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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
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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 18, 2019

MONDAY

497:1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 62-63 Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158
Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. – Word & Communion

498: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m. – Mass

499: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15 Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. – Mass

500: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6,14-15 Lk 19:41-44

FRIDAY

501:1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10b-12 Lk 19:42-48

SATURDAY

502: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16b, 19 Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY

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



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	11-18	6:30-8 pm	Choir Practice
Tues.,	11-19	10-11:30 am	Scripture Study
		6:30-8 pm	RCIA
		6:30 pm	Quilters-First Baptist
Wed.	11-20	10:00 am	Knitting Club – (PC)
		3:45 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thurs.	11-21	3:45 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences
		6:00 pm	PTO Meeting
		7:00 pm	School Committee
Sat.	11-23	5:30 pm	Holy Land & Script Sale
Sun.	11-24	9:30 Mass	CLOW & Nursery
		Baptism	10:30 am Holy Land & Script Sale
			10:45 am Religious Ed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$10,112.64

Food Pantry: \$90.00 Christmas Flowers: \$463.00

World Mission Sunday: \$100.00 Campaign for Human: \$125.00

Children Good Deeds

Helped my Mom & Dad donate things to the Rescue Mission ...
Helped clean-up my toys...I let Dad play with my toys...Did chores...
To be good in church...I helped cook breakfast before church...
Sharing candy with Mom & Dad...Let my sister play with my new toy
Helped put a sports rack together...Getting my chores done...
Didn't want to do homework before church, but I did...Share my toys
Gave a little girl the giraffe she left...Helped to clean the garage...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This week we all got a nice reminder of what winters in Michigan look and feel like! While it is a little early for many of us, I welcome the change because it means we are progressing through the year. So far this year we have seen a lot of growth and experienced Jesus in many, different ways. The students recently held a prayer service for our veterans and those who have lost their lives fighting for the freedoms we enjoy. AACCS appreciates all of you who have sacrificed so that we may have the ability to experience the freedoms our constitution affords us and stand up to those who persecute the values we hold dear.

This does tie into the Gospel this week, because Jesus tells us that people will persecute you because you believe in me and that sometimes, even our family and friends will be the ones doing the persecuting. While it is easy to say, "don't worry about it, God has a plan for you", it is not always easy to carry it out. God goes on to tell us that we don't have to worry, because "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." God knows you, God knows your intentions, loves you and wants good things for you, and in the end you will be saved.

God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families by Sara McGinnis Lee
Have you ever been terrified? How did you overcome this terror?

Reflecting on the Word:

As the liturgical year wanes, our readings at Mass focus on the end times. This week, we hear Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, an unfathomable prospect to his listeners. Jesus warns them and us, that even in the face of much destruction and evil, they should not give in to terror. We must remain strong and steadfast, hoping in God and working for good. Though life may seem terrible and hopeless at times, God's morning light will overtake the darkness of the night.

Living the Word:

We hear a lot about terror in our world today, and sometimes it seems that our societal problems are too great, and we cannot improve. But because we hope in God, we are called to tirelessly bring light to the dark places of the world. Learn more about who is working in your community or in the wider global society to combat terror or destruction. Pray for this person or organization this week and make a plan for how your family can support and contribute to their mission.

Baptism Preparation Sessions



First time parent classes will be: December 5, February 6 or April 2 @ 7 pm in the Parish Center. For those who have already attended a session prep will be :January 2, March 5 or May 5 @ 7pm at the

Parish Center. Please contact Sandy, (989) 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to register for a prep session and set your celebration date

Bulk Mailing

The bulk mailing for Advent will take place on Monday, November 18th. If you are available, please come by the Parish Center at 10 am. We would appreciate all the help we can get to accomplish this project !



Giving Trees:

Each year the *Christian Service Commission* selects local assisted living homes, to remember at Christmas. This year we will gift the residents at ; **Auburn Fields, Auburn Heights, Country Square, Plainview, Rose Gate, Toni and Trish House, and new this year - Beacon of Hope** (pregnancy care center) **also our Homebound Parishioners.** Trees with tags will be up the weekends of November 23rd & 24th and November 30th & December 1st. Please help spread the "Joy" of Christmas by taking a tag, purchasing a gift and returning it to church the weekends of December 7th & 8th or 14th & 15th.



Cantor Scheduling will be Monday November 25th at 6 pm. We will be planning for December 1st thru February 24th. Please contact Sue LeVasseur @ (989) 205-4322 or susan2488@gmail.com with available dates if you are not able to attend this scheduling event.

Joyful



Noisemakers

Children's Choir

Practice will take place on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 am Mass, beginning December 1st for half an hour. We will be rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Mass Prelude at 4:30pm which takes place before the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm. Call Sue LeVasseur (989) 205-4322 with any questions.



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McClone

National Catholic Reporter

At the end of our church year, our liturgies call us to consider our morality and the fragility of everything we create and might be tempted to rely on. That's an immensely countercultural task. Contemporary Western society tries to hide all signs of weakness. The purveyors of cosmetics and pharmaceuticals all but promise to prevent the effects of aging. Our consumerism is a barely disguised flight from reminders of death's invincible power.

Jesus warned his disciples about upcoming persecutions and the demise of the Temple to strip them of the empty optimism and self-centered ambition that could detour them from reliance on God. His task might not have been as difficult in the first century as it is today.

Silver Lining (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. For their part, the laity were withholding tithes and allowing the gap between the rich and the poor to grow ever 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".

Active Involvement (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-as-a-whole. But what does this exhortation have to do with 21st-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 noninvolvement 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 have the opportunity, to prepare for the life that never ends. Therefore, with the Thessalonians, we take Paul's words to heart, day by day, until the end.

Hang in There (Luke 21):

Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Jesus talked about the "end times" saying, "This generation will not pass away until these things have been fulfilled."

Many first-century Christians therefore were expecting Jesus to return in their lifetime. They died waiting. At the approach of the year 1000, many people thought that the second coming of Jesus Christ was at hand, Well Jesus didn't show, and the world went on. Sir Isaac

Newton, the great English scientist, came up with his own calculations and concluded that the year 1733 was surely going to be the end. Sorry, Isaac. As the second thousand years rolled around and we approached the new millennium, end-time predictions darkened our New Years Eve 1999. But the sun came up on January 1st. 2000, and the world went on.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a preview of the end times. Wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines. He says that in the sky we will see fearful omens and great signs. It gets worse. He says that everyone will hate us because of him.

The good news is that Jesus assures us that if we show patient endurance, we will save our lives. He's already told us that we will not know the hour or day when he will come. We can't predict it, but we do know that when the blossoms are on the trees, it will be Springtime.

Look to God:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Looking at God does not mean that one must seek out the beautiful vision or await a dramatic theophany. Rather, looking at God means taking a cue from our ancestors in the faith, who learned to discern the face of God by remembering all that God had done for them. God was their creator, protector, provider and guide. God was their liberator and champion, their mother, their father, their brother, their breath. God had been their loving, faithful and forgiving spouse. Looking at God created an ambience of truth in which they saw not only God but themselves and the fact that their sins had distorted the image of God they were to reflect. Looking at God also kept them from looking at one another with disdain. On the contrary, looking at God gave them a new prism through which to look at others with eyes of sympathy, appreciation and respect.

As we look at God's face as it has been reflected in our own lives over the past year, we also will probably experience the painful truth that we are not all we should be. Nor have we done all that that we could do to reflect our belonging to God. For that reason, the thought of the Lord's second coming among us may fill us with dread and hopelessness. Nevertheless, we are to leave the judging of ourselves and others to God (Malachi). We are to set aside our fears and speculations; we are not to listen to naysayers or prophets of doom. Rather, we are to persevere in trusting God (Luke). We are also to busy ourselves with the ministry that Jesus has entrusted to us. Instead of minding the business of others (2 Thessalonians), we are to continue to look at God and struggle each day to give ourselves, our world and all others to God's good keeping

May hope in eternal life, Lord, direct my life



St. Gabriel Parish will be hosting the **Bethlehem Christian Families Group**. They will be selling handcrafted, "olive

wood" religious articles in the social hall after Mass on Saturday, Nov. 23rd and Sunday, Nov. 24th. *Their Mission is to aid Christian workers in the Holy Land and support their families to stay in their homeland through the sale of these items.* You can also preview what they will be offering at: www.holylandcarvings.com

This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and *directly* support Christians in the Holy Land. **We welcome them to St. Gabriel's!**

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are attempting to schedule one more photo date for those who missed getting pictures taken or need retakes. We will start a wait list because we do need to have 20 appointments to make this happen, so please call the Parish office (989) 662-6861 if you are interested. We need to do this soon, so please let us know ASAP!

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.


For questions or concerns call the Parish Office at 662-6861.



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Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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