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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)

\*Currently Suspended

**WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesday 8:00 AM (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

\*Currently Suspended

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### WEEK OF MAY 4, 2020

#### MONDAY

279:Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

#### TUESDAY

280:Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

#### WEDNESDAY

281:Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

#### THURSDAY

282:Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn13:16-20

#### FRIDAY

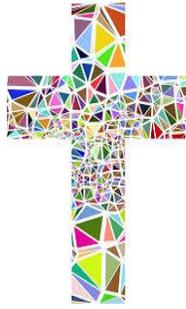
283:Acts 13:26-33 Ps2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

#### SATURDAY

284:Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

#### SUNDAY

52:Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9



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

*This is Good Shepherd Sunday. What do you know about sheep and shepherds? Each year we hear a different reading about Jesus comparing himself to a shepherd leading his sheep. Who are today's "good shepherds" who lead us in faithfulness?*

**Reflecting on the Word:**

Sheep will distinguish the voice of their shepherd from all other voices. They trust that their shepherd will lead them well and in safety. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are his sheep. He loves us and calls each of us by name. If we follow him, he will guide us to eternal happiness. It is up to us to know and heed his voice amid the clamor of other voices that try to lead us astray. What can only separate us from God is our own free choice to turn away.



**Living the Word:**

How does a shepherd care for his sheep? How does God care for his people? Ask each family member to explain how God has cared for him or her. How does it make you feel to know that God loves you and calls you by name? Close by listening to or singing a musical arrangement of Psalm 23. How do you feel when you listen to the words of the psalm (comforted, loved and protected).

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-qLa\\_2GPcM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-qLa_2GPcM)

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

All parish activities and gatherings are currently suspended per Bishop Gruss. Further details to follow as they are available.

### STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$7,985

**Food Pantry:** \$1,165

*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](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)*

### Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

**Do you know why.....**We end the Eucharistic prayer by raising the consecrated bread and wine accompanied by a final doxology with everyone responding with "Amen" ? The custom of raising the Body and Blood of the Lord signaling the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer has (like so many elements in our liturgy) a somewhat long and complex development. We know from early documents that the concluding "Amen" by all those by those present was a very important part of the prayer. It is through this "Amen" that everyone present gives their assent and assumes their participation in offering the gift of Jesus Christ to God. Beginning with ancient Papal Liturgies and continuing during the Middle Ages, the action of raising both the bread and the cup during the final doxology varied and took different forms. While there was some codification of this ending some 500 years ago, the present restoration to its place of prominence was a result of the changes that followed the Second Vatican Council. This final doxology of praise, this raising of the consecrated bread and wine, summarized the entire Eucharistic Prayer which now concludes as it began-on an explicit note of praise. The church offers praise and honor to the Father through Christ who is the High Priest, with Christ who is really present, and in Christ who gives himself in the Eucharist to us who are the members of his body. The priest proclaims the Eucharistic Prayer in the name of everyone present. In turn, all those present confirm and approve this action by its "Amen," the Hebrew word for "so be it."

### AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The school is continuing to learn online through videos and other platforms. The teachers have been doing a great job throughout this different way to learn. We will continue to offer educational opportunities to our students through the remainder of the school year.

Putting our faith in Jesus and his saving power is the main point in the Gospel this week. Living a virtuous life is one way we show our faith. By believing in Jesus, we are offered opportunities of Grace where we can be the light discussed in past readings. Our light is not meant to be covered up, and through our actions we can share that light with the world. The students at AACs are continuing to learn about Jesus' saving power and how they can continue to share their light with the world. I will continue to pray for everyone's safety and well-being during these uncertain times.



✝ **God Bless**

### Welcome Baby Boy Grzegorzczuk!

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 William and Jillian Grzegorzczuk welcomed Jack Christopher Grzegorzczuk, 7lbs 4ozs, 21 inches long. He had a little trouble breathing and spent 2 days in the NICU but he is home now and thriving. Brothers and sisters are great helpers and spoiling him, someone always wants to hold him!!!



### Masks Available:



Now that Governor Gretchen Whitmer has mandated that masks be worn in public spaces we have had several requests from parishioners for masks. We do have some masks available at the parish office on a first come first serve basis if someone is in need, they were graciously donated by Pat Knieper

**"Lord, may I always follow your lead"**



**FROM**  
**FR. TOM'S**  
**DESK**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Shepherds are seldom seen by us except in rural settings, but the manner and mission of the shepherd is one of the most poignant and powerful descriptions of God and of Jesus in the scriptures. Unlike contemporary sheep ranchers who control their herds with dogs, horses, pickup trucks or other more advanced technological methods, shepherds in the ancient world knew their sheep individually. Each had a name to which it responded when called by its shepherd. Rather than prod them from behind, the ancient shepherd would walk ahead of his sheep, striking a safe path, and search for good grazing and water. When a sheep was missing, the shepherd sought it out; when a sheep was injured, the shepherd carried it and tended its wounds. Something of the tenderness of the relationship between the sheep and the shepherd is affirmed in the parable of Nathan (see 2 Sam 12). This same tenderness was epitomized in the way Jesus cared for his own. Those who follow him are to behave similarly — knowing those whom they lead by name; caring for them continually; leading them in the right paths; seeking out the lost to bring them home.

Likewise, the image of Jesus as gate (Gospel) sets forth an example for his disciples. As gate, Jesus is a passage through which others are led to God. He is the conduit who opens to all who knock and who offers welcome and sanctuary to all who seek. One of the more intriguing aspects of this description of Jesus as gate is the fact that shepherds in the ancient world acted as the living gates of their sheepfolds. Standing at the entrance of the fold, they would make sure that every single one of their sheep was accounted for. Once all were safely inside the enclosure, the shepherd lay down in the opening and kept watch over the lives of his flock. So did Jesus lay down his life to secure the safety and salvation of sinners.

If this was the manner in which Jesus exercised his mission, then his disciples are to do likewise. Being a gate means being a passage and a conduit that enables rather than an obstacle that prevents others from drawing near to God. Being a gate means offering authentic witness that lights the path and eases the journey of others rather than creating a detour or a stumbling block. Ultimately, being a gate, as Jesus was a gate, involves a willingness to lay down our lives and spend ourselves in service for the sake of those whom God has entrusted to us. Such is the daily challenge of discipleship.

**To Know Jesus: (Acts 2)**

*Celebration*

What we have in today's first reading is a glimpse of the early believers struggling to know and understand Jesus and to present that growing knowledge and understanding to others (in this case, to the Jews) in such a way as to draw them, in faith, to Jesus. Luke attests to the effectiveness of the early Christian witness by telling his readers that "when they heard this, they were cut to the heart...they asked, "What are we to do?" Evidently, their struggle to know Jesus proved contagious. Their enthusiasm offered a powerful witness that caused their fellow Jews to question their own beliefs and to become open to the wonders God had worked in Jesus.

Perhaps contemporary believers hearing today's story about the experience of the first disciples might take away a renewed desire to know and understand Jesus more fully, so to share the blessing of salvation. If our faith and commitment could cause others to ask, "What are we to do?" --how might this world be transformed?

**Suffering in Grace: (1 Peter 2)**

*Celebration*

The author of 1 Peter was aware that persecution for their shared faith might be in his reader's future and was preparing them to face with courage whatever lay ahead. With the suffering Jesus as their

guide and inspiration, the author was confident that the community of believers could survive, albeit not unscathed. As it happened, their future was to be overshadowed by Emperor Domitian, who ruled over the vast Roman empire from 81-96 and whose reign proved to be a threat to the growing Christian community. Domitian's cruelties were, in a large part, one of the reasons that prompted the composition of 1 Peter as well as the Book of Revelation. Written in apocalyptic mode, Revelation, along with 1 Peter, could be regarded as the literature of the resistance, intended to bolster the persecuted or those being threatened by persecution. In both writings, Jesus is the champion of the oppressed, who are continually assured that in the end, they, like him, will be victorious—but not without paying the very dear cost of discipleship.

**Seeing and Believing: (John 10)**

*Celebration*

The claim of Jesus to be both the gate and the good shepherd of God's people follows immediately upon a rather heated exchange between Jesus and some of the Pharisees. Jesus had given the gift of sight to a man who had been blind from birth; by his own choice, the newly sighted man also began to see with the spiritual sight of faith. His clarity of perception contrasted sharply with that of the Pharisees, who could see in a physical manner but choose to turn a blind eye on Jesus.

In today's parable, the Pharisees are represented as strangers to whom the sheep will not listen because they do care for the sheep as Jesus does. Unlike the Pharisees, who kept their distance from those whom they judged to be sinners, Jesus sought out sinners and invited them to share in the relationship he shared with God. While the Pharisees were content to criticize and condemn, Jesus had compassion, called sinners to forgiveness and healed both body and spirit. Rather than ease the burdens of others, as Jesus did, Pharisees complicated their lives with burdensome applications of the law. When that law threatened to come between God and the people, Jesus, through his fresh interpretation of the law, opened the gate that enabled sinners to navigate beyond the law and come home to God. Eventually, Jesus even laid down his life for his sheep

**Hearing His Voice:**

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Shepherds have always known that their sheep recognize their familiar voices. Sheep won't follow a stranger's command.

Mothers have always known that their newborn infants show a preference for their gentle voices. A study by Canadian and Chinese researchers show that babies in the womb can also recognize their mother's voices. When the fetuses heard their mom's voice their heart rates quickened. Unfamiliar voices had the opposite effect. Researchers concluded that the fetus' heart rate decelerated because they were busy listening closely to an unfamiliar voice and were trying to recognize it.

For the faithful it is the same. Listening to God's voice within us is reassuring. We know right from wrong; when an evil voice calls us, we may be tempted, but we don't follow it. God's true voice makes our hearts quicken, and we want to follow his command.

**Abundance or Scarcity?:**

Ted Wolgamot, *Celebration*

Jesus is talking about that down-deep emptiness in our lives—an emptiness that all the "stuff" in the world just doesn't fill up. He's talking about our most fundamental need to feel that our lives are about something richer and deeper than the stuff we so crave.

Ultimately, Jesus is talking about developing an "abundance mentality," a way of thinking and acting that says: "There is enough for everyone, more than enough food, love...everything!" When we begin to see the miracle of what we give away multiplying to the point of having plenty left over. "Abundance mentality" is the opposite of a "scarcity mentality" that wants to hold back, refuse to share, and keep only for ourselves.

THANK YOU

**Food Pantry Thank-you!**

The parishioners of St Gabriel have also **GENEROUSLY** donated food and money throughout this pandemic. 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.

**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> For specific instructions to use the online system see the insert in this week's bulletin and as always you can mail your envelopes or bring them into the parish office

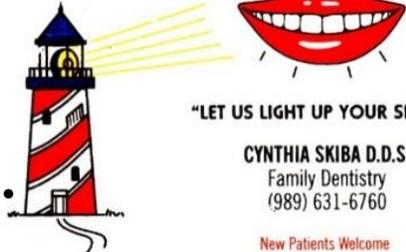


**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**

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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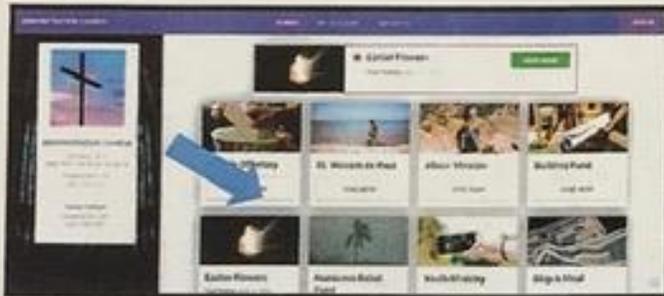
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