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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 2nd 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 1st Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish or call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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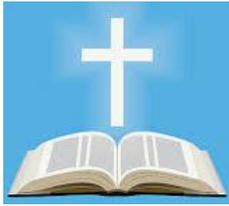
SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

[GraceWorks](#), Dallas, Texas

What does it mean to be at home with the Lord? Perhaps in the most important way, it means to receive the risen One, welcome the comforting Lord, making room in our lives for the Savior who loves us. He promises that when we die, he comes to receive us into his eternal presence. But now, as surely as we draw our next breath, he longs for us to receive him.

Our decision is whether or not we will welcome him into our lives. When we make that decision, today and every tomorrow changes. This, the bread and wine we share, tells us he longs to live within us at this Table and at every table. Chance meetings with a brother and sister in faith become holy reunions aware that the Lord is within and between us. Moments when loss or loneliness erupt for an otherwise ordinary day find healing and hope because the living One is at home.

Such a radical reconfiguration of life might find us more aware of our deep need for grace. Because the risen Lord is home, we learn from him in the quiet conversations between the soul and Spirit that our greatest need is not another experience but awareness, openness, gratitude before the One who loves us and never lets us go. Say "Yes" to our Lord's invitation today, aware that he has already ~ long ago ~ said, "Yes" to you. And bid him welcome.

Time of Decision (Acts 15)

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

When Paul and his companions met with the leaders in Jerusalem, the methodology they used to resolve their problem had three key steps. They looked at their experiences to discern how God had been active among them (Acts 15: 7-11); they looked to Scriptural models to help them understand what God was doing (15:13-17); they carried on hearty debate until they could come to a peaceful conclusion as the "ecclesia" or gathered church (15:4-5, 23-29).

In the end, they decided to limit religious requirements on Gentile converts. That decision opened the church to the world, affirmed Paul's theology of faith, and inadvertently admitted that gender was no marker of rank or authenticity among the faithful. That decision of opening the church to the world left the community with a commitment to openness that continues to challenge us today.

When they reached their conclusion, they did not claim infallibility nor try to make its details binding for all time. They believed they relied on grace and had done all they could in their moment. Thus, they believed in the conclusion they finally reached in peace. Their confidence about the result was so strong that they could make the astounding statement that their decision was that of the Holy Spirit even before it was their own.

Message of Comfort (Revelation 21)

[Celebration](#)

The most important feature of the city is what is not there. The temple, once understood to be the dwelling place of God, is no more. There is no need for a place of sacrifice. There is no need for a place set apart for prayer. There is no temple because there is no secular space from which it would be separated. God is all-present.

John's vision offered his persecuted people the sort of comfort peasants could find when they entered a great medieval cathedral. It filled their imagination with beauty, color, splendor, and a true sense of the fear of the Lord. It was a source of hope for them, a vision that offered an alternative to the bleakness they witnessed in their daily struggles. Most of all, John's vision promises that one day we can all

walk through the gates of that city with no temple and know that God is all in all.

Parting Gifts (John 14)

[Celebration](#)

Jesus makes two promises: The Father will send Jesus' Spirit to the disciples and Jesus will leave them his peace. The Spirit is the mode of God's ongoing presence with and within the disciples. Jesus promises that the very Spirit who animated him will be with them, helping them remain in his presence by teaching and reminding them of everything they need to know.

Finally, Jesus promises to bestow his own peace on the disciples. This is the shalom peace that encompasses love, integrity, and the self-possession that makes self-giving possible. This peace flows from Jesus' identity as the Father's beloved. The world cannot give this peace because it is not large enough to hold it.

In the beginning, Jesus said his command and his legacy is love. Those who love will live through, with, and in him. Because of this, they will rejoice that he is with the Father.

Peace Be Through You

Mary Whitacre, [Celebration](#)

Jesus gives his love freely and encourages us to invite his Spirit of love to dwell in our hearts. If we live in that love, we will be transformed into the peace Christ promises.

What might that look like for you? It could simply mean looking directly at a cashier and smiling. Accepting that there is often more than one right answer or even conceding your preferred answer. It could mean patiently listening to Grandma repeating the same stories in an endless loop. Refraining from political bullying and looking for realistic compromise. Anonymously mowing your overwhelmed neighbor's yard rather than complaining. Or sacrificing what is best for you in the interest of the greatest common good. Whenever we share love, it is multiplied in our hearts, our lives, and the world. We create the atmosphere for enduring peace to thrive.

"Come, Lord, dwell in me."

Different Kind of Peace

Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

Jesus offers the peace of conviction, confrontation, and endurance. No experience of life, no human event can ever rob us of Jesus' peace; no sorrow, no danger, no suffering can ever cause it to diminish. Jesus' peace remains ever firm, despite the most unpleasant and difficult circumstances because Jesus' bequest of peace is rooted in the relationship with God that has been afforded each of us through Jesus' dying and rising. Recall the words of the author of Colossians: "...for through Jesus, all things are reconciled. He has made peace by the blood of his cross" (1:20).



...to our generous Food Pantry contributors. Recipients want to pass along a sincere, "You don't know how much this means to me. It's a really big help. God bless all of you who make this happen!" We also had good donor response to the collection for the area Migrant Ministry Program.

Additionally, we appreciate the volunteer laborers who helped work on the church grounds this past Wednesday.

We are grateful!

SCHOOL ROOM ADDITION

The school, with the help of the parish, is adding a double-wide unit on the west side of the building. It's purpose is to free up another classroom so the 1-2 combined grade can be split because of class size. The new space will house the Computer Lab, Library, and Teachers' Lounge.

WEEK OF MAY 26, 2019

MONDAY

Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Jn 15:26-16:4

TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7-8 Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY 8:00am – NO Mass

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY 8:00am - Mass

Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

FRIDAY

Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23-28

See 574: 1 Cor 1:18-25 Mt 5:13-19

SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 27 – Monday – 10:25am – St. Anthony Cemetery
Memorial Day Military Tribute

JUNE 1 – Saturday – 4:30pm – East Campus
Graduation Mass & Reception

JUNE 3 – Monday – 6:00pm Cantor Meeting / 6:30pm Choir Practice

JUNE 30 – Sunday – 1:00-4:00pm – West Campus
Father Tom's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

JULY 29-AUGUST 1 – Monday-Thursday – 9:00am-12:00noon
Vacation Bible School – East Campus

SEPTEMBER 8 – Sunday – 12:00noon – East Campus
Parish Picnic



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



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 Elyn Gushow at 662-6745.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8,423

Food Pantry: \$60 In Memory of Ambrose Grzegorzczak: \$30

CSA Report: Another 13 pledges/donations were received, bringing our total to \$67,560 (target is \$67,249). So far, we have heard from 306 parishioners. Last year, 374 responded. If those not yet heard from do their part, as they did previously, we should end up with rebates back to the parish. In the budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, we did project a \$5,000 surplus for CSA.

Children Good Deeds

...helped my brother when he was sad ...being a good listener
...played nice with all kids at soccer ...helped plant flowers

EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

What does it mean to keep God's Word? How do you do that?

Reflecting on the Word: As Jesus prepares his followers for his leaving, he tells them that they will not be alone. Not only will the Father and Jesus come to those who keep his word, but the Holy Spirit will also teach and remind them of what Jesus told them while on Earth. Jesus assures these disciples that the peace he gives them will continue to be theirs. Finally, he assures them that he will return. Are you able to turn your anxieties over to God?

Living the Word: With your family, create a dream dwelling. Fill it with qualities and memories instead of things. Together, draw your house diagram on a large piece of paper and in each room, write the experiences and qualities you want to occur and feel there. For example, in the bedroom you could write "sweet dreams" and in the kitchen, "hospitality." In this drawing, you may also include the people you want to feel welcome in your home.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

First-time parent classes will be August 1 or October 3 at 7pm at the Parish Center. For those parents who have already attended a session, prep will be June 6 or September 5 at 7pm at the Parish Center. Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to register for a preparation session and set your celebration date.



A **Shout of Thanks** to our Children Liturgy of the Word Catechists: Cindy Abraham, Eva Hinterman, Kristin Lance, Troy & Michelle Lynch, and Mandy Swenberg. This year, we averaged 36 children a week hearing God's Word. One week, we had 65 children. Seeing our parish children process out together during Sunday Mass is always an uplifting, hope-filled experience. We could not offer this without the generosity of our catechists giving their time and talent to minister to our parish children. May God bless them abundantly!

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ❖ Thank you to Phyllis Peil and Doug & Gail Anderson for their donations to the School Library in honor of Neil DeShano's 70th birthday.
- ❖ We will be celebrating our last Student Mass of the school year on Friday, May 31. During this Mass, we will celebrate our 5th grade graduating class! The 5th graders and their parents will be actively participating in parts of the Mass. After Mass, there will be a graduation service for the 5th grade. You are invited to celebrate with us.
- ❖ Congratulations to our graduating 4-year old Preschoolers! Thank you to Mrs. Buchmann and Ms. Reinke for their time and dedication to our Preschool students.
- ❖ **Young 5's in 2019-20:** AACCS is adding a Young 5's Program for the 2019-20 school year. The Young 5's students will be blended into our Kindergarten classroom and attend five full days a week. If a child needs extra time before Kindergarten or falls into the September 1 to December 1 gap, we are here for you. For more details, call the School Office at 662-6431.



Bring your friends and neighbors!



Everyone is welcome! Register today!

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. Daily activities include music, Bible stories, KidVid Cinema, games, and a snack. Join us Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Registration fee is \$12 per child/\$30 per family. Registration forms are available at both entrances. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun! **Registration Deadline** if you want a t-shirt: Tuesday, June 25

ROAR! REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS ~ MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Your help is needed at Vacation Bible School on **July 29–August 1** (Monday through Thursday) from 9:00am to 12:00noon. It's a great fun opportunity to get service hours! Volunteer forms are available at the school entrance.

REVISED FEES: The Administration Commission 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 hall rental rates:

CURRENT PRICING

St. Gabriel East Campus (St. Joseph)	P	NP	St. Gabriel West Campus (St. Anthony)	P	NP
Hall Rental	\$150	\$175	Hall Rental	\$200	\$250
Rental fee includes \$100 for Special Events Insurance required by MCC					
Deposit	\$ 50	\$ 50	Deposit	\$ 50	\$ 50

PRICING EFFECTIVE JULY 1

St. Gabriel East Campus (St. Joseph)	P	NP	St. Gabriel West Campus (St. Anthony)	P	NP
Hall Rental	\$125	\$175	Hall Rental	\$200	\$250
Kitchen	\$ 50	\$ 50	Kitchen	\$ 50	\$ 50
Liability Insurance (MCC)	\$100	\$100	Liability Insurance (MCC)	\$100	\$100
Deposit	\$ 50	\$100	Deposit	\$ 50	\$100

P = Parishioner NP = Non-Parishioner MCC = Michigan Catholic Conference

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