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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
 114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611**

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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 FEBRUARY 10, 2020

MONDAY

329: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. Word & Communion

330: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m. Mass

331: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. Mass

332: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY 9:00a.m. School Mass

333: 1 Kgs 11:39-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. - Mass

334: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. - Mass

76: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families : Sara McGinnis Lee
What does it mean to be a light for the world?

Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus uses the familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We are the light of the world. It is our work to shine before others, that they might know and glorify God. Our lives are the light by which God is seen. We who have been blessed by God must be witnesses to his goodness. It has been told that a small child was asked who the saints are and looking up at the stained-glass windows, he said, "They are the people the light shines through." May all of us pilgrim saints allow God's light to shine through us each day.

Living the Word:

This week we will observe Valentine's Day. It is traditionally a day when we let people know that we love them. Besides preparing Valentine cards for classmates, friends, and family, ask your children to think about who else might need to know they are loved. Your children might draw a picture or write a short letter to send to them. Such thoughtfulness is sure to brighten the recipient's day.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	2-10	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tues.,	2-11	10 am	Scripture Study
		6:30 pm	Sacramental Prep
		6:30-8 pm	RCIA-(PC)
Wed.,	2-12	6 pm	School Open House
Thurs.,	2-13	6:30 pm	Commission Meetings
		7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri.	2-14	<i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>	
Sun	2-16	9:30 am	CLOW and Nursery

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962.00 **Offering:** \$11,205.25
Children G@od Deeds

...Sharing with my brother...Making my bed...I helped my Dad...
... I helped my brothers... To help with the kitchen remodel...
...Washing dishes...Holding the door...Help clean...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our service project over Catholic Schools week was a huge success! The students were able to bring in coins for a penny war to benefit St. Jude's. I am happy to announce our total for the week was \$745.17, with the Pre-K taking first place with a total of \$13.15 per student! Great job Pre-K!! The idea for a fund raiser was started from our own 3rd grader Addison Horshig. She wanted to help people fight cancer in any way possible. She created a speech to promote the event to the classes and made a flyer to send home. I am proud of her drive and determination to make a difference.

Jesus is the light of the world, and through actions like Addison's, we can see this in our daily lives. The goal is to always make a situation better and shine that light wherever possible. Our deeds need to be shown to all and should be praised when we are living the way Jesus has taught us. Talking the talk and walking the walk are nice, but walking the talk is the ultimate goal.

Please share the word about our school here at St. Gabriel's and promote our **open house Wednesday, February 12, from 6-8 p.m.** The more people we can show how we not only talk the talk but walk the walk; the more people will want to be a part of this wonderful family atmosphere.

✠ **God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal**

YOUTH MINISTRY

SOUPer Bowl Collection of Caring:

Last weekend our parish youth collected donations as the parishioners

exited church. We were able to collect over \$1200 for the East Side Soup Kitchen! Youth Ministry would like to say **Thank-You** everyone who donated to help us feed the hungry in our community.



Recycle your palms!

Please bring in your *last years'* palms so we can recycle them into *this years'* ashes for Ash Wednesday. Collection boxes will be at the entrances of the church.

Cantor scheduling will be Monday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m. The schedule will be for February 23 thru April 4. This includes Wednesday night Masses thru Lent. If you are unable to attend, please e-mail Sue with can't serve dates at susanl2488@gmail.com.



Bulk Mailing

We will be doing our bulk mailing for Lent on Monday February 17th starting at 10 am at the Parish Center. If you are able to help we would really appreciate it! You can call the Parish office for more details or just show up that morning. Thank-you in advance for your help

Open House

Wednesday, February 12th 6 pm
Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten, K-5th
@ St Gabriel Parish Social Hall





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone

National Catholic Reporter

Today, Jesus calls us the salt of the earth. He also warns us that we can become so bland that our contribution ends up being about as appetizing as dirt: able to enhance nothing at all.

Then he warns us that when we are like the light of a city on a hill: Whether we are salty or insipid, we cannot hide. Everything we do gives witness to our faith or lack thereof.

Jesus' preaching here is vivid, but not very specific. He tells us, "Be tangy! Shine with good deeds!" The details come from Isaiah and Paul, who describe the attitudes and activities that create good light.

Paul wanted the Corinthians to get back in touch with how the essence of his message had come alive among them. Paul saw how easy it was for them to slip into the values of a society that esteemed a person for learning or wealth, for status and fame. Paul wanted them to remember "the mystery," how they had experienced a love of God and community that had revealed the utter emptiness of those societal standards.

How could they do that? Here's where Isaiah comes in. Isaiah says, "If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusations, and malicious speech, if you bestow your bread upon the hungry... then light shall rise for you."

Today we're invited to become saltier. We'll do that by reconsidering our values and learning from people whose approach to life makes us question our own. With that, new light will dawn on us--and it will inevitably shine forth.

The Fast God Wants: (Isaiah 58):

Celebration

Share your bread with the hungry! Thus, begins today's reading from Isaiah 58. That entire chapter admonishes the people for counterfeit piety, contrasting it with the sort of fasting God expects of a Chosen People.

God Commands the prophet to hold nothing back in his critique of the people. They have complained that God disregards their religious efforts. God responds that their efforts, their fasting and rituals, are not genuinely religious, but self-centered and self-serving. The alternative, the fasting that truly pleases God, springs from a focus on the "Other," on people whose need cries out to God and should enlighten and disturb God's own. Isaiah follows the command to share with the hungry with the litany on people disadvantaged by circumstances beyond their control; these are the people, to whom the Israelites are called to respond: the oppressed, the homeless, the naked and the relative who needs a loan.

Isaiah presents this teaching in the form of "if-then." *If* the Israelites see and respond to the hungry, homeless, naked and needy, *then* their light will shine, their wound be healed, their prayer be answered, and their gloom be lifted. It sounds like a good deal!

The Basics: (1 Corinthians 2)

Celebration

Paul speaks clearly about the focus he proposed for the Corinthians. His vision left room for "nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." That message is the great reversal of most values of both the Jewish and gentile worlds. For Paul the truth of the cross is so simple that rhetoric, what we might see as a good advertising campaign, betrays the message itself. At the same time, the cross is also a "mystery," something so contrary to "human wisdom" that it can only be understood through faith.

Paul chides and encourages. Whether speaking of the community's divisions or their gifts, he believes in them and in God's power to form

them as the body of Christ who live as saints and can lead others to do so.

Salt and Light: (Matthew 5):

Celebration

There's no lack of approaches to unpacking Jesus' message here. We recall that salt was omnipresent but ambiguous in its use. On the negative side, victors sowed the fields of the vanquished with salt to destroy their fertility. More positively, salt was a preservative even used in sacrificial offerings. When mixed with dung, it served as a catalyst to make flammable fuel for baking ovens. Those steeped in their tradition may have even remembered that salt symbolized a covenant of loyalty (Ezra 4:14). Then, as now, salt was a vital flavor enhancer if not used to excess.

Light is equally rich in allusions. Going beyond the obvious natural symbols of the dawn, light overcoming darkness, ect., light is a scriptural description of the vocation of God's chosen ones. Israel was not only to walk in the light of the Lord (Isa 2:5, Ps 119:5), but was actually light to the nations (Isa 49:6, 60:1-3). Jesus was preaching from the very heart of his tradition.

Our Task :

By virtue of our oneness with Jesus, who is the light of the world, we must accept sharing in the daily struggles of being light, despite the loneliness, the frustration, the dark and the cold. *Edward Hays*, in *Psalms for Zero Gravity*, gives voice to the challenges of that struggle.

*My God, help me to come out from under my bed,
Bringing my lamp out into the night.
In fear, I light my lamp and then put it and myself under my bed,
afraid that my deeds of light will dangerously glow in the dark.
Help me, O God, for fearfully I walk and work
with my light under a bushel basket,
afraid that those who hate the light, night's secret police,
will spy my light and snuff it out,
casting me into darkness as well.
Help me to come out from under my bed,
boldly holding up my light.
Help me to cast aside my bushel basket
And let my light truly shine,
as I thumb my nose at the dark's secret police.
You are the God who loves secret prayers
and hidden acts of kindness.
Show to me your holy secret
of how to expose my light to the world
in hidden deeds of light and love.*

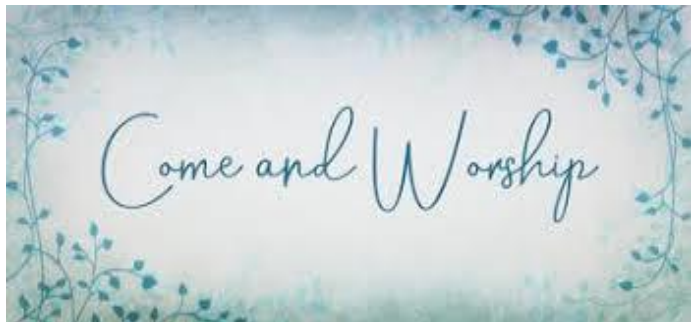


*Lord may my deeds
give glory to you.*

On Being Church:

Good News

There is always need for a one-on-one personal ministry--perhaps tutoring a child, visiting an elderly person, donating blood, preparing food. When we act as church, an organized group, it is amazing what influence we have. Or can have. The work of Christ needs every hand and heart, every mind and idea. Every one of us is important to the task. We can continue to shine the light of God's love in the darkness. And we can be the salt, the essence that changes and enhances the community where we live and proclaim Christ.



Employment Opportunity!

We are looking to hire a **maintenance person** for the St Anthony site.. This is a part-time position (20 hours per week). Must be a well-organized person and able to maintain the building and grounds (lawn care & snow removal) as well as make *minor* repairs as needed to equipment, including plumbing and electrical. See the parish office for a *complete* job description.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

Unfortunately, we were unable to get enough appointments to schedule another photo session. So those of you who did not get your picture taken will have to submit a photo to the Parish Office of your choosing or use your photo from the last 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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