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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 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**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACCS 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 28th, 2022

MONDAY

175: Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY Word and Communion 8 am

176: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY

684: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

THURSDAY

178: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY

179: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

4: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 28th – Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

Scripture Study – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 29th – Scripture Study – 10:30 am

Wednesday, November 30th – 1st Reconciliation Session 6:30 pm

***Holiday Scrip Sale after both Masses**

Sunday, December 4th – CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am

Religious Ed 10:45 am/Youth Ministry 6 pm

“Advent by Candlelight” – 3:30 – 5 pm -Social Hall

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,498

Food Pantry: \$175

Campaign for Human Development: \$869

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped out Mom...Helping Mama go to the store...

...Helping with breakfast...Helping my Dad clean...

...Making my baby brother smile...Helped clean the house...

...Sleeping in...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The classes participated in a number of Thanksgiving activities in their classrooms this week. This is a time where we can be thankful to all the people who have helped us along throughout our lives. It is a time for family and friends to gather and share good food and great stories with each other.

The Gospel focuses on how we should be preparing for Jesus' return. Staying diligent in our practices is one way we can live holy lives. Taking part in the sacraments and mass offer us an avenue to grow in our faith and form a stronger relationship with God. How will you prepare your heart and mind for the return of Jesus?

...God Bless...

SCRIP cards for Giving Trees gifts - Please consider purchasing SCRIP gift cards to fulfill Giving Tree donations! SCRIP cards will be available after Mass on December 3-4 and 10-11. Help out AACS while helping others have a Merry Christmas!

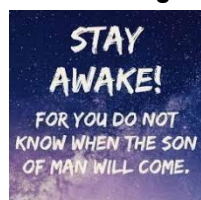


EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What can we do to prepare ourselves for Jesus to come again, even though we do not know when that will be? What did you notice in the church environment today?

Reflecting on the Word:



Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate not only the day Jesus was born two thousand years ago, but also to prepare for Jesus to come again! Are we ready? Like the people before the flood, the men in the field, or the women grinding at the mill, we do not

know when he will come again. But we must always be ready! How do we do this? We must always keep our eyes and hearts turned toward God for we do not know the moment when Jesus will come, and we do not want to be suddenly found looking away from him. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. May we recommit ourselves during this season of Advent to daily turn our eyes toward him.

Living the Word:

This week, set up a special Advent place in your home using a purple cloth, candles and a wreath. For the next four weeks, try to gather as a family daily to focus on preparing your hearts for Jesus. “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” is a great Advent song to sing together.

Advent 2022 is a time of preparation and a new beginning of a Church year. We take the four Sundays before Christmas and prepare our homes and our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect and remember with great hope and joy when we are doing all this preparation and share that with others. Historically, the primary color of Advent is purple. This color indicates a time of penitence as well as the color of royalty to welcome a King. The color purple of Advent is also the color used to remember the important connection between Jesus' birth and death.



Advent Scripture Study: Around the Advent Circle



Is being 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. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy faithformation@auburnac.org or 989.662.4335

The Education Commission is hosting a **Women's Advent by Candlelight** event on Sunday, December 4th, from 3:30 – 5 pm. 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 Ashley Bock 989.529.5755.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Season of Hope: Mark Searle, *"The Spirit of Advent"* Notre Dame

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed—or cursed—with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus, we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed that God is not far off but already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognize the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.

First Sunday of Advent: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

As we stand on the edge of this new liturgical year, we look to the sacred texts for food, for courage and for the impetus we need to take a hold of God's gift of this time, this day, this moment, however long or short it may be, and use it to make a difference in our own life and in the lives of those whose time we share.

Time was certainly on his mind as Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus in Rome (second reading). Because of his ministry for Christ and the Gospel and the fierceness with which he confronted any obstacle, Paul often found himself robbed of his time. His several incarcerations sharpened his sense of urgency. So did his eagerness to experience the second coming of Jesus. Therefore, he encouraged his readers to make the best use of the time they had in order to prepare wisely and well to welcome the coming of Christ.

Paul's words and the seriousness of his challenge continue to remind contemporary believers that while the trappings of Christmas focus on the child Jesus, the truth is that we await and prepare for the adult, risen Christ. For that reason, the sacred texts for Advent will not focus solely on the baby Jesus, whose humble beginnings

may stir our sentiments, but on the Lord Jesus Christ, whose appearance will stop the clock and require each of us to give an account of how we have used the time we were given.

In today's Gospel, the Matthean Jesus offers some suggestions regarding the usage of time. Jesus underscored the sudden unexpectedness of his appearance, but he did not advocate doing anything out of the ordinary or anything other than performing one's daily tasks as to be ready to welcome the hour of the Son of Man.

Trust in God (Isaiah 2): *Celebration*

Isaiah of Jerusalem was a prophet and counselor to four of Israel's kings in the eighth century B.C.E. His were troubled times, and his message was shaped to speak to those troubles and to help his people to hear God's voice through it all. Isaiah had witnessed the decline and fall of Israel to Assyria in 772 B.C.E. and had warned his contemporaries in Judah that a similar fate would be theirs unless they began to work at restoring their relationship with God. So much political turmoil had caused many to lose confidence in that relationship, and they were trying to shore up their defenses by forging alliances with other nations. To convince them otherwise, Isaiah offered his people a vision of the peace and prosperity that would be theirs if they remained faithful to God and to the covenant.

Children of the Light (Romans 13): *Celebration*

When Paul spoke in terms of light and darkness in his Letter to the Romans, he was drawing on a powerful human experience to draw them even deeper into the mystery of Christ Jesus. By his coming into the world, by his words and works and through his salvific death, Jesus conquered the darkness of sin and death. His presence brought light into the world, also truth, peace, justice forgiveness and salvation. Those who accept Jesus in faith and commit themselves to him are there by also agreeing to live and walk in light.

To walk in light and to be the light in a world that is shrouded in sin automatically puts the believer into a state of tension, pulled in one direction and then the other. Life becomes a daily struggle fraught with decisions, the consequences of which are considerable. Nevertheless, because of Christ, the light of the world, there is the constant support of grace in every human struggle and in every difficult decision. Grace enables the believer not only to "put on light" as a protective "armor" and not merely to reflect the light of Christ in our lives, but to become light for others.

Be Prepared (Matthew 24): *Celebration*

In an appeal to the common sense of his listeners, the Matthean Jesus offered the image of homeowner who prepares so that thief will not catch him off guard. If we are practical and sensible enough to guard ourselves and those who are dear to us against danger and harm from unwanted guests, how can we not be prepared for the ultimate guest, Jesus?

Perhaps the secret to being prepared lies in taking time each day to search out the presence of Jesus. He lives and breathes in the word that proclaims and reveals him; he reaches out to feed the hungry with the bread of his word and the bread of his very self. Familiarity with his sacramental presence should lead us to recognize his presence in the poor and needy of this world. Although Jesus has said that these poor will always be with us, he has also warned that our time to see his face in theirs and to minister to them will come to an end. Therefore, to prepare for an hour we can't know and will not expect, let us use this day, this time, as best we can.

Medical Update: *The latest update on Fr Tom is that he is being moved to rehab to continue his healing. We have been taking all the wonderful cards that you have sent, up to him at the hospital, they always make him smile!*





The Giving Trees are up!

It is that time of year when we ask you to support some worthwhile causes. We hope that you will select a tag or two before they are all gone. We will plan on leaving the trees up until December 9th or until all the tags are gone. We ask that gifts be returned by December 11th So we can sort and get them to the charities involved. Help us bring smiles to those less fortunate during the holidays.

We will again be *adopting* several families for Christmas! As is tradition here at St. Gabriel Parish, we will acquire a list of needy local families and a wish list for each family member. We ask that our parishioners either *adopt* a family and buy for them or provide financial help and we will do the shopping. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 989-662-6861 or email us at parishoffice@auburnac.org



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