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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 \*Currently Suspended or call Parish Office for appointment.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611

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If Bay City Public Schools 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 JUNE 15, 2020

### MONDAY

365: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

### TUESDAY

366: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

367: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

368: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

### FRIDAY

170: Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

370: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 573: Lk 2:41-51

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

94: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 17, 33-35 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

We will continue with the following Mass schedule to keep attendance at mass to 25% : June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> R thru Z (Daily Masses, 8 am Wednesday & Thursday will have regular attendance)

\*PLEASE REMEMBER MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL APPLY. Thank-you for cooperating

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$10,522

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Outreach Donation: \$2400 (Covid-19 Relief)

Thank you to everyone for your continued support financially.

It is truly appreciated!

Children Good Deeds

...John--Watered the garden...

...Cloie--Helped around the house...



## Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

**Do you know why.....** There is an invitation to receive Communion following the "Lamb of God?"

Up until the 16<sup>th</sup> century there were various prayers that were used by the priests as preparation for the reception of Communion. Then the priest gave the invitation "Behold the Lamb of God..." and three times the assembly repeated "Lord, I am not worthy..."

Today all of this has been reduced to two very brief and simple prayers which the Presider says silently. This is followed by the spoken invitation "This is the Lamb of God..." (from John 1:29) to which is added, "Happy are they who are called to his table" (from Revelation 19:9). To this everyone responds with the words of the centurion from Matthew 8: "Lord I am not worthy..."

This invitation and response to the gift of the Eucharist should remind us of two things: our worthiness to receive the Eucharist as a gift of our baptism combined with a deep sense of humility knowing that we, like the centurion, are unworthy to receive the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ.

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee  
We need to eat nourishing food every day to grow, to be strong and to be healthy. What do we have to do to have strong and healthy spiritual lives? What does it mean to you to receive Eucharist?

### Reflecting on the Word:

The mystery of the Eucharist is the mystery of our union with Jesus Christ. Each time we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, we behold the living God, and we allow Christ to fill and transform every corner of our lives. Jesus himself becomes our nourishment, our strength for a life of discipleship. And in each celebration, we are given new life—the life of Christ. We are uniquely and completely transformed and reformed into Christ.



Congratulations!

Julia Ann Krauss

daughter of

Andrew & Jessica.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The school year officially ended on May 29<sup>th</sup>. This week we will work on gathering all the materials passed out, while having a parade for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates. If you would like to take part in the celebration, vehicles can drive through the parish parking lot on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:55 till 7:25 pm. Celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> grader's last year at our school is an important step for all of them and their families, and if you feel comfortable, drive thru and honk your horn at them. I would love to see you too!

This week Jesus visited the disciples, breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit. This shows the disciples that Jesus lives through the works of the Holy Spirit and their words & actions. When they go out in his name, spreading the good news to the world. Daily, we have the opportunity to be a light in the darkness, to be a disciple of Jesus. Our parish and school have wonderful gifts to go out and be these examples to everyone we encounter. I have read many instances of people praying or helping during recent floods. Know these are works of the Holy Spirit in all of you, making a difference

✠ God Bless



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Congratulations!

Last Friday evening representatives of the school gathered to honor the graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving on from AACCS. Fire Trucks,

Police Cars and school families paraded from the east driveway entrance to the west and back again! We want to wish the following students well on their education journey:

Kayla Bragiel  
Julianna Grzegorzczuk  
Nolan Kramer  
Austin Pope  
Dain Putt

Mylie Reder  
Jaclyn Suderman  
Joshua Tanner  
Mitchell Warren  
Charlie Wright



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**The Body and Blood of Christ** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In today's first reading, the author of Deuteronomy affirms in us the understanding that the bread with which we are nourished does not satisfy mere physical hunger. Although these hungerers are not to be neglected, and although it is necessary to nourish the whole person, the bread God gives also takes the form of a living Word that feeds the spirit and challenges and chastens the will. To live by the bread that comes forth from the mouth of God requires a willingness to listen, to grow, to change and to be transformed by the Word. This will require that we take the Word and all its challenges seriously and not selectively and that we remain continually open to being surprised and perhaps even stunned by the demands of God's Word in our lives, in our world.

Paul, in today's second reading from his Corinthian correspondence, recalls for the praying assembly the ancient tradition that those who eat together signify by their sharing a belonging to and a responsibility for one another. This bond is such that the unity shared is mutually valued and protected. If even ordinary shared meals can evoke a sense of communion and mutual caring, how much more does the ultimate shared meal, the Eucharist?

Today's Johannine Gospel affirms that the gift of Jesus as Bread was and continues to be a challenge to the faithful Jesus' offer of living bread, i.e., his flesh for the life of the world, caused consternation, dissent and fractiousness among his contemporaries. They questioned and quarreled and some parted company with Jesus. Others clung to him and his gift of living bread in faith.

**God's Gifts: (Deuteronomy 8)** *Celebration*

All eight chapters of Deuteronomy may be appreciated as an *anamnesis* or an act of remembrance of the wilderness experience, but its central focus is on God, who made the trek and Israel's survival possible. Through all its trails—through hunger, thirst, through saraph serpents and scorpions as well as through all its blessings of manna, quail and water from the rock—Israel was to learn dependence on God, trust in God and hope.

Filled with the daily gift of manna, the Israelites were to look beyond the gift to the Giver and beyond all the other expressions of love to the God who loved them. By gratefully remembering all God's gifts, they were to become more sensitive and more aware of the much greater gift of God's Word. To that end, readers of this text are enjoined, "not by bread alone shall you live but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

**In Communion: (1Corinthians 10)** *Celebration*

Paul would have his readers appreciate the idea that the body and blood of Christ (the Eucharist) creates and feeds the body of Christ (the church). Moreover, participation in the sacramental body and blood of Christ meant to incorporation into, participation in and responsibility for the body of Christ, the church

Within Christianity, there are no first- and second-class dining rooms because worship creates a sharing that goes beyond the altar and the pew into all the other experiences of life. At each eucharist encounter, those who gather to share the one cup and the one loaf are called on to affirm their faith in Christ and in the community that is the church. When the eucharistic gifts of nourishment are offered, we respond before eating, "Amen." To answer "Amen" to the sacrament of the Eucharist is also to answer "Amen" to the praying assembly there present and throughout the world. To answer "Amen" but to fail to live in accord with that response is a contradiction to the intent and purpose of the Eucharist, which is to sustain the communion of all believers with Christ and with one another in Christ.

**Flesh and Blood: (John 6)**

*Celebration*

Jesus' gift, as narrated by the Johannine author, was met at the outset and continues to be met by some with doubt, disbelief and a desire to dilute the incredible import of his giving. It is clear from their reaction to him that Jesus' contemporaries understood that he was truly offering himself as food and drink. In contrast to the synoptic accounts of the Eucharist, which refer to "body and blood," the fourth evangelist speaks of "flesh and blood." This was a designation used in the Jewish scriptures to describe human life, flesh and blood meaning the living person. In the flesh and blood—that is, in the life—of Jesus, believers are fed; in that same flesh and blood, the Eucharist, believers encounter God.

In Jesus' gift of his flesh and blood as eucharistic bread and wine, we meet the Jesus of the cross, the risen Lord, the exalted Lord of all eternity, and we also meet and commune with one another: Let us eat and drink in faith and let our faith be translated into that mutual caring, loving and giving that will offer authentic witness to each and every sacramental encounter with the Lord.

**Joined Together:** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Paul, the founder of the church in Corinth, reminded his converts that those who eat of the eucharistic body of Christ become the ecclesial body of Christ. Participation in the sacramental body and blood of the Lord incorporates us into the body of Christ that is the community of believers and makes us responsible for that community. Therefore, our "Amen" says yes to the sacramental Jesus as well as to one another.

Centuries ago, St. John Chrysostom asked, "What is the bread actually?" The body of Christ. What do communicants become?" The body of Christ. Just as bread is the result of many grains and although remaining themselves are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we too are mutually united with Christ. "Whatever words we use—"a single monad," "the church" "the people of God" or "the community of believers"—as we celebrate the gift of the body of Christ, we also celebrate the gift of one another in Christ.

**Leap of Faith:** *Celebration*

In a homily offered to his congregation on May 21, 1978, Archbishop Oscar Romero said, "Faith is what a child has when its father puts out his hands and says 'Jump!' and the child leaps into space with the assurance that its father's hands won't let it fall." As today's Gospel is proclaimed, a similar faith is required of all who listen, because believing in the gift of Jesus as living bread challenges us to move beyond what seems rational and to take that great leap of faith that says, "I do not fully understand, but I believe...help my unbelief." In the verses that follow this pericope, the Johannine evangelist attests to the difficulty of such a leap by telling his readers, "As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him" (John 6:66). They understood that Jesus was offering himself as true (real) food and true drink, but could not accept what their minds could not comprehend. As we hear Jesus' offer proclaimed yet again in our hearing, the challenge is renewed. Do we believe and stay and eat and become one with him and one another, or do we depart?

**Act of Faith:** *Celebration*

In pre-Vatican II days, the celebration of the Eucharist was surrounded by much more ritual than it is today. Fasting, the use of Latin, the physical position of the priest and ringing of the bells at the consecration remind us that we were a part of something sacred. Today, most of these rituals are gone, yet the mystery of Eucharist is as powerful as ever. As mature Catholics, we are called to create sacred space around and within ourselves. We remember that each and every one of us is sacred ground. Jesus abides in us and we in him. We may never understand this great mystery, yet we are called to believe. Each Communion is a simple yet profound act of faith.



**"Lord, be always my daily bread"**



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**Cancellation...**

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**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**


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



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