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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**
 Saturday 4:30 PM 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 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

***Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

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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 21st, 2022

Monday

503: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

504: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

505: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 9 am Mass – Thanksgiving Day

506: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 21:20-28

Friday

507: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

508: Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7b Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 9:30 am Mass – First Sunday of Advent

1:ls 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 21st – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Scripture Study – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 22nd – Scripture Study – 10 am

Wednesday, November 23rd – ½ Day of School

Thursday, November 24th – Happy Thanksgiving!

School/Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 25th – School/Parish Office Closed

Giving trees are up. Take a tag or two!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,282

World Mission Sunday: \$50 Food Pantry: \$165

Campaign for Human Development: \$185

Children's Good Deeds

...I Helped my grandma with groceries with my aunt ...

...Helping out...Doing all my chores...

...Saying please and thank you...Playing with my sister...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The children have started their "Wagons of Love" part deux and will begin bringing in all the items of need for our party. This is one of the easy things we can do to show the children that we are a community focused on being servant leaders. It also helps build our community at St. Gabriel's Parish by including the students in an activity that benefits the hungry. We all know there is a need, so I implore you to help the party if you are able too.

The 4th graders took a trip to the career center. They had a nice time exploring the different educational opportunities Bay Arenac ISD offers to its students.



I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with laughter, family, fun, and good food!

God Bless

CMA Update:

As of 11-11-2022 **43% (\$32,256)** of our target of **\$74,253** has been pledged. This is a great start, but we have a ways to go. Fr. Tom would like to encourage anyone who has not yet made their pledge to please do so and help us reach our goal!

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Today, we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe. What does that mean that he is "king of the Universe"? What other names would you like to give Jesus? How do you think Jesus felt as the rulers, soldiers, and one of the criminals sneered and mocked him? Do you think it was difficult for him? What kind of king does this story tell us Jesus is?

Reflecting on the Word:

Today, we celebrate Jesus Christ our King. It is interesting that on this day we read about the moments before his death, how he was mocked and humiliated, as we celebrate his kingship. Jesus is not the type of king that has lived his life in a palace and been served. He is the type of king that was born where animals live, worked throughout his life, served the sick and poor, and then gruesomely died like a criminal. But Jesus then rose from the dead to bring us new life in him. This king lived like his people so that we may always know that whatever we are going through, whatever pain we are feeling, he understands. God allowed it to happen because "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). What a king we have!



Living the Word:

Provide blank paper and pencils or crayons and allow everyone in the family to draw a picture in response to today's Gospel. It doesn't have to be a picture only of this story but anything to ponder more what we read.

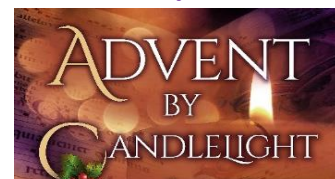
Advent Scripture Study: Around the Advent Circle

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 or 989.662.4335



The Education Commission is hosting **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.



Medical Update

Father Tom continues to improve following his surgery. He has been moved out of the ICU and into a private room. He would like to say thank you for all the wonderful cards, well wishes, and prayers. They mean so much and really help on his arduous road to recovery.



Calendars for 2023 have been ordered but not shipped yet, please be patient, we are being told that there are issues with getting the paper. We will keep you informed



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Feast of Christ the King:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The praying assembly today marks the passing of one year and prepares to welcome another and is reminded in our liturgy that our king has chosen to exercise his reign as a shepherd like David. In telling of David's anointing as king, the author of 2 Samuel represents the Israelites as claiming David as one like themselves: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh." Jesus, our shepherd king, became like us—bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh—to know us fully by us. That privilege is ours to remember and to celebrate today.

Giving expression to our celebration is the Christological hymn quoted by the author of today's second reading to the believers in Colossae. This hymn establishes Jesus' primacy over all while reminding his followers of the power of his death to reconcile everything in heaven and on earth, and to make peace through the blood of his cross.

Today's Lucan Gospel presents Jesus as the king whose true identity and whose power and sovereignty are proclaimed with great irony through the mocking words of the people, their leaders and the soldiers. The greatest humiliation and the greatest victory are both shown to us in today's liturgy. It is important to look at this humiliated and victorious Christ very carefully before we start the new liturgical year with the celebration of Advent. All through the year, we are to stay close to the humiliation as well as to the victory of Christ because we are called to live both in our daily lives. We are small and big, specks in the universe and the glory of God, little fearful people and sons and daughters of the Lord of all creation. Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord, and Redeemer!

Shepherd-King:(2 Samuel 5)

Celebration

Although the Jesus of the Gospels shunned the title "king" and avoided those who attempted to foist kingship upon him, he did not shy away from the role of shepherd. In the Johannine Gospel (ch10), Jesus is featured as the good shepherd who loves and knows his sheep by name. He is also the gate of the sheepfold and one who willingly laid down his life to take it up again. In the Lucan Gospel, Jesus teaches the parable of the lost sheep to assure sinners that they are being sought after by a loving God. The love that God has for sinners is clearly evidenced in today's Gospel, wherein the repentant criminal, crucified with Jesus asks to be remembered by him. Jesus' assurance of paradise eased that sinner's passage through death to life. Today, as we celebrate our Shepherd-King, that same assurance prompts in us a more regular repentance, a more attentive listening, and a more careful following of the One who promises us a place and leads us home to life everlasting.

Image of God: (Colossians 1)

Celebration

At the heart of this excerpt from the Colossians correspondence is an early Christological hymn (vv. 15-20). This hymn, like others in the Christian scriptures, captured in lyric and musical form the community's effort to express its faith in the person and the mission of Jesus. This hymn stands over and against those who may have questioned or doubted the primacy of Jesus Christ and his unique role in God's plan of salvation; it has set forth the truth of the church's teaching and functions as an expression of the community's faith.

Christ is initially identified here as "the image of the invisible God" (v. 15)—the one who images God for humans. Christ is further identified as "the firstborn of all creation" in terms that echo the Hebrew reference to the firstfruits. Just as the "firsts" of fields and flock were consecrated to God in grateful acknowledgement of God's power over all the earth, so Christ is the firstborn of creation,

consecrated to God as a sign that God is supreme over all of humankind.

New Beginning: (Luke 23)

Celebration

Jesus' exchange with the repentant criminal illustrates that he followed his prayers with practicum. Unlike the other criminal, who used his last moments of life to blaspheme Jesus and to echo the taunts of the leaders of the people and the soldiers, the remorseful criminal used the little time he had left to ask for Jesus' remembrance of him. He saw, that Jesus would enter his kingdom not by coming down from the cross but by dying. His request for remembrance is both a confession of faith and an indication that he had somehow probed and understood the mystery of the good news—that Jesus' suffering, rejection and even death on a cross are necessary to the plan that will lead to the forgiveness and redemption of sinners. While others who looked at the sight of Jesus dying supposed that the end of his ministry was near, the repentant criminal somehow realized that the end was but a beginning for Jesus, for himself and for all sinners.

The Repentant Thief

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Here is the great hope of this story for each of us. This unnamed man, known to us only as a thief, is dying for crimes he committed. How many people did he rob? How much money did he steal? We do not know. But he is guilty as sin, nonetheless. And he is at arm's length from Jesus on that dark Friday. From that close range he saw and heard a new way of life as he watched Jesus live those final hours. He did not know much about Jesus when he spoke that kind word and made his petition. His faith hung by only a slender thread, that somehow and in some way, this tortured Jesus beside him would still be alive before God after this terrible day ended for them both. And in that hope, he asked simply to be remembered. He did not ask for a mansion in heaven. Just to be remembered. It is mercy at its purest form he seeks, for he knows that justice is what he is getting on that cross.

And we are that thief. When we have cheated on our taxes, or padded an expense account, we have stolen. When we have held another's body in our lustful minds, we have stolen from their dignity by making them an object for our lust. When we have raised our voice in anger we have robbed the world of some of its peace. When we have harbored bitterness or spread gossip, we have been thieves against someone's reputation. We are all this thief. Guilty as sin

But there is hope for thieves like us. Just an arm's length away is the mercy of Christ. Before we even ask, he offers forgiveness to us based on his love. An if we but let him, he will meet us in a place of his Father's care, both in this life and the next.

Object of our Affection:

Rev. Mark Suslenko, *Connect*

G.K. Chesterton is often quoted as saying, "When man ceases to worship God he does not worship nothing but worships everything." While it is argued whether he said this or something similar, the implications of his thoughts are intriguing. In addition, to the normal associations we make with the word "worship" it also connotes a great or excessive love, admiration and respect felt for somebody or something. We can also add that the object of our "worship" is what or who motivates us, claims us, and inspires us to get up in the morning to start again.

As we gather on this feast of Christ the King, many may say that it is obvious who and what we worship: Jesus Christ. But it is really that obvious? While we say that we "worship" God on our lips, does this God claim us, motivate us, inspire us, or have our untiring love, admiration, and respect? Just because we come to church does not mean that we worship God. We may worship an idea of God rather than the living and true King of the Universe.

"Lord, remember me" 



Thanksgiving Table Prayer

From Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities for Catholic Families, by Mary Cronk Farrell

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat

and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work, and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your Son. Amen.



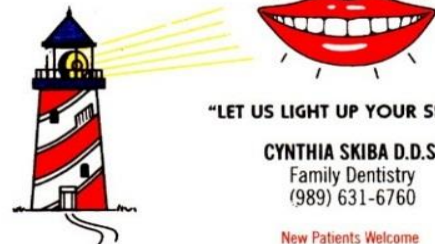
Another successful Thanksgiving dinner giveaway is on the books! We need to thank all the parishioners who so generously donated food for our boxes, as well as "Thanksgiving" plates, napkins, and tablecloths. To our amazing Food Pantry volunteers, Joan, Pat, Melody, and Bernadette. Your hard work and dedication make this event possible. To the knitters who made the beautiful hats and mittens. And Pat Knieper for supplying the homemade bread. Thank you to everyone for helping us make Thanksgiving brighter for less fortunate families.



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