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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.

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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 11th, 2021

MONDAY

467: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-4 Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

468: Rom 1: 16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

469: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

470: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b6b Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY

471: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

472: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

146: Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Three of the commandments refer to our relationship with God. The other seven speak about our relationship with others. How many of the commandments can you name? Which commandment is the easiest to follow? Which is the hardest to follow?

Reflecting on the Word:

We all know the commandments. We strive to honor our fathers and mothers and are faithful to keeping holy the Lord's Day. But to sell all we have? To give all to the poor and follow the path of the cross? This challenge made the man



walk away sadly. Our possessions can become the center of our existence and rob us of time and energy to enjoy our family, serve our community, and worship God. Listen to what God is asking of you. Let us ensure that our possessions don't get in the way of answering his calls.

Living the Word:

Where could you make more room for God in your life? Discuss what you could give up for a week to make space for God as a family together. Could you allot a time for service? Or pray the Rosary at night after dinner? Perhaps a weekend might be spent going through the house and reducing possessions. Talk together about the experience.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 11th – RCIA - 6:30 pm

Choir Practice – 6:30-8 pm

Thursday, October 14th – Commissions Meeting – 6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 17th – Flu Shot Clinic – After Mass

Religious Ed – 10:45 am

Youth Ministry – 6-7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$17,667.01

Food Pantry: \$40

Mission Co-op: \$1352 World Mission Sunday: \$25

Children's G☺od Deed

...Letting Sydney play with my dolly...Cleaning the windows...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The soccer season ended in style. The children have been playing intramural (K-2) while the older students (3-5) have been playing against some other schools. The children had lot of fun and learned a little about the game. Thank you coaches and the entire athletic department for all your hard work.



Next week the kindergarten and 1st grade will take a trip to the pumpkin patch. They should have a blast there and enjoy some cider and doughnuts. A perfect way to celebrate Fall!

Thank you to everyone who purchased SCRIP this weekend. It is a great way to help support the school! SCRIP sales will happen the *second weekend of every month* after mass.

This month we are talking about the *virtue* of diligence. Continuing to work in school and our faith lives is an important skill for all of us, and we will focus on how the students at AACCS can be diligent in their academics and faith lives. Working every day to be better is a goal I talk about with the students, because this helps us to be closer to God and build that relationship.

... God Bless...

Anointing Weekend Every year St. Gabriel Parish celebrates sacrament of *Anointing of the Sick*. This year it will take place on the weekend of October 24th and 25th at mass. The purpose of this sacrament is to give comfort to the sick and to reconcile them to God and the church community. Those who would like to be anointed are asked to sign -in at the entrances of church upon arrival.



Baptism Prep Sessions:

We have a wonderful team offering two preparation sessions: Prep I session is for the first-time parents & Prep II is for those

parents who have already attended a Prep 1 session. We are currently offering the sessions in-person and virtually. Please contact Sandy, 989-662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburn.org to register for a preparation session and to set your celebration date.



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

When you were a child, did you ever thrust your hand into a candy jar and grab all you could—only to find out that then you could not remove your hand? Solving such a dilemma enquired some thought: Your sweet tooth would urge you to keep your grasp closed around the goodies, to get as much as possible. Nevertheless, in the end, you would have to search for a better solution. Aside from breaking the jar, the only sensible way to extricate your hand would be to relinquish the candy.

Solomon, learned to apply this childhood lesson to matters of greater importance. When God gave him the choice to put his hand into the great candy jar of worldly pleasures and possessions (“Ask something of me and I will give it to you,” 1 Kings 3:5), Solomon let go of all else to be blessed by God with the gift of wisdom. Enlightened by that gift, Solomon challenged others to be willing to let go, even of what they most treasured, to live by God’s wisdom.

Today’s Gospel issues a similar challenge to let go. As he was setting out for Jerusalem, the Marcan Jesus was approached by a man who desired to inherit eternal life. He had kept God’s law and may have thought that he was well-prepared for the kingdom Jesus came to preach. But Jesus pressed the man toward a holiness he had not anticipated. Let go of your possessions, challenged Jesus; give them to the poor and come follow me, unencumbered and free.

What you Wish For (Wisdom 7): *Celebration*

The Book of Wisdom has been attributed to the ninth century B.C.E. King Solomon, reputed to be the wisest ruler of his people. This text is based upon that period of his reign when God promised to give him whatever he requested (see 1 Kings 3:6-9). In the Wisdom passage, Solomon’s prayer is part of a longer soliloquy in praise of wisdom. It was the first century B.C.E. author’s intent to assure his contemporaries in the Diaspora that true wisdom was to be found in God alone, not in any of the systems of philosophy that abounded at that time, no matter how appealing they might seem.

Why Jesus? (Hebrews 4): *Celebration*

A consensus of contemporary scholars agrees that the letter – or, more correctly, the sermon—addressed to the Hebrews was intended for a community of Jewish Christian believers who had suffered some form of persecution, hostility or harassment (10:32-34) and had somehow grown “dull” and “sluggish: (5:11;6:12) in their faith. Some were even growing nostalgic for their Jewish heritage and were tempted to return to their roots rather than continue to fight the hard fight of Christian faith and practice.

To renew their faith and encourage their continued commitment to Christ and the Gospel, the ancient author advanced argument upon argument about the unique superiority of Jesus over Moses; of the new covenant over the old; of Jesus’ high priesthood over the cultic priests of Israel; and of Jesus’ saving sacrifice over all the sacrifices of the Jewish temple. Should those arguments prove unconvincing, the author reminded his readers that God knew them fully and completely, this God whose word they were to heed in every aspect of their lives. He described God’s word as living and effective and sharper than a sword that can penetrate to the heart of the believer, revealing all with hits exquisitely precise sharpness.

True Security (Mark 10): *Celebration*

Norwegian playwright Henrick once said, “Money can buy the husk of many things but not the kernel. It brings you food but not appetite, medicine but not health, acquaintances but not friends, servants but not faithfulness, days of joy but not peace and

happiness.” Ibsen understood that money is not an end but a means. Those with money can spend their lives piling up a heap of husks, or they can see their money as an opportunity to ease the suffering and lighten the burdens of others. This was the same lesson Jesus wished to impart to the young man who ran up to him that long-ago day.

During their conversation, it became clear to the man that his faithful observance of the law was all well and good, but if he wanted to move beyond the law to live according to the mandate of love that Jesus offered, he would have to forego his base of security. “Sell what you have,” Jesus challenged, “and give it to the poor; then come follow me.” Money offered the man security, but it was also a tether, holding him back from full and free commitment to Jesus.

Generous or not: Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Once there was a rich man who showed up at the entrance to heaven. Saint Peter, sitting at his desk in front of the gate, opened the rich man’s Book of Life and pored over the pages. Finally, he looked up and said, “I’m sorry, but I see nothing here that qualifies you for entry into heaven. The rich man protested, reminding the clerk that he’d helped the poor. Saint Peter went back into the book, searching for a favorable entry. His finger stabbed the page. “Oh, here’s something. It says that in 1957 you once gave a quarter to a street beggar.” The rich man’s face brightened. “I’ll have to clear this with the Board,” Peter said. When he returned 10 minutes later; the rich man rose from his seat, awaiting the joyous news. “Sorry,” Saint Peter said. “Here’s your quarter back.”

Attachment: Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

Call it attachment. We attach ourselves to things. Things grab hold of us. Existence becomes a sticky spider web in which things are trapped. Life becomes a nest in which we amass all kinds of trinkets, no matter how uncomfortable they make our home. Things have an overpowering attraction, they ensnare us. It doesn’t take a great thing to keep us from flying. A silk thread can ground us as much as an iron chain, in the ancient enmity between our daily life and our great work.

And what is our great work? To become what God made us to be; to answer when God calls our name; to create our finished self from the raw material at hand. We must escape the gravitational force of material things. We must resist the universal death wish. We must laser our fuzzy eyes. We must sever every binding tie. We must finally understand that our daily life is an audition for our great work.

This Life and Eternal Life: *Grace Works*, Dallas, Texas

We would be wise to remember that eternal life and this life are powerfully tied to each other. The man in our story had his question worded correctly. “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Most would have phrased that question, “Good Teacher, what must I believe to have eternal life?” We are convinced that what we believe is the front door to eternal life. Whole systems of theology have been devised through this front door, when how we act reveals what we believe. Why? Because how we act—our behavior, values, attitudes – is hardwired to who we are. And who we are always bubbles up through our actions.

Look around you today. Even better, look within you, and there meet a person whose beliefs are expressed in actions. If we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, our Lord, we will make choices that give witness to our belief. To our amazement, Jesus merges life eternal with this present life and reminds us of what we do, who we are, and what we believe will awaken eternal life within our lives now and in God’s good future.



Help me, Lord, with proper priorities

LESSONS from Autumn

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Need help with leaf raking?...

The youth ministry would like to offer their services to individuals or families who need help getting their leaves raked up this fall. Both the middle school and high school students who are a part of the St. Gabriel youth ministry will come armed with rakes to tackle your yard. This is a great service project for these kids and a big help to members of the community who have a hard time with strenuous yardwork.

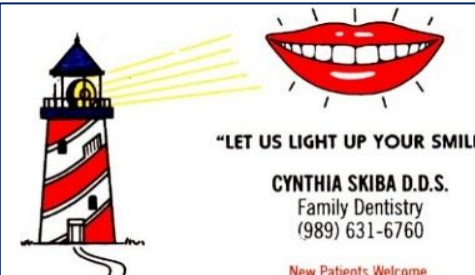
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	Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
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