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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 *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

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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 November 1st, 2021

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

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

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

487: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

488: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27: 1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY

489: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

490: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

155: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Name one way to show love for God. Name one way to show love for other people.

Reflecting on the Word:

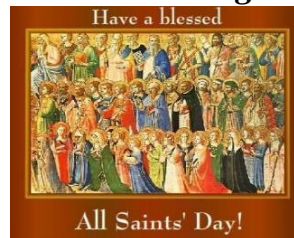
Jesus says that when we understand these two great commandments we are not far from the kingdom of God. But it is also important to go beyond merely understanding to practicing them faithfully. How do I love God completely? Love of neighbor demands that we ask ourselves, "Who is my neighbor?" This is the work of a lifetime. When we try to live these tenets, we draw closer to God.



Living the Word:

Have your children cut out a large heart and write all the things they love on it. Cut the heart into pieces, with one item per piece. Then put the heart back together. Notice the cracks and how the heart doesn't hold its shape as well. Now make one big heart, write "God" on it. Paste the pieces in it to show that God holds everything.

Remembering...



Sunday is All Hallows' Eve, the day before All Saints. This trio of days, October 31 – November 2 calls our attention to those who have come before us in life and in faith. We specially remember those who have died. On All Soul's Day we remember and celebrate the lives and examples of

their faith and love for us. Discuss how your family may honor your beloved dead and the saints who are special to you in the next couple days. November 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Nursery will be available beginning Sunday, November 7th. We will provide a safe, loving, and enjoyable environment for our children.

This ministry gives our parents the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Liturgy. A special thank you to Nancy Jarzabkowski, Kelly Lawrence, Lisa Stine, Marlo Tacey & Miranda Tacey.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered Sunday, November 7th. This is for all children Kindergarten – 4th grade. The children are called forward and process out with a catechist who proclaims the Sunday scriptures from a Children lectionary. The catechist then talks about each reading to help the children understand its meaning and relate it to their lives. They end each dismissal with Prayers of the Faithful and return to the assembly. Special thanks to Eva Hinterman, Kristen Lance, Jennalee Markel.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2021-22:

Our target for the 2021-2022 **Christ's Mission Appeal** which began October 1st is \$69,796. Through the 20th of October \$14,400 has been pledged, approximately 20% of our target. Please prayerfully consider filling out the form you received from the diocese and make a pledge to help us reach our target. Remember that any amount over and above our target comes back to the parish. The diocese is handling the drive. All pledges or donations should be sent directly to the diocese. If you have any questions about your participation in the appeal contact the parish office.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 1st- RCIA

Saturday, November 6th – Confessions 11 am

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – "Fall Back"

Sunday, November 7th - CLOW 9:30 am

Religious Ed 10:45 am

Youth Ministry 6-7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$6511
Food Pantry: \$80 World Mission Sunday: \$578

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Children Good Deeds

♥...Got my sister water when she was sick...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Thank you to Reder Landscaping for donating Saginaw Spirit tickets to AACs. Tickets are in the form of vouchers. You may stop by the school office and pick up the vouchers any time during school hours.



This week our students had a lot of fun events scheduled!

Wednesday- the children dressed up in Halloween clothing, orange and black.

Thursday - they were able to wear either **Michigan** or **Michigan State** gear to school

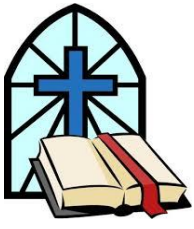
Friday – students dressed in their Halloween costumes and paraded outside to show them off!

Have a great weekend!

✝ God Bless



Thanksgiving Bags: We will once again be asking the parishioners of St. Gabriel to help us provide a Thanksgiving dinner for those less fortunate. We encourage you to take a bag or two located at the church entrances and fill it with the items on the list attached and return it either to church or the parish office. We will be handing these out to our food pantry clients the week before Thanksgiving so the sooner we get them back the better. **Thanks in advance for helping us make this happen!**



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Thirty-First Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

As is illustrated in today's first reading and gospel, all good loving begins with listening, "Hear, O Israel," enjoins the Deuteronomist; "hear, O Israel," echoed the Marcan Jesus. Quoting from the Shema', or the proclamation that stands at the center of Jewish worship, the call to hear or to listen is offered to the praying assembly today as a secondary but no less significant theme.

Hear O Israel, as God speaks the ultimate word of love and life to the world in Jesus. Listen, as Jesus teaches us who God is, how God loves, forgives, heals, and saves. Listen, as Jesus speaks the good news of deliverance from sin and death. Listen, as Jesus tells us that we are God's loved children and that he is our brother who has come to teach us how to live and to love God by serving the needs of others. Listen also, as Jesus teaches us to recognize the voice of God in the disadvantaged poor, those suffering the outrage of injustice, victims of prejudice, racism, ethnic cleansing, and those otherwise discriminated against by a callous world. To turn a deaf ear to the least of Jesus' brethren is to turn a deaf ear to the God who made them and put them in our path to sharpen our consciences and enlarge our hearts. Listen, as Jesus affirms the length and breadth and depth of God's passion for humankind in the eloquence of the cross. With that singular statement of salvation, every sinner is assured of his/her unique importance and value in God's eyes.

Having listened once again to God's many overtures of love and having heard once again the good news of our salvation, it devolves upon each of us to keep up our end of the dialogue by taking God's words to heart and responding to them in love and obedience. Of no little significance is the fact that the Hebrew word *Shema'* or "Hear!" is also translated as "Obey!" and the Latin root for obey or obedience (*oboedire*) is comprised of *ob* and *audire* which means to hear or to listen. Dependent upon one another linguistically, listening and obedience are also inextricably bound to one another in the life of every believer. Our listening to God issues forth in obedience; our obedience is expressed in whole-hearted love of God; our whole-hearted love of God finds its truest expression in the love of our neighbor. All good loving begins with listening. Hear O Israel.

Loving God:(Deuteronomy 6): *Celebration*

As an outward expression of faith, in the one and only God, our Jewish forbearers were called to be radical and have a commitment of all their energies, political, spiritual, and psychological. Describing that commitment in terms of loving God "with *all* your heart, *all* your soul and *all* your strength," the Deuteronomist underscored the *absolute* quality of Israel's faith response. Recall the fact that for the Jews the heart was regarded as the seat of the intellect and will. This would preclude a love that was merely emotional; Israel's love for God was to be deliberate and decisive. Soul, or *nephesh* in Hebrew, was understood as the source of vitality without which a living person ceases to exist. Loving God with all one's heart and soul means to love with one's whole being. By adding the injunction, "with all your strength," the ancient author reinforced the intensity of the challenge put before his contemporaries.



Our High Priest: (Hebrews 7):

Celebration

Part of a longer section of Hebrews (7:11-28) that likened Jesus to the ancient Melchisedek, today's second reading celebrates three aspects of Jesus' high priesthood, viz., its eternal nature, its authenticity or legitimacy and the absolute holiness of its character. Like Melchisedek (see 7:17), who was thought to be eternal because his origins, ancestry and death remained shrouded in mystery, Jesus who rose from death to life to live forever, exercises an everlasting priesthood. Although he was not of Levitical ancestry, nor was he a priest of the Zadokite line as appointed by David, Jesus' high priesthood was authentic, its legitimacy affirmed by what the Hebrews author referred to as "the word of the oath" (v. 28).

Jesus' holiness set him "head and shoulders" above all former high priests, i.e., "higher than the heavens" (v. 26). Recall the fact, as stated in Hebrews, that Jesus' predecessors were required to offer sacrifice day after day, first for their own sins and then for those of the people (v. 27). Jesus', however, who is sinless, offered sacrifice solely for the sins of humankind, viz., the perfect sacrifice of himself. This "once-for-all" sacrifice was sufficient, thus putting an end forever to the necessity and effectiveness of all other sacrificial offerings.

God and Neighbor:

Celebration

When questioned by a scribe as to his opinion regarding the first or greatest of all the commands, Jesus responded with the proclamation that lies at the heart of the Jewish faith, viz., the *Shema'* Israel (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). No doubt, his listeners could find nothing faulty in his response. However, careful readers of the gospel will notice that the Marcan Jesus has added the phrase, "with all your mind." This addition emphasizes the absoluteness of Jesus' mandate; the challenge of loving God must be met by every aspect, every effort and every capability of the human person. Then, having gained the rapt attention of his listeners, Jesus raised the mandate to love another level. He offered a second commandment, "love your neighbor as yourself," and declared this dual mandate to be unequalled in greatness.

Not the first to pair the two commandments (Deuteronomy 6:4; Leviticus 19:18), Jesus' words could find precedence in Israel's intertestamental literature ca. 100 B.C.E. ("Love the Lord and love your neighbor," Testament of Issachar 5:2; "Love the Lord through all your life and one another with a true heart," Testament of Dan 5:3). However, Jesus dual mandate was unique in that he paired what was regarded as a "heavy" law (love of God) with a light or lesser law (love of neighbor) and made them equal and independent.

Self-Love:

Joan DeMerchant *Celebration*

The first commandment of all is to love God, but the sign and expression of this love are one's love for one's neighbor and oneself.

There is something rather freeing about this simple, yet elegant summary. If the focus of faith were on *knowing* rather than loving, only the most intelligent and best-educated among us would stand a chance of measuring up. If the great commandment were to be *perfect*, none of us would qualify! But not even one of us is ineligible when it comes to love.

An interesting aspect about this "formula" is that it is rooted in the most accessible of all places. We are not required to travel to Mecca, make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem or Rome, or even visit our local cathedral (though any of these might be worth doing). The place to start living these deeply intertwined mandates is with us wherever we are at every stage of our lives. It is, quite simply, within. Loving all depends at rock bottom on how well we love ourselves.

*Increase, Lord, my ability to truly
love you, my neighbor, my self*



All Parish families are invited to participate in Trunk-n-Treat. It is a fun filled afternoon where the children and adults dress up in kid friendly Halloween costumes and go trunk to trunk for treats. The decorated trunks will be lined up in the east side of the parking lot. Sunday, October 31 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. A light dinner will be served beginning at 4 pm and there will be drawings at 4:45 p.m. If you are passing out candy from your trunk please arrive at 3:00 p.m. to get set up. Have any questions? Please contact Misty Michelle youthff@auburnac.org This event is sponsored by Youth Ministry.

Happy Halloween!

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