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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 (September-May)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Celebrated 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend each month. Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact Sandy DesJardins at 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 or call Parish Office for appointment.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
 114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611  
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT**

**SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

School Principal..... 662-6431

**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.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

In John's vision, the new heaven and earth do not appear until the former have passed away. That suggests that John is talking about something like a resurrected creation. On the model of the risen Christ, it is a product of its history and yet thoroughly transformed. This is a vision of evolution reaching its pinnacle, the realization of the full potential of every person and every part of the universe. One dimension of the beauty of this vision is its mysterious open-endedness. As the First Letter of John says, "What we shall be has not yet been revealed" (1 John 3:2). In John's vision, the new Jerusalem comes down from heaven, meaning that unlike the impossible dream, it is God's creation, as real as the universe in which we now live and move.

John describes the new Jerusalem as a bride prepared to meet her groom. This is a way of saying that the new creation, unlike the first, starts with God but is not God's unilateral project. The new creation flows from the collaboration of a loving God and humanity eager to be in union with God. It is a way of being that comes about through the mutual love of God and humankind bringing everything to the realization of its greatest potential.

John runs out of words to describe the future he has glimpsed. He explains elements of the future in terms of the problems that will be overcome; there will be no more weeping, death, mourning, or pain. But a unique characteristic of John's new Jerusalem is that rather than have any governance or, as we shall hear next week, even a temple, life here is structured only by the fact that God dwells within creation and creation dwells in God.

John is describing God's dream for creation. He begins with what Genesis describes as our vocation and carries it through to Christ's mission to bring us into full union with God. We believe Christ has overcome the foe and wipes out sorrow. What remains for us now is to follow and to go where only Christ can lead us.

### **Growing the Church (Acts 14)**

[Celebration](#)

Luke is giving us images of heroism and community strength. This reading invites us to imagine the kind of groups that had formed as people accepted the Gospel. These people, Jews and Gentiles, were now being called "Christians," a term that began as a mocking reference to the fact that they believed that Jesus was the anointed Messiah. (The word Christ has the same root as chrism.)

Taken as a whole, this selection from Acts opens a window on the evolution of the Christian community. The missionaries remained itinerant, facing whatever came their way and inspiring the stable communities to do the same. Paul and Barnabas established communities, allowed them to grow, helped to structure them, and visited them to keep them encouraged and aware of the growth of rest of the church. Throughout, Paul maintained a healthy respect for the diversity of the groups, their membership, and their particular needs.

### **A New Jerusalem (Revelation 21)**

[Celebration](#)

Whether John wants to denote a place or a way of being together, he is describing the ultimate destiny of creation in union with God. Whereas the apocalyptic elements of the Book of Revelation ~ dragons, beasts and the like ~ may seem the stuff of fantasy fiction, John's description of the new Jerusalem invites us into realistic and hopeful contemplation.

God's union with humanity in this new reality is neither guardianship nor companionship but an indwelling. This is the fulfillment of creation and specifically of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper: "I pray...that they may all be one...that they also may be in us" (John 17:20-21). The new Jerusalem symbolizes the transformation of all creation, what Teilhard de Chardin called the Omega Point, an existence in which God will be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28).

### **The Great Commandment (John 13)**

[Celebration](#)

Deepening their awareness that he was pronouncing his last testament, Jesus told them he would be with them only a little longer. Then, he put into words what he had already taught them through the symbolic actions of washing their feet and sharing their food: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." He didn't simply ask them to love one another; he set himself up as the model for what love means. As he had said at the supper, they were to wash each other's feet. As he had shown them on the mountain near the Sea of Galilee, they were to share their bread with the hungry and gather up the fragments so that nothing would ever be wasted.

This was truly a new commandment. In fact, some might call it blasphemous ~ as if human beings might be capable of expressing divine love. But we can't get around the fact that Jesus said it: "Love one another as I have loved you." Now, their measure of love was not to be determined by their feelings, their blood, or cultural ties but by the love of God the Creator who recognizes no divisive or categorizing distinctions among human creatures.

This is where the message of our selection from Revelation illuminates today's Gospel. Jesus proclaimed that God's glory is revealed in self-emptying love. He told us, his disciples, that as we receive that love by allowing him to feed us and wash our feet, we will become capable of loving as he did. That will transform us so that we can incarnate the new Jerusalem in the way we love one another and through loving one another, love our God.

### **Good Questions**

Angela Butel, [Celebration](#)

In each of these readings, we can find multiple "why" questions that shake the foundation of the status quo. Why can't salvation be extended to all people in the world? Why should we not find God dwelling here among us? Why can't we be the ones to transform the world with our love?

Many of the people we most revere throughout history have answered God's call to participate in questioning the status quo. Harriet Tubman asked: Why can't all people have freedom? Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and other civil rights leaders asked: Why can't all people share equal rights? Mother Teresa asked: Why can't all people, regardless of their wealth or poverty, live with dignity? Crucially, each of these people saw a role for themselves in answering the question.

I leave you with some questions to take into prayer this week as you consider how to be an agent of sacred questioning: What elements of the status quo do I take for granted? Where might God be challenging me to think differently about some part of my life or my world? If I try asking childlike or forthright questions about this situation, can I understand something new? How does this new perspective inspire me to action?

*"Lord, strengthen my love  
for others."*

## WEEK OF MAY 19, 2019

### MONDAY

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

### TUESDAY

8:00am - Word & Communion

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13, 21 Jn 14:27-31

### WEDNESDAY

8:00am - Mass

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

### THURSDAY

8:00am - Mass

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

### FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17

### SATURDAY

4:30pm - Mass

Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

### SUNDAY

9:30am - Mass

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23  
Jn 14:23-29



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 20	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday, May 21	10:00am	Scripture Study
Wednesday, May 22	6:30pm	Grounds Clean-Up – East Campus

**REQUESTING YOUR HELP:** We will be sprucing/cleaning the East Campus grounds on **Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30pm**. Please bring rakes, pitch forks, pruners, or any of your favorite yard tools. Any time you can give will be appreciated!

**GRADUATION MASS:** High school and college graduates are invited to attend the Graduation Mass on **Saturday, June 1**. A Reception in honor of the graduates will immediately follow. By May 29, RSVP via notifying the Parish Office at 662-6861 or [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)

**ROAR! MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:** Your help is needed at Vacation Bible School on **July 29–August 1** from 9:00am to 12:00noon. It's a great fun opportunity to get service hours! Volunteer forms are available at the school entrance.



### RAFFLE

We are collecting prizes for the raffle at our **Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 8**. If you have an item to donate, please call Sally Czabala at 274-9956 or Mary Ellyn Gushow at 662-6745.

**NEW TIME – MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE:** The Military Honors at St. Anthony Cemetery on Monday, May 27, will be at **10:25am**.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962

Offering: \$8,744

Food Pantry: \$125

**CSA (6<sup>th</sup> Report):** In the final stages of this year's appeal, we received gifts/pledges totalling \$2,185. We are now at \$65,055. We have heard from 293 individuals/families (55%). If you have not yet responded, please come forward. The chairpersons will start making phone calls in hopes of ending this year's efforts.

### Children G@od Deeds

...I slept through the night ...helped plant some trees with Dad  
...listened to Mom ...gave my sister a hug  
...give my Mom lots of love on Mother's Day

You are invited to...

**Father Tom's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019**

**1:00–4:00pm**

**St. Gabriel Parish West Campus**

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

Who in your life do you feel loves and sees you as God does?

**Reflecting on the Word:** Loving each other as God loves us is a steep command. With such love comes forgiveness, mercy, and compassion. We might ask ourselves how we can love each person as God loves. Though we certainly fall short of loving as God does, we are to strive to love others perfectly. Every day, we are presented with multiple opportunities to love as God would have loved us. It is up to us to seek to accept this challenge each time.

**Living the Word:** Ask each family member to cut out a dozen little hearts and write different ways they can show God's love to one another on each little heart and sign them. Hide these hearts around the house for people to find in a book they are reading, in their bed or another place, or surprise them in their lunch. When a heart is found, the finder brings it to its author. When presented with a heart, the author must do what is noted. The hearts can be hidden again or their number may be increased.

## Vacation Bible School ~ July 29-August 1

**"ROAR! Life is Wild 🐾 God is Good"**

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At ROAR, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration forms are available at both entrances. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun!

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, June 25, if you want a T-shirt!

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ❖ We say "Thank You!" to Mr. Milne, our School Principal. He will be leaving AACs at the end of this school year. Mr. Milne came at a time when we were in great need of a Principal ~ an answer to our many prayers. We wish him the very best in everything his future holds.
- ❖ **Employment Opportunities:** AACs is searching to hire a 2nd Grade Teacher and Principal for the 2019-2020 school year. Qualifications and application information are listed on the back of this Bulletin. Please help spread the word about these opportunities to work in a loving, faith-filled educational environment.
- ❖ **2019-2020 School Year:** Have you considered all your options for your child's PreK-5th grade education? AACs offers smaller class sizes with individualized attention, before and after-school care, organized sports starting in Preschool, and Catholic Christian values that are instilled on a daily basis. For more information, call the Office at 662-6431 or view our website at [www.auburnacschool.org](http://www.auburnacschool.org).



People are called to ministry because they have gifts to give others. Our baptism calls us to serve one another; when we serve others, we show love and support. St. Gabriel Parish currently has membership openings on its Parish Council and Commissions. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these purposes – contact the listed chairperson to discuss the rewards of serving.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**3 Open Positions**

**Contact: Tim Hadd – 225-8583**

The Parish Council advises the Pastor and assists in the pastoral care of the parish. It is an invaluable resource to the Pastor and parish. It focuses on mission, not management, of the parish. Chairpersons of each Commission are integrated among membership of the Parish Council, reporting respective Commission activities. This Council meets on the second Thursday of the month from September through June. There is a three-year commitment. Below are some of this Council’s activities:

- Parish Picnic
- Parish Appreciation
- Approve Annual Budget
- Oversee Planning Group

**ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION**

**3 Open Positions**

**Contact: Mike Jamrog – 266-3413**

The Administration Commission is a standing committee of the Parish Council and is responsible for assisting the Pastor in the administration of the parish’s material resources. It is responsible for resource development, budget preparation, and overall review of fiscal buildings and grounds accountability. This Commission meets on the second Thursday of the month from September through June. There is a three-year commitment. Below are some of this Commission’s activities:

- Budget Preparation and Review
- Financial Accountability
- Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- Oversee Personnel Policies

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION**

**2 Open Positions**

**Contact: Renee Krager – 662-0135**

The Christian Service Commission provides direction and coordination for the social ministry efforts of the parish. This commission meets on the second Thursday of the month from September through June. There is a three-year commitment. Below are some of this commission’s activities:

- Host Coffee and Donuts After Mass
- Health Ministry (flu shots, blood drive)
- Receptions (Easter Vigil, Confirmation)
- Christmas Giving Tree

**EDUCATION/FORMATION COMMISSION**

**2 Open Positions**

**Contact: Sascha Rivet – 667-0930**

The Education/Formation Commission serves as a standing committee of the Parish Council. It is an advisory and consultative resource to the Pastor and Parish Staff in matters pertaining to education of the parish. This includes, but is not exclusive to, religious education, Auburn Area Catholic School, youth ministry, family ministry, and adult education. This commission meets on the second Thursday of the month from September through June. There is a three-year commitment. Below are some of this commission’s activities:

- Trunk or Treat
- Lenten Speakers
- Advent and Lent Little Book Mailings
- Scripture Study

**WORSHIP (LITURGY) COMMISSION**

**4 Open Positions**

**Contact: Sally Czabala – 274-9956**

The Worship (Liturgy) Commission is an extension of the Parish Council and serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor, Parish Council, and Parish Staff. The purpose of the commission is to assist and enhance the prayer life of St. Gabriel Parish, which includes but is not limited to training and recruitment for all liturgical ministers, planning for liturgical seasons and special celebrations, as well as preparing the church environment for worship. This commission meets on the second Thursday of the month from September through June. There is a three-year commitment. Below are some of this commission’s activities:

- Anointing of the Sick
- November Remembrance
- Reconciliation Services
- Church Enhancement

**Job Openings - Auburn Area Catholic School - 2019-20**

**Principal (Full-Time)**

**Second Grade Teacher (Full-Time)**

Qualifications

- Must be practicing member of a Roman Catholic Church
- BA or BS in elementary education working toward Master's Degree in education with administration emphasis
- Master's Degree in Education - preferred
- State of Michigan valid teaching certificate
- Classroom experience
- Adhere to Code of Ethical Conduct
- Positive references and recommendations
- Must clear criminal background check and comply with other diocesan mandates for Protecting God's Children

Qualifications

- Must be practicing member of a Roman Catholic Church
- BA or BS in elementary education
- State of Michigan valid teaching certificate
- Adhere to Code of Ethical Conduct
- Positive references and recommendations
- Must clear criminal background check and comply with other diocesan mandates for Protecting God's Children

**For each position**, send Resume with letter of interest and 3 letters of recommendation to Fr. Thomas Sutton, St. Gabriel Parish, 84 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611 or [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)

**REVISED FEES:** The Administration Council decided it was time to raise cemetery fees and rental rates of the parish halls. The Parish Council approved the recommended increases, which will go in effect July 1, 2019. Following is a picture of the cemetery rates:

**CURRENT PRICING**



Cemetery	P	NP
Plot	\$500	\$900
Burial	\$600	\$600
Burial of Cremains	\$125	\$150

Columbarium	P	NP
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,000	\$1,200
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,400	\$1,500
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 275 per niche


**PRICING EFFECTIVE JULY 1**

Cemetery	P	NP
Plot	\$500	\$1,200
Burial	\$650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$150	\$ 175
Saturday Burials	\$200 Additional (P & NP)	
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch (P & NP)	


Columbarium	P	NP
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,000	\$1,500
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,400	\$1,750
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche

**St. Anthony  
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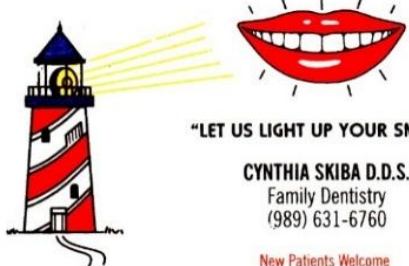


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