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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 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**

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 31st, 2022

MONDAY

485: Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131: 1bcde, 2-3 Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY 9 am Mass 7 pm Mass

667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

WEDNESDAY

668: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11

THURSDAY

488: Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY

489: Phil 3:17—4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

490: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 9 Lk 16:9-15

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

156: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 2 Thes 2:16—3:5
Lk 20:27-38



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 31st – Happy Halloween!

Tuesday, November 1st – All Saints Day

Thursday, November 3rd – No School

Friday, November 4th – No School

**Sunday, November 6th – CLOW 9:30 am / Religious Ed 10:45 am /
Baptism/ Youth Ministry 6 pm**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$6,375

Mission Co-Op: \$155 **Food Pantry:** \$100

World Mission Sunday: \$55

Children's Good Deeds

- ...Helping out with my baby sister...Helping dad weed the garden...
- ...I was good when Grandpa came over...
- ...Helped my big sister get dressed...
- ...I helped my mom with Children's Liturgy of the Word...
- ...Being good when Grandpa came over...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week is Halloween for the children. We will have a parade for them to show off their costumes at the end of the day Monday. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween! We have the joy of celebrating mass with all of you on Tuesday! We look forward to seeing many parishioners! The school and parish both benefit from celebrating Mass with each other, and this is one of the best ways we can connect!

At the end of the week, all the teaching staff will attend the MANS conference in Lansing. This is a non-public school conference where we can learn about new practices to help us educate in a non-public school setting. We have a lot of freedoms that allow us to help create meaningful experiences with Jesus that help to set our school apart from many others. Giving more opportunities to build and strengthen our relationship with God is vital to involving the children in their faith. We want them to experience God and continue to practice in the future and having a personal relationship with God will always help us attain those goals. Have a great week!

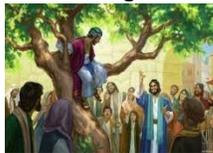
...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

How much do you risk sometimes to encounter Jesus? How would it feel for Jesus to call out your name and ask to stay in your house?

Reflecting on the Word:



How badly do we want to encounter Jesus? Zacchaeus, who was not well liked in his community, was willing to risk looking foolish and climb a tree just to get a glimpse. That desire in his heart to encounter him was not missed by Jesus. Jesus saw both Zacchaeus' sinfulness and the longings of his heart. So, he did something very intimate: He called him by his name. When someone doesn't know your name, you feel invisible. Jesus noticed Zacchaeus—and he know us. He sees both our sinfulness and goodness. With that complete picture of who we are, he calls us by name and desires to stay with us.

Living the Word:

Talk together about how each person got their name. Where did it come from, what does it mean? Also, look up the many names for Jesus. Which one is your favorite? Use different names for God or Jesus in your prayer time together.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)



This is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church.

OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. Do you know someone who

might consider becoming Catholic or would like more information about our Catholic faith? Contact Sandy DesJardins, faithformation@auburnac.org or 989-662-4335.

Solemnity of All Saints: Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. We celebrate people who have been officially recognized as saints, that is, as holy women and men. *What is a Saint?* Below are some definitions of a Saint:



*An example of holiness that we can follow with confidence. *The person who kept on trying when everybody else gave up. *The person we are called to be. *A person who has been formally canonized (officially recognized) by the Catholic Church and is therefore considered to be in Heaven. Consider discussing this with your children or grandchildren. Are there people living today who you think are saints? Why is it helpful to have models for how to live our lives? Ask if there are any saints they would like to know more about.

TRUNK N TREAT!

This Sunday, October 30, 4–5:30 p.m.

Set-up at 3 pm for decorating your trunk!

**If you have questions, contact
Misty Michelle @
youthff@auburnac.org**





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Thirty-First Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

A hero is held out to us in today's gospel. His name is Zacchaeus, and he is known to all as the diminutive man who climbed a tree to see Jesus. His height, however, was only a preliminary obstacle, and one which he easily overcame. More important is the fact that he is also portrayed by the Lucan Jesus as overcoming those obviously more difficult obstacles with which most of us can readily identify, viz., a sin-riddled past and a life of alienation from God and others. Moreover, and because of these, he also faced a precariously uncertain future. All that was to change, however, when Jesus came to Jericho and Zacchaeus was able to encounter the tender mercies and loving forgiveness of God in him. These very attributes of God, that are celebrated by the author of Wisdom, became incarnate in Jesus; they challenged Zacchaeus to repentance and conversion, and they continue to hold out a similar challenge to each of us today.

As is reflected quite clearly in today's gospel, Zacchaeus was not left to his own resources in meeting and overcoming the obstacles to his conversion. Through the presence of Jesus in his life and in his home, he was assured of the divine power and assistance of grace. Lest we minimize the challenge of conversion or underestimate the obstacles that must be overcome before we stand securely with Zacchaeus in the grace of salvation, let us once again recall the distinction made by Dietrich Bonhoeffer as regards the quality of grace that is afforded us. As opposed to "cheap grace" that preaches forgiveness without requiring repentance or retribution, communion without confession and discipleship without the cross, Bonhoeffer called his fellow believers in Jesus to ascribe to and accept God's gift of "costly grace." Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for its sake, a person will sell all they have. Costly grace is the pearl of great price for which a merchant would sell all his/her goods. Costly grace is the call of Jesus at which the disciple leaves all to follow him. Costly grace confronts each of us as it did Zacchaeus with a challenge to leave the past behind and surmount whatever obstacle stands between us and the One who calls us, frees us, forgives us. Zacchaeus was courageous in opening his heart to receive God's costly grace in Jesus. Are you?

God's Care (Wisdom 11):

Celebration

To convince his readers to remain true to their own faith heritage, the author of Wisdom joined his voice to others of Israel's ancient sages (authors of Ecclesiasticus, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Jobs, etc.) in illustrating the uniqueness and superiority of their God. Unlike the gods of the Greek pantheon who made their home apart from humankind (Mt. Olympus) and only occasionally dabbled in human affairs when it suited their purpose or satisfied their capricious whims, theirs was a God who chose to be personally involved with every aspect of the created universe and particularly with humankind. Notice that the ancient author described God's involvement as "Love" (v. 23), viz., a love that would mercifully overlook human sin so as to allow time for repentance, a love that would forgive those who had allowed the lure of foreign and pagan ways to distract them for a time, a love that would receive the repentant home with open arms.

Given the assurance of such a love, surely we can find therein sufficient motivation to overcome obstacles that separate us from it.

Day of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1):

Celebration

The ancient Christian author encourages his readers with his prayer that the action or grace of God, at work in the lives of the Thessalonians since the day of their calling, would always be accompanied by good intentions and translate into fruitful and productive works. To put it another way, the call of God, received in and by grace, must be accepted and assimilated, professed in faith and translated into living witness to Christ and loving service of others. In today's gospel, Zacchaeus is featured as one whose response to God's call was authentic, absolute and exemplary and, as such, is to be emulated by every disciple of Jesus who awaits the Day of the Lord in hope.

Call to Action (Luke 19):

Celebration

Determined not to allow any obstacle to separate him from salvation Zacchaeus amplified his response to God's gift of grace present in Jesus and matched his promised offering to the poor with a pledge to make retribution to all whom he had wronged. By law (Leviticus 6:5; Numbers 5:7), if a person *voluntarily* admitted that he/she had defrauded another, that person was required to repay the amount defrauded plus 20% more. What Zacchaeus offered, however, was the *maximum* amount determined anywhere in the Torah (see Exodus 22:1). Although, by virtue of his career as a tax collector, Zacchaeus would have been regarded as lost by his contemporaries, his encounter with Jesus left him willing to observe even the most stringent demands of the law. Zacchaeus' righteous deeds showed him to be a person open to the kingdom. He had truly met the challenge set forth by John the Baptizer earlier in the gospel, i.e., to "produce good fruits as evidence of his repentance" (3:8). For this, Jesus calls him a "son of Abraham" (v.9)

Willing to Change?:

Doug Sousa, *Connect*

We have come here today to get a glimpse of Jesus. All of us have taken time out of our weekend to hear his word and receive his body and blood. We encounter him in our brothers and sisters gathered with us. There is one thing, however. For us to receive Jesus into our hearts, something about our life must change. When Zacchaeus agreed to have Jesus be a guest in his home, he pledged to give half of his belongings away to the poor and to repay anyone he may have defrauded. It was a stunning act for such a wealthy man. But he knew that he would be all the richer for having the opportunity to get to know Jesus personally.

Each of us is likewise holding onto something that we must let go of if we are able to stretch our hands out to Jesus. It could be an old habit or an unhealthy relationship. Our greed could be driving us to overwork ourselves and neglect our families. Or bitterness over past hurts could make us unwilling to forgive others. We have to be willing to let it all go so that we can make room for Jesus in our hearts

*"Help me, Lord, Acknowledge
my faults"*



AACS Holiday Scrip Sale



Get your holiday shopping done early! AACS will be taking orders for SCRIP gift cards. The first order will be **due by Wednesday, November 9th** with **delivery by Friday, November 18th**, just in time for your *Black Friday Shopping!* Order forms are available at the School and Parish offices or at both entrances of church. Return completed orders to the School or Parish offices.



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Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
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Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

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