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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
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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
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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 APRIL 20, 2020

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

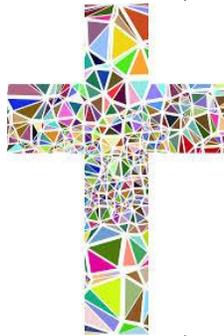
271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY

555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

SUNDAY

46: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24: 13-35



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Where have you met Jesus? How has your encounter with Jesus led to greater faith?

Reflecting on the Word:

faith

Faith would be so much easier if only we had tangible confirmation. We will likely not put our fingers in the holes in Christ's hands. But "faith" is the realization of what is hoped for and

evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). When Thomas at last meets the Lord, he knows him immediately and cries out in joy and faith. We will meet Jesus in many surprising ways through life. May we too have the faith to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!"

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The Easter Season is upon us and we are called to share in Christ's mission for us! We are working on the virtue of Kindness this month in the school. Every week, I am posting pictures on Facebook showing acts of kindness. We may not be in person for school, but we can still show and teach the values and virtues from God.

As I have said before, Faith is a difficult term to characterize. People will have different levels of faith and are at different parts of their journeys. Thomas needed to see and feel Jesus' wounds to fully believe it was him. Thomas doubted, and Jesus doesn't chastise him or get angry with him, but instead he praises those who will believe without seeing. The apostles had a wonderful opportunity to experience Jesus as a human being, and we have that opportunity to experience Jesus when we attend Mass. While I may not have seen Jesus in human form, I do get to see Jesus in the Eucharist and in those wonderful acts of kindness displayed by the children. Acting like Jesus will help us grow in our faith and grow closer to God.

✠ **God Bless**



PARISH ACTIVITIES

All parish activities and gatherings are currently suspended per Bishop Gruss as of March 17th through at least April 30th. Further details to follow as they are available.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$8,297

Rice Bowl: \$315 **Food Pantry:** \$415 **CRS:** \$225

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish financially during the cessation of masses. It is truly appreciated!

Children Good Deeds

Please let us know the good deeds that your kids are doing while at home! parishoffice@auburnac.org

Online Giving...

During these uncertain times, your parish still needs your support. Do not forget the availability of online giving. You can go to the parish website and "click" online giving, you can also go to My parish App or use the link below. While we are unable to attend weekly mass and may be worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are. <https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds> As always you can mail your envelopes or bring them into the parish office, Monday-Friday 8:30 am -4:30 pm



Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

Do you know why.....the Eucharistic prayer is an offering, a statement of offering? This is one that is often, misunderstood in our celebration of Mass. In the past, the rite of preparation was called the offertory. People had the sense that it was at this point in the mass that we "offered" something to God. It was because of this misconception that the name was changed from "offertory" to "rite of preparations." The reality behind this is very simple. We have nothing to offer God except the gift of His Son. The bread and wine which is brought upon the altar during the preparation rite only becomes the gift of Jesus Christ during the Eucharistic Prayer. And it is, therefore, during the Eucharistic Prayer that we "offer" this gift of Jesus Christ to God. The point is very clear—the Eucharistic Prayer is the real "offertory" of the Mass because it is during this prayer that we offer to God the gift of His Son who became one with us so that we might become one with God

Random acts of kindness...

If you know of any kind acts, generous gifts, simple gestures or things that renew our faith in humankind, please let the parish office know. We would like to bring you some "good news" during these trying times. We could all use a reason to smile! Call (989) 662-6861 or email parishoffice@auburnac.org

Parishioner request:



Pat Knieper has asked if anyone has spare 1/4" elastic that they can part with. She is making masks and is unable to find it anywhere. If you would like to **donate to the cause** please bring it by the parish office and she will come by and get it! Thank-you in advance!

We also have some masks available at the parish office on a first come first serve basis if someone is in need, graciously donated by Karen Willsie.

Blood Drive Update...

We are going ahead with our scheduled Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 29th which will be held at St Gabriel in the social hall. The need for blood is great as many drives were cancelled over the past month. Please see the bulletin insert for all of the details and know that VERSITI blood centers are taking special precautions with their staff wearing masks and encouraging donors to do the same. Because of sanitizing and screening procedures the wait time may be a little longer. **PLEASE** consider giving blood!





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Second Sunday of Easter Sr. Mary Mc Glone, *Celebration*

Today's Gospel includes both of John's accounts of Jesus' appearances to the gathered disciples. All we know about the first group Jesus breaks in on is that it included some but not all of the disciples and they were afraid enough to have locked themselves in, leaving the distinct impression that they were in hiding.

Jesus appeared in their midst as the antithesis of everything represented by their current state of heart and mind. While they were shrouding themselves from reality, he, the supposedly missing one, sought them out. John says simply that Jesus greeted them with peace. While that is an ordinary greeting spoken by both Jews and Muslims, it expresses profound blessings of wholeness and integrity, and undoubtedly in this instance, reconciliation. The disciples who thought they were safely locked away were suddenly confronted by the crucified one now fully alive. Although that would have been enough to undo them, they were also face to face with the friend and teacher they had abandoned and denied.

The risen Lord never appeared with flashy ostentation. Instead, he appeared to his beloved friends with a simplicity comparable to that of his birth in the stable. When he appeared on the inside of the locked doors, he showed the disciples his hands and feet, signs of all that had happened and also the definitive sign that evil and death had no power over him – not on the cross, not ever.

Called to Community: (Acts 2) *Celebration*

Luke depicts these Christians as intensely communal people whose life was marked by three characteristic activities: They attended to the teaching of the apostles, they lived in solidarity and they prayed together. This meant first that they attended to their own growth in faith by reflecting together on their Scriptures, their experience of the historical Jesus, and the signs and wonders happening in their midst. Members of the early Christian community found themselves in the unexpected position of having to thoroughly rethink their faith traditions in the light of what God had done through Jesus. It was, of course, a task that would continue for millennia, but their reflections became the organizing material for the narratives and teachings of what we call Christian Scriptures and all the theology that flows from it. Our earliest sisters and brothers in the faith played a crucial role in our communal history.

Born and Begotten: (1 Peter) *Celebration*

Our selection begins with a blessing which recognizes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the merciful Father. It then says that it is the Father who has given us new birth through resurrection.

The word Peter uses for "new birth" refers more to begetting than to the act of being born. It's not new life or rejuvenation as if, like Lazarus, we were coming out of the tomb, having something added to life as we know it or repairing our frailty. Being begotten by God implies a new creation, a change so profound that every dimension of who we are is transformed. We might describe birth as an event oriented toward a future that can be anticipated; if we are blessed, being born is the prelude to growth from infancy through old age. Being begotten anew speaks of an entirely new trajectory, a reorientation, a thoroughly transformed existence which is moving toward a fulfillment that we can expect even while we can't really imagine it.

Our Communion: (John 20) Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Jesus who had spoken at such length at the Last Supper makes only a few short statements when he appears among the disciples. The one word he repeats is "Peace." When they hear that they surely recall his promise to give them peace unlike any in the world. After that greeting Jesus showed them the maimed hands and feet that identified him as exactly who he was: the crucified and risen one.

After speaking a second blessing of peace Jesus imparted on them the graced power to become who they were called to be. Breathing over them as the Creator had blown life into the first humans he incorporated them into his own relationship of being loved and commissioned to carry on the Father's work. Jesus gave the disciples the one ministry that symbolized and included everything he had done and was handing on to them: "Forgive. You have the power. You have the necessary grace. Forgive."

Our Witness: Patrick McCormick, *Service 1990*

You and I are not so different from Thomas. We are followers of Jesus, women and men who love and admire his gentleness, courage and compassion. We are touched by his heroic faith and believe that he is the Son of God. But it is easier to hold to such faith in an upper room where the din of daily reports, are shut out. For outside the reality, the cold hard facts of life press up against us and threaten to break this tender hope.

Like Thomas, we would like to believe, but it is so hard to imagine that the resurrection is about the here and now, that this flesh and blood world is meant to be changed by Christ's coming. And yet that is exactly what we must do. The Gospel is not here simply to point out the error of our ways or to tell us what is the right thing to do. The good news is to empower our imagination, to touch us with the imagination of God, the Holy Spirit.

More than anything else, the gift which our world needs so badly is the witness and fire of a community inflamed by the imagination of God. The contribution of the Christian community to the world will be to offer it a birth into hope, to challenge it to believe that the present cycles of greed, violence and death are not the fate of humanity. There must be a way out of such madness, and it is the gift of the Gospel to empower us to imagine something different. Today, in this place and time we must be women and men who dream with our eyes wide open.

Hope does not mean that the answers will be easy, or that they will fit facily into any ideology. Christians must be realists about the difficulty of the tasks and about their ultimate completion being in the hands of God. Nonetheless, being faithful in the present moment means to be radically hopeful as we participate in the work of the divine imagination.

Budget Challenges:

A sub-committee of administration met this week (respecting social distancing) to begin formulating a budget for the parish and the school for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1st. Given the current events with the coronavirus pandemic the unknowns are numerous. No one knows for sure how long we are from starting up again. We will probably have to put together a budget based upon a particular scenario and then, if things change, make adjustments accordingly. I am sure no one will have difficulty understanding the need to be flexible.

Easter's Meaning:

The Resurrection accounts remind us that Christian faith is a long and costly journey into forgiveness and peace. Thomas reminds us that doubt is more valuable than superficial faith and that humility and integrity are essential conditions for giving and receiving the grace of forgiveness.

As with Thomas, say "My Lord and my God"

THANK YOU

Food Pantry Thank-you!

The parishioners of St Gabriel have also **GENEROUSLY** donated food and money throughout the week. The kindness of this parish is overwhelming!! We will continue to serve the clients who come into the Food Pantry in any way we can. We could not do what we do if it weren't for you!! the Parish Office will continue to take donations between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

FYI...

To the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish, we will continue to publish the bulletin on our website and we will have additional copies available in the drop box outside of the Parish Office. We will try to keep you in the know during the shutdown. **Please let us know via email of anything you may like published** [.parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at a standstill with the shutdown as Lifetouch has closed per the executive order in their state. Know that we are still in the process and hope that we will have it completed in the near future and then get it to the publisher when they reopen. Thank-you for your patience!



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Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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April**

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