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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 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

Available 1st Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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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 APRIL 5TH, 2021

MONDAY

261: Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY

262: Acts 3:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

263: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY

264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY

265: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

266: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

44: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, April 7th—Parent/Teacher conferences

Thursday, April 8th—Parent/Teacher conferences

Parish Council Meeting—7 pm

Friday, April 9th—1/2 day of school

Saturday, April 10th—Baptism-5:45 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$13,656.05

Food Pantry: \$295 Catholic Relief Services: \$57

Rice Bowl: \$290 RMD-CMA2021: \$500

We want to acknowledge your generous support of our Parish.

Thank-you so much!

Children G😊d Deed

...Played with my Mom...Helping Mom carry the groceries...

...Played video games with my Dad...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



Easter is a wonderful time for our faith and families. We can take a break to spend time with those we love and celebrate Jesus's redeeming grace. Jesus gave his life for our sins and knows the trials and tribulations we

go through daily by becoming man. The temptations, choices, successes, and failures are all a part of our lives. My goal every day is to be better in everything I do, no matter what obstacles confront me, because I know others have sacrificed for me. If I fail, I know that I can always try the next day, God will forgive me.

Jesus rising from the dead is the focus for this week's Gospel. He knew it would come to be, but no one else fully understood or grasped the gravity of what that meant. Every time I attend mass, I remind myself that the body, blood, and divinity of Jesus is present in the Eucharist and my body a temple for the Lord. Jesus is here for us, to save us, and to be a part of our lives. Welcoming him into my home, heart, and passing this gift onto my children is one of the greatest accomplishments of my life. Have a great Easter season and continue to trust in Jesus and his saving power.

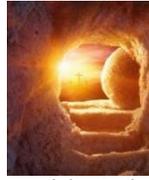
God Bless

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Why is Easter Sunday the most special day of the church year?

Reflecting on the Word:



Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome were utterly amazed at witnessing the empty tomb and being told that Jesus had been raised. Although we know Jesus has conquered death, and we celebrate his Resurrection at Mass every week, today especially we celebrate that death has no power over Jesus! Alleluia!

Living the Word:

Sometimes this week, have your children draw and color a memory of your church community on Easter Sunday. Recall with them the smiles on the faces of the assembly, the fancy Easter attire, the lilies and the colors of the worship space, the smells of incense, the feel of the holy water. What other memories do they have of the Easter celebration? Display the art in a place where your children can view it frequently to remember the great celebration and joy of Easter.

Easter Facts

- Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.
- Easter is the oldest, most important, Christian holiday. You might assume it is Christmas, but it is Easter. To understand its impact, keep in mind that early Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ every Sunday, until they decided to dedicate a full, annual day to him.
- The Easter egg is said to symbolize and represent joy, celebration, and new life. 
- Easter lilies first originated in Japan and later arrived in England in the late 18th century. The U.S. only caught onto the trend after World War I. The transition from dormant bulbs to delicate flowers brings to mind hope and rebirth, two important themes of the day.
- Americans spend \$1.9 billion on Easter candy. That is the second biggest candy holiday after Halloween.
- 90 million chocolate bunnies, 91 billion eggs and 700 million peeps are sold each year in the United States.
- 76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be the first to be eaten.
- Americans eat about 16 million jellybeans every Easter. William Schrafft invented the jellybean back in the late 1800s, and his original goal was to send them overseas to our soldiers. He probably had no idea that they would one day become almost synonymous with "Easter candy."

Easter Dinner Prayer

Lord, as we gather as family and friends we invite you once again into our lives. May the hope of your resurrection color our days. May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives. May the love you revealed to us shape our giving. May the truth in your word guide our journeys and may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes. As we come together, underneath the banner of your life, we thank you for all the wonderful food that we can now enjoy and celebrate your glorious resurrection. For this we pray Amen.





FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK

Seek What is Above: (Colossians 3)

Celebration

When Paul encourages the community to seek what is above, he is not sending the community on a vision quest. Instead, he is reminding them that Jesus of Nazareth, the man for others, was executed for his faithfulness, and is now exalted in the very presence of God. Paul uses that idea to explain that Jesus' exaltation and victory are more solid than anything they see around them. If they wish to share his life, then they need to look to him as their model, eschewing what their world promotes as success and status.

When Paul reminds the community that they have died, he is speaking with the utmost seriousness and sincerity. This was no simple figure of speech. Their baptism was a renunciation of the values of the world, a passing through death to the new life they are beginning and will eventually experience in its fullness. Their baptism is a grace that demands their total commitment. It also engenders hope because they believe that what they see now is nothing compared to what they will know "when Christ, your life appears."

Good News: (Mark 16)

Celebration

By the grace of the risen Christ who leaves his tomb empty, our sinful lives are emptied of everything of everything dead, emptied of everything that is simply of this earth. Our fulfillment is found only in the One who crosses over from death to the Resurrection. We are not to be afraid. Christ has gone before us, and he will show each of us the way.

Something deep inside our hearts has pressed us on to find our fulfillment. The Lord knows that we have suffered enough tragedies where we have turned away from him. We find him not among the dead. He is absent there. We find him not as anything of this earth. This world cannot hold him. But here, in the Eucharist, the Lord comes to meet us across the emptiness of what the world holds. Here is the right place where the Lord comes to meet us on his heavenly terms—peace, reconciliation, and newness of life. Here the Lord comes to reveal himself as our hearts' fulfillment. At this holy Eucharist, we thank the Father for the glorious mystery of an empty tomb and a new life filled with heaven's glory. Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

He Finds Us:

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The Easter good news declares that God draws all lost, confused, hurting, broken lives from the dark toward the dawn.

The story tells us the risen Lord finds us where we are. The message of Easter is not so much about disciples finding an empty tomb as it is about the risen Lord finding the disciples and their empty lives. Mary in her dark fear is looking for the risen Christ. Do you see the agitation? Can you feel her nervousness? She is looking here and there for her Lord. But all her looking does not lead to her finding. Jesus, in risen life, finds her.

Here is the mystery that holds us with uncommon wonder. Easter faith is not coming to church on a spring morning to find Jesus. My friend, Easter is waking up in the darkness of our lives and discovering that God has found us. God has found us in Jesus' death and resurrection. The risen Lord finds us all and speaks our name. And when he speaks our name, the instinctive longing to be related in love and loved by the One who made us, rises within us from its ashen death, and we are known, and we know, and by God's grace become Easter people.

Such is the mystery of Easter: "On the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary came to the tomb." The risen Lord, the living Christ, takes our hand and draws us from darkness to the resurrection life. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.



*"Christ has died. Christ has risen
Christ will come again."*

Easter Wishes: The challenges of life in a pandemic have put us all to the test. We have been deprived We have been deprived of doing many of the things we most enjoy. As restrictions are lifted because of a decrease in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths we are more and more desirous of a return to the normal way of life. The "new life" of Easter, echoed in the first signs of Springtime, fill us with hope. May the Good News of resurrection remove from us the darkness we have dealt with because of the virus. May the light of Christ shine upon us to move forward with a renewed appreciation for what matters most of all. May the joy of the Easter event lift our drooping spirits and lead us to an awareness of "new life" in and through the resurrected Christ.

Easter Sunday: Rev. Mark Strobel, The Liturgical Press

On Easter we meet face-to-face with the unexpected and crucial truth of faith. In the death and resurrection of Christ we are encountered by God doing something unexpected in the middle of a dying world and in the middle of our own lives where heartbreak and sorrow, sin and death, are what we have come to expect. The resurrection of Jesus—this first Easter, this first day of the week, this new beginning—is filled with God's gift of forgiveness, hope and life, and all creation is made new. But to say that in Christ all things are made new does not mean that, as we move into the future, each day will be progressively better and better, or safer, or more peaceful. Rather, it means that in every circumstance of our life—from great joys and simple satisfactions all the way through pain, suffering, or tragedies that lie before us—the cross is raised up for our life and hope. In the words of St Paul, now nothing can separate us from the love of God, nothing in life and not even death.

This is the crux of our faith and the turning point of God's world. By his resurrection, our sorrow is exchanged for Jesus' joy. *Through* his resurrection, our broken lives are transformed by his forgiveness and new life. *In* his resurrection, Jesus is on his way to God, and he gathers up the whole world with him. "I am ascending to *my* Father and *your* Father, to *my* God and *your* God." With Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, our lives are made new. And it is worth all the joy and celebration and alleluias that we can muster.

Inclusion: (Acts 10)

Celebration

Peter had a dream that moved him to acknowledge the preciousness of all peoples in God's eyes and to admit that the barriers that human beings erect against one another have no place in the community of believers. Peter's dream or vision urged him toward a universal acceptance of others.

Peter's dream and the insight it afforded led him to the home of Cornelius, a Roman soldier, and a God-fearing man. There, Peter delivered the proclamation of the good news about Jesus, part of which constitutes today's first reading. Like the other speeches in Acts, this one was formulated largely by the Lucan evangelist, who was directing these words not only at Cornelius but to all Christian readers. In this declaration, the continuity between the preaching and teaching of Jesus and that of the early Christian evangelists was firmly established. This continuity offered assurance to those who joined the community in the post-Resurrection period that they were indeed becoming part of the movement toward grace and toward God that Jesus had initiated.

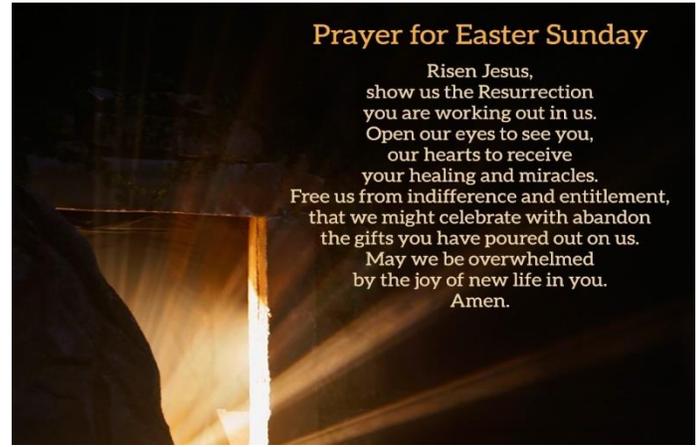


Food Pantry:

Next week we will collect for the food pantry. We are still serving 10-12 families a week so we could use your help re-stocking our pantry. Here is a list of what we need...

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| Laundry Detergent | Hand soap | Boxed Cereal |
| Baked Beans | Hamburger Helper | Peanut Butter |
| Tuna Helper | Mashed Potatoes | Pancake Mix |
| Syrup | Spaghetti Sauce | Spaghetti |
| Canned Tuna | Canned Fruit | Jelly/Jam |

Please feel free to bring donations to church next weekend or drop groceries off at the parish office M-F, 8:30-4:30.



Prayer for Easter Sunday

Risen Jesus,
show us the Resurrection
you are working out in us.
Open our eyes to see you,
our hearts to receive
your healing and miracles.
Free us from indifference and entitlement,
that we might celebrate with abandon
the gifts you have poured out on us.
May we be overwhelmed
by the joy of new life in you.
Amen.

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