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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

School Principal662-6431

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 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

114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611

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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 evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

MONDAY

285:Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn14:21-26

TUESDAY

286:Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b, 21 Jn14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY

287:Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY

564:Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

FRIDAY

289:Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY

290:Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY

55:Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Are you feeling sad or confused or lonely? Did you ever lose your way and feel scared? When has your heart been troubled? Jesus doesn't want us to feel troubled. He wants us to believe in him and to trust him. Jesus has shown us the way to live good lives as sons and daughters of God. He has taught us the truth about God and his great love, and through him, we will have everlasting life with God in heaven.

Reflecting on the Word:

Do not let your heart be troubled. These are some of the last words Jesus offers to his disciples. Do not let your hearts be troubled when faced with despair, suffering or loss. Do not allow the world to break you. This seems easier said than done, especially when we are confronted by the deep pain the world can bring. Jesus says he is the way, the truth and the life. He is the way of hope, healing, and light in the darkest night. He is the way to eternal joy.



Living the Word:

Have your children cut out a dozen little hearts from construction paper. Ask them first to think about how Jesus doesn't want our hearts to be troubled. On each little heart have them write one way they can show God's love to one another. Remind them to write their names on the hearts.

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. ~~ Amen



AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The end of this school year will look very different than previous years, and this is troubling for many people around our country. There isn't a good answer when it comes to the question of how or when we will get back to normal. The students have been resilient, and really put forth good effort to continue their education. The teachers have been working extremely hard making 1, 2 and even sometimes 3 video sessions a day. For perspective, I did a five and an eight minute video and it took me an hour to complete each one, and these teacher videos have been longer than either of mine!

Jesus is the way, the truth and the light. There is no path to God but through him and if you know him, you know God. The point this week is that Jesus and God are one. When I think of the Trinity, I think of how we have all been given a choice and a chance. A choice to follow God and his commandments, and a chance to encounter Jesus in our neighbors and other people we encounter. Having these encounters helps to build our faith and strengthens our resolve when difficult situations come up.....**God Bless**

Welcome New Babies!

Congratulations to Eric and Amanda Swenberg, their daughter Addilyn Rose arrived on April 24th. she weighed 8lbs 6ozs and is 21 inches long. Mom and Dad are so in love!



Congratulations to Pat and Crystal Putt and "Big Brother" Hank who welcomed Parker Daniel Putt also on April 24th, he weighed 6lbs 8ozs and is 20 inches long.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

All parish activities are currently suspended, we will keep you informed of any new developments.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$11,431

Food Pantry: \$150

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

Children Good Deeds

...Even though there were no children's envelopes this week we hope that children at home are doing still "good deeds" and we would love to hear what they are. parishoffice@auburnac.org

Online Giving...

Your parish STILL needs your support.

You can drop off your donations at the parish office or mail them. *But don't 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, **your vital support** can still happen regardless of where you are. <https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds>



Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

Do you know why.....we pray the "Our Father at the conclusion of the eucharistic Prayer? With its themes of bread, forgiveness and mutual peace, the Our Father is an ideal preparation for communion. Originally used in different places during Mass, Pope Saint Gregory the Great in the 6th Century, fixed the placement of the Our Father to follow immediately after the Great Amen. In the Eastern Rite, the church concluded the Our Father with the acclamation: "For the kingdom, the power and the glory." (We often associate this acclamation with the Protestant Church. This is a good example of misunderstanding. "for the kingdom, the power and the glory..." is as Catholic as Catholic could be) In the West the Our Father was concluded with a prayer: "Deliver us from evil..." When the liturgy was reformed after Vatican II, the prayer "Deliver us from evil..." was shortened. What is important, however, is not how the structure of our prayers fit together. What is important is that we seek forgiveness for our failings and pray for the complete realization of God's kingdom before coming forward to receive the gift of the Eucharist.

"Lord, strengthen my trust in your way"





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Fifth Sunday of Easter Rev. Anthony Martinelli, Service

John included a very lengthy discourse in which Jesus delivers a “farewell address” to his apostles. This Last Discourse is truly one of the great classics of all religious literature. It has provided the basis for a tremendous amount of theological and spiritual reflection.

The discourse begins with Jesus consoling his apostles. He is leaving, but they are not to be distressed, because he has shown them the way to the place where he is going and has gone ahead to prepare a place for them. When Thomas protests that they do not know the way, Jesus responds with a classic statement of Johannine Christology: “I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.” Jesus is the way to the Father. The emphasis is not on a moral path, but on Jesus. If the disciples want to get to the Father, Jesus is the only way. The reason he is the way is that he is the truth. Jesus is the true and definitive revelation of the Father’s love in the flesh. When Philip asks to see the Father, he is told, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” Finally, Jesus is the life. “Life” in John almost always refers to spiritual life. The life that Jesus gives is eternal life, which is not simply life in heaven but life in unity with the Father, Son and Spirit which begins on earth.

During this Easter season, the Church is invited to faith in the resurrection once again. Although John’s Gospel makes clear the absolute unique nature of Jesus as the revelation of the Father, he makes clear something else as well; we have all been called by grace to the same union with the Father that Jesus enjoys by nature.

Community Model: (Acts 6) Celebration

If we want to look to the earliest Christians to models to follow today, we may well decide that their process of decision making is more important for us than the solutions they found for specific problems in their communities. The situation Luke records is one in which the community had increased so much that the original leaders couldn’t adequately serve everyone. People’s needs exceeded the leaders’ capacity to respond and they recognized the situation as a call to adapt their practice to their new circumstances.

Facing that problem, the Twelve demonstrated their faith in the Holy Spirit among them by calling on everyone to create the resolution. Here we see an example of the moral and spiritual growth that Jesus’ original disciples have experienced. The group of twelve who had made themselves famous for competition and jealousy in Jesus’ day were now able to share their authority with the assembly.

Living Stones: (1 Peter 2) Celebration

This selection from 1 Peter plays with the images of stones and priesthood. Christ is depicted as the precious, living stone which is both the foundation of God’s new community and a scandal to trip up any who reject God’s plan. Following that image, the author calls on the community to allow themselves to be built up as a new spiritual center founded on that living stumbling block.

While that idea could well have led to talk of a community cemented together by grace, a new temple for all people, Peter did not develop it that way. The image of the building, even one made up of living stones, seemed too static to describe the vocation of the

Christian community. Peter went on to invite the people to take up their priestly vocation.

The first description of the priestly people calls them holy and gives them the task of offering spiritual sacrifices. The second time Peter calls the community a royal priesthood, he explains that their task is to announce the praises of the one who called them from darkness to light, in other words, to preach the Gospel.

This reading builds on the legacy of the Twelve in Acts by calling the community not to call forth additional ministers, but to be a community active in ministry. If the reading from Acts focused on the community’s need for additional ministers, 1 Peter is calling that community itself to meet the needs of the whole world.

Following Jesus: (John 14) Celebration

In the early part of the Gospel Jesus had berated the people who desecrated his “Father’s house” by making the temple a marketplace. He then declared that when they destroyed the temple, he would raise it up in three days, a statement John clarified by saying he was speaking of the temple of his body. Thus, in typical Johannine fashion, Jesus identified himself as the Father’s dwelling place, the person through whom the disciples would experience peace. It will take a while for the disciples to understand what Jesus was telling them. From their day to our own the idea of “many dwelling places” has fired imaginations with many images. But if we hear this in the light of John’s patterns of thought we realize that Jesus was not talking about architecture but presence. Because he dwelt in the Father and the Father in him, his promise was that he was the way for his disciples to do the same. Their faith, their committed union with him would bring them into the same relationship with the Father. Because of that they would continue his mission, able to do everything that he did—and, according to him, even more.

Our Mission: Barbara Born, Celebration

Like Phillip, will we transition from questioning to a petition for the gift of faith, to see and believe? Jesus says this belief and our works must be grounded in union with the Father and in Gospel precepts. Jesus made our mission beyond just hearing the word to living the word. Jesus trusts us with this mission for he said that upon his return to the Father, our belief would allow us to do even greater works. Is our faith a one-hour commitment to the Lord each week, or integrated 24/7 to live as if we believe all the Gospel message? This belief can help us focus the essence of mission at our parishes.

Following the word as lived by Jesus Christ allows us to be a living stone built upon the cornerstone to build the kingdom of God rather than fall over our lifeless selves. Ignoring the word separates us from God’s love, removes us from God’s peace, partitions us from God’s mercy, and can lead to anxiety, unquenchable searching and lack of purpose in life. When that happens, the mission suffers.

Mission must be expressed as *us*, and *we*. Only when mission encompasses all of us will collaboration produce good fruits. The Hebrew people were called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. As God’s own people, today we exemplify this spiritual persona by allowing the word to transform our lives with the spirit of mission. We become living stories trusting God’s wonderful light.

United we Stand: Leisa Anslinger, The Liturgical Press

It was not easy for the early Christians to learn to form community with one another, nor is it easy for us today. We live in a culture that prizes the individual—me first, every person for him- or her-self. Yet, here, we are formed in a different way, Christ’s way, the way of love. Sacrificial love. A love in which we know ourselves united to one another and to all of humanity, charged with sharing in the mission of Christ, to make God’s love known through our works, words, and actions. The sacrifices we make for the sake of others have spiritual meaning. When we sacrifice—sharing love, care, our lives, and resources—we give of ourselves in response to the one great sacrifice of love of Jesus, the crucified and risen Lord.

Reading Material:

Enclosed with the bulletin is the report on our parish budget to date (end of April). We begin a new fiscal year July 1st. With extra time on your hands you may appreciate some reading material. Some basic points: the first column is the current month (April). The second column is 1/12 of the annual budget. The third column is the difference between column 1 and 2, what happened in the month over against what was budgeted. The fourth column is what has occurred to date, in this instance during the past 10 months. The fifth column is the budget figure for the year. The final column is the variance between what was budgeted and what actually occurred.



Our Condolences...

We would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family of Dan Derdowski who passed away recently. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Masks Available: Stay Safe!

We still do have face masks available at the Parish Office. A couple of parishioners have generously donated masks to make available to anyone who needs them. You are welcome to come by anytime that the office is open and pick-up what you need.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at 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 can have it completed in the near future and then get it into the publisher when they reopen. Thank-you for your patience!

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4485 S. Elevan Mile Rd., Auburn

COLUMBARIUM	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,000	\$1,500
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,400	\$1,750
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche
CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 500	\$1,200
Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

Prices Effective July 1, 2019

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 10 April(*) 83.33%
Budget Report 2

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Variance for Period</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget Annual</u>	<u>Var. Actual to Annual Budget Dollar</u>
Income						
Sunday & Holyday Collections	43,698.00	47,500.00	-3,802.00	454,041.78	570,000.00	-115,958.22
Interest & Dividends	2,665.52	2,500.00	165.52	50,713.48	30,000.00	20,713.48
Donations & Bequests	-380.00	2,091.66	-2,471.66	47,246.65	25,100.00	22,146.65
Food Pantry Donations	3,995.00	250.00	3,745.00	7,768.00	3,000.00	4,768.00
Stipends & Stole Fees	.00	191.67	-191.67	3,165.00	2,300.00	865.00
Other Revenue	1,605.20	170.83	1,434.37	15,654.59	2,050.00	13,604.59
Fund Raising Income	534.10	4,000.00	-3,465.90	46,383.86	48,000.00	-1,616.14
Rental Income	750.00	500.00	250.00	8,050.00	6,000.00	2,050.00
Tuition - K-5	15,644.34	14,079.17	1,565.17	150,752.90	168,950.00	-18,197.10
Tuition - 2 day Preschool	320.00	866.67	-546.67	7,770.00	10,400.00	-2,630.00
Tuition - 3 Day Preschool	2,583.90	1,500.00	1,083.90	21,785.00	18,000.00	3,785.00
Tuition - Other Parishes	7,323.67	7,323.67	.00	73,236.67	87,884.00	-14,647.33
Student Fees & Book Fees	300.00	1,212.50	-912.50	12,636.00	14,550.00	-1,914.00
Preschool Registration Fees	.00	116.67	-116.67	1,175.00	1,400.00	-225.00
Before/After School Program Fe	.00	1,666.67	-1,666.67	14,949.00	20,000.00	-5,051.00
Sale of Student Lunches	39.50	1,041.67	-1,002.17	11,763.65	12,500.00	-736.35
Preschool Hot Lunch	.00	10.42	-10.42	1,146.10	125.00	1,021.10
Votive Lights	.00	233.33	-233.33	1,703.81	2,800.00	-1,096.19
Student Activities	.00	395.83	-395.83	1,371.50	4,750.00	-3,378.50
Athletic Revenue	100.00	333.33	-233.33	2,240.50	4,000.00	-1,759.50
Advertising Revenue	200.00	250.00	-50.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	-1,000.00
Grants From Federal Government	.00	166.67	-166.67	1,920.98	2,000.00	-79.02
CSA Surplus Refunded	577.22	416.67	160.55	10,171.00	5,000.00	5,171.00
Sale of Lots	253.60	625.00	-371.40	8,866.80	7,500.00	1,366.80
Interments	850.00	625.00	225.00	12,976.00	7,500.00	5,476.00
Total Income	81,060.05	88,067.43	-7,007.38	969,488.27	1,056,809.00	-87,320.73
Expenses						
Church Supplies	269.45	583.33	-313.88	6,444.88	7,000.00	-555.12
Fund Raising Expenses	32.27	2,416.67	-2,384.40	19,317.78	29,000.00	-9,682.22
Service to Parishioners	884.83	1,083.33	-198.50	20,003.01	13,500.00	6,503.01
Food Service Expense	1,081.45	750.00	331.45	13,296.84	9,000.00	4,296.84
Food Service Expense (B/A Prog	9.53	58.33	-48.80	337.02	700.00	-362.98
Athletic Expense	138.79	183.32	-44.53	2,538.80	2,200.00	338.80
Music Expense	.00	83.33	-83.33	368.31	1,000.00	-631.69
Instructional Expense and Supp	.00	158.33	-158.33	761.38	1,900.00	-1,138.62
Clergy Salary	3,469.33	3,469.33	.00	34,693.30	41,632.00	-6,938.70
Substitute Teachers K-5	.00	166.67	-166.67	1,451.25	2,000.00	-548.75
Substitute Preschool Teachers	.00	8.33	-8.33	.00	100.00	-100.00
Lay Salary	31,628.19	34,143.98	-2,515.79	312,583.23	409,727.68	-97,144.45
Extra Clergy Help	.00	41.67	-41.67	400.00	500.00	-100.00
Clergy Benefits	716.50	828.17	-111.67	9,065.00	9,938.00	-873.00
Retirement	2,661.34	2,140.18	521.16	25,290.01	25,682.00	-391.99
Social Security Expense	2,527.63	2,174.36	353.27	23,580.45	26,092.40	-2,511.95
Hospitalization	3,999.00	4,520.75	-521.75	36,802.50	54,301.00	-17,498.50
Other Employee Benefits	.00	21.50	-21.50	.00	258.00	-258.00
Unemployment	266.67	240.83	25.84	1,637.73	2,890.00	-1,252.27
Disability and/or Life Insuran	153.40	130.67	22.73	1,561.47	1,568.00	-6.53

