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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**
 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

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 2nd 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

***Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

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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 Auburn Area Catholic School 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 March 27th , 2023

Monday

251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

252: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

254: Gn 9:1-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday

255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

256: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

37: Mt 21:1-11 38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

When have you prayed for Jesus to help you with something? Did you believe that he would?

Reflecting on the Word:

Martha is grieving her beloved brother's death and yet she displays deep faith in Jesus. She doesn't only believe that Jesus could have saved her brother from dying, she believes he still can save him after death: "But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Martha recognizes that Jesus is God's own Son and therefore has the power to save life as well as to bring someone back to life. This is not a small faith, a small ask, a small miracle. Martha believes in who Jesus is and what he is capable of. She knows that nothing is impossible for God.



Living the Word:

During this week, as a family, read the whole story of the death and raising of Lazarus: John 11:1-44. Talk about what this story reveals to us about who Jesus is.

Rice Bowls

What you give up for Lent changes lives. Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help reach more than 190 million people with lifesaving support. Please return your rice bowls Palm Sunday weekend, April 1 & 2. You can also donate online at www.crsricebowl.org/donate



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 27th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

PTO – 6 pm School Committee 7 pm

Tuesday, March 28th – Scripture Study 10 am and 7 pm

AACS P/T Conferences

Wednesday, March 29th – AACS P/T Conferences

Soup Supper 6 pm Communal Penance Service 7 pm

Thursday, March 30th – 5th Grade Shadow Stations 2:30 pm

Commission Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Council 7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$19,363.35
Food Pantry: \$250 **Catholic Relief Services:** \$982
Children's Good Deeds

...Helped out a lot around the house...Being a good help at home...
...Picked up other kid's toys at library...I helped with the laundry...
...Making sure Daddy was being safe when pulling up the carpet...

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This past week we sent out our annual flower sales form to the school families. There will be forms in the parish for anyone wishing to purchase flowers from AACS. There are a lot of different options, and I have always been happy with the quality of the product. There will be forms in the parish office, outside the school, or with your favorite AACS student. You can purchase them through any of the above avenues. If you do purchase through the offices, pick up will be on May 5th. If you order through a student, they will pick up their entire order and schedule a time to get your flowers to you.

We have officially started the final quarter of the school year, and this one always seems to fly by. There are a number of events coming up that we would love to see you at; April 26th is Grandparents mass (10:00 am), and May 3rd we will crown Mary (9:00 am) outside .

...God Bless...

BREAKING NEWS

As of the weekend of April 15th, and 16th a Sacramental Minister, will begin celebrating Mass here at St Gabriel Parish. The Vicar General informed the staff that *Fr. Richard John* and *Fr. Lourdu Vijay Madanu* will be sharing this responsibility. Please keep them in prayer.

Fr. Tom Update... Per Fr. Rob we have been given permission to update everyone that Fr. Tom has been moved to Hospice Care. Please keep him in prayer.

Loving God may this Servant of the Servant of God be drawn near to you. Grant him peace and fill him with Your love. Amen





5th Sunday of Lent: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

As the sacred texts are proclaimed yet again in our hearing, we are becoming aware that Lazarus' story and his experience are a paradigm for every believer. Just as Jesus loved Lazarus (John 11:3, 36), so does Jesus love us. Similarly, just as Jesus wept for Lazarus (John 11:35), so is Jesus fully even emotionally invested in our wellbeing. Moreover, just as Lazarus was raised, so every believer begins to live life anew at baptism and after death, rises to live forever in glory with the Lord.

The preface in the Mass of Christian Burial declares that in death "life is changed, not taken away. "Death is a passage or a transition, not a terminal experience. This does not mean there is no pain or sorrow or wrenching separation at death. But, if we truly accept Jesus at his word, and if we truly understand Lazarus' story as the story of us all, then there will arise in us hope and trust that will see us through that passage with strength and assurance.

St. Paul and the Spirit: *Celebration*

Until such time as God calls us home, Paul (2nd reading) reminds us that we are to live life in accord with the Spirit of God who dwells within. A dynamic, uncontainable entity, the Spirit is constantly urging us toward goodness, righteousness, peace, and compassion for others. As our teacher, defender, guide and inspiration, the spirit is not content to be heeded only once in a while or when it is convenient. On the contrary, the Spirit compels us to be the growth and transformation we want to experience in our world. If people were more attentive to the Spirit, it would affect everything they touched. Not only would it have an impact on personal growth and relationships, but it would also influence economics, politics and all social structure. Did Jesus have such transformation in mind when he bequeathed his Spirit to his own? Surely he did. We who profess to believe in him as the resurrection and the life are endowed by his Spirit to be living signs that reveal who Jesus is and challenge others to share our faith in him.

Gospel Differences: *Celebration*

A comparison of the synoptic Gospels with the Gospel of John reveals obvious differences, one of which concerns the miracles or wonders worked by Jesus. Generally, the Synoptics represented most of Jesus' miracles as acts of power by which Jesus established the reign of God and defeated the reign of Satan. Some miracles, like the multiplication of the loaves for the many, have symbolic significance. These echo themes from the Hebrew scriptures and are represented as the fulfillment of prophecies; they also point ahead to future events—for example, the Eucharist. But, in the Gospel, the evangelist has chosen to pass on to his readers only seven events that have come to be known as signs. Through each sign, something of the person and purpose of Jesus is revealed, and those who witness the sign are challenged to come to believe in him. The signs of Jesus not only prophesy about God's intervention but already contain it. Each sign is to be understood as testimony to the presence of God in Jesus.

Our Sign Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Today's dramatic Gospel story invites us to stand awestruck with all the others as Jesus approaches the tomb of Lazarus. "Lazarus, come out!" he commanded. His voice reached into the dark tomb and

found the dead man's ears. Lazarus was the third person to be raised from the dead by the power of Jesus. The first was the 12-year-old girl who died in her bed. The second was an only son to a widow in the town of Nain.

In sending his disciples out to spread the good news, Jesus empowered them to cure the sick, raise the dead and heal the leprous. At the very least, it would seem that as Jesus' disciples today, we are empowered to visit the sick, to help heal those we can, and by our example to inspire those who are spiritually dead to come back to life and to be restored in their faith.

On Being Thomas: *Celebration*

Thomas replied by calling the disciples to what was probably the best they could offer at the moment: "Let us also go to die with him." In this, Thomas, called Didymus, was acting as the identical twin to all who are called to grow in faith; he demonstrated that his loyalty went far beyond his comprehension. He didn't understand that Jesus' "Hour" would bring glory or that Lazarus' death would bring a deeper revelation of who Jesus was, but Thomas had enough love to be willing to stand with Jesus in spite of obvious danger. That was expression of faith, not in a theological or even intellectual sense, but in a much more concreteway, saying in effect, "I have no idea where it is leading, but I trust you more than anyone else, so I will remain with you." This is a parallel to Peter's proclamation: "Master, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). So with fearful faith, they accompany Jesus to Bethany.

On Being Martha: *Celebration*

Martha's conversation with Jesus takes the exploration of faith a few steps farther. First she recognized him as a healer—although she reminds him that in that capacity he arrived too late to do much good. She follows her complaint with the ambiguous statement: "Whatever you ask of God, God will give you." When Jesus replies "your brother will rise again," Martha hears the sort of cliché frequently offered to people who are grieving. It's effectively a call to ignore real anguish and take a "spiritual view" that discounts the hole in the heart of the bereaved. But that's hardly the intent of Jesus for whom this moment was so perturbing and troubling that he wept openly.

Jesus asks if Martha believes, and she responds that she believes he is the Christ. She doesn't say she understands it, just that she believes. So Jesus takes her one step farther, he takes her to face the grave. Raising Lazarus becomes the sign that in him, death has no power. Believing in Jesus, walking with him with more trust that understanding, is the journey of discipleship, the route of living in the Light of Christ, the resurrection and the life.

"Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen."

*Our parish tradition continues
Wednesday with soup supper at 6
pm and at 7 pm a Communal
Penance Service with Father Bert
Gohm. As a faith community it is
our time to come together, be
renewed and deepen our encounter
with Christ. Please join us*



It's Not Too Late The purpose of Lent is to prepare our hearts for Easter and to affirm and solidify God in our lives. We can do this by giving something up. But we can also do this by adding something Christ-like to our lives.

Things to Give Up for Lent: •Gossip •Facebook for a week •television (use the time to read a book or connect with other people)•Netflix •Criticism •Complaining •Starbucks (make your own coffee and donate the difference) •Talking about yourself (unless someone asks you a direct question)•Video games/games on your phone •fast food •interrupting people •worrying about money (read Luke 12:22-31)

Creative Things to Start Doing for Lent: •Compliment someone every day •Donate your \$ •Donate your time •Start a prayer journal •Do something nice for someone everyday •Make something and give it away •Be more charitable (with your money, your actions, your words) •Pray more •Read the Bible •Bring someone a meal.



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Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
CEMETERY		
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional

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