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MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM
Sunday 9:30 AM Thursday 8:00 AM

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 8:00 AM (September-May)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact the Parish Office for an appointment to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Held on the 2nd weekend of each month. Must be an active, registered member of our parish family. Contact Sandy DesJardins at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be an active, registered member of our parish family.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Notify the Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, accident, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated each year in the Fall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available the 1st Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools 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. Check our website, MyParish app, or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00a Mass	2 8:00a Mass 7:00p Baptism Prep I	3 6:00p Athletics Banquet - WC	4 11:00a Confessions 4:30p Mass - Confirmation & 1st Eucharist
5 9:30a Mass (CLOW & Nursery) - Confirmation & 1st Eucharist	6 6:30p Choir Practice	7 8:00a Word & Communion 10:00a Scripture Study	8 8:00a Mass 11:00a School Mass Practice	9 8:00a Mass 6:30p Commission Mtgs 7:30p Parish Council Mtg	10 9:00a School Mass 10:00a May Crowning of Mary	11 4:30p Mass
12 <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i> 9:30a Mass (CLOW & Nursery) - Baptism	13	14 8:00a Word & Communion 10:00a Scripture Study	15 8:00a Mass	16 8:00a Mass 6:00p PTO Mtg 7:00p School Committee Mtg	17	18 4:30p Mass
19 9:30a Mass (CLOW & Nursery) 10:30a Blessing of Sacramentals	20	21 8:00a Word & Communion 10:00a Scripture Study	22 8:00a Mass	23 8:00a Mass	24	25 4:30p Mass
26 9:30a Mass	27 <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>	28 12:00a NO Word & Communion	29 8:00a Mass	30 <i>Holy Day - Ascension of the Lord - Honored on June 1</i> 8:00a Mass	31 9:00a School Mass - 5th Grade	

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WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2019

MONDAY

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8 See 557:1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 11:25-30

TUESDAY

8:00am - Word & Communion

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7-15

WEDNESDAY

8:00am - Mass

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

8:00am - Mass

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36 See 560:1 Jn 5:1-5
Mt 10:22-25

FRIDAY

1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

SATURDAY

11:00am - Confessions

4:30pm - Mass

Confirmation & 1st Eucharist

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY

9:30am - Mass (with CLOW & Nursery)

Confirmation & 1st Eucharist

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or
21:1-14

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 29	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday, April 30	10:00am	Scripture Study – Parish Center
	3:00-8:00pm	Blood Drive – Social Hall
	6:30pm	RCIA – PC
Thursday, May 2	7:00pm	Baptism Prep I – PC

Congratulations on your Baptism!

Nolan David Kramer and Molly Elizabeth Kramer
Children of Karl & Lisa

Jesus says, "Let the children come to me."
Luke 18:15

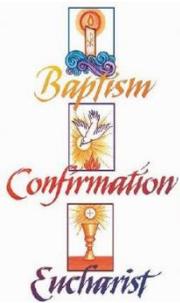


Sacraments of Initiation

Our parish children will complete their Sacraments of Initiation ~ Confirmation and 1st Eucharist ~ at Masses on May 4 and 5.

If you have been praying for one or more of our children and would like to give them a card or gift, stop by the table in the Social Hall for those items.

Please pray for our children as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation.



Adult Confirmation

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Confirmand (person receiving the sacrament) is enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit through the laying of hands and the anointing with Holy Chrism. Confirmation brings the process of Christian initiation to completion. The lifelong journey of faith formation continues as the fully initiated develop spiritually and participate in the life of God. If you have not been confirmed and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, preparation sessions will begin soon. Call or email Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to enroll.



Your Donation Saves Lives!

Blood Drive 3:00-8:00 in Social Hall

Donating blood saves lives! Parishioners and community members are encouraged to donate on Tuesday, April 30, from 3:00-8:00pm in the Social Hall at St. Gabriel Parish. The donation process takes only one hour - appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome. We have not yet reached our goal of 12 donors minimum – we need your donation!



Sign-up sheets are at the church, schedule online at https://donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/109290 or call the Parish Office at 662-6861.

EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

Why does Jesus emphasize peace?

Reflecting on the Word: Jesus emphasizes the gift of peace as he comes in peace and sends the disciples out in peace. This reminds us that he is the Prince of Peace. Jesus exercises power for peace. He comes in peace, with peace, and for peace. His message remains consistent and pure as he avoids violence of any kind.

Living the Word: Just as Thomas doubted, so do we at times. Ask each person to make a list of doubts or worries and then rate them from one to five, with one being very important and five the least urgent. Go through the lists as a family and see if sharing doubts eases the burden. Is there another way family members can help share the burden? After the discussion, invite the family to look at the lists again. Would they rate anything differently now?

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ❖ **Thank You:** We appreciate our volunteers ~ parents, grandparents, other family members, and parishioners! AACCS is one big family and our volunteers make this family that much stronger. God's blessings on all of you.
- ❖ **PTO Flower Sale Ends Monday, April 29:** To order, please contact an AACCS family member or call the School Office at 662-6431. Flowers will be delivered on Friday, May 10, in time for Mother's Day. **New this year:** Flats of petunias and impatiens
- ❖ **The Diocese of Saginaw Welcomes Scholarship Fund:** A new program is open to any student not previously enrolled in a Catholic school of the Saginaw Diocese, regardless of religious affiliation or household income. The Diocese will offer \$1,000 scholarships for high school students, \$750 for grades 1-8, and \$500 for kindergarten. For more information on this and other financial support for current Catholic school students, contact the Office of Catholic Schools at 797-6651. Those interested in applying for a new student scholarship may go to: <https://saginaw.org/welcome-scholarship>

PERSONNEL SEARCHES: The parish is searching for a school principal, a teacher, and pastoral associate who will also be able to direct the RCIA Program. Submit Resumes to the Parish Office.

CLARIFICATION: To counter false rumors, you should know that Bethel Ministries is using the gathering space at St. Anthony Church for Sunday services and two classrooms (one for Bible Study and one for storage). They are not using the church proper, regardless of what anyone says.



† “Thank you” to Parishioners Jane Berry, Chad Neal, and Tammie Hunt as they journeyed with our RCIA participants this year. Their commitment to this process is a true sign of the Spirit’s presence within our faith community.

† The family of Juanita “Billie” Szutkowski would like to thank everyone from St. Gabriel Parish that was so helpful in making Billie’s funeral a joyous celebration. Your kindness and all the memorials are very greatly appreciated.

Additionally, the family plans to make a charitable donation to the Auburn Area Catholic School’s “Spreading the Spirit” Fund.

Dave Szutkowski & Family

† Our family wants to thank all those who helped with the funeral and luncheon for Doris Keeley. Thank you to the staff, choir, church members, and everyone who so kindly took care of everything at the luncheon.

The help and kindness from everyone is so greatly appreciated.

The Family of Doris Keeley

† We say “thank you” to Becky Houck, our dedicated parish “Bulletin lady” for the past 20 years. She compiled information from staff and added creativity to the weekly Bulletin. The baton has been passed on to Jill Arndt, our relatively new Office Administrator.

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: By May 8, please submit your “cannot serve” dates that correspond to the next schedule of June 1 through September 1. Direct questions/messages to the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 * Offering: \$13,179.26

In Memory of Kay Wittbrodt: \$60.00

In Memory of Edward & Elaine Lepeak from Family: \$100.00

CSA (3rd Report): Another 71 parishioners responded. Their gifts/pledges total \$16,400, bringing the overall amount to \$55,095, which is 82% of our target. Next week, a second mailing will go to those who have not yet responded. Two weeks after, the chairpersons will start making phone calls. You can obviously lighten the load by getting your response to the Parish Office!

Children G@od Deeds

...helped Grandma make bread casserole ...helped clean the house
...gave a card to the Hetheringtons ...shared things with my family



FROM FR. TOM’S DESK

2nd Sunday of Easter

Mary McGlone, Celebrations

When the risen Jesus made himself present in the midst of the disciples who were hiding in the upper room, his words and actions recapitulated everything he had done with and been for them, especially at their last supper together. He greeted them saying, “Peace be with you.”

That greeting summarized everything. Jesus’ greeting was not a wish, but an announcement ~ we could call it a revelation. That word of blessing fulfilled his pledge that he would never leave them orphans and would give them his own peace.

Jesus then showed them his hands and side. Those hands were the ones into which the Father had handed over everything ~ the shepherd’s hands out of which no one could snatch his sheep. Jesus’ hands and side bore the marks of his passion. They were the concrete signs that he had definitively overcome the world and all its death-dealing powers. The peace Jesus proffered was the peace he knew from union with the Father.

As they rejoiced, he said it again: “Peace.” This second proclamation of peace announced their missioning. Continuing what he had begun at the Last Supper when he prayed that they would be one in him and the Father, Jesus gave them the mission he had received from the Father. Now, on this first day of the new creation, just as the Creator had blown the breath of life into Adam, Jesus breathed his own Spirit over them and asked them to receive it.

Blessed Are You

Mary McGlone, Celebration

John could have ended his Gospel with this appearance of Jesus. But that could have made it appear that the Gospel closed with the women and men who were present in that room. Composing this Gospel more than 60 years after the Resurrection, John was writing for Christians, some of whom had never seen Jesus or any of the original disciples. He was writing for us and wanted to include us in the story. Thus, he introduced us to Thomas, the twin brother of everyone who was absent on that first night.

Like the disciples who couldn’t believe that Mary and the women had encountered the risen Lord, Thomas was not convinced that Jesus had been among the disciples. Thomas explained only that he needed certainty.

Thus, when the risen Lord appeared to Thomas and greeted him with peace, the disciple who had said he needed to put his hands on Jesus’ body was instead so touched by Christ’s love that all he could do was proclaim his faith.

Jesus’ last beatitude was, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Blessed are we when we believe that sin and death have been conquered. Blessed are we when forgiveness makes us one. Blessed too when the Spirit impels us into the mission that allows us to share the very life of God.

Continuing the Mission (Acts 5)

Celebration

Luke’s basic point is that the church was growing prodigiously and God was working wonders through the disciples. The previously inept disciples were doing what Jesus had done, and even more. Many people recognized that and wanted to be a part of their movement.

Luke would be the first to remind us that the church must rely on the Holy Spirit for its future and its growth. At the same time, Luke wrote to show future Christians how to continue Jesus’ mission in the world. We will have no future if we do not believe that we are the ones called to carry forth Christ’s mission. We will have no worthwhile future if we do not learn how to rely more fully on the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Book of Revelation (Revelation 1)

Celebration

From now until Pentecost, our Sunday readings will include a selection from the Book of Revelation. It is undoubtedly the most difficult book to interpret within the Christian Scriptures.

As the editors of *the New American Bible* point out, Revelation cannot be read as an astrological chart or a secret code for deciphering the hidden trajectory of history. Revelation is apocalyptic literature, a genre developed by oppressed people who use the conventions of symbols, dreams and visions to do what we might call reading the signs of the times. The purpose of their fantastic imagery is to assure people that God is indeed watching over them and saving them, even, and perhaps especially, when everything seems to be going wrong.

This is only the beginning of the book, but it encapsulates the entire apocalyptic message. Christ was once dead but now lives forever.



That is what John is to write down and tell his people. As the rabbi say of the command to love: This is the whole message, all the rest is commentary.

Invitation/Command (John 20)

Celebration

At the time of the first creation, God gave humanity the vocation to be fruitful and multiply, to continue the work of creation. When Jesus became present to the disciples on that evening, he shared his mission much more specifically; he sent the disciples as the Father had sent him. This is an invitation and a command. The risen Lord commissions the disciples to share the very life of God the Father, Son, and Spirit by taking on the divine mission. Their promulgation of forgiveness is the mission of the Father, given to them through the Son and empowered by the Spirit. This mission will bring all into one.

Our Proclamation

Eric Fought, Celebration

When we think about those first few hours, and even the first few days and weeks following the death and resurrection of Jesus, it may be easy for us to forget the immense human experience of those who were there. Yes, time and again, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for what was to come, much like a parent or loved one might do who is on the journey at the end of life. Yet, nothing could have completely prepared the disciples for what happened ~ a triumphant entry, the scene in the Temple, the gathering around the table, the betrayal, the trial, the walk to Golgotha. And then, just as the reality of death began to hit, the disciples were, in varying ways, faced with trying to wrap their heads around an empty tomb, burial cloths laying without a body, and the appearance of the one they loved in the midst of a locked room.

Of course, they doubted. In their grief, they responded as best they could. In the story of Thomas and his fellow doubting disciples, those of us who have experienced the loss of dear ones find a story we can relate to. And for those of us who have lived long lives of faith, walking with Jesus as disciples on the long and winding journey of life, we find a story full of hope.

After all, there was no one in that room ~ at least we don't know of anyone who was sure enough in their faith to have handled the situation perfectly. And yet, each of them received from Jesus reassurance and from each other, comfort. Indeed, it wasn't the sure of faith who were called, it wasn't the ones without doubt who received the breath of the Holy Spirit. It was those afraid, grieving, doubting disciples.

John's Purpose

GraceWorks, Dallas, Texas

On this first Sunday in the season of Eastertide, the Gospel writer tells us he poured his mind and imagination into this Fourth Gospel so that those who would read his work across centuries to all of us who heard the lesson today might have "life in his name." What is God saying to us who long for meaningful life, risen life, transforming life, generous and nourishing life?

In a word, "life in his name" is a gift only God gives. The Easter story we celebrated last Lord's Day shouts from the mountaintops the central tenet of the Christian faith. God is the Creator who calls death from life, hope from despair, freedom from bondage, love from hate, and joy from sorrow. And all of those realities are gifts. None of us has the power to create them nor do we have any merit that deserves them.

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