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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. 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 or call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

School Principal 662-6431

WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools 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. Check our website, MyParish app, or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2019

MONDAY

461:Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 (Ps)Jon 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

TUESDAY

462: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

463: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY

464: Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

465: J1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9: 2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY

466: J1 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11 27-28

SUNDAY

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



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon, Oct. 7	6:30-8pm	Choir Practice
Tues. Oct. 8	2-9pm	Pictures (WC)
	6:30-8pm	RCIA (PC)
Wed. Oct 9 - NO SCHOOL-	2-9pm	Pictures (WC)
	3-5pm	Grief Recovery
Thurs. ,Oct 10	6:30-7:30pm	Commission Mtgs.
	7:30-9pm	Parish Council
Sat. Oct. 12	9am-3pm	Pictures (WC)
Coffee & Donuts	4:30pm	Mass/Baptism
Pantry weekend		(Miller)
Sun. Oct. 13	10:45am	Religious Ed.
	6pm	Youth Ministry

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$8,490.16

1st Quarter Target: \$131,538.48 **1st Quarter Offering:** \$119,239.49

1st Quarter Surplus/Deficit: - \$12,298.99

Children Good Deeds

Helping Mom with the day...Help someone pack their art box
Helped Mom move...Brushed my teeth...Make people smile
Said thank-you for birthday gift...Gave my brother a piece of candy
Gave my sister a hug when she felt bad...Having a good drop off
time to help Mom & Dad get to work on time

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Faith is often difficult to gauge in a person. There isn't an easy indicator of how much faith people possess. Words and actions are truly the only way someone can tell whether or not someone has faith, but yet not how much they have in them. Jesus talks about a mustard seed in the Gospel this week as a true comparison of how faith works in our lives. The exposure to grace and the chance to grow in your faith is the key to the development of faith. It can start as small as a mustard seed and grow into something much greater and larger than you ever imagined. Giving your children an opportunity to be exposed to faith on a weekly and daily basis can plant many of those mustard seeds in a child's lifetime. A Catholic education can be the difference between one of those seeds growing into a luxurious bush and truly affecting your life in a positive way.

Inaugural Euchre Tournament. On the tables near the entrances you will find flyers for this event. All of the proceeds will go to providing our children an opportunity to use their **faith** in a real life application, which is competing in the sports program here at AACCS. Please consider joining us on Saturday, October 19 at 5:30pm at the social hall (west campus) and if you are unable to come, donations are always appreciated! *God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal*

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families,* Sara McGinnis Lee
What does it mean for you to serve God? Do you faithfully undertake the work he has called you to do?

Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus' disciples ask for an increase of faith. In response, Jesus tells them this parable, which exhorts us all to fulfill our duties to the master (God) faithfully. Our faith will grow and change through the loving attention to the ordinary tasks of life. These tasks can include our work, our service to our loved ones, our responsibility to our neighbors, and especially the duty of prayer we owe to God. Faith increases in the quiet, routine work of daily life.

Living the Word:

Often, we see work as something to endure but not necessarily enjoy. In contrast, St. Dominic Savio said "Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well." In what ways has God paid you well for your labor? Ask your children whether their faith is increased by the work they do (chores or job, schoolwork, prayer, athletics or the arts). How do these tasks serve God? Share ways in which you have grown in faith through your own daily work. This week pray for the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker.

Scripture Study:

Tuesday, October 22 @ 10am: at the Parish Center. We will be studying the Book of Revelation. Jeff Cavis will pull back the view on the rich symbolism present in revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times."

Come explore this intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with kingdom of heaven. **Everyone is welcome!!** If you have any questions contact Sandy at sdesjardins@auburnac.org or 662-4335



Baptism Congratulations!

Rebecca Catherine Vouaux
daughter of
Nicholas & Melissa Vouaux

Food Pantry Items Request

Most needed items are: Macaroni, Pancake Mix, Hamburger Helper, Syrup, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Shampoo, and Laundry Detergent.

Please bring your donated items to Mass **next** weekend Oct. 12-13

Thank-you for your kindness!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please consider joining our choir! We begin on Monday October 7th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at East Campus, St. Joseph Church. **Sing a New Song!!!**

Save the Date: FLU SHOT CLINIC

Walgreen's Pharmacy will be at week-end masses on October 12 & 13 to administer flu shots. If you are wanting to get your flu shot, you will need your insurance card and picture ID. Shots will be given in the north hallway of the church by the entrance to the social hall. It is also coffee and donuts weekend, Come and meet someone new!





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Faith is the motif in each of today's sacred texts, The seldom-referenced prophet Habakkuk had grown frustrated with the lack of faith evidenced in his people's behavior and responsiveness to God. He was assured, however, that God hears prayers and never disappoints; he also learned that while rash people have no integrity, the just, because of their faith, shall live.

When the disciples en route to Jerusalem with Jesus learned more of the challenges of discipleship, they feared they did not have the faith to meet those challenges. To that end, they begged, "Increase our faith." Faith is not quantifiable in terms of pounds or kilos. Nevertheless, it is the power that inspires us, helps us to persevere, enables us to struggle and not lose heart and keeps us ever mindful of God's abiding presence.

Jesus' images of the mustard seed and the mulberry tree graphically illustrate the power of faith to move the unmovable and accomplish what appears to be impossible. Jesus' parable about the servant seems to say that faith is not a reward for those who have reached the higher echelons; rather, faith is the requisite for every disciple. When we believe, when we have faith, we are merely doing our job as disciples and should seek no reward. We are to keep on keeping the faith.

That brings us full circle back to Paul and the wisdom he shared with his younger friend and colleague Timothy. We who hear his voice today are reminded that our faith is God's gift to be tended, stirred and fed like a flame over which we have been put in charge. As stewards of this flame, we will know fear, but we cannot be cowardly, ashamed or weak, nor can we shrink from the suffering and struggling inherent in believing. Paul urged Timothy--and he urges each of us--to take words as the norm by which we live and guard the rich trust of the faith. We do this with the help of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us all.

Patience, My People (Habakkuk 1 & 2) *Celebration*

In response to peoples lack of patience with God and with their circumstances, God assured them, "The vision still has its time, presses on the fulfillment and will not disappoint" (2:3). We might compare the inevitability of the vision to the image in Francis Thompson's poem "Hound of Heaven." God's word will not disappoint: like a hound whose "swift inexorable feet" never cease to seek out its purpose, so God's word will become a reality. All we need to do is to wait in hope and have faith (2:3). Faith is the posture of the persons who believe and entrust their present and future to God, whose word is sure.

Fan the Flames of Faith (2 Timothy 1) *Celebrations*

Timothy and all who succeeded the apostles as leaders in the church were not simply to preserve tradition ("guard this rich trust," v.14) intact and unchanged. Through their service to God's people, they were to bear living witness to the teaching they had received – to unwrap the gift of God and make it relevant for future generations of believers. However, as Timothy and his church had already realized, tradition is not preserved in a vacuum. Forces from within and from outside the community threatened its growth and development. Where would Timothy find the strength to ward off these forces and protect the church?

Timothy was assured of the presence of the Holy Spirit dwelling within him. That same Spirit continues to dwell with and within every

believer; thus, each of us is prepared for whatever service God may call us to render each day.

Doing One's Duty (Luke 17) *Celebration*

In this parable, the featured servant was actually doing double duty. He had worked all day as a field servant and then returned home to take up extra duties as a domestic servant. Even with that heavy load, the servant was doing no more than what was expected of him. Therefore, he should not expect a reward or even an expression of gratitude. No doubt Jesus' disciples understood the implications of Jesus' parable. Even if their words and works never posed a scandal for others...even if they always forgave others, they were doing no more than their duty as his disciples. In fulfillment those minimum requirements, they were not guaranteed salvation. No amount of service, however well preformed, could merit the gift that is God's prerogative alone to give. Therefore, even perfect human actions should not give rise to pride or boasting or back-patting. Rather, true disciples humbly admit that they are "unprofitable" servants (some texts read "useless").

Changing Times Sr. Mary McGlone *National Catholic Reporter*

In the northern hemisphere, we are now about two weeks into the season of autumn, the time of harvest. It's a time of winding down; hints of winter tempt all living things to claim some hibernating time. This week's reading counter any tendency we might have to put away the plow and apron.

Our selection from Habakkuk reminds us that the evil and chaos that seem to be winning the day are merely temporary. Although violence and ruin seem to win the day, the vision of God's reign that we have inherited will come to fruition. Like evolution with its fits and starts, "the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint."

All of that is summed up in Paul's call to Timothy to "stir into flame the gift God gave you." Remember the days when the vision of faith set your heart on fire and understand that glowing embers are all we need to set the world afire.

In today's opening prayer, we ask the God whose gifts never fail to stir up our faith so that its power becomes visible in our lives. In these autumn days, let us remember that God's grace is like the mustard seed--yearning to sprout anew in us and our world.

Jesus believed it ---so can we.

To Save or be Saved? *Graceworks Dallas, TX.*

When we adopt an attitude of entitlement, the Church for which our Lord died and rose again loses its purpose and witness. Why? Because church is not a place offering us service, but rather the place in which and from which we serve God and others. The Church is the fellowship in which we are servants to each other. The questions we all would be wise to ask on a regular basis are "How can I help?" "Where can I serve?" and "Who among us has needs that, with God's help, I can meet?" Such questions and many more like them are what make a gathered people a Church under the leadership and love of Christ.

"Lord, help me grow in faith"

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, All Masses, October 19th & 20th

The purpose of this Sacrament is to give comfort to the sick and to reconcile them to God and the Church community. It serves to help the person anointed to have a strong, positive faith attitude and assists in physical, mental and spiritual healing. This sacrament acknowledges the frailty of people who are to be redeemed through the mystery of Christ's own death and resurrection. Vatican II emphasized that this is a sacrament not only for those who are dying, but also for those who are seriously ill. Guidelines and sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the church.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

THANK YOU to all members who participated in the photograph sessions in July.

DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE THE SCHEDULE IS VERY FULL. PLEASE CALL FOR REMAINING AVAILABLE DATES.

To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861.

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	Saturday Burial \$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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