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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 call Parish Office for appointment.

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School 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 8th, 2021

MONDAY

491: Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1-10 Lk 17:1-6

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

493: Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

494: Wis 7:22b—8:1 Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY

495: Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

496: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

158:Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee

The widow gave all that she had to the temple treasury. How does your family decide what to contribute to the support our parish family? Discuss the kinds of contributions each family member can make in terms of time, treasure, or talent?

Reflecting on the Word:

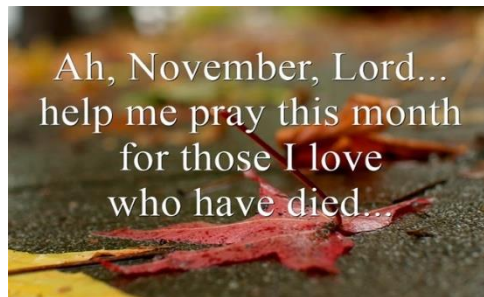
One of the most revered characters in Scripture is the poor widow who outshines us all with her profound generosity. She does not let her social status and her poverty keep her from



contributing to the building of the kingdom of God. She gives all she has. She is our model. How can we develop the generous spirit of this poor widow? How can we become an example for others?

Living the Word:

Have you ever noticed someone who is in need? They pose a challenge to us. How do we best help them? Do we give money, food, coupons, bottled water, or small snacks? This is a good discussion to have with your family. Even if it doesn't lead to a final decision it helps us to focus on what, if any, is our commitment to contribute to these poor individuals. How do we put our decision into action?



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 8th – RCIA 6 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 11th – Commission Meetings 6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Saturday/Sunday November 13th – 14th Coffee and Donuts

AACS Scrip Sale

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8,453.90

Food Pantry: \$50 World Mission Sunday: \$95

Campaign for Human Development: \$130

World Mission Sunday: \$95

Children's G☺☺Dee

...Being good with sharing...Got my mom her purse...Helping mom...

...Helping put dishes away...Sharing candy with my brother...

...Helping my mom clean the kitchen...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This month our virtue is loyalty. Teaching the students about virtues that are important to character building are vital at AACS. In a very material world, where selfishness is prevalent, being loyal to the relationships and commitments

we make are essential to our development and well-being. Say what you mean, and when you say you are going to do something, then follow through.

We are looking for some help in at school in the form of substitute teachers! If you know of anyone who has 90 semester hours and would like to work with some great kiddos, please send them our way! We don't need subs a ton throughout the year, but do have occasional doctor's appointments, funeral, or other family event. If you know of someone, you can have them call the school office at 989-662-6431 for more info.



Christ's Mission Appeal 2021-22:

Our target for the 2021-2022 Christ's Mission Appeal which began October 1st is \$69,796. Through October 31st, \$28,863 has been pledged, approximately 41% 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.

Welcome to St. Gabriel!

We would like to welcome those who have joined our parish recently...

Laura Lutrell

Kylie Knaub

Dorri Garrow

Lesley Putt

Misty Michelle

Jeffery & Shannon Wegener

Nicholas & Heather Jennings

Thomas & Sarah Goretski

Brian & Tiffany Nadolny

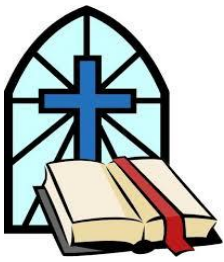
Dan & Kelsey Nease



Just a reminder...the first "due date" for Scrip orders from the Annual Holiday Scrip Sale is next Friday, November 12th! A great way to get a head start on your Holiday Shopping!

... God Bless...





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

In today's first reading from 1 Kings and in the gospel, the praying assembly is reacquainted with the plight of the Jewish widow. Even the Hebrews word for widow served to define the dire straits in which she was forced to live. *Almanah*, or "widow," is derived from the root *alem* which means "unable to speak"; without a husband to speak for her and secure her rights, the widow was "the silent one." Remarkably the message intended to move our hearts and motivate our faith is spoken to us, today, through two of these unnamed silent ones; for those willing to listen, their message is a once poignant and profound...give without counting the cost; give not from your *surplus* but from your *substance*.

Some may look upon these featured widows and fault them for their "obvious lack of practicality." "Charity begins at home," some may reason and suggest that the wiser move would have been to deny the prophet Elijah's seemingly insensitive request to be fed and save the little food she had left for her son and herself. "Use your head," some might advise the widow in the gospel..."God helps those who help themselves"... "save your pennies for bread." However, it was *piety* that moved these widows, not pennies or practicality. For this reason, they are not to be pitied but emulated. Their unquestioning and uncalculating generosity challenges each of us to examine the manner and measure of our own giving.

Admittedly, neither of the two widows gave very much monetarily speaking—a cupful of water, a little cake made of flour and oil, two small copper coins worth about a cent. Nevertheless, these "silent women" are our teachers today, their message clear and unmistakable. We are to learn from them, not because of *what* they gave but because of *who they became* in their giving. Many of us assume that the more we do for God the better Christians we are. Moreover, we tend to measure our religiosity by how *much* we work for the church, how *much* we give, how *many* prayers we say. When we are not able to do any of these things, we assume that we are worthless. In today's gospel, however, Jesus saves us from this false way of evaluating ourselves. The widow was praised, not for what she gave but for who she was, a woman of faith, full of trust and totally reliant on God. Therefore, whether we can do little or much, whether we give a little or give in abundance, it is who we become in the doing and in the giving that is the greater gift God desires.

True Hospitality (1 Kings 17): Celebration

Before her encounter with the prophet Elijah, the widow of Zarephath was doubly disadvantaged. Not only was she a widow whose rights had died along with her husband, but she was destitute and the sole support of her son. Her plight was compounded by the famine that was brought on the drought precipitated (!) by Elijah (see 1 Kings 17:1). Despite the difficulty of her circumstances, however, the rules of hospitality required that she welcome the prophet and attend to his needs even if this meant that she and her son would have to go without.

A stellar virtue that seems to have lost some of its luster through the centuries, hospitality in the ancient near Eastern world has been described as an intricately choreographed dance during which outsiders are received and transformed from strangers to guests.

Besides being a prime example of oriental hospitality, this narrative represents the first in a colorful series of stories known to scholars as

the Elijah cycle. Each story progressively illustrates the power of God's word, as spoken by the prophet, to accomplish its purpose. Included in the two books of Kings are some 45 such stories, all intended to affirm the theological tenets upon Deuteronomistic history (Deuteronomy—2 Kings) was structured, viz., (1) faithfulness to God, i.e., Yahweh, the one God of Israel and of all the universe will be rewarded with life and blessings; infidelity will bring about catastrophe and ruin. Believers are free to choose life or death; (2) God's word, ever present to the people and revealed through the prophets, will always be fulfilled. With these tenets in place the Deuteronomistic authors produced a religiously interpreted history of their people that attributed their successes to their obedience to God and their failures to a lack thereof.

The Perfect Sacrifice (Hebrews 9): Celebration

Only once a year on the Day of Atonement (tenth day of the seventh month, Leviticus 23:27-32), only after offering sacrifices for his own sins and that of the community, would the high priest enter the holy of holies. Part of the sin offering were two goats, one of which was sacrificed in the temple and its blood was sprinkled on the sanctuary, on the altar and in the holy of holies. By laying hands on the other goat, the high priest symbolically burdened it with the sins of the people, after which the goat was driven into the wilderness, thus the term "scapegoat." These rituals, intended to atone for the guilt of the priest and the people were repeated annually.

Having referenced both the Day of Atonement and its rituals, the preacher proceeded to affirm the superiority and unique efficacy of Jesus' sacrifice. "Once" and "for all" (v.26), Jesus' sinless sacrificial death was a perfect offering made by the perfect high priest. As both priest and sacrifice, Jesus' death atoned for the "sins of many," i.e., *all* (v. 28). As both priest and perfect sacrificial offering, Jesus entered the *heavenly* holy of holies; his expiatory death forever tore in two the "curtain" that had hitherto separated humankind from God. Free access to God and to heaven has been made available to all.

Model of Generosity (Mark 12): Celebration

Recognized by their contemporaries as "religious professionals" of their day; the scribes were, nonetheless, faulted by Jesus for wearing their piety on their proverbial sleeves. They wore it in phylacteries or prayer boxes ostentatiously attached to their foreheads and forearms and flaunted it in robes that were usually worn by nobility. Long robes precluded manual labor and were the insignia of men of honor. Although the law prescribed that these robes be trimmed with tassels as a reminder that they were God's chosen ones (Numbers 15:38), it seems that the scribes wore outsized tassels to be noticed and admired (Matthew 23:5). Their desire for admiration extended to the synagogue where the scribes occupied the front seats in full view of those who gathered for prayer and to banquets where they sat in the places of honor to the immediate right and left of the host.

In their manner and measure of giving the scribes had not become holy; they had become hypocrites, merely actors whose religiosity was performed for the adulation of others. Elsewhere, Jesus would declare that they have already received their reward (Matthews 6:2,5,16). In her manner and measure of giving, however, the widow had become holy, and in her holiness and trust in God, she has become a model for all who believe and entrust themselves to the daily giving, dying, serving, and becoming that constitute the life of a disciple.

*"Lord, help me give
generously of myself"*

Food Pantry Needs

I know that we have just asked for help with the Thanksgiving bags, but we need to ask *AGAIN* for the food pantry. There is still a great need by local families for food support and it is *so wonderful* to be able to help!

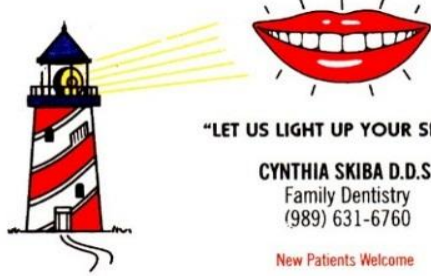
- Peanut Butter/Jelly Baked Beans**
- Sloppy Joe Mix**
- Canned Tuna**
- Spaghetti Sauce**
- Mashed Potatoes**
- Dish Soap**
- Pasta Sides**
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes**
- Canned Vegetables**
- Paper Towels/Tissues**
- Tuna/Hamburger Helper**
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Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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