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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### MONDAY

497: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 18:35-43

**TUESDAY Word and Communion 8 am**

498: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 19:1-10

**WEDNESDAY Word and Communion 9 am**

499: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

### THURSDAY

500: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 19:41-44

### FRIDAY

501: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

**SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass**

502: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40

**SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass**

162: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

*Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice – 6:30 pm*

*Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – Knitters-10 am*

*Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Food Pantry Thanksgiving Giveaway*

*Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – CLOW 9:30 am / Religious Ed 10:45 am / Youth Ministry 6 pm*

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$12,190**

**Mission Co-Op: \$55 Food Pantry: \$70**

**World Mission Sunday: \$30**

**Campaign for Human Development: \$55**

### Children's Good Deeds

...Helped put away groceries...Helping take care of my baby sister...

...Helping Daddy take the boat to Papa's house...

...Helping a friend when they fell at soccer...Being quiet...

...Donate stuff to other kids...Sleeping all night...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The conference this past week was great! There were a number of sessions that were valuable and gave some good information. Having the opportunity to get together with a large number of other Catholic schools from around Michigan was a

wonderful experience. Returning to a windstorm that caused power outages was absolutely the opposite! This week we have conferences in the school where we can have some good conversations about the students and their academic accomplishments in the first quarter. The year has been going really well, and I hope we can continue the positive momentum into the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters. ...**God Bless...**



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*Jesus wants us to only follow him. What are some ways that you can follow Jesus every day? How can you recognize Jesus from the false voices in the world telling us what to do?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



Today's Gospel can be very confusing and overwhelming.

People want to know how they will know the need of time is near. Jesus says that others will say, "I am he," but we are not to follow them. How, then, are we to know when it is him? We must learn to recognize his voice. Is there someone you have spent so much time with that you could close your eyes and pick that person out of a crowded room from the sound of their voice? That is the goal for our relationship with Jesus. Spend enough time with him that we can find him amidst the crown of noise. All the details of the end of the world are less scary when we have Jesus as our beacon of light guiding our path

**Living the Word:** The parable of the Good Shepherd speaks about following Jesus and recognizing his voice. This week spend time as a family reading John 10:3-5, 10-11, 14-16 and pondering what it means to recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd.

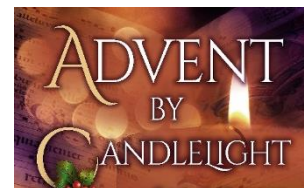


### Advent Scripture Study: Around the Advent Circle

Will be offered on Monday's at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Center starting November 21 through December 12 or Tuesday's at 10 a.m. in Parish Center starting November 22 thru December 13. Booklets will be available on the tables next weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy [faithformation@auburnac.org](mailto:faithformation@auburnac.org) or 989.662.4335

**The Education Commission** is hosting a *Women's Advent by Candlelight* event on Sunday,

December 4th, from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. They are looking for 12 hostesses. Any woman of the parish can be a table hostess. You may invite 5 of your family or friends to your table. All that is required is to set a holiday table, light it with candles and bring a dessert for your guests. A sign-up sheet will be at the main church entrance if you are interested or have any questions, please call Ashely Bock 989.529.5755.



**Cantor Practice** will be held this Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will be scheduling for December and January so please make plans to be there or if you cannot attend please contact Sue Levasseur at [susan12488@gmail.com](mailto:susan12488@gmail.com)



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

### **Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time:**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The liturgy for today invites us to consider the day before which all others pale into relative insignificance—The Day of the Lord. Prophesied by Malachi, referenced by Paul and described by Jesus, the origins of the Day of the Lord are difficult to trace with certainty. First mentioned by Amos (5:18), it seems to have been a popular belief that the prophet referenced and reinterpreted. Prior to Amos, the Day of the Lord was associated with the manifestation of God's power on behalf of Israel; that day, its enemies would be thwarted, and Israel would be securely established as supreme over them. Amos and his prophetic colleagues threw a wrench into the popular notion of the Day of the Lord, promising instead that it would be a day of reckoning for all of humankind, especially Israel. It would be an "evil day" (Amos 6:3) on which the sun would set at noon and the earth grow dark (Amos 8:9). All that were proud and high, all that was lofty and tall would be brought down (Isaiah 2:11ff). Zephaniah (1:2-18; 2:1-15) further described *the day* as a day of sacrifice, when crimes would be punished, and disasters would abound.

New Testament authors borrowed the imagery of the Day of the Lord, with its apocalyptic symbols and its ambience of reckoning, judgement, and retribution, and associated these with the day of the Son of Man or the time of the second coming of Jesus. But rather than meet that day with dread or prepare for that day with trepidation, believers are encouraged to look beneath their apocalyptic fears and allow these to lead up to new hope and trust in the lessons Jesus left with his disciples. Regarding that day, Jesus advised them not to be misled. Do not follow or listen to those who purport to know when and how the end will come, he said. Do not heed the naysayers and the prophets of doom. Rather, hold fast to the faith. Be secure in the knowledge that I am with you, providing you with words and a wisdom that will help you to discern the truth and to continue witnessing to me in word and in work. Do not weaken when conflicts arise, and suffering threatens to overwhelm. Do not bow to hate or resort to violence, but follow me in all you are, in all you do, during all the days, both memorable and mundane, that constitute your life. Above all, fear not, falter not, worry not, dread not, only trust, pray, believe, and hope. This advice was summed up in a play that brought the Gospel to Broadway a generation ago: "Day by day, day by day, O dear Lord, three things I pray, to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day" (Godspell)

### **Day of the Lord (Malachi 3):** *Celebration*

While the prophet does attribute an ominous character to the coming Day of the Lord (v. 19), and while he admits that day will see the undoing of evildoers, his vision is not without promise. Malachi's purpose was not merely to inspire fear and thus move the hearts of the wicked to repentance. He also intended to encourage and strengthen the faithful who may have been tempted to doubt the worth of their fidelity, given the fact that their religious leaders had proven so unworthy. In addition to presiding at careless and slovenly liturgies, the clergy had allowed foreign and pagan practices to influence their religious rituals. The laity were withholding tithes and allowing the gap between the rich and the poor to grow even wider through a lack of concern and sharing. When the day of the Lord arrives, warned Malachi, God will effect a great reversal. While the wicked will experience the Lord's judgement, which the prophet

likened to a blazing oven and a consuming fire, the faithful poor will know the warmth and healing of the "sun of justice".

### **Pray and Work (2 Thessalonians 3):** *Celebration*

As one who ministered in the manner of Jesus, Paul had the authority to. In his words, "lay down the rule that anyone who would not work should not eat" (v.10). On the contrary, urged Paul, all should earn the food they eat by working quietly (v. 12). Christians who did not live and work quietly may have attracted the sort of attention that could have compromised the community. But what does this exhortation have to do with 21<sup>st</sup>-century Christianity? If we examine the situation of the Thessalonians more carefully, we might see that they weren't just lazy in their reliance on others to feed them. Rather, they were using their faith in the coming Christ as an excuse for uninvolved and irresponsible behavior. Faith cannot stand as an excuse. Faith does not wait for another to work, for another to think, to serve, to pray. Faith plunges the believer into the thick of the human experience with all its pain and struggle even as it realizes and lives in the hope that this life is not forever. Temporal and temporary as it is, however, it is only during *this* life that we can prepare for the life that never ends. Therefore, we take Paul's words to heart, day by day, until the end.

### **God's Plan (Luke 21):** *Celebration*

What meaning does this Gospel have for believers who live in a time where relatively few are put to death for their faith? What can it say to those who are 20 centuries removed from crisis therein described? The best way to deal with this Gospel is to treat it as an inspired insight into the meaning of history. History plays out as a constant struggle between the forces of good and evil, and Christians have no right to expect that everything is going to get better and better or that the cause of the Gospel will progress without hinderance. All believers can know for certain is that God will *eventually*, with a timetable and a method known to none but God, bring good out of evil. In the end, right and goodness and justice will triumph. This is the tenet upon which the resistance we call apocalyptic is founded; this is the belief that enables Christians patiently to endure day by day, until the end that is really a beginning.

### **Willing to Change?:** Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

Christians look at life with hope. That means that God is in charge, Providence rules the universe, the word has been redeemed, that no matter how we mismanage things through good or evil intentions, we cannot finally destroy the goodness of life. Even if we blow up the planet, God can make something good out of that.

We are talking about hope, not wishes. Wishes are just flights of fancy. Hope is based on a promise. Wishes may or may not be true, but God fulfills all hope. Jesus wished he didn't have to die, but he had no real hope of avoiding the cross. So, he hoped that his Father would keep his promise by making something out of his ugly death. His hope was fulfilled beyond all imagination by his resurrection.

And so, it is with us. We stand at the beginning of a new millennium bridging the widening gap between rich and poor, white and color, politician and citizen, corporation and consumer, our families and our jobs, our minds, and our bodies. We stand waiting for terror to strike—and yet we hope. Not because we will save ourselves—there is little evidence to support that view. We hope because Jesus promised he would stay with us—wherever we go, whatever we do.



**Medical Update:** *We would like to share that Fr Tom's surgery was a success and he is on the road to recovery! He appreciates all your prayers and well wishes, we know that they made a difference, "Thank you!" so much for the support !—The Parish*



## Stockings for Soldiers

From now through November 25<sup>th</sup>, stop in to **Gephart Funeral Home** on Midland St. in Bay City and pick up a Christmas stocking to decorate and stuff with Christmas cheer. Return the stocking and we will ship it to a hero overseas!



## Happy November!

~ November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life. ~



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Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

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