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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. 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 **or call Parish Office for appointment.**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611

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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 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 NOVEMBER 4, 2019

MONDAY

485:Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Word & Communion

486: Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131: 1b-3 Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Mass

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

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. – 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

671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

SUNDAY

156:2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Ps17:1,5-6,8,15 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 Lk 20:27, 34-38



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	11-4	6:30-8 pm	Choir Practice
Tues.,	11-5	10-11:30 am	Scripture Study
Sat.	11-9	4:30 Mass	Baptism
Coffee & Donuts			
Thanksgiving Basket Weekend			
Sun.	11-10	9:30 Mass	CLOW & Nursery
		10:45 am	Religious Ed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$7,284.25
Children Good Deeds

Did 1 hour and 30 minutes of yardwork...Drew a good picture for Dad
Emptying the bathroom trashes...Helped to *close down* the garden
Help give our dog Lucy a bath...Helped pick up sticks in our yard (2)
Teaching my baby sister to be obedient...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

I was talking with the children this week about our previous virtues and how they all connect and intertwine throughout our lives.

Obedience and Perseverance are necessary for us to receive grace from God, but you have to want Grace to be a part of your life. Reconciliation takes both obedience and perseverance to take part in the sacrament. It's never easy to sit and admit our faults, but it should be done whenever you think you need it. So in essence, we should be obedient in our respect for God to take part in the sacrament, and persevere through our doubts that make it difficult.

Zacchaeus showed a great deal of **Perseverance** in trying to reach Jesus, and truly showed that he was sorry for his sins. His penance was quite substantial, but he understood it was necessary in order for his sins to be forgiven. The two things I gather in the end are, one, Zacchaeus wanted God's Grace; two, he wasn't going to let anything stop him from attaining his saving Grace from God. He did not make any excuses or offer any alternative suggestions, he worked to receive God's Grace. What is stopping you?

God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* by Sara McGinnis Lee
Do we encounter Jesus in our lives? When do we notice God's presence? Do we welcome God into our hearts? Are our lives a reflection of Christian values?

Reflecting on the Word:

Zacchaeus went "seeking to see who Jesus was." He found himself captivated by Jesus: first, to go so far as to climb a tree just to see him, then to welcome Jesus into his home, and finally to give up half of his possessions to the poor and repay others four times what he had extorted from them. Because of that encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus changes.

Living the Word:

Go to ZacchaeusHouse.org to learn more about this home for men who need shelter and healing. Residents can live at Zacchaeus House while they work toward independent living by finding jobs, learning trades, or going back to school. Peruse the photos of those who volunteer their time and treasure, as well as of the men who have been helped.

Trunk-n-Treat

The Education Commission would like to thank everyone who participated in this family event last Sunday afternoon!! It was a beautiful Fall afternoon! We had 72 children register for prizes and 11 decorated trunks. A special thanks to Steff Schacher and the youth kitchen crew for the help serving the cider and donuts. They served more than 13 dozen donuts and over 10 gallons of cider. **AmAZing!!!** And to all the parishioners for their generosity in providing a great assortment of candy for our children. We appreciate everyone working together so we can have this **Spook-tackular** event for our Parish family.



Youth Mission Trip 2020

Our Parish youth are scheduled to return to St. Vincent Mission, David, KY. For a second time to serve in their home repair program. This program provides individuals and families with much needed home repairs. We go to provide our hands to work to improve others living conditions and show others the Love of Christ in the process. We also hope that you will grow in your walk with Christ while you are there and gain perspective on your gifts and calling.

We welcome participants who are going into the 9th grade through the 12th grade for the 2020 school year and college students age 20 or younger. Mission Trip dates are Wednesday, July 15th through Sunday, July 19th. We will leave on July 15th @ 6 am and return on July 19th @ 7 pm. The cost per person to participate is \$50.00.

Commitment forms are available at the west entrance of the church and are due along with payment by Monday, January 13th, 2020. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Schacher, sschacher@auburnac.org

To our Visitors,

The Parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish extend a warm welcome to anyone joining us for worship today. If you wish to join our Parish Family, please call the office at (989)662-6861, 8:30am till 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

✠ **Father Tom**





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Thirty-First Sunday Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McClone

National Catholic Reporter

Last week, we heard Jesus tell the story of two men who prayed in the temple area: One reminded God of his impeccable virtue and the other begged for mercy. That parable, like the story of Zacchaeus, is unique to Luke, and both portray Jesus' approval of transformed tax collectors. Jesus explains his verdict saying, "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Today's reading from Wisdom offers an alternative rendition of the same theology with one of the loveliest descriptions of God we can find in the Hebrew scriptures: "You have mercy on all, because you can do all things." That might also be the most counterculture description of power that we will ever find. This indicates that God exercises omnipotence through forgiveness.

What does this have to do with us who don't expect Jesus to be parading down our streets anytime soon? In today's selection from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians, the author writing in Paul's name makes two prayers on behalf of the church: that the community be made worthy of God's calling and that God's will be fulfilled in them. Ultimately, those are one and the same thing, and they describe what happened to Zacchaeus.

In receiving Jesus into his home, Zacchaeus accepted God's outreach of love, God's omnipotent forgiveness. Zacchaeus' acceptance of God's love in Christ brought him salvation and would inspire him to continue in good works.

New at Hand (Wisdom 11):

Patricia Sanchez

Celebration

In today's first reading, the first-century-author of Wisdom invites readers to marvel at the care with which all things are made and to realize that such care is multiplied exponentially when applied to God's greatest creation, humankind. We can almost hear the reasoning of the ancient sage: If God is mindful of a drop of morning dew, How much more of mankind? If God's imperishable spirit is in things, how much more in humankind! Therefore, God is exceedingly approachable and available to the sinful- so approach and be not afraid

Second Coming (2 Thessalonians1):

Celebration

When Paul first preached the good news in Thessalonica in about the year 49, he was avid in his belief that Jesus' return was imminent. His excitement is palpable in the letter he later wrote to that Greek community around 51. However, as time passed and it became clear that no one could be certain as to the time of the second coming of Jesus, Paul had to redirect his enthusiasm toward the manner-in-which believers might best live and work and pray as they awaited the Lord. Did his ideas change? Of course, and he adapted his hopes and his teachings so that the message would remain relevant to a growing church.

Who Finds Whom?

Fr. James Martin

Jesus :A Pilgrimage

Zacchaeus clambers down and welcomes Jesus with rejoicing. Joy is a natural response to the presence of God. But the crowd doesn't approve. Why would Jesus want to dine at the house of a person who, in the view of some in the crowd, was the "chief of sinners?" Plus, Jesus doesn't wait to be invited, and he doesn't wait for Zacchaeus to apologize or make an act of restitution – he makes the first move with the sinner. Luke tells us that "everyone"-this would include the disciples --- grumbles... So, to the disciples' question, "Who can be saved?" Jesus answers, in effect, "Take a look at Zacchaeus"...

The story began with the image of Zacchaeus seeking Jesus but ends by saying that Jesus was seeking Zacchaeus. To find God is to be found is to be found by God, who has been looking for us all along.

Direct my search, Lord, for your presence...

Houseguest (Luke 18)

Doug Sousa

Connect, Liturgical Publications

What if Jesus were coming to your house? What would you do to prepare? What do you think you would talk to him about? What questions would you ask him? What do you think he would want to know about you? Is there any part of your life that you would want to hide from him? Is there any part of your life that you think he would be pleased with? How do you think your life would change if Jesus were a guest in your home?

Letting Go

Doug Sousa

Connect, Liturgical Publications

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 together with us. There is one thing, however. For us to receive Jesus into our hearts, something about 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 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 the past could be making 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.

THANKSGIVING BASKET NEEDS



We are getting ready to fill the *Thanksgiving baskets* and would like your help with some much needed, food donations. Please help make the holiday a happy one for less fortunate families.

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| Mashed Potatoes | Stuffing |
| Turkey Gravy | Chicken Broth |
| Cranberry Sauce | Green Beans |
| Mushroom Soup | Yams |

Cookies

Thank-you in advance for your kind donations!!!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!

We are looking for someone to *volunteer* their time and handyman skills to help some of our parishioners with small *fixer-upper jobs*. If you are handy with a hammer please consider giving of your time and talent.



Also needed are volunteers to visit our local Auburn Area assisted living facilities. These are people who would *love* a visit from someone. Please call Mary Elynn Gushow at (989) 662-6745

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thank-you to everyone who participated in the October photography sessions! If your picture was taken on October 22nd or 23rd your complimentary Photo is now available and can be picked up at the entrance of the Church.

The photo sessions are complete for the upcoming directory, however you do have the option of using your photo from the prior directory for a \$10.00 fee and you will receive a copy of the *new* directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request and we will contact Lifetouch to retrieve your archived photo.

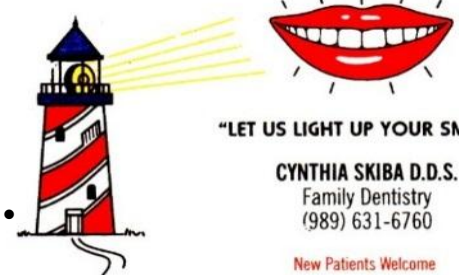
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Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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