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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 AM (Not July) in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School 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 May 23<sup>rd</sup> ,2022

### Monday

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

292: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday 8 am Mass

293: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday 8 am Mass

294: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

### Friday

295: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

296: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pre-school Graduation  
Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Graduation

Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School / Field Day

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$7,914  
Migrant Ministry: \$65 Food Pantry: \$110  
Children's G☺☺D Deeds  
...Helped Daddy with b-ball hoop...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Thank you everyone for your support for the AACCS rummage sale! We appreciate all your efforts in making this a successful event. The school is talking about generosity this month for our virtue, and your efforts fit in perfectly with everything we are discussing with the children!

In everything he says and does, Jesus is teaching all who follow him. He is shaping the Apostles to lead the future Church after he takes his seat at the right hand of God in heaven. The Church is truly a body of Christ because we are all

a part of the whole, and it works best when we are all working together to make substantial contributions to the community. The goal is always to be better and give the absolute best effort you can in everything you do. Have a great week!

...God Bless...



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

During the exchange of peace at Mass, be intentional about sharing your peace. Look the other person in the eyes and say, "Peace be with you," or use your own words. Many things disturb us in our lives. One source of strength can be found in the words of Jesus, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Are you able to turn your anxieties over to God?

### Reflecting on the Word:

"Peace, I leave with you." Jesus didn't mean the peace we know in the world, an absence of war. The peace of Jesus is a share in the life of God that grounds us, surrounds us, comforts us, and allows us to be one with others. What a precious gift this is! Not only are we promised peace, but also that God will dwell in us if we keep the word of Jesus. At our baptism, we became children of God, now it is up to us to maintain that relationship by keeping God's word and God's law.

### Living the Word

Reflect on how you are a peacemaker in your community. How do you spread peace to and with others? When do you fall short of being an active peacemaker? As a family, volunteer at a local peacemaking organization. Pray that your family will always be able to rest secure in the peace of Christ.



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

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar: July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
For children in grades K – 5th (Fall 2022)  
Help needed from youth in grades 6th – 12th  
Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the west entrance of the church as well as at the Parish Office



**Please take note... we are looking for individuals to serve on Parish Council and the various Commissions. The bulletin insert in the bulletin explains the various opportunities that are available. Help share your "gifts" and serve your Parish!**



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Fourth Sunday of Easter: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Whereas the world might define peace as: (1) the absence of war or other hostilities; (2) freedom from quarrels or disagreements; (3) harmonious relations, it was exceedingly clear that this was not the peace that was and is the legacy of Jesus. Indeed, because of their faith and commitment to him, Jesus' disciples often find themselves the victims of hostility and entangled in conflicts. Because believers are called to live by principles that are unpopular within a culture that ridicules, negates and/or rejects their values, they are frequently and necessarily embroiled in controversy and out of harmony with the status quo. Nevertheless, they are possessed of a peace that supersedes anything the world could ever conceive or negotiate.

Jesus offers the peace of conviction, confrontation, and endurance. No experience of life, no human event can ever rob us of Jesus' peace; no sorrow, no danger, no suffering can ever cause it to diminish. Jesus' peace remains, ever firm, despite the most unpleasant and difficult circumstances, because Jesus' bequest of peace is rooted in the relationship with God that has been afforded each of us through Jesus' dying and rising. Recall the words of the author of Colossians: "...for through Jesus all things are reconciled. He has made peace by the blood of his cross" (1:20).

Jesus' peace enabled the early Christians to deal with the dissensions and controversies that arose among them and remain one church (see first reading, Acts). It was this peace that continues to enable believers to accept, appreciate and reverence diversity and pluralism as beneficial and not detrimental to the unity we share. Not a one time or an occasional gift, Jesus' bequest of peace engages us, each and all, in an ongoing process of peace-making and peaceable living that will come to a climactic culmination when we enter the eternal city of peace, the heavenly Jerusalem (second reading, Revelation). "Peace is my farewell to you; my peace is my gift to you." As the blessed inheritors of Jesus' bequest of peace, we are also its caretakers, its promoters, and its brokers.

### United in Faith:(Acts 15) *Celebration*

Some disciples (e.g. Paul, Barnabas and Peter, after the visit to Cornelius' home, etc.) welcomed gentile converts to Christ freely and fully. Other, more conservative Jewish Christians resented the idea that the gentiles should be allowed to "Bypass" the Mosaic law, circumcision and dietary regulations. Consequently, these so-called Judaizers preached an alternate gospel, declaring "unless you are circumcised according to Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved" (v.1) Paul *et al.* rejected this "gospel" as heresy, realizing that such a requirement insinuated that there was something lacking in the saving death of Jesus. He understood that the cross effected the salvation of sinful humankind, not circumcision, not kosher food and not even the most rigorous and meticulous observance of the law. Paul also understood and was adamant in affirming that salvation is not God's gift for a few or for the chosen, nor is it determined by nationality, heritage, or holiness. Faith in Jesus, a faith that is both professed and lived is the sole requisite for salvation and for inclusion as an equal member of the community of the faithful. Faith in Jesus was also to override centuries of heritage and hate as it brought together at the same eucharistic table those who had formerly been called "the chosen" with those who had formerly been regarded as "unclean," "unholy" and "alien": Faith in Jesus must continue to bring together as one all members of the community.

### Vision of a New Jerusalem: (Revelations 21) *Celebration*

Unlike its earthly predecessor, the new Jerusalem would have no temple, i.e., no humanly constructed edifice that might tend to limit access to God. In the absence of the temple, there would be no specified priesthood, no prescribed cult or sacrificial system, no separation between the sacred and the human. God's perpetual presence, in and among the citizens of the new Jerusalem will bless the city and all who dwell in it with holiness. Every activity will be permeated by God: The tension between the world and the church will be no more. Glorified humanity will have God shining through it, and Jesus' bequest of peace will at long last be fully realized.

### Our Inheritance: (John 14) *Celebration*

Ordinarily, a person's last will and testament is read in the presence of his/her heirs *after* he/she has departed from them in death. However, in the fourth gospel's lengthy last supper discourse (chapters 13-17), the Johannine Jesus is featured as sharing his own final testament with his own *before* being lifted up in death and glory on the cross. In today's gospel pericope, the followers and heirs of Jesus are assured that they will not be left alone: he has anticipated their needs and will bequeath to them the gifts of the divine presence, peace, and the Paraclete. Notice how tenderly Jesus' promise is expressed. To those who love him and are true to his word, he pledges the Father's love and adds "we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him always" (v.33). In other words, Jesus was telling his disciples that they would become living temples, as it were, wherein the very presence of God can be welcomed and encountered by others.

### Resurrection Now: Patrick McCormick, *Service*

For the resurrection is more than Lazarus walking out of the tomb or the widow's son rising from his litter. It is more than bringing persons back to life, or even a promise of life after death. Instead, the resurrection represents the fulfillment of all God's covenants and all our hopes. The resurrection is the reconciliation of the terrifying rift between us and God. It is the healing of the chasm of sin and death in such a way that we shall never be left alone as orphans. In the resurrection God breaks through every barrier and fulfills the promise to dwell within our community and in our hearts.

Those of us gathered around this table of the Eucharist hear the promise as powerful as those in the upper room or as the early Christian communities spread around the Mediterranean. The resurrection speaks about the Spirit of God being sent among our communities, to our families and in our world. Our faith in the resurrection is not simple a belief in an event which occurred to other persons over twenty centuries ago, or even an assurance about what will happen to us in the future. We believe in the resurrection as the present experience of the sending of the Spirit and the indwelling of the Father and Son. The resurrection means that here and now we are not alone; That the Spirit of God is with us in our hearts and homes, in our personal lives and in the corridors of our power. The resurrection means that there is no aspect of our lives, no corner of the human experience alienated from or foreign to the love of God. Nothing is beyond the reach of the Spirit. This is the promise of the resurrection. It is a promise Jesus kept. It is a promise Jesus keeps.

*"May your peace,  
Lord, be with me"*







**Last Weekend for Migrant Ministry!!!**

On Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be ending the collection for the migrant program and taking the trailer to St Boniface Church. The collection is down this year and so we are making one last attempt to ask for your help. This worthwhile program relies heavily on donations from local parishes. PLEASE check the list that was in last week's bulletin and help us, help others!



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