

# St. Gabriel Parish

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611

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### SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

### SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

Clark Switalski, School Principal ..... (989) 662-6431

### 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 17th , 2022

### MONDAY

473: Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 12:13-21

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

661:2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

### WEDNESDAY 9 am Word and Communion

475: Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4b-6 Lk 12:39-48

### THURSDAY

476: Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

### FRIDAY

477: Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

478: Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122: 1-5 Lk 13:1-9

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

150: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Quilters – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Knitters – 10 am

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – PTO meeting – 6 pm

School Committee – 7 pm

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – ½ day of School

*\*Flu Shot Weekend! After both masses*

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – CLOW 9:30 am / Religious Ed 10:45 am /

Youth Ministry 6 pm

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$16,893.12

Mission Co-Op: \$799 Food Pantry: \$280

World Mission Sunday: \$20

“In Memory of” – William Majeske \$325

Children’s Good Deeds

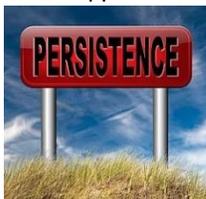
...Helped Dad with fall clean up in the garden...

...Helped clean the living room... Listened to my teacher...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The “new” playground is going to be installed! On Monday, the old structure and stones were removed paving the way for the new installation. It is very exciting when something works and finally goes to plan. The students have the end of the quarter approaching on October 21st. This has been a good beginning of the school year and I can’t wait to see what happens over the next 3 quarters.



Prayer is a very important piece of our faith lives and it can be tiring when things don’t appear to go “our way”. Jesus tells us to remain persistent in our efforts and know that God is always there, loves us, and doesn’t forget about us. God hears our prayers and

responds accordingly to what he believes is just. It may not be exactly what we want to happen but there is a bigger plot in play and the result is what we need.

*...God Bless...*

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*When do we pray? When can we try and pray more often during our day? What do we pray about? Sometimes it is easier to pray when we need something, but what else can we talk to God about? Do we listen to God responding to us as well?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



Does our persistence in prayer change God’s response? Or does the praying “always without becoming weary” change our own hearts? God’s love for us is without end. It doesn’t waver when times are hard. What about our faith? Will God find faith when he gazes on us? The widow in the parable, although her life is difficult, doesn’t give up faith that she will be heard. She is a beautiful example for us to pray always. Pray as though we know God is listening. Pray inviting God in the small, everyday moments of life and into the big moments. If the unjust judge would listen and answer the widow, how much more would our God listen and answer our prayers?

### Living the Word:

This week, gather a few times as a family and pray together at home. It doesn’t have to take very long, take five to ten minutes to sing a song together, take turns praying or reading Scripture aloud. It’s all right if prayer becomes unstructured and loud. Don’t get discouraged if it is not perfect, keep trying. At the end of the week, talk together about the experience.

**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.



## TRUNK N TREAT !!!

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to donate candy for this event there will be a container in the front entrance of Church.

Sign-up sheets are at church doors to decorate your trunk or that you will be attending the event.

If you have questions, contact Misty Michelle @ [youthff@auburnac.org](mailto:youthff@auburnac.org)



## Christ’s Mission Appeal

By now you should have received a letter from Bishop Gruss, a brochure, and a pledge card about the 22-23 Christ’s Mission Appeal. 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](http://www.saginaw.org)



## **FROM FR. TOM'S DESK**

### **Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time:**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Going the distance in persevering prayer could aptly be compared to a *spiritual* battle requiring that the one who prays must persist despite all manner of discouragement and distraction. In today's first reading, the Exodus author features Israel at war with the Amalekites and Moses at prayer, hands lifted up in a gesture of need and openness to God. When Moses persists in prayer, Israel is able to go the distance in battle; if Moses' arms flag, Israel fares poorly. However, Moses had Aaron and Hur to support him in his struggle. Moses went the distance and Israel's victory over Amalek was credited to his continuing and prayerful reliance on God.

Today's second readings puts us in touch again with the author who has passed on Paul's wise and sound pastoral counsel as it was shared with Timothy and the community at Ephesus. As Jesus' disciples of the 21<sup>st</sup> century read over Timothy's shoulder, we will not see the words "going the distance" but we will be exhorted to stay with the task of praying and perusing the inspired word of God so as to be able to preach it with our lips and our lives at all times, in all seasons, to all people, in all places.

The widow is held out as an example of persevering prayer. Nevertheless, her persistence proved so powerful as to cause the judge "who respected neither God nor man" to yield to her lest she do him "violence." Through prayer—persistent and unflagging prayer—the widow was able to tap into a resource against which the unjust judge could not prevail. It is this resource and quality of prayer that Jesus would have his disciples cultivate to be able to go the distance for his sake, for the Gospel, for the world.

### **Personal Involvement (Exodus 17):** *Celebration*

Moses was a person willing to become sweaty and dirty and even bloody in the task of leadership, willing to spend himself in a worthy cause in order to know victory with Israel by God's power. In this text from Exodus, Moses' strength in leadership is exercised by tapping into one of humankind's most powerful resources, that of prayer—persistent, confident, and communally supported prayer.

### **Wisdom of the Word (2 Timothy 3):** *Good News*

The author did not know that this writing itself would become part of the scriptures, what we now call the New Testament. Without biblical fundamentalists, can we say of ourselves that "we have known the sacred scriptures from our infancy?" And do we regard them as "the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation?"

### **Pray Always (2 Timothy 3):** *Celebration*

Aware of the fact that there are "seasons" in the sacred scriptures just as there are seasons in human life, the early Christian author called for consistency of plan and prayer and purpose. In seasons of gladness and light, when, as Shakespeare once wrote, "God's in his heaven and all's right with the world" (*As you like it*), certain texts of

scripture aptly sing our joys: "Give thanks to God for God is good; God's kindness endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). When all is going well, it is relatively easy to trust and rely on God, as in "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" or in "Come to me...and I will give you rest" (Psalm 23; Matthew 11:28).

However, when seasons of suffering and trial darken our days and trouble our nights, it is more difficult to muster the confidence and trust that will declare, "I love you Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer" (Psalm 18:2-3). Nevertheless, through all the seasons of our lives, the inspired word of God teaches and trains; this, the author of 2 Timothy would have us remember.

### **Expressed Faith (Luke 18):** *Celebration*

Today's lesson, as taught by the Lucan Jesus to his disciples (v.1), will be missed if readers simply equate the unjust judge with God. On the contrary, the movement of the parable is from the lesser to the greater; if a cruel judge will yield to the unrelenting pressure brought to bear on him by a helpless, voiceless widow, how much more will God who is loving and compassionate, listen to the prayers of the saints?

### **Close to Home:** *Connect*

It's easy to cast ourselves in the role of the widow in today's Gospel. There is always someone of whom we could demand, "Render a just decision for me!" Every one of us has been harmed or slighted in some way by another.

It is less desirous for us to see ourselves in the role of the unjust judge (Even the two words together "unjust" and "judge" don't seem to make sense.) Yet we have all acted just like him at some point in our lives. We can't escape it.

That's the funny thing about Gospel stories. We get caught up in them because we can recognize ourselves. We are the poor, the defenseless, the sick, the oppressed. But we are also the rich, the powerful, the well-off and the oppressor. And we're uncomfortable when we get caught in those Gospel story roles.

The uncomfortable feeling is all right. That means the Gospel is having an effect on us. We're on our way to being converted. Don't give up the journey!

### **Lesser to Greater:** *Grace Works, Dallas Texas*

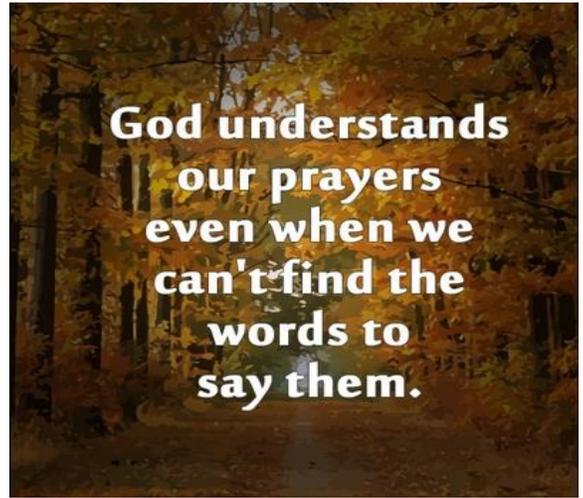
This style of logic was common among the Jewish rabbis of Jesus' day. By using such a reprehensible character as this unjust judge, Jesus is anchoring his teaching point in the bedrock of his hearer's experience, and then stretching their minds to a new insight. Jesus is saying, "if a man so utterly unlikeable as this judge will eventually do the right thing, and hear the widow's plea, how much more likely is it that a righteous God, a Perfect Judge, a Loving Father, will listen even more speedily, and act with even more sure justice and compassion toward the prayers of His chosen and beloved children?" And the answer, of course, is that God would act with infinite more tenderness and love than this unjust judge toward the widow! It IS not the similarity of God to this judge that Jesus stresses, but the dissimilarity,



*"Let prayer, Lord,  
be a priority for me"*



**Blood Drive Wrap-up...** We had **34** successful donations at our last blood drive last week on October 5<sup>th</sup>! Those units of blood will go to help over 100 people! Thanks to everyone who donated! Our donors are the reason that this life saving mission is possible.



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 Burial of Cremains \$ 250  
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Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
\$ 600	\$1,300
\$ 750	\$ 900
\$ 250	\$ 275
\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

**Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861**

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