit to work its protocol within us?

Inclusive?:

Dick Folger, Celebration

There's a wonderful quotation from Abraham Lincoln that may have had its origin in today's Gospel story. During the middle of the Civil war, in 1862, one of the Northern leaders asked the president for prayer that God would be on their side. Lincoln responded, "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side."

In today's Gospel, the disciples complained that a man was expelling demons in Jesus' name. They were indignant because he was not of their group or part of the mission of Jesus. But Jesus tells the disciples the man is really on their side because he is doing good work. By his action the man expelling demons was on God's side.



*Help me, Lord, be
free of prejudice*

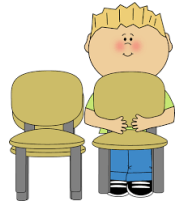


Free For All...

We are looking to donate several items from school that were replaced this year. If you or someone you know could use these "gently" used classroom things we have a garage full and would love to see them put to good use, see the list below!

- Children's chairs and desks**
- Preschool tables**
- Teacher's desks**
- Caulk boards, Cork boards, White boards**
- Folding chairs with sm. folding desktop**
- Small cabinet and more...**

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