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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. (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 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.

Week of May 2nd , 2022

MONDAY

273: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

561: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

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

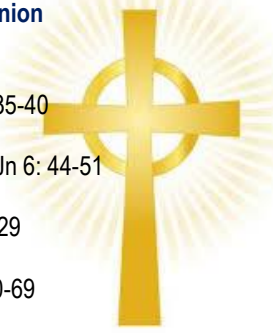
277: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-29

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

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

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

51: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv: 7:9, 14b-7 Jn 10: 27-30



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 4th – Living Rosary 2:15 pm

Friday, May 6th – May Crowning 8:30 am

Sunday, May 8th – Happy Mother's Day!

CLOW/Nursery – 9:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$8,059.75

Food Pantry: \$70 **Rice Bowls:** \$25

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week we will have a few different events that help to enhance and strengthen our commitment to the Faith.

Wednesday, May 4th, there will be a living rosary in the parking lot at 2:15 pm and everyone is welcome to join us in this wonderful expression of prayer. The students will line the parking lot and say all the prayers of the rosary.

Then, on Friday, May 6th, for announcements, our students will have a prayer service honoring Mary at our outdoor garden. These are great ways to start off the month of May, and meaningful ways for the students to practice their faith.

Jesus appears for the third time this week after our Easter resurrection from the dead. The apostles have 3 different encounters with Jesus, but don't fully recognize it is him until he says a blessing that opens their eyes to his presence. Many times, as we are going through our day, and we forget Jesus' constant presence much like the apostles. Our frustrations, anger, sadness, or ambitions cause us to be blinded to Jesus. Personally, being blind to Jesus means I don't acknowledge all the good things that occur daily, parent volunteers, donations, kind words, service to others, teacher sacrifices, and many other examples. I know all these feelings are a way of life and everyone experiences them but recognizing Jesus can help lessen the effect our blindness to him has on our lives.

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Jesus called ordinary working people to follow him and do his work. Peter was a fisherman. What are the occupations of people you know who follow Jesus? How do their occupations help promote the kingdom of God?

Reflecting on the Word:



The first that Jesus called Peter to follow him was when he was fishing. Jesus told Peter he would make him a fisher of men. Now, after the resurrection, Jesus again visits Peter on the

shore while he is fishing. Jesus gives Peter a mission to feed the people who will follow him. Only one thing is necessary for this task, that Peter love Jesus. Out of his love for Jesus will yield everything he needs to be faithful to his mission. The same is true for us if we choose to follow Jesus and care for his lambs and sheep. We must do it out of love.

Living the Word:

All the groups advertised in your parish bulletin support your parish. Your support of these advertisers helps them in turn. What other actions that may have gone unnoticed contribute to the working of your parish?

Youth Ministry



All high school and college graduates are invited to attend graduation Mass on Saturday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m. A reception in your honor will immediately follow. RSVP to the parish office 662-6861 or parishoffice@auburnac.org

Blood Drive Results... we had

28 successful donations at the blood drive on April 20th! It looked like we might not meet our quota as of the Monday before, but as usual the parishioners of St Gabriel came through! Thank-you so much to everyone who donated and the volunteers who made it happen! Our next Blood Drive is *June 15th*, so please *"Save the Date!"*



"Help me, Lord, be hope-filled"



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Third Sunday of Easter: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Last week on the Second Sunday of Easter, the gospel featured the Johannine Jesus empowering his disciples with the Holy Spirit and commissioning them for ministry of forgiveness. In this week's liturgy, the Jesus is again featured, and through his interchange with Peter, he teaches his disciples a lesson in the quality of the forgiveness that they (we) have been commissioned to offer one another.

Earlier in the gospel (John 18:15-27), as you will remember, Peter stood warming his hands at a charcoal fire, while Jesus was interrogated by Annas and Caiphas. Three times Peter was asked if he were a disciple of Jesus; three times Peter denied it, and the cock crowed, just as Jesus had said (John 13:38). In today's gospel, and around another charcoal fire (v.9), Peter is forgiven. Notice that it is Jesus who initiates the process of forgiveness; Rather than hold back and wait for Peter to come to him, Jesus made the first move toward reconciliation. In this, he offers an example to all his disciples. When hurt or wronged by another, the bonds of love that bind us, one to another in Christ, demand that we forego the tendency to sulk or brood over our injuries. Communal love and our mandate to forgive require us to be the first to try to heal and repair whatever bonds have been strained or broken.

Notice also, how tenderly and generously, Jesus extends his forgiveness. Freely and without reproach, he approached Peter. Jesus could have alluded to the pain that Peter's denials had caused him; he did not. Jesus might have questioned, "How could you Peter?...after all we've been through together...after all we've meant to one another...after all I've taught you...;" he did not. Jesus would certainly have been justified in saying he expected more of Peter... deserved more from him; he did not. Rather, and without dredging up the sins for which Peter would have felt so guilty, Jesus extended a forgiveness that renewed the relationship they shared, reinstated Peter in his mission of drawing others to Christ, rehabilitated the man he would leave to lead and love, tend, and feed his sheep.

Still Time (Acts 5): *Celebration*

In the first of his two-volume contribution to the Jewish scriptures, Luke reminds his readers that Jesus had warmed his disciples that their commitment to him would necessarily bring them in conflict with the powers that be. "They will seize and persecute you," Jesus said, "They will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons...and will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:12-13). However, Jesus coupled this warning with a promise: "I myself will give you words and a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute" (Luke 21:15). Readers of this excerpted text from Luke's second volume, Acts, can readily appreciate the realization of Jesus' warning as well as his promise.

With a courage that had eluded them prior to Jesus' death and resurrection, Peter and apostles not only rejected the high priest's authority and his command to cease teaching about Jesus, but they also attempted to proselytize him and the rest of the Sanhedrin! As in other discourses, Peter tried to enlighten his listeners as to their complicity in Jesus' death while affirming that forgiveness is still available to those who repent and believe.

All Praise (Revelations 5):

Service

As he did last week, John the seer invites us to look over his shoulder, as it were, so as to share in his continuing visions of the court of heaven. Through his sharing, John intended to edify and encourage his persecuted contemporaries with the assurance of God's presence and with confidence in their eventual vindication and triumph over their oppressors. This particular text actually depicts the dramatic conclusion of a celestial liturgy that began earlier in Revelation. With little imagining, one can almost hear the majestic strains of Handel's Messiah playing in the background as the victorious Lamb receives the "honor and glory and praise" that is his due "forever and ever...Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Great Catch (John 21):

Grace Works

After a night of catching nothing, the appearance of the risen Jesus at daybreak improved matters considerable. Notice John juxtaposition of light and darkness. Appearing at dawn, Jesus is shown to be the light of life that dispels the darkness of sin and death. On their own, the disciples were unsuccessful, but with Jesus present and following his directions, they managed to catch a great haul of fish. It is significant that the Greek word (*helkyein*) translated here (vv.6, 11) as "haul in" is the same term that appears earlier in the gospel to describe the salvific process whereby God would *draw* believers to Jesus (6:44) and whereby the "lifted up" Jesus (lifted up on the Cross and in resurrected glory) would *draw* all peoples to himself (12:32). Following Jesus' lead and under auspices, the ministry of hauling in or drawing people, *all* people, to God now belongs to the church.

With the intriguing detail about the number of fish (153!), the evangelist further affirmed the universal scope of the church's mission. Of the several interpretations offered, Jerome's seems the most plausible, in his commentary on Ezekiel.

Personal Call:

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If Jesus can forgive Peter for his failures, and restore him to great usefulness, both to his fellowman and to God, why can't he do the same for us? Hear this word from our risen Lord: he knows about your past, but you still have a future with him. He came all the way back from the grave to tell you that he still loves you, and still has a place of service for you. And maybe, like those fishermen so long ago, you will recognize him and hear his voice of forgiveness and commission around a table and a meal that he has prepared especially for you. Come and eat.

Try, Try Again:

Meghan Larson-Reidy, *The Liturgical Press*

There is a moment in all major competitions that no one wants to see. You know, the time when people are at the top of their game and then something goes horrible wrong. It may be when the singer hits a flat note during their last song on *American Idol*. The judges cringe and the crowd gasps. Suddenly the person with pipes like Whitney Houston sounds like Kermit the Frog. It happens quite often on The Great British Baking Show. A contestant's cake ends up looking like the Leaning Tower of Pisa met the shark from *Jaws*, and Paul Hollywood utters, "It was not a good bake." The person who was on track to be star baker is left looking like they should just pick up their desserts from the grocery store. During the Masters, there is always one golfer who seems to hit every water hazard. They have sponsorships and are paid professionals, but they look like they could not win a game of mini golf.

We know that Peter did not give up after his past mistakes and that he helped start the Catholic Church. When you hit that flat note, have a foiled flambe, or land in the sand trap, know that Jesus is telling you that the story is not over. Whatever challenge you are up against, he can breathe life into it even if it seems hopeless. Sometimes we just need to cast the net one more time.



Benefit Concert for the Toni and Trish House!

The Men of Music, along with Harmony Diversity Choir will present a concert on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 7 pm at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3010 Ashman St., Midland, Michigan. The public is welcome – bring your friends! Free will offering with all proceeds going to the Toni and Trish House, for the care of the terminally ill.



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