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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
 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 27, 2019

### MONDAY

666: Eph2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

### TUESDAY 8:00 a.m.- Word & Communion

480: Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 13:18-21

### WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m.- Mass

481: Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-6 Lk 13:22-30

### THURSDAY 8:00 a.m.- Mass

482: Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Lk 13:31-35

### FRIDAY 9:00 am-School Mass 7:00 pm-Holy Day Mass

667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps24:1-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

### SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.- Mass

668 Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40 or 10:11-10:16

### SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.- Mass

153: Wis 11: 22—12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Lk 19:1-10



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

*What is the difference between the Pharisee and the tax collector? Why did Jesus prefer the prayer of the tax collector when the Pharisee was indeed trying to be good and follow the rules?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

This week we continue our focus on prayer. It is human nature to compare ourselves to others. It is easier to focus on the ways in which we are "better" than others than to attend to our own failings. In fixating on the fault of others, the Pharisee blinds himself to his own sins and they become obstacles to his relationship with God. The tax collector, in contrast, confesses his sins and begs for the mercy of God. He approaches God with fear and trembling, fully aware of his own failures, and God will exalt him in return.

### Living the Word:

Explore the virtue of humility as a family. Ask your children how Jesus showed humility in his early life, and find stories of Jesus and the saints practicing humility. Discuss how the path to holiness looks different for different people. Why should we avoid comparing ourselves to others? How can comparisons be an obstacle to holiness?

### Trunk-n-Treat

**This Sunday from 4:00-5:00 pm!** If you are planning on decorating your trunk *PLEASE* arrive no later than 3:30 pm to get set up. If you have any questions you can contact Sacha Rivet at (989) 667-0930



**Youth Mission Trip 2020** Our Parish youth are scheduled to return to St Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky for a second time, to serve in their home repair program. This program provides individuals and families with much needed home repairs. We go and provide our hands to work, improving others living conditions and show them the Love of Christ in the process. We also hope that the youth who participate will grow in their walk with Christ while they are there and gain perspective on their gifts and calling.

We welcome all participants who are going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2020 school year and college students age 20 or younger. Mission trip dates are Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will depart at 6:00 am on July 15<sup>th</sup> and return July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The cost per person to participate is \$50.00. Commitment forms are available at the west entrance of the church. The forms and payment are due in to the Parish Center by Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. *If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Schacher at [sschacher@auburnac.org](mailto:sschacher@auburnac.org)*



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon, Oct. 28	6:30-8pm	Choir Practice
Tues. Oct. 29	10am	Scripture Study (PC)
Wed. Oct 30	3-5pm	Grief Recovery (PC)
	5:30pm	AACS Home Basketball games (WC)
<b>Thurs. ,Oct 31</b>		<b>Happy Halloween!</b>
Fri. Nov. 1	<b>All Saints Day</b>	Half-day of School
	12:3 pm	Alice Training(School)
Sat. Nov. 2	<b>All Souls Day</b>	
	11am	Confessions
<b>"Remembrance Weekend"</b>		
Sun. Nov. 3	10:45am	Religious Ed.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962    **Offering:** \$10,410.16

### Children Good Deeds

Helping Mom with laundry...Helped friend find lost toy  
Played with the dog to tire him out...cheered up my soccer team  
Helped my dad carry tree branches to the burn pile...Helped rake  
Cleaning up my toys...Helped my brother get ready for school  
Being patient while mom & dad shopped for the Euchre Tournament

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Euchre Tournament, we were able to raise over \$3000.00 for our school athletics program! This will keep our sports program at AACS free for our students! We are humbled by the support we have and continue to receive from everyone at St Gabriel's.

This week's Gospel really does talk about how to be humble in your life. Telling of all the wonderous deeds you have accomplished is quite vain, and truthfully, not many people want to really hear it. Instead, showing how someone should act in a certain situation "tells" people exactly what you hope to accomplish and have accomplished. The tax collector is truly humble when coming before the Lord. He knows he hasn't always made the right choice, but in the end he is asking for forgiveness and is justified in the eyes of God. He, like us, knows that God is the way, the truth, and the light, and ultimately the one who will judge us in the end.

### Go Team!

**Please stop by the school office to pick-up hockey tickets for a Saginaw Spirit game! These tickets were generously donated to us by Reder Landscaping.**



God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal

### Playground Equipment: (West Campus Site)

At the direction of our insurance agent, we are to divest the parish from having a playground at the St Anthony site. The concern is Parish liability. The area is off-site and the equipment is outdated. If anyone thinks they can use what is there, please call the Parish Office at (989) 662-6861. If we do not hear from anyone the equipment will be removed and disposed of.

"For your consideration"...

✠ **Anointing-** Last weekend 80 people presented themselves for the Sacrament of the Sick. It is recognized as one of the "better" things we do as a Parish. Many compliments were received. Although the number is down from last year, we did have 20 funerals in the parish this year.



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

**Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time**

Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

When we come before God and the community of believers, do we come like the weak ones, the oppressed, the orphans, the widows and the lowly, as cited by Jesus ben Sira in today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading? In other words, do we come humbly, with an acknowledged dependence of God for every breath? Do we come before God like Paul, who is described in today's second reading as one poured out, weak and in need of rescue? Perhaps we come before God like the tax collector, whose purse may have been full- given his means of making a living- but whose heart was not so full of himself that he could not acknowledge his need and be receptive to God. Each of these are held out today as examples of the manner-in-which we are to conduct ourselves in God's presence, and particularly at prayer.

Ideally, most of us to identify with these people who knew themselves to be empty and in need of God for fullness of life, for blessings, for peace, for holiness. None of us wants to be so full of himself or herself that there is no room for God. Yet there may be times when we come before God to pray, as individuals and as a community, carrying so much baggage that God can find no port of entry into our deepest selves.

Few of us probably pray with the brassiness of the Pharisee, who fasted, tithed and was altogether pleased with his accomplishments. Implied in his attitude is the suggestion that God should be pleased and behave toward him in a manner befitting such outstanding righteousness. While we may not come to God full of boasting, we may come before our Maker so full of worry and anxiety that the presence of anything or anyone else within us is virtually impossible. Does this mean that we are to perform some sort of Herculean psychological effort at making our minds and hearts a *tabula rasa*, a blank slate? Obviously not, for all of these worries and preoccupations are part of who we are. Rather than try to attain some level detached amnesia, we can gather up all of those things that cause us to be filled with anxiety and surrender them to God as a gift. Surely God will know what to do with them. Then, in the peace and empty openness that comes with such trusting surrender, there shall be ample room for God to enter and remain with us, not as a sounding board or a passive receptacle for our petitions, but as a partner with whom we are free to dialogue in love and truth. When we have room for God, we will then have room for loving all those others who are our brothers and sisters in God.

**Effective Prayer (Sirach 35)** Celebration

We may have heard the exclamation "From your lips to God's ears!" That phrase isn't just a statement of agreement but an endorsement: "God grant it!" While saying that doesn't do more than express an opinion or wish, Sirach offers advice about how to ensure that prayer is heard.

First he says that the person who serves God willingly is heard. Just like a mom knows who's talking when one of the kids says, "It's me," the idea here is that people who have been in the habit of praying and who strive to carry out God's will have voices God recognizes immediately. They've been hanging out in heaven's backyard and know how to get their appeals into the "urgent message" box.

Sirach's second example of efficacious prayer says that it is voiced by the lowly. We can imagine an unassuming and perhaps unfairly humbled soul feeling a great need and praying with the hesitancy of a respectful peasant in the presence of a king. No matter how stammering the speech may be, Sirach says this prayer, like a swift

arrow, pierces through the unknown and finds its mark in God's heart as surely as if it is drawn by a magnet. In this case, it's not so much what the person wants to say to God, but the idea that God longs to hear what the lowly have to say

**Last Will and Testament (2 Timothy 4)** Celebrations

Paul knows that his end is near, and he is crowning his life with the passion for which he's been known all along. He doesn't complain of weariness or age. He considers his ebbing strength to be a pouring out, as in a ritual offering. Using masculine images, he lets his protégé know there's no defeat in whatever may come. Just as Jesus looked toward the cross as his glory, Paul sees his departure as the finish line of a well-run race. Previously he was rescued from the lion's mouth. The rescue he now anticipates will not return him to his ministry but will be its fulfillment. That certainty, that peace in the face of impending trial and death, is enough to assure Timothy that Paul has indeed kept the faith and that the faith is all Paul needs.

This reading, coming as we enjoy the autumn season (with Halloween and the feasts of the holy ones who have gone before us), invites us to ask ourselves how we would write a similar letter. What would allow us to say, "I have completed well...I have kept the faith"? By sharing this intimate moment with us, Paul, who said so much about how to live as Christians in community, now shows us how to look toward death as fulfillment.

**Lord Have Mercy (Luke 18)** Rev. Donald Cieniewicz, Connect

This is the second week in a row that we hear a parable of the importance of prayer and the need for mercy. The persistent widow in last week's Gospel taught us the importance of never giving up on prayer. This week's lesson of the need for prayer and mercy comes to us through the Pharisee and the tax collector. These parables teach us in simple ways of the need for dependence on God.

With the need for God's mercy, faith is devoid of meaning. If we have no need for mercy, then we have no need for God. It is then that we become self-forgivers. Justification for our failure to live according to God's law seems to have become very acceptable. Our culture gives license for the subjective interpretation of the morality of actions. Self-forgiveness is pervasive with the popular, "I will choose what is right for myself" and "Don't tell me how to act" mentality. When I choose to determine the morality of my own actions, I eliminate God's commands and the need for mercy.

When we have no need for God, does that not imply that we are better than God? When we are filled with ourselves and self-forgiveness, God becomes a non-issue. It is as if God needed the Pharisee, not the Pharisee needing God. Do you feel the need for God? Lord, have mercy.

**Knowing Reality** Graceworks Dallas, TX.

The question lingers: Why be religious or devout? If the answer is to gain God's favor, then you, my friend, have missed the meaning and message of our Lord's life. But if being religious, being faithful, being moral is an expression of God's love and faithfulness in your life, then you have touched the hem of the Gospel's garment. Our goodness and devotion is a response to God's favor, not a means of earning it.

What is God saying to us today? **Attitude** is the open door to transforming worship. The tax collector may have lived a wretched, vile life, but his attitude revealed an awareness of God's mercy that changed his future, making it radically different from his past.

So, what of us today? We of faith would be wise ever to be on guard against all forms of showy, self-centered piety. We who follow our Lord do so limping, stumbling, groping toward mercy believing at the end of the day, God's grace will triumph over human folly and sin.

*"Lord, let humility accompany me in prayer"*



**Items of interest...**

**Christmas Stockings for Soldiers-** Send our troops a little taste of home for the Holidays. *Gephart Funeral Home, Inc.* is proud to be participating in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual VFMC Christmas Stocking for Soldiers initiative. From now thru November 22<sup>nd</sup> you can stop by the funeral home and pick-up a FREE Christmas Stocking to take home, decorate and stuff with Christmas Cheer. You will receive a list of recommended items . Return the filled stocking to Gephart and they will ship the stockings at their expense, to troops abroad in time for Christmas.

**K of C Fish Fry** and bake sale at 4760 Garfield Rd. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> . We have changed to a TAKE-OUT ONLY dinner. Take outs can be eaten on site but NO BUFFET. Desserts mat be purchased separately.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**-20 East Salzburg Rd., Bay City is hosting their annual Harvest Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. The meal will include pork sausage, roast beef, sauerkraut, and all the trimmings. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and take-outs, \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old, 5 years and younger free. *Please Join Us!*



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