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**MASSES**

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

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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 APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

### MONDAY

267: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

269:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

### THURSDAY 1 pm Funeral

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

### FRIDAY

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

47: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24: 25-48



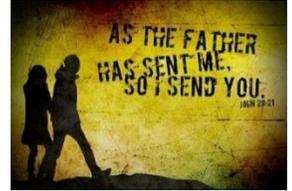
## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Can you say "Peace be with you" to individuals outside of church?

### Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus reveals himself to the disciples and immediately offers them peace—not once, but twice. How comforting that must have been after hiding in fear. Peace and forgiveness were so integral to the work of Jesus. Is it ever possible to attain peace in our heart, soul, and mind without both asking for forgiveness and forgiving others? What a crushing burden it would be in our hearts if we could not trust in a merciful God.



### Living the Word:

Jesus sent his disciples to forgive sins. Practice forgiving others and asking for forgiveness by making it a central part of your family's prayer life this week. Begin by talking with your family about how important it is to forgive others, and how necessary it is to ask for forgiveness when we've done something wrong or hurt someone. Remind them gently each morning and talk about it again before bed. Did they have to ask anyone for forgiveness today? Or did they forget? Did they forgive others when they've been hurt? How did it make them feel?

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Funeral-1 pm

**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** – First Eucharist Celebration

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – First Eucharist Celebration

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$14,478  
**Food Pantry:** \$120 **Catholic Relief Services:** \$40  
**Rice Bowl:** \$110

### Children's Good Deeds

- ...Helping pack...I helped my Aunt with her new puppies...
- ...Helping out Mom and Dad...Helped Mom fold clothes...
- ...Made cookies with Grandma & put them in the cookie jar...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Spring is here and the 70+ degree days are a wonderful change. This time last year, the students were gathering Chromebooks, IPAD's, or computers and taking part in the initial trial for virtual learning. The teachers were wonderful last year at adjusting, adapting, and changing their methods to fit what the students needed at that time. This has continued this year, with all the students, parents, and teachers (once again) making sacrifices. Everyone has grown and changed over the past year and I am thankful to be a part of a great group of individuals with a singular goal.



This week Jesus visits the Apostles while they are in hiding. Thomas was not present when Jesus visited them, so he naturally has doubts in his head. It would be hard to fathom the concept of Jesus being in front of you when you personally saw him die on the cross. I am sure there was conflict happening in Thomas's mind, half thinking he wanted it to be true, and half asking himself if it could even be possible. Faith and trust in God can be difficult at times. We are human, and we go through tough times, which makes us doubt God. In the end I am left with the notion that God loves all of us and it is up to us to make the choice to love him back. Happy Spring!

... God Bless...



## Congratulations!

Katherine Marie Neal

Daughter of David & Kristen Neal

**Little White Books** are available at the entrances of the church. Please use these to help you pray during the next 50 days of the Easter Season. Our hope is that these books will give you some quiet time with the Lord.



**Save the Date..** Our next blood drive is Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the Social Hall from 1:30-6:30 pm. You can make an appointment by calling 866-642-5663 or visit [versiti.org/MI](http://versiti.org/MI)



"Receive the Holy Spirit."  
John 20:22



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Second Sunday of Easter

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Some of the wonderous consequences of the dying and rising of Jesus are represented in each of today's scripture texts. As the Word and the gifts of Easter are proclaimed again in our hearing, so also is extended the invitation to welcome these gifts anew into our lives.

One of the foremost consequences that has come to us because of Jesus is the gift of being begotten by God (1 John, second reading). To put it another way, believing in Jesus leads to being God's children, and within this special relationship born of faith and sealed in love, believers are made capable of loving one another as true brothers and sisters.

In the very early decades of the church, however, and when the gift was new, those who believed and were begotten of God bore such a love for one another that it caused no little amazement on the part of their contemporaries. In today's first reading, Luke testifies to the ideal by which those early believers in Jesus tried to live. That they were not always successful in their efforts is admitted elsewhere in Acts, but today we are inspired by the quality of their communal life.

In addition to the gifts of being begotten by God and of sharing our lives together in Christ, today's Gospel reminds us that peace and forgiveness are also available to us because of Easter. The risen Christ breathes peace deep into our darkness and fears. We need only dare to inhale and surrender to serenity. Forgiveness, too, comes to those who repent, and it remains a life-giving resource to those who, in turn, will also be forgiving of others.

### Moved to Share (Acts 4):

*Celebration*

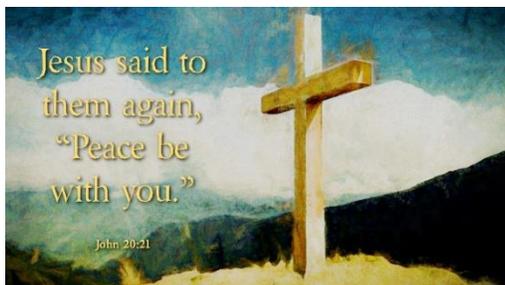
The quality of the church's shared life is evidence for the truthfulness of the resurrection. The most eloquent testimony to the reality of Jesus-risen is not an empty tomb or a well-orchestrated pageant on Easter Sunday but a group of people whose life together is so radically transformed and so completely different from the way the world builds a community that there can be no other explanation than that something decisive has occurred in human history.

### Love one Another (1 John):

*Celebration*

Notice the ancient author's insistence that to love God, believers must love one another, and to love one another, believers must love God. What prevents this logic from being merely circular is the author's understanding of the integrity and interdependence of the relationship between God and the believer and among believers. To separate or compartmentalize these loves is impossible because both spring from the same source—God's gift of Jesus Christ.

The author of 1 John also affirms that loving God means keeping the commandments of God, which, he insists, are not burdensome (v.3). Is this so because the commands come from God? Is this so because there is one who has chosen to be our yokemate in all our efforts? "Come to me all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest...my yoke is easy and my burden light" (Matt 11:28-30). Or is this so because for those who love, it is the loving that lightens even the heaviest burden?



### On being Sent(John 20):

*Celebration*

Those who hid behind locked doors out of fear experienced a risen Savior whose presence and whose saving death on the cross would make them fearless purveyors of God's peace and forgiveness. Those who had previously doubted would become the enunciators of the mystery that Jesus is both Lord and God.

Understand that the commissioning or sending out of the disciples by Jesus is parallel to the sending forth of Jesus by God. But no one can read the fourth Gospel without realizing that the relationship between God and Jesus hinged upon Jesus' love and obedience to God. Jesus was God's messenger, the revelation of God par excellence, because he remained perfectly obedient and loving. It follows, then, that the disciples of Jesus will find that their ability to continue his mission of peace and forgiveness rests in becoming as lovingly obedient to God as was Jesus.

But how does this growth in love and obedience begin, and how does it move forward to perfection? Just as he promised (John 14, 16), the Johannine Jesus breathed upon his own and empowered them by imparting the gift of his Holy Spirit.

### Purposeful Life:

*Grace Works, Dallas, TX*

Easter broke into our lives on Sunday, but its life and power casts light and life on every day of the week. We who are Easter people—who are children of God—are invited to communicate through our lives—could I say our lifestyles? --that Easter faith gives powerful purpose. Why? Because of all the things that human beings lack in their lives, the lack of purpose may be the greatest. Easter sets our lives walking in the direction of risen life.

So, what do we do with these Easter gifts in which we live? For one thing, like Thomas, we must choose to believe that Christ lives. To live in the love and life of the risen Lord is something we choose to do. When we choose affirmation rather than scorn, we choose resurrection life. When we decide to give generously of our time, our talent, our treasure, we choose resurrection life. When we accept God's gift of forgiveness and give God's gift of grace, we choose resurrection life.

So here we are, a week later, still singing our praise, shouting "alleluia!" What if we left this place and dared live the reality of Easter in radically winsome ways this week to the most unsuspecting people we meet? What if we choose to become the very Easter people God calls us to be? What if? Alleluia! Christ is risen!



*"Grant me, Lord, new  
life in your spirit"*

### Room for all:

Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

This church is a room, a prayer room where we celebrate Mass. It is also a war room where we strategize ways to spread the kingdom. It is a boardroom where we plan our community vision. It is a cutting room where we slash offensive activities. It is primarily a dining room where we feast with each other and our risen Lord.

And how is the atmosphere altered when we enter this common room? Does it light up? Does the spirit rise? Are people inspired to be better? Does our joy prove the presence of God? Do we expect our problems to be lightened, our pains to be eased? Are we ready to give up our illusion of facing life alone? Have we finally learned that we are a community, the People of God, the body of Christ who depend on each other? Do we leave this room ready to spread the good news that there are no losers, only potential winners?

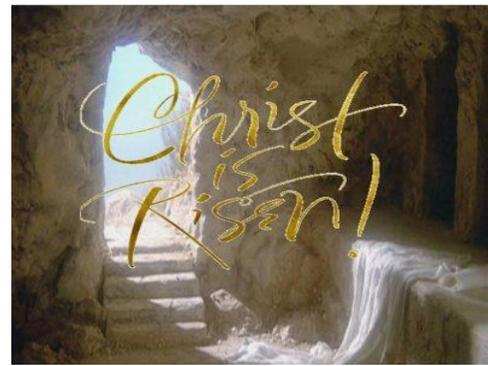


**CMA Update:**

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, the total amount of pledges and contributions is **\$74,435**

104% of our target of \$71,210. That is 306 parishioners/families (58% of members) who helped us reach our target.

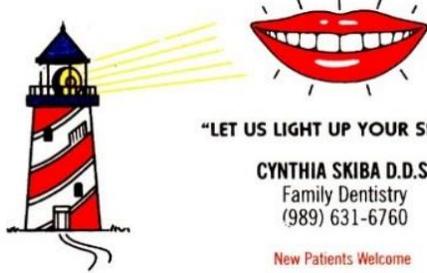
**Thanks to everyone who helped us exceed our goal!**




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