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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 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 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 October 10th, 2022

Monday

467: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

468: Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119: 41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

469: Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

470: Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

Friday

471: Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

472: Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7 Lk 12:8-12

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

147: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What are the gifts that God gives us every day that we don't stop and thank him for? On days where we are busy or unhappy, how can we remind ourselves of the gifts that God has given us that day?

Reflecting on the Word:



Am I like the nine lepers, who when cured joyfully ran back to their life, or am I like the one, who when cured remembered the source of the gift and went back to give thanks? Some days I am like the nine: I go through my day too busy or distracted to notice the

gifts, big and small, that surround me. Some days I am like the one, pausing to remember and thank God for everything, and I mean everything! It is on these days that I have more joy. It is gratitude that opens my eyes to even more gifts that have already been given by the one who loves me most. God does not need us to thank him, but he knows that being thankful brings us joy and closer to him. Everything is a gift.

Living the Word:

As a family, play the "Thank You, God" game. Take turns telling God something you are grateful for. For example, "Thank you, God, for the pretty flowers." "Thank you, God, for the working refrigerator." "Thank you, God, for my family." See how long your list of things to be grateful for grows!

Children's Envelopes – If you need children's envelopes, they are available at the West Entrance of the church and on the kiosk located on the south side of the church. Teaching your children to give back to God is a life lesson.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 10th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 13th – Commissions Meeting 6:30 pm

Parish Council 7:30 pm

October 15th-16th – Anointing Weekend

Sunday – CLOW/ Nursery – 9:30 am

Religious Ed – 10:45 am Youth Ministry – 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$12,105

World Mission Sunday: \$50 Food Pantry: \$255

Mission Co-Op: \$50

Children's Good Deeds

...I was listening to my teacher...Helping wash dishes...

...I cooked...I threw a piece of garbage away...

...Helped Papa load his coffee maker...Helped put on trailer cover...

...Helped daddy work in the yard...I threw a piece of garbage away...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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This last week was great! Our PK-1 students went to the apple orchards and had an "up close and personal experience with fall!" We also started our prayer groups with all the students. We break the children into varying age groups where we can have real discussions about Jesus, the Gospel, and how we can translate it into our lives. We have not done these since COVID, so I am very happy to begin them once again!

The school is working on the virtue of counsel. We make millions of decisions every day, and many times we don't even have to think about what should happen. However, in those instances where you enter a heated discussion or spirited debate, how do you navigate those choppy waters? Good counsel allows us to survey a situation and understand how we should proceed in addressing the issue at hand promptly and correctly. Will you be perfect? No, but that's okay because the only thing worse than trying and failing is not trying!

God Bless



Medical Update... The results of recent tests indicate that surgery is necessary, and my surgeon is prepared to do it, however, my weakened condition and significant weight loss will cause a delay. He would like to see me again in two weeks to determine if I have had any improvements and if surgery can still be possible by the end of the month or we might have to postpone further. ~Fr. Tom ~

Christ's Mission Appeal

The 2022-23 Christ's Mission Appeal is officially underway. You should receive a letter from Bishop Gruss and a brochure and pledge card about the Appeal. If you have not received the packet, it will be in your mailbox in the next few days. Please give careful consideration how you will respond and fill out the pledge card and return it to the Diocese of Saginaw or put it in the collection basket. Remember that checks should be made out to the Diocese of Saginaw, not the Parish. You can also give online by going to www.saginaw.org

***Reminder:** While CMA 21-22 is officially closed, the Diocese is still accepting pledges. We still have approximately \$3200 in pledges outstanding. If you have an outstanding balance, please continue to pay on those pledges.



Trunk n Treat

Sunday, October 30th,

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Cures and conversations are often found together in the scriptural record of our faith because wholeness holiness are two aspects of the spiritual integrity to which God calls his people (2 Kings). In response to the Lord's blessings, his people are called to a fidelity that never fears to speak or tires of living his word (2 Timothy). With a prayer for the deep faith that invites salvation, we remember to return thanks to the one who heals both body and spirit (Luke).

The God of Israel:(2 Kings 5) Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In the act of his being cured, Naaman became aware of the superior power of Israel's God at work in Elisha and determined to worship Yahweh even upon returning to his native Syria. To that end he took earth from Israel home with him in order to build an altar to Yahweh. No doubt, the text reflects a vestige of the ancient notion that the power of the gods was somehow limited geographically. In the story of Naaman, however, the Deuteronomist made a clear statement with regard to the *universal* scope of Yahweh's power. Naaman's action and his statement, "Now I know that there is no God *in all the earth* except in Israel," served to bear out his doctrine. In today's gospel, the same message of universal salvation is continued in the healing and coming to faith of the Samaritan leper.

Living Word: (2 Timothy 2) Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Imprisoned in Rome near the end of his life, the apostle was concerned that those he had brought to Christ would continue in faithful service to the gospel he had preached to them. Aware that the good news would continue to be heard despite the fact that some of its heralds were silenced ("There is no chaining the word of God"), Paul urged Timothy and all Christians to accept their suffering as an inevitable factor in the church's development.

Moreover, the letter urged believers toward an awareness that no amount of repression could successfully eradicate the fact of God's saving word. More than a merely human communication, the saving word of God's good news had become incarnate in the person of Jesus. That divine intervention into human history assured for all times that the word would be heard. It would not cease to speak to every aspect and every area of human existence. Paul understood that his responsibility and that of all would-be disciples (and pastors, as in Timothy's case) was to *remember* the word and *assimilate* it so as to be able to speak faithfully in a life of total service to the Lord and his people.

Importance of Gratitude: (Luke 17) Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Traditionally, the episode of the ten lepers, a story peculiar to Luke's gospel, has been regarded as a moralizing example, illustrating *gratitude* as the proper attitude toward God's blessings. Of course, the importance of appreciation is integral aspect of the narrative, but it is not the *only* message the evangelist wished to convey to his readers. In the simple statement, "This man was a Samaritan" (v. 16), and in the series of three rhetorical questions asked by Jesus:--"Were not all ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks to God except this foreigner?" (vv. 17-18)—the evangelist has broadened the application of his narrative. Besides the importance of gratitude to

God, Luke accented: (1) the universality of God's saving concerns: *all* were to receive the messianic blessings of healing and wholeness, even the Samaritans whom the Jews despised: (2) the contrast between the Jews' *rejection* of Jesus and his *acceptance* by those outside the so-called "chosen people"; (3) the contrast between merely being *healed* and being *saved*.

God's Grace: Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Service*

There are two different motifs wound together in this story. The first is obviously concerned with the difference in attitude between the one leper and the other nine. It is a story of gratitude and ingratitude. Jesus says, "Were not all ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks to God except this foreigner?" The point is not that Jesus' feelings have been hurt, but that only the one has responded appropriately to all that God has done for him. Because of the Samaritan's gratitude, Jesus say's "Stand up and go your way. Your faith has been your salvation." In an unusual connection, Jesus sees the man's gratitude as a sign of faith.

In addition to the theme of gratitude versus ingratitude, there also exists the prominent Lukan theme in which the outcast becomes the one who finds salvation. In this story it is a Samaritan. Samaritans, of course, were hated by the Jews. They had intermarried with pagans and built their own Temple on Mt. Gerizim. Jesus refers to the Samaritan as a "foreigner." Yet it is he who finds salvation.

One of Luke's most consistent themes is the fact that Jesus has come not only for Jews but for mankind, especially the poor, the sinner, and the outcast. Some scholars have referred to Luke's Gospel as the Gospel of the Outcast and this story is another example of this motif.

Call to Openness: Rev. John O'Brien, *Service*

The Gospel story highlights a major issue that we feel living in our churches. We exist to welcome newcomers, new members. We reach out to offer hospitality to those who are outcasts, those of different ethnic and racial and language backgrounds, those who are immigrants and in need of safety, those who are disabled for many reasons. We often are a therapeutic community for the wounded and a liberating community for those who are shunned elsewhere. Much of what we do can be pointed to with pride and delight. We are being faithful to Christ in creating circles of belonging and communities of commitment. We have fellowship and can sometimes glory in it.

But the risk becomes apparent: we can become in-bred and sectarian, closed in and cozy. So, the challenge is to maintain this openness and this welcome for those who wish to find healing faith and a liberating people. Yet, the call is to be a church whose very spirit is service, whose desire to reach out is to proclaim good news for this world in which we live. If faith is our salvation, it is not a treasure to be hoarded. It is something that inserts us into a world where armed conflict still occurs, where the dead and the martyrs mount daily, where famine claims hundreds of people each day—many of whom are children, and where diseases like AIDS, malaria and biocide are modern leprosies.

To come to the Lord's table today is to find salvation and a deepened sense of gratitude. To leave this building is to bring fellowship into service for the sake of our world.

*"Help me, Lord, always
be a grateful person"*



The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated October 15th and 16th. Those who are interested in being anointed are asked to sign in at the entrances of church upon arrival at Mass.

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!**



Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. — William Arthur Ward

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