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MASSES

***Weekday Masses suspended until further notice**
 Saturday 4:30 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 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

***Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

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WEATHER POLICY

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

Week of October 3rd, 2022

MONDAY

461: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

462: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139: 1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

463: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117: 1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY

464: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

465: Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

466: Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

144: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, October 5th – Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 pm

Friday, October 7th – Wedding Rehearsal – 5 pm

Saturday, October 8th – Wedding – 2 pm

Sunday, October 9th – CLOW 9:30 am / Religious Ed 10:45 am / Youth Ministry 6 pm

* Food Pantry/Scrip Sale/Mission Weekend

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6,539

Mission Co-Op: \$15 Food Pantry: \$135

Children's Good Deeds

...Washed dishes, watered Gramma's flowers...

...Played with Sydney... Playing with my little sister...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week I took part in an ALICE training at the Diocese to become a trainer for the school and parish. There will be more information on the program later. The 3rd – 5th grade students had the opportunity to attend the River of Time on Friday, September 23. From the feedback I was given, they seemed to really enjoy taking a step back in time and seeing how life was different long ago.

The Gospel this week talks about how the apostles want Jesus to increase their faith. This is such an abstract thought and concept because faith is different in every way for every person. We all have varying degrees of faith that can't really be measured by anyone else except God and ourselves. Building that faith relationship with Jesus is vital because Jesus tells us that even those with little faith can accomplish great things. So, in the end, it doesn't matter what varying degree of faith you possess, but rather that you have it, understand where it comes from, and are willing to act upon it. All of us here at AACs are working diligently to ensure our students not only are taught to have faith in God, but also how to live that through our interactions with each other

...God Bless...

Join the Choir

Here is an opportunity to become part of the Choir and "sing a new song!" Rehearsals start October 3rd and will be held on Mondays from 6:30 - 8 pm. We sing at the weekend Masses alternating between Saturday and Sunday. We will be expecting you!



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
What does it mean to be humble? How can we be humbler before God, who gives us everything we have? Would you like to ask Jesus to increase your faith? What might God do with your increased faith?



Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus' apostles who saw him work miracles were asking for their faith to increase. They knew faith is a gift from God. They knew they must ask for it. When God gives us the gift of faith and we use it, we can do mighty things. When great works come from our mustard seed-sized faith, we must humble ourselves and remember where the faith came from. It is not by our doing but by God's.

Living the Word:

Throughout the week ask God to increase your faith. Notice all the gifts he gives you and humble yourself before him in thanksgiving.

How to Increase Your Faith

Go to Mass every Saturday/Sunday: Mass directs our hearts back to God and blesses us through the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Pray 5 minutes daily: Spend time with our Lord.

Read the Daily Mass readings each day: The Scriptures in a unique way transform our ability to see God and to know how to follow and love God. **Do one Act of Mercy each day:** As we do the works of mercy, it is the Lord who works His mercy upon us as well and makes us into the image of Jesus. **Find a way to volunteer in the Parish:** There are so many opportunities to serve in the Parish. Find yours! **Cultivate thankfulness:** Thank the Lord for three things each day.



Don't Forget...Blood Drive!

Our next Blood Drive is Wednesday, **October 5th** from 1:30 – 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. You can register for an appointment by calling 866-642-5663 or visit Versiti.org/mi



New Committee Forming:

Issues keep surfacing at the cemetery that consume more and more time of the parish staff. We need a committee of volunteers to clarify various issues. The Administration Commission wants to form a committee. If you would be interested in serving, call the parish office, 989-662-6861. We envision a group of five who would meet every other month.



Next weekend we will be hosting Deacon Robert Mahar from the Lexington Kentucky Diocese which is a designated mission diocese serving 50 counties. They minister to urban/suburban areas around Kentucky as well as 40 counties in the impoverished mountain regions of Appalachia. There are 40,000 + Roman Catholics in this diocese, comprising just 3% of the population of 1.5 million.

**Save the Date...Flu shot clinic October 22-23 after Masses- more info to follow.*



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time: *Celebration*

When evil flourishes and seems to overwhelm the just, the faithful are filled with questions (Habakkuk). When suffering threatens to undo the work of the gospel, and when its disciples are made to endure persecutions and hardships, the faithful are filled with questions (2 Timothy). When there seems to be no reward for work well done and when total dedication is met with a challenge to even greater service, the faithful are led to question (Luke). To all these questions, there are no pat answers or solutions, only an earnest request: Lord increase our faith.

Why God? (Habakkuk 1 and 2): *Celebration*

The first portion of today's pericope records part of Habakkuk's complaint (1:2-3); the second portion contains God's response (2:2-4). The prophet was instructed by God to "write down the vision clearly upon the tablets." Such writing or engraving (if tablets were stone or wooden) conveyed the quality of permanence which God's message was to have. Pertinent for Habakkuk's day for his people, God's living word communicates a timeless message for people of every age.

In answer to his people's impatience, God replied that the "vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint" (2:3). What would be required from those who long for God to speak and to act was faith (2:4). Faith is that posture of the just person who trusts and hopes and regulates the power for the future to God.

Grow the Faith (2 Timothy 1): *Celebration*

Timothy, the Christian disciple from Lystra, converted to Jesus by Paul, understood what it meant to "live by faith" (2:4). At the turn of the second century, persecution of the church had become an integral aspect of its existence. Many had already given their lives for the sake of their faith, and those who survived experienced daily the "hardships the gospel entailed" (2 Timothy 1:8). Because the author of 2 Timothy understood the challenges of discipleship and the temptation to fall short of the gospel's demands, he exhorted Timothy and, through him, the church at Ephesus to remember the powerful graces of their baptism (and in Timothy's case, the grace of his ordination). "Stir into a flame the gift of God" (2 Timothy 1:6) referred to the grace of the sacrament that had initiated the believers into the life of Christ and into his service.

Timothy and all who succeeded the apostles in leading the community were, however, not merely to *preserve* tradition ("guard the rich deposit of faith," v.14) intact and unchanged. Rather, by lives of faithful service, they were to bear *living* witness to the teaching they had received, to "unpack it" and make it relevant for their contemporaries. But, as Timothy and his church had already experienced, tradition is not preserved and made relevant in a vacuum. Forces from within and from outside the community militated against its growth and caused the faithful to suffer.

By way of encouragement, the author of 2 Timothy recalled for his readers the example of faith Paul had lived out in their midst. Above all, those who would safeguard the church and prompt it toward continued growth were to remember that they had been imbued with "no cowardly Spirit" (v.6). That same Spirit "who dwells within us" (v.14) continues to strengthen and guide the church to this day.

Do Your Duty (Luke 17): *Celebration*

Jesus' response to his apostles' request is typically semitic. With vivid and extreme language (similar to the saying, "If your eye is a

problem cast it out," etc.), he indicated that even a minute amount of faith can accomplish great things. The sycamore tree in question here was really a black mulberry tree with quite an extensive system of roots. Therefore, the idea of uprooting one posed a very difficult task indeed. Moreover, the idea of a tree transplanted into the sea added to the unlikelihood of the situation.

Obviously, a literal or fundamental interpretation of Jesus' saying would fall ridiculously short of its intended meaning. More important than the physical uprooting of a tree or its transplanting were the implications of Jesus' words regarding the moral demands of discipleship. Although he compared it to a mustard seed, the quantity of faith was not as important as the *quality* of faith. In other words, a truly genuine faith can render the impossible *possible*.

It is significant that the servant featured in the parable was performing *double* duty. He worked all day in the field as a farm hand and then after that he served his master in the home as a domestic servant. Even with this heavy load, the servant was doing no more than what was expected of him; therefore, he should not and did not expect a reward or even the expressed gratitude of his master. For Jesus' disciples the implications were obvious. Even if their actions *never* posed a scandal for another person, even if they forgave those who wronged them on *every* occasion, they were doing no more than their duty. In fulfilling those minimum requirements, they were not guaranteed salvation. No amount of service, however well performed, could merit the gift that was God's alone to give. Therefore, even perfect human actions should not give rise to boasting. Rather, the true disciple recognized him/herself as a "useless servant" (v.10).

Faith Equals Relationship: *Celebration*

Jesus gave us an example of service in his actions at the last supper when he washed the feet of his disciples. This was in the context of the first eucharist and in the same context our faith and service take on the deepest meaning. At the eucharist we experience the presence of Jesus and our mutual abiding with others.

Here we assemble from all directions to be with our neighbor in this act of worship and mutual caring. Here we are united to each other at the sacred meal of God's love. Here we share the promise of our future heavenly banquet. Faith tells us that this is the summit and source of our union with God and each other.

Yes faith tells us. It tells us we do not walk alone. We walk with each other, brothers and sisters on a journey to our Father's house.

New Season: *Celebration*

Autumn is the season to celebrate, not to regret our transitional times. Now the wind is scented with warm hay, tawny grasses, and late wildflowers. Its crispness also foretells woolen sweaters, cords, and Jonathan apples. Across the forest spills leaf confetti, colored amber, burgundy and persimmon.

Th scriptures refer to both wind and trees. When Paul says, "Stir into the flame of the gift of God," we can visualize the bushes turning crimson Caught up in autumn's glory, we forget the death it portends. Yet, the Spirit to which Paul refers is not cowardly; it "blows where it wills," As far beyond our control as the seasonal change.

Autumn speaks of farewells, but also new beginnings. At the same time the wheat is harvested seed is blessed and planted; the cycle starts again. Fall colors sound a trumpet, but also whisper a requiem.

Through this seasonal change, we learn the truth of the Buddhist saying: In every hello are the seeds of goodbye; in every goodbye are the seeds of hello.

"Help me, Lord, be your servant"



. Next weekend is **Food Pantry Weekend**, and we are in need of *everything!* We gave away 51 boxes of food during the month of September. With the cost of groceries going up, many people simply cannot make it through the month without our help. We appreciate whatever you can do to help!

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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