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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 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 \*Please call Parish Office for appointment.

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**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or AACS 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.

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
What does it mean to feel “at peace”? Have you ever felt that way?

### Reflecting on the Word:



Once again, we hear, this time from Luke, that Jesus’ first words to his disciples after his Resurrection were “Peace be with you.” How important that phrase is! When we share the Sign of

peace, we are remembering that true peace can only come from one source. When our souls are at peace, we are unafraid and able to listen and follow the voice.

### Living the Word:

Peace is a theme in much of the music we sing at Mass and in many catechesis programs as well. Ask your children if they know any songs that have the word peace in them, or find songs from Mass (for example, “Prayer for Peace,” “Peace Is Flowing like a River,” “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” and so on). If your children are old enough to read, choose a song and copy the lyrics on a poster board. Practice singing the songs daily. Include them in your prayers before bed or as the children are getting ready for their day. Let these songs fill your hearts and help your family bring the peace of God into your lives.

### Volunteer Recognition Week



In today’s world of never-ending, instant—and often disheartening—news,

volunteering presents a proactive way of doing something to make the world a better place. Many people who have shown compassion and empathy and offered a helping hand during this extraordinary time this past year, despite the restrictions in place due to the pandemic. The commitment and dedication our volunteers have shown to help our parish community has not gone unnoticed. We want to recognize you and say thank you. We appreciate all you have done. We are forever grateful. You have made our parish a better place!

*The Parish Staff*

## WEEK OF APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

### MONDAY

273: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

274: Acts 7:51---8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

275: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

276: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

### FRIDAY

277: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

278: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

50:Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> — 10 am Knitting Club**

**1:30-6:30 pm Blood Drive**

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> — First Eucharist Celebration**

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> — First Eucharist Celebration**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962    **Offering:** \$9,175

**Food Pantry:** \$320

**Donation “In Memoriam” for Virginia Markel - \$225**

**Children Good Deed**

...Watching my neighbor’s fish while she was on vacation...

... I helped a friend with her math...Watering the animals...

...I played with my cousin...I did yard work...

...Time:3 minutes a day for now; Talent: I get what I want; Treasure:

His personalities...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Clark Switalski, Principal

Congratulations to all the individuals who received First Eucharist this weekend. They have been preparing for a few months now, and it is finally paying off in a celebration important to our faith. Congratulations to everyone receiving their First Eucharist this year!

The Gospel this week recounts the events after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus’ first words to his disciples after his resurrection were “peace be with you,” How important that phrase is! Jesus is the source of peace in our lives and offers this to us on a continual basis. When our souls are at peace, we are unafraid and able to listen and follow the voice of God.

This week the school was blessed to receive a donation of books from the family of Virginia Markel as a memorial to her and her love for reading. The family’s generosity is greatly appreciated and condolences to the entire Markel family from AACCS.

**God Bless**



*peace*  
BE WITH YOU



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Third Sunday of Easter:**

Sr. Stephanie Weisgram OSB, Collegeville, MN

When Jesus stood in the midst of the disciples he brought them peace. Peace of heart and not just the rest—this is important for us to understand. This peace the risen Christ brings gives courage and confidence, and this is exactly what the disciples need. Jesus says again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” In these simple words Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and proclaim the Gospel with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Just as the disciples had their joy in Jesus restored, they also experienced a new birth. They are reborn as God’s children. Their lives transformed. And what about us today?

After all, we are also sons and daughters of God. Has Easter brought us new joy? Are we transformed? Have we even thought of what Easter brings us?

**Healing Touch: (Acts 13)**

Patrick Ryan, America

The first reading gives us a brief excerpt from a very primitive sermon by Peter. The occasion was the healing of a crippled beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, a contextual detail unfortunately omitted by the lectionary. Peter had commanded the cripple in the name of Jesus Christ to walk, and Luke tells, “immediately the beggar’s feet and ankles became strong; he jumped up, stood for a moment, then began to walk around. He went into the Temple, walking, jumping about and praising God” (Acts 3:7-8). The concrete details of the crippled beggar’s healing may serve to remind us of the concrete results of the triumph Jesus won over death and all the attendant sorrows and weaknesses of the flesh. If God can so glorify “his Servant Jesus” by raising Him from the dead, it is not strange that in His name cripple was enabled to walk and jump and praise God. Furthermore, the God Who raised up Jesus and healed the cripple in His name can heal us as well of what cripples and kills us: “Reform your lives! Turn to God, that your sins may be wiped away.

**Our Intercession: (1 John 2)**

Patrick Ryan, America

The second reading emphasizes that Jesus is the intercessor we sinners have with God. The word for intercessor in the Greek original is “Paraclete” (*parakletos*). In John’s Gospels, the last discourse of Jesus portrays Jesus, at the conclusion of His mortal life, asking the Father to send the disciples “another Paraclete” to dwell with them forever (Jn. 14:16). The epistle makes more explicit the notion that Jesus Himself is the first Paraclete—a term designated something of a cross between a witness for the defense, a volunteer lawyer and friend in need. As our Paraclete, Jesus takes seriously not only our sins, but every form of weakness that flesh is heir to the whole conglomerate of sins effects. Jesus our Paraclete overcame death, becoming, in John’s words, “an offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world.” Jesus overcame every weakness that afflicts us when He rose from the dead, everything that cripples us both physically and spiritually. The occasional miraculous healings of the physically ill serve as signs of the healing power of the Resurrection at work in humanity, untying all of us physically and spiritually to enter at long last into the fullness of what human creaturehood was meant to be.

**Understanding the Scriptures: (Luke 24)**

Sr. Mary McGlone, National Catholic Reporter

This Sunday’s Gospel gives us Luke’s version of the story John told us last week, and he gives it his own twists and context. We seemingly start in the same room with the gathered disciples, but this time they are talking about the report that Jesus had appeared to Simon. Then the two disciples who had recognized Jesus at the table in Emmaus add their testimony. By now the disciples have heard the woman announce that Jesus was raised, they heard that Simon had seen him, and these last two reported that they had broken bread with him.

According to Luke, Jesus transformed the disciples’ frightened depression into the possibility of hope by opening their minds to understand the Scriptures, not from their perspective, but from his. Just as he had done with Emmaus travelers, Jesus transformed their understanding, and they began to reinterpret not only their faith, but their entire way of living.

**Response to Easter:**

Grace Works, Dallas, TX

Our three texts are telling us that in Christ, God is busy creating a new humanity for a new community. Everything about God, as seen through the prism, the lens, of Jesus Christ, tells us that God is making all things new. “If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus (God’s) Son cleanses us from all sin.” The defining hallmark of being Christian is the gift of living in fellowship with others—forgiven, gifted, and loved by God.

By the same token, God is asking us to accept our responsibility to live the Christian faith we profess. When we stand and say The Apostles Creed, we do so, summoned to live out the story it tells. *That Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day* is lifechanging good news. Because our Lord lives, we too, live now and evermore.

What defines being a Christian? Memorized words? Regimented rituals? Remembered stories? Those acts surely inform our Christian experience, but God help us if they define it. No, to be a Christian is to champion this radical picture of God made living and life-changing through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. To be a Christian is to define our lives by a grace none of us deserve and can never earn. To be a Christian is to live joyfully in this new humanity God is creating we call the church.

**Seeing and Believing:**

Rev. Anthony Marinelli, Service

To meet the risen Lord is to be touched by the power of God. The Greek word, *opthe*, is used to describe the Lord’s risen appearances. The word does not mean a simple, factual appearance but a revelation. It implies faith. Thus, the resurrection, while a true fact, is not a fact in the same historical sense as Jesus’ death. We can verify the death of Jesus with objective, detached accuracy. The verification of the resurrection demands faith.

The story concludes with Jesus instructing his followers to preach to all the nations. Two thousand years later, we take this for granted. But it was a revolutionary idea. Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, is also the universal Lord and savior. Through his resurrection, the Lord is now free of the boundaries of space and time and accessibility to all people of all ages, cultures, and races. The story of his death and resurrection is now every person’s story. It enables us to see life in the light of Christ’s resurrection, to see that world through the eyes of faith, to see in the world the presence of the risen Lord.

*“Let me be your servant Lord.”*





### Migrant Program Collection

April 30<sup>th</sup> we will begin collecting for the Migrant Ministry. Like last year, we will have a trailer parked in the Parish Office driveway where donations can be dropped off. The last day for donations will be Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a flyer in the bulletin next week describing the types of food and clothing items needed. As always monetary donations are always *welcome* and can be dropped off at the Parish Office, M-F, 8:30-4:30 or with your weekly donation. *Thank-you in advance for your kindness!*



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