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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.

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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 17th , 2021

MONDAY

297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5d, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

298: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

299: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

300: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY

301: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

302: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

63:Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1 29-30,21,34 1Cor12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 10th -- 10 am Knitting Club-Parish Center

Saturday, May 22nd -- 11 am Baptism

(after mass) AACS Raffle tickets sale – Social Hall

Sunday, May 23rd – AACS Raffle tickets sale –Social Hall

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,957

Migrant Ministry: \$120 **Food Pantry:** \$20

Children G😊d Deed

...Set silverware at breakfast for the family...

... Explained that Gavin passed someone... I played with the cats...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The practice has been completed, the race is in the final lap, and the students are working hard to make sure we have positive interactions in the last few weeks of school. We have been talking about magnificence as our virtue. Using your talents for the good of all is a concept directly in our mission statement, “[..] **to develop their God-given talents and to become a lifelong disciple of Christ.**” Being good stewards of our time, talent, and treasure has always been an area of focus for me as well as many other people. Where do we draw the line in the sand of how much time, how much of our talent, or how much of our treasure? If you are looking for an answer, you will never get one from me. Each person has a different level of comfort in how much they will give of themselves, but what does not change is the concept of Jesus and building disciples. The more you take part in being good stewards and building discipleship, the more you want to give.

The Ascension this week celebrates Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice, and his ascension into heaven to sit at God’s right hand. He said, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” Going out to proclaim the Gospel can be done in word and in deed, which helps to bring the virtue of magnificence to the forefront of my mind. Using unique talents for the common good is a beautiful thing to witness, and really can bring about a monumental change in someone’s life, my hope is that we are a part of that change here at AACS for everyone we encounter.

God Bless



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Jesus gave his disciples (among whom we are included) some instruction before he ascended to heaven. What does Jesus mean by preaching the Gospel to everyone creature.

Reflecting on the Word:

We celebrate Christ going back to his Father in heaven. Before being taken up, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. He said there would be “signs” accompanying those who believed, and even after ascending into heaven, the Lord continued to work with his disciples and confirmed what they were doing with signs. What signs do we experience that tell us we are on the right path? Are they visible signs or feelings? How can we take the time to recognize these signs that God is present throughout the day?



Living the Word:

Find a simple reading from the Bible (last week’s Gospel on loving one another has Jesus has loved us is a great one!). Help your children read the passage (or a shorter version of it) to their pets, plants, in your back yard, or at a park. Do this several days in a row. How do the children find reading to animals, plants, or in nature when they do not get a response? Why did Jesus want his followers to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation? How can we take care of God’s creation?

Prayer for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Giver of Life,
help us to see your life
at work in our lives.
Keep us from clinging
to what is today,
that we might receive
the gifts of life
that await us tomorrow.
Amen.



**Mark Your Calendars:
Graduation Mass Sunday, June
6th @ 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Vacation Bible School
July 27, 28 & 29**





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Feast of the Ascension (Transferred by the Bishops of Michigan to this weekend) : Connect.

Before the Ascension Jesus told his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." This spirit of divine energy comes in many forms, perhaps at times not even acknowledged as such, but when manifested there is power at work that did not seem present previously.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, Acts records that two figures were present who addressed the disciples: "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" Don't just stand here looking up; start looking out. You are being sent on a mission. Go into the world; get about the business of using your gifts. Enter into communion with the entire population, meaning each individual you encounter.

The same is true for us. Get about the business of living for the good of all. Do not worry about the language you speak, for all understand the universal language of compassion, patience, and forgiveness. God's Holy Spirit, dwelling within each person, does not call people to church on Sunday to escape from the world but to immerse divine energy into the world, to heal those who are weary and in need. It is not possible to be a Sunday Christian, in fact, it is.

Today Jesus gifts each of us with divine energy to catapult us out of *me, my and mine* into *we, us, and ours*. Jesus' mission, begun so long ago, requires a strong, dynamic, and powerful Holy Spirit to convince us there is still a communion of good and that we are part of it. The disciples who witnessed the Ascension saw something not seen before. Our eyes must open as well. May we see what we have been blinded to through greed—that we are connected. May our ears hear what we have forgotten too often to say: "May I help you?" May our hearts open to feel again the power to act for the common good.

Power from Above: (Acts 1) Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

The ascension narrative reveals the early Church's struggle to voice a reality that lay far beyond all its explanatory categories. Struggles and problems notwithstanding, at the heart of the ascension story is the fact that the community, that fearful, bewildering, waiting, and praying community, had to power of its own. It possessed none and could not generate any for itself. It had no claim and no cause for self-congratulation. Yet, power was given that caused that fragile, little community to have energy, courage, perseverance, imagination, and untold resources, completely disproportionate to its size. That power was given as a result of Jesus' resurrection and return to God. With the gift of an agenda that would take them to the ends of the earth, Jesus also shared the power of the Spirit.

Twice in today's first reading, the gift of the Spirit is announced (vv. 5, 8) as a power that will infuse the Church, fire its engines, and help in realizing the agenda Jesus gave. That agenda will include being Jesus' witnesses throughout the world. A real authentic witness does not consist of words but deeds.

The Body of Christ: (Ephesians 1) Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

Couched in the form of a prayer for its intended recipients, this Ephesian text requests a deeper knowledge of God that will enable believers to fully appreciate the gift of their election by God (v. 18). By reason of their baptism, those whom God calls are destined to become part of the heavenly community. This is described as "a glorious heritage...distributed among the members of the Church." This immortal destiny is guaranteed because it is affected by God's power and strength (v. 19). The fact that God's power has affected the resurrection of Jesus gives assurances to those who have been promised the same (v. 20).

The ancient writer concludes this prayer with a reference to Christ who is head of the Church which is his body. "Body of Christ" is the Church's greatest title. Perhaps this title could also be called the Church's most pressing agenda for is we are truly Christ's body, the, by virtue of our union with him and in him, the Church is quite literally the hands that do Christ's work, the feet that serve his purposes, the voice that speaks his words and the heart that loves, gives and forgives as he loves, gives and forgives. Today's Gospel will feature Christ, the head of the Church, sending forth his hands and feet and voice into all the world. That agenda is still in the process of being realized; it is our responsibility to see it through.

Being Commissioned: (Mark 6) Celebration

It is not difficult for us to imagine either the scene or the feelings of the Apostles as they stood watching Jesus ascend into heaven. They had known him, Scripture says, for only three years, which isn't a very long time as we consider it. Those three years, however, were very significant in the lives of Jesus' followers, since their decision to follow Jesus meant leaving their former lives and commitments behind. And they stood there watching, it probably seemed as though the three years had passed as a night's dream does—over before we are convinced it even began.

What has been, is always more comfortable to us than what will be. What has been, even if it has involved pain and hardship, is known. What will be is unknown, and that scares us. It scared the Apostles before us, and they probably often badgered Jesus into telling them exactly what would transpire in future days. "Wait" was his usual reply, "the exact time is not yours to know."

It is always easier to long for what has gone before, but that is not the challenge that Jesus has given to us. Each of us today must look for ways in which we can be more faithful to the work that Jesus charged us to do. We have each been given the grace to carry the Gospel message into the world. Our gifts and talents might differ, but we have each been strengthened by the Holy Spirit. With that grace, however, goes the responsibility to go into the world and proclaim the good news to all creation. Our time to stop gazing is now!

What if?: Fr. James Smith, Celebration

The Ascension of Jesus is a reminder that life conquers all, that because Jesus was lifted-up to the Father, all things tend that way. The band has struck up—the ascension is our invitation to dance with the Lord of the Dance.

That is how the story goes so far. This next part is made up, but it feels like it might have happened.

When Jesus arrived back in Heaven, his Father asked him whom he had left to carry on his mission on Earth. Jesus proudly told God that his friends would do it. And God replied, "You mean Peter, who betrayed you, and Judas who sold you, and all the rest who ran away when you were crucified? You mean to tell me that you left them to carry on your work?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, Father, those are the very ones," And God said, "What is your back-up plan?" Jesus said, "There is none. Either they do it or it does not get done."

Whether or not that is a tape recording of their conversation, we know that is the gist of it. Nobody has seen Jesus for 2000 years, the nearest they can possibly get to him is his friends. And they look to us to see what God is doing in his world.

The church may rightly wait for others to discover a vaccine or to colonize the moon or to compose masterpieces in music and art. But there is no point in our looking around for others to carry on the kingdom—or even to help us. That is the special job our Friend gave us personally. And there is no Plan B.



"Help me, Lord, be your presence in our world."

Thanks to Everyone who donated to the Food Pantry last week!



LENDING A
HELPING HAND

We really do appreciate it! The shelves have been getting *very bare, very quickly*. There is still a steady stream of clients coming in with food needs that we want to be able to serve. *Remember us when you do your grocery shopping!*

Migrant Program Collection

On Monday, May 10th we delivered the trailer to All Saints Parish (St. Boniface Church) loaded with all the food, clothing, bedding, baby supplies, etc. donated by you the parishioners, Irma and her crew were overjoyed with the haul! It took 27 cart loads and 1 ½ hours to empty the trailer. The generosity of this Parish is overwhelming and truly appreciated!



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