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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 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend each month. Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact Sandy DesJardins at 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**WEATHER POLICY**

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## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Nineteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time)

Sister Mary M. McGlone, [National Catholic Reporter](#)

Faith is an underlying theme in this week's readings. The Letter to the Hebrews gives us the well-known definition, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

The Book of Wisdom fleshes that out a bit by describing how the Israelites demonstrated their faith: They wore their running shoes to the Passover supper. That meal, the model for our Eucharist, was not planned to be a sit-down affair.

Our Gospel begins with Jesus telling his disciples to demonstrate their faith by giving everything away. He then tells them to obey the dress code for Passover by having their loins girt, ready for the road. Jesus said this to the disciples accompanying him on his road. These women and men left home and family and already heard that they are headed for Jerusalem where he would be captured and killed. As if to get them ready for that, he tells them to leave their fear behind with their possessions.

Jesus then launches into images of slaves awaiting late-coming masters, thieves in the night, and trustworthy stewards who care for others as if for members of the royal family. Each of Jesus' examples is a way of saying, "Stay on your toes!"

### A Verb, Not a Noun

Sister Mary M. McGlone, [National Catholic Reporter](#)

Today's three readings describe faith not as belief in something definitive, but radical openness to whatever God is bringing about. Faith is a verb that keeps us in movement. The Israelites at Passover girded their loins and skewered up their courage to take off in directions unknown. Abraham left his birthplace and prepared for the impossible child to be born to him and his aged, barren wife. Jesus led his disciples on the journey of dispossessing themselves of everything in order to receive the kingdom God wanted to give them.

Faith kept all of them on the move.

How are we to take this to heart and put it into practice? We might start with a review of our faith. Most of us bet our lives daily on good brakes. Are we ready to trust God more than that? Do we consider faith as a safety net or a starting gate?

Faith calls us to move beyond our current boundaries — be those mental, physical, theological, or spiritual. Today's readings lead us to contemplate the kind of faith that puts us on the road with Christ.

### Lived Faith (Wisdom 18)

[Celebration](#)

Today's first reading is part of that search into those events through which God was revealed to Israel as the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel. In these verses, the author of Wisdom was recalling that night of nights when the descendants of Abraham and Sarah who were enslaved in Egypt were delivered from death.

Just as the enslaved Hebrews were to rely trustingly in God's power to save and as Abraham and Sarah were to hand their futures over to God in full faith, so the disciples of Jesus are to place their trust, not in material things, but in never-failing treasure with the Lord.

### True Faith (Hebrews 11)

[Celebration](#)

If Abraham had lived by reason alone, he would never have set out on a journey without knowing where he was going. He would not have believed that he and his sterile Sarah would become the parents of

innumerable descendants. He certainly would not have been willing to sacrifice Isaac, in whom all his hopes for the future were rooted. But Abraham did not live by reason alone. He lived by faith. That being so, God realized for him everything that seemed improbable or even impossible. Having lived by faith, Abraham continues to be the one who inspires the faith of Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

In this excerpted pericope, the author of Hebrews begins by describing faith as "the assurance of things hoped for." This description has both an inward reality and an outward force. Inwardly, those who have faith trust in God's promise of peace, justice, mercy, and salvation even when the world seems to be going in the opposite direction. Faith, in this inward sense, is a response to the trustworthiness of God.

But faith is also an outward force. It is more than inner strength and confidence; it is the determination to cooperate with the realization of God's promises.

Abraham exhibited both qualities of faith. Inwardly, he was willing to set aside his questions, his fears, and his doubts and believe all that God revealed to him. Outwardly, he did all he could so God's promises would be realized. He was courageous, he was bold, and he was fearless.

Faith trusts, faith hopes, faith waits, and faith never loses heart.

### Coming of the Lord (Luke 12)

[Celebration](#)

During the ministry of Jesus, the parable of the watchful servants was directed at his contemporaries, inviting them to recognize that their long-awaited master, the messiah, had arrived in the person of Jesus. He was knocking at the door, waiting to be welcomed, ready to feed them with the bread of the word and the bread of his very self. But many, like the servants in the parable, were otherwise preoccupied and did not recognize or welcome Jesus.

After Jesus' death and resurrection, Luke and his community of the 80s C.E. adapted the parable to refer to the second coming of Jesus. To be prepared to welcome him, Jesus' disciples are to live and pray and serve in a spirit of hopeful anticipation. At this level of development, the idea of the master waiting on his servants at table referred to the messianic banquet, in which all the faithful hoped to share forever.

Scholars agree that on its third level of development, evangelists recast Jesus' parable and infused it with a Passover motif. "Gird your loins and light your lamps" (v. 35) was part of the traditional Passover legislation that Jews observed annually in remembrance of the first Passover from slavery in Egypt to freedom (Exod 12:11). While the author of Wisdom (first reading) recalled the exodus to remind his contemporaries of their blessed heritage, Luke cited the exodus as a type of the Christian Passover from death to life made possible by Jesus' saving death on the cross.

While we continue to await Jesus' coming almost 20 centuries later, it devolves upon us to take the words of the Gospel to heart. Moreover, we are to keep in mind that Jesus comes to us daily and longs to be recognized and cared for in the poor and the needy with whom he identified: "Whatsoever you do for these least ones, you do for me."

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation.

The Mass schedule is:

Thursday – August 15

- 9:00am
- 7:00pm



## WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2019

### MONDAY

Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

### TUESDAY

Dt 31:1-8 (Ps) Dt 32:3-4, 7-9, 12 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### WEDNESDAY 8:00am - Mass

Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

### THURSDAY 9:00am & 7:00pm - Masses

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 Ps 45:10, 11-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

### FRIDAY

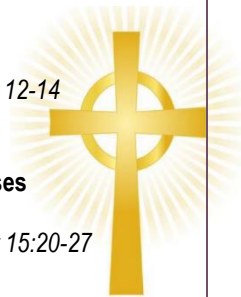
Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24 Mt 19:3-12

### SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

### SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53



**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:** By August 14, please submit your "cannot serve" dates for September 1 through December 1.



### Congratulations on the Baptism of...

Asher Joseph Lynch, Son of Troy and Michelle

*Jesus says, "Let the children come to me."*

*Luke 18:15*

## UPCOMING

AUGUST 17 – Saturday

10:00am – **Funeral of Marcia Reder** – West Campus

1:00pm – **Wedding of Blenkhorn/Knaub** – East Campus

SEPTEMBER 8 – Sunday – 12:00-4:00pm – East Campus

**Parish Picnic** – Raffle Ticket Returns & Extra Tickets at Parish Office

OCTOBER 8-10 & 12 – West Campus [See Bulletin Back Page]

**Photography Sessions for Pictorial Directory**

### DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION BAN PETITION DRIVE

A state-wide signature gathering effort is now underway to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as Dilation and Evacuation. Over the next few months, the signatures of 400,000 registered Michigan voters are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers. This petition drive is fully supported by Michigan Catholic Conference and the Bishops of Michigan.

Parishioners Renee Krager and Andrea Szymanski are leaders in this signing initiative on behalf of St. Gabriel Parish. The petitions will be available for signing before/after Masses on August 24/25 and September 14/15.

**If willing to assist with obtaining signatures or you desire to sign the petition other than the planned weekends, please call Andrea Szymanski at 989-430-3386 or the Parish Office.**

You may visit [micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife](http://micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife) or call the Saginaw Diocesan Office of Respect Life at 989-797-6652 for more information.

### SCAM ALERT

There has been an increase in e-mail, text message, and phone call scams that appear to come from pastors or other religious leaders. The messages may be sent to parishioners asking for gift card contributions for a worthy cause. These messages are not legitimate – never give any financial information to anyone that has not been verified first. If you give scammers information, the money is gone.

Report these types of messages to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) - click the link to "File a Complaint."

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$12,410 Mission Co-Op: \$232

### Children G😊D Deeds

...help Mom with the laundry ...helping my Mom garden

...helped cleaning up toys

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

What is the value of being bored? When was the last time you let yourself experience boredom?

**Reflecting on the Word:** We are called to not just wait idly for God's coming, but to be in an active state of readiness. The disciples believed that God could be coming at any moment for the final days of earth. There was an excitement and expectancy to everything they did. In this present time, surrounded by technology, the immediacy of God's ever-present love among us can seem to be lost. It is worthy to reflect on whether we are alert to God's presence.

**Living the Word:** Encourage the family to spend one day free of any screens or media outside what is needed for work/school. Ask the family what it is like to go without devices for a day. Is the home quieter? The pace slower? Is there more waiting? Without a screen to look at, what do they do while they are waiting? Discuss with the family whether they want to begin a weekly screen-free day/evening.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Starting a New Chapter

August is here and everyone is filled with anticipation for the upcoming school year! The floors have been cleaned, the carpets washed, and rooms changed. All the while, we are all gearing up for an exciting year. The month began with the end of Vacation Bible School ~ such a wonderful display of our students' commitment to building a relationship with God! Students went through real-life experiences of the Israelites breaking free from Egyptian rule in the book of Exodus. They drank water in the desert, had mana along the way, and even tried some cracker/pretzel/chocolate chip "bugs"! It was a great way to see our young children engage in their faith. To Sandy and all the leaders/helpers throughout the week, thank you for your dedication and commitment to our children in this meaningful activity. The more experiences we create, we gain a deeper understanding for everyone!

Come and check us out for the 2019-2020 school year! There are openings across all grades. We would love to help your children build a meaningful relationship with God and experience a valuable education.

We are looking forward to being with our school families during **Curriculum Night** on Wednesday, August 21! The event begins with dinner at 5:45pm in the Social Hall at the East Campus.

Have a great week and God bless!

Clark Switalski, Principal [www.auburnacschool.org](http://www.auburnacschool.org) / (989) 662-6431

**POSITION OPENING:** Anyone interested in applying for the open Receptionist/Secretary position may pick up the Job Description at the Parish Office. The more an individual is involved in the Church, the easier it will be to understand the responsibilities of the position.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

THANK YOU to all members who participated in the photograph sessions in July.

**The next opportunity...**

### APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

October 8-10 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday): 2:00-9:00pm

October 12 (Saturday): 9:00am-3:00pm

**To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861 or click the link in our [auburnac.org](http://auburnac.org) website or myParish App.**

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