



# St. Gabriel Parish

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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 \*Please 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 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 30<sup>th</sup> , 2022

### MONDAY

297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

### TUESDAY

572: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

### 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 28:16-20,030-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13  
Jn 20:19-23



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Memorial Day!** Office Closed

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – **Graduation Mass – 4:30 pm**

Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – **Nursery 9:30 am**

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$6,671.70

Food Pantry: \$210 Migrant Ministry: \$35

Priest Retirement Fund: \$5

Children's Good Deeds

...Took Papa to the zoo...Washed dishes...

...Be kind to my sitter...Matched socks without whining...

...Having good behavior at my dance recital...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



The 2021-2022 school year has officially concluded! Congrats to all the students, the graduates, and the teachers for doing such a wonderful job this year. Lori Pickvet has been a Godsend for the school this year, and I want to thank her from the bottom of my heart.

We will be looking for a new office administrator to start in August and Lori is going to be available to help that person transition into the role.

The children are going away from the school for the summer, but that doesn't mean goodbye, it simply means see you in August!

**Have a Great Summer!**

**...God Bless...**

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*The Ascension of the Lord commemorates Jesus leaving and going home to the Father in heaven. Recall a time when a friend or classmate moved away. How did you feel when that person left?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

## WITNESS

Before Jesus returned to his Father in heaven, he spoke to his disciples and called them witnesses to all they had seen and heard. A witness is someone who speaks the truth about certain events. A good witness can be believed. Jesus wanted his disciples to tell everyone the truth about his life and death. We were not with Jesus, but we have learned about him from those who have gone before us in faith. Now it becomes our responsibility to be witnesses.

### Living the Word:

Jesus' ascension was, in some ways, a starting point for the Christian missionary activity throughout the world. This week, do research online about worldwide Catholic missionary organizations. Educate yourself about the work that they do around the globe and the many challenges that they face and share what you find with your children. Pray for these people along with those they serve, especially those who are in dangerous and life-threatening locales.

### 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



**Restoration:** The diocese has informed us we can return to communion under both species with the feast of Corpus Christi: (June 18/19). New schedules for Eucharistic Ministers reflect the need for cup ministers.

It will no doubt be sometime before we get back to the lack of hesitancy about drinking from the cup. The alcoholic content of the wine and the proper procedure of the ministers in using a purification to wipe the cup after wine has been taken make the possibility of contagion almost non-existent. Nevertheless, people will only gradually return to the practice. It is, in fact, the same with church attendance. Several "parishioners" have not been in church since the pandemic and that is nearly 2 1/2 years ago. The return to the wine represents a desire to return to normal.

**Who? Me?** Yes you. We have asked parishioners to consider participating in the consultative process that is the method of operation by which the parish runs. Last weeks bulletin insert featured a description of the 4 commissions and the Parish Council. Each of them has vacancies or the need for expansion for the coming year. Those interested are invited to the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, 6:30 pm for commissions and 7:30 pm for Parish Council. The need for new members is as follows, Parish Council (2-3), Christian Service (1), Education (5), Worship (4), Administration (3). *Don't say, "Let George do it." George is already involved. What about you?*



## FROM FR.TOM'S DESK

### **Feast of the Ascension:** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Members of the praying assembly will notice that the sacred texts for today offer us two versions of Jesus' ascension: In the Gospel, Jesus' ascent to God concludes his earthly ministry; in Acts, his departure, 40 days after his resurrection, inaugurates the church's mission. By presenting both accounts, the Lucan evangelist has affirmed that Jesus' mission continues in the church. In his Gospel, Luke has put us in touch with Jesus; in Acts he has given us a window through which to perceive and appreciate the church. Both of these sacred texts challenge contemporary believers to assume their rightful place and responsibility in the ongoing saga of salvation. With the help of Jesus' own Spirit, we will learn to respond to the needs of others.

### **On Waiting (Acts 1):** *Celebration*

Although Jesus had sent his disciples on mission while he was with them (Luke 9, 10), now his first instruction is to wait. Whatever they think understand, whatever they might think they could teach, remains incomplete until they have the experience of being filled with his Spirit. Everything they had undergone before—John's baptism, their discipleship. The crushing experience of Jesus' death and their overwhelming encounters with him as risen—all of that was simply a prelude. The decisive event of their faith life, their baptism with the Holy Spirit, was yet to come, and all they could do was wait for it.

Luke's opening in Acts is a practical story that puts flesh on the message of John 16:5-7. In that part of the last discourse, Jesus talked about going away, saying, "I am going to the one who sent me...it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you." Luke, the only evangelist who really depicts Jesus' ascension, tells us about it twice so that we will get the message: Jesus' departure prepares the way for the fulfillment of our vocation to discipleship.

### **The Body of Christ (Ephesians 1):** *Celebration*

Part of the greeting of the letter, reminds believers of what God has done for them and for all in Jesus, and encourages them to rely upon the gift of the Spirit so they may better know and understand what has been revealed in Christ.

In the final two verses of this magnificent prayer, Christ is described as the head of the church, which is his body. The church is represented here as the complement of Christ. Just as the eyes of the mind cannot become effective without the body, the tremendous action of Jesus Christ cannot be made effective without the work of the church. Christ is the head, but we are the hands and the feet; Christ is overall, but graciously empowers us to participate in the process.

As the body of Christ in the world, it is our role to live, to speak, to love and serve in such a manner that others will want to know the good news of salvation.

### **Our Mission (Luke 24):** *Celebration*

Luke mentioned that Bethany was the place where Jesus departed. Bethany, about two miles east of Jerusalem, had been the place where Jesus visited Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (Luke 10:38-42) and, later, raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-9). There Jesus was anointed in the home of Simon the leper (Luke 7:36-50), and it was from Bethany that Jesus began his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-38). How fitting that Jesus should also make his triumphant departure from Bethany, having accomplished all that he had been sent to do.

After explaining that all that had been promised was being fulfilled, Jesus blessed his disciples, promised them the Spirit, and commissioned them to continue his mission. That mission, as stated earlier in Luke's Gospel, was to "bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind, release to the imprisoned and to announce a year of favor from the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19)

In the interim between Jesus' advents, this remains the mission of his followers. The feast of his ascension challenges us to consider the quality of our service and the depth of our commitment, today and every day. Jesus encourages us to rely more heavily on his gift of the Spirit, whose power and grace are just as unfailingly present to us as they were to Jesus' first followers. The same Spirit who continues to guide our understanding of the sacred texts also continues to help us integrate the faith we profess with the life that we lead, until Jesus comes to take us, home with him forever.

### **Alive in the Spirit:** Patricia DeGroot OSB, *Connect*

As Jesus returns to his Father the disciples stand on the threshold of the age of the Spirit. No longer are they to stand looking up, but to go forth, first to Jerusalem and then outward to the whole world. The kingdom of God has now expanded from the Chosen People to all. This is the critical turning point in the growth of the church. The church begins where Jesus left off. Once the Spirit fills the disciples with fire on Pentecost that fire spreads to all corners of the known world. Not only do Jesus' disciples forge outward, but their descendants in the faith reach out to the remotest and most exotic places on our planet. Do we follow their example? Are we so filled with the fire of the Spirit that we carry the message of Jesus into our workplaces? Our homes? Our places of recreation? Or even our churches? The Spirit is a spirit of love that moves our hearts to shout out the good news that life triumphs over death, and love always wins!

Let's no longer stand on the threshold of the kingdom of love. Let's move ahead and make a critical turn, a turn toward living life in the fire of love that is the essence of the Holy Spirit.



*"Come, Holy Spirit, fill me  
with the fire of your love"*

### Medical Update:



I have been going through the ringer with doctor's appointments and tests. I'm scheduled for a cardioversion this past Thursday (it has been cancelled twice). I have arrhythmia and AFib. The intent of the procedure is to get the heart in rhythm. My pulse is consistently over 100, regardless of my movement or lack thereof.

Next week I have an appointment with a Covenant oncologist. After an endoscopy, cancer was discovered on one side of the end of my esophagus. I have no idea what the treatment might be or whether I will be able to continue my pastoral duties. When I learn of the plan I will inform you.



*Please keep me in your thoughts and especially in your prayers*



## ***Migrant Program Update:***

*This last Wednesday we delivered the trailer to All Saints Parish (St Boniface Site) Loaded with Food, clothing, bedding, baby supplies, etc. donated by you the parishioners of St Gabriel! Irma and her crew at St. Boniface were overjoyed! The generosity of this parish is overwhelming and truly appreciated!*



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\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche

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\$ 150	\$ 175
\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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