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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 in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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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> , 2021**

**MONDAY**

572A: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

**TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion**

348: Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

**WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass**

349: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mk 10:32-45

**THURSDAY 8 am Mass**

350: Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

**FRIDAY**

351: Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

**SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass**

352: Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

**SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass**

165: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-6 9, 18-20, 22 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20



**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – No School

**STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$10,236.85

Food Pantry: \$40 Migrant Ministry: \$200

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped take off the pool cover...

...Helped my Mom and Grammy at the garage sale...

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Clark Switalski, Principal



Throughout the Bible, God has spoken through several prophets, priests, lay people, disciples, Apostles, and Jesus. Through all their words, there was a cost for their vocation. Speaking out and sharing our faith with others has both positive and

negative connotations associated with it. Some people do not want to be bothered, but as God stated that sometimes the vine needs to be pruned to thrive, and in him, we will all thrive. It cannot be closer to the truth because there are things that we all want to change, yet, personally, I do not always take the steps necessary to make the change. As the Holy Spirit comes upon us this Pentecost weekend, I pray that the Holy Spirit guides us along our faith journey and draws us closer to God.

The raffle drawing will happen Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>! There are only a few more days to purchase tickets in the school office. Tickets are \$50 per ticket with only 500 tickets being offered in all. Please call the school office (662-6431) and we can accommodate you! Thank you for helping to make our school raffle a success!

... God Bless...

**“Holy Spirit, enkindle in me the fire of your love.”**



**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee  
 What are God's commandments? Which ones do you remember and keep? Do you think Jesus' commandment to love is different from or the same as the Ten Commandments?

**Reflecting on the Word:**

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the coming of the Holy Spirit or Advocate to the disciples. The Holy Spirit will guide us to truth and will help us live as Jesus called us to live. The Spirit is all around us and speaks truth to us every day. How can we acknowledge and respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

**Living the Word:**

The Holy Spirit can be difficult for young children to understand since we cannot see the Holy Spirit. Wind is often used to describe the Holy Spirit because it can be as soft as a whisper and as strong as a hurricane. We know that the wind can be powerful and move things, and it can be a gentle presence in our lives as well. A pinwheel is a helpful way for the children to understand the power of the wind. When a child blows on a pinwheel, it turns even faster. Have the children decorate their pinwheels with red (a color associated with the Holy Spirit) markers and assemble them. Place the pinwheels outside in the ground or in an open window to remind them of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost Sunday.

**Graduation Mass**

High school and college graduates are invited to attend the Graduation Mass, Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

We would like to acknowledge your accomplishments and give you our blessings. The graduates are invited to wear their caps and gowns and sit with their families. If you plan on attending, please call the parish office, and let us know at (989) 662-6861 [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)



**Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**



Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy, and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope, and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which fills all creation. Amen.

**Congratulations on your baptism!**

Hadley Grace Miller  
 Daughter of Patrick & Jill Miller





## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Feast of Pentecost:**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Pentecost has often been described as the birthday of the church. Perhaps it might be more accurate to refer to Pentecost as the celebration of the Spirit, who, like a midwife, tends carefully to the birth of the community of believers. The Spirit is there to assist as the church labors to witness to God's truth, justice, peace, and love. There to comfort and strengthen when weakness sets in and quitting looks tempting. There to remind the community of its commitment to support and protect life, all life, from the womb to the tomb. There to challenge the community to rise above its smallness. There to draw the attention of the community to the needs of God's poor ones. There to breathe and pray within every one of God's own. There to keep all eyes on the goal of preaching the good news to all, without exception and without stinting. There to light a fire in the belly of those who have grown weary and disillusioned. There to heighten the sensitivities of the well-off and worry-free toward the plight of the lost and the wounded. There to shed light in the darkness. There to be the love that empowers all we are, all we do, all we become.

Like a great and holy enabler, it's the Spirit who aids us in interpreting who Jesus is and who empowers us to follow in Jesus' ways. Hans Urs von Balthasar once explained that the human mind, on its own, is inadequate to understand Jesus and God. Jesus' disciples only understood fully when he breathed this Spirit into them after his resurrection (Gospel), and the assembled church when it received the Spirit at Pentecost (first reading). Paul put it simply but beautifully when he said, "What person knows what pertains to a person except the spirit of that person that is within? Similarly, no one knows what pertains to God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God so that we may understand the things freely given us by God. And we speak about them, not with words taught by human wisdom but with words taught by the Spirit" (1 Cor 2:11-13).

### **United in the Spirit (Acts 2):**

*Celebration*

Luke describes how the gift of God's own Spirit has impacted the international human community. Because of the one, all-powerful and pervasive Spirit, all people can hear and understand one another. Everyone can appreciate and acknowledge God's universal, all-inclusive salvific love.

With the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, diversity became a blessing and not a curse. Before Pentecost, people maintained and protected their differences behind walls of ethnocentrism, but then the power of the Spirit transcended those walls to bring about a union that did not diminish the diversity of the crowd. They did not choose to be only Medes, Persians, Elamites and so on, or to speak in their own languages, accents, dialects, and patois. They did not become less than they were; they became more, for they became one with all others who understood that God was moving among them as freely as the wind and as warmly as the fire. That understanding burned within them as they started to make sense of their experience. All the pieces of the Christ-event began to fit together in one great salvific mystery of love. They also began to understand their own part in God's plan and to summon the courage to move that plan forward.

### **Lifeline (1 Corinthians 12):**

*Celebration*

Imagine yourself in Paul's sandals for a while. What metaphor might you choose to illustrate the diversity and unity that characterizes the community of believers in Jesus? Perhaps you might compare it to a precious gem with its many facets or a rainbow with its coalition of many colors. You might use the symbol of a well-oiled machine with its many parts moving in rhythmic synchronicity, or of a jigsaw puzzle with interlocking pieces forming one design.

While any of these metaphors might have some merit, Paul understood that no static entity, however lovely or precious, can sufficiently communicate the wondrous unity that exist between Jesus and his followers as well as among the followers themselves. For that reason, Paul chose as his metaphor the living body with its many interactive and complementary members.

As Paul explained, the union of the members of the body of Christ depends upon the Holy Spirit, who is its vivifying source of empowerment. Not only does the Spirit prompt and sustain authentic prayer in believers ("Jesus is Lord," v.3) but the Spirit is also a channel of grace that edifies and enhances the quality of life. This Spirit-driven grace builds upon nature and endows all the members of the community with gifts that inspire different forms of service. Paul insisted that these gifts and services are to benefit others (v.7).

### **New Age (John 20):**

*Celebration*

Although the fourth Gospel was the last of the four committed to writing in the mid-to late 90's, its presentation of the gift of the Spirit is most comprehensive. For pedagogical and liturgical reasons, Luke separated the various moments of the Christ-event, but John purposely associated Jesus' resurrection with the gift of the Spirit. John also took great care in establishing continuity between the cross and the resurrection and between the Jesus of history and the Jesus of faith. While displaying the glorious character of Jesus' risen, transformed state (the doors were locked but suddenly Jesus was there), the Johannine Jesus also drew attention to his hands and his side, which bore the wounds of his crucifixion, thereby affirming that the risen Jesus and Jesus of Nazareth are one and the same person.

Jesus' double salutation, "Peace be with you" (vv.19,21), and his breathing upon his own (v. 22) constituted more than a friendly greeting. Through his words and actions, Jesus was signaling that a new era was beginning. As promised by prophets (Joel 3:1; Ezek. 36:27), the new age of salvation would be inaugurated by an outpouring of the Spirit and by peace that only God can give. This age was made possible through the person and mission of Jesus and would continue to evolve through the efforts of Jesus' followers.

### **Imagine That:**

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Imagine that you are there that Pentecost day in the upper room, crowded with the growing number of disciples. Imagine the wind that becomes so loud that you need to cover your ears. Tongues of fire descend, and your numbed senses are overwhelmed. And then, complete overload: Imagine that you are suddenly and hopelessly in love. You are filled with joy and rapture beyond anything you have ever known. The creator of the universe is close, you cannot deny it.

Crowds drawn by the noise and celestial fire gather in the street outside the upper room. They are suddenly drunk with love. They begin talking to each other in a common language. Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the church. In today's Gospel Jesus reassures his disciples that he is still with them and that it is not the end. Today's miraculous event was clearly just the beginning.

## ***Odds and ends from Fr. Tom:***

**\*(Good News)** I received an email last week and a letter from Bishop Gruss stating: "I am pleased to extend your appointment as Pastor of St. Gabriel Parish effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021." The appointment is for one year.

**\*(CMA)** We received our first rebate check from the diocese for the annual appeal. There is still about \$3600 in unpaid pledges. Those having outstanding pledges can pay until August when the drive ends. We have been informed the next one will begin in October.

**\*(Dividend)** The inter-parish deposit and loan program (the diocesan bank) sent us a note this week. "Your parish will receive a one-time dividend based on .75% of the average 12-month savings. The amount to be credited to account is \$12,217.07.

**\*(COVID protocol)** Bishop Gruss has indicated that we will follow CDC guidelines. Fully vaccinated individuals need not wear masks. We will continue to social distance for the next several weeks.



**CMA Update:**

As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, the total amount of pledges is **\$75,665** 107% of our target of \$71,210. That is 311 parishioners/families (61% of members) with a remaining pledge balance of \$3,619.88.

**Thanks to everyone who helped us exceed our goal!**

**Thank-you...**

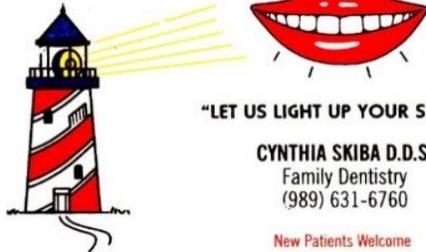
We would like to offer a sincere thank-you for the generous donation of \$200 in memory of Nancy Adamski and \$100 in memory of Betty Hetherington. Our condolences go out to the Families




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