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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 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**

**\*Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

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**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 April 10<sup>th</sup> , 2023

### Monday

261: Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

262: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday

263: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105: 1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-15

### Thursday

264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

### Friday

265: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118: 1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

266: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

43: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

*Imagine you were approaching Jesus' tomb that early morning. How would you have reacted to the earthquake and the angel of the Lord descending from heaven? What would you have thought about this message?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

We join with the whole Church to celebrate Easter, the greatest feast of all, the feast of Christ rising from the dead. As the women were walking to the tomb, they were consumed with sadness for their friend and Messiah who had been killed. When they arrived, however, nothing was as they expected it. The earth shook, an angel appeared, and he proclaimed the most glorious news! Jesus was not dead. His love for us was so great, he died and then conquered death. He was alive. His light would never go out again. They were told to "God tell" because this light is meant to be shared. That is reason to exclaim, Alleluia! Praise to the risen King!



### Living the Word:

Easter is such a wonderful feast that we celebrate it for fifty days! Change your prayer tablecloth to a white one. Throughout this season sing Easter songs and read the stories about Jesus after he rose from the dead to remind your family that we are still celebrating this great feast!

## What Easter Means Today

Taken from: About Easter by Channing L Bete Co, Inc.

The Resurrected Lord is still present in the world, offering to all believers: *The Easter Message:* The meaning of what happened at the first Easter should remind you of:

- Christ's Resurrection and your own to come
- The Kingdom of God, here and now, in the mist of life
- Your responsibility to help spread the Good News

*The Easter Spirit:* Knowledge of Christ's Resurrection should give you:

- Joyful and triumphant faith
- Confirmation of the Christian way of life
- Meaning and purpose for daily actions

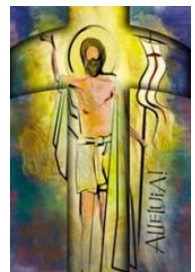
*Renewed Hope:* Because of the first Resurrection, you can:

- Follow the path to salvation
- Believe that God will one day transform this world
- Know that your efforts in this life are not in vain.

*Transformation:* The Resurrection offers you God's help to change your life in order to:

- Fulfill God's wishes
- Respond to others' needs
- Become caring and just
- Become a fulfilled human begin

Easter should be a continuing celebration of Jesus' helping, saving presence, reflect in your daily life. Strive to renew love and hope all around you.



## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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There has been a time change for Grandparent's mass on April 26th. It will be at 9:00 AM, and all of us at AACs would love to see you there! For *March is Reading Month*, the students had an opportunity to earn rewards by reading every night. They would have the opportunity to attend a Loon's game for free if they filled their March calendar. There will also be an opportunity to have some fellowship time on June 11 at the Great Lakes Loons game. Tickets will be able to be purchased in the school and parish offices, and at the monthly SCRIP sale after mass. Tickets will be picked up outside the ballpark on June 11th. They are for lawn seats and will be \$10 per ticket. Please join in this great opportunity to get together while also raising funds for AACs.

*I hope you have a Happy Easter!:*

*...God Bless...*



Thank you to Misty Michelle and the youth for putting together the Easter Egg Hunt for our parish children!



### ***Easter Greetings!***

*The Parish Staff would like to extend our best wishes to you for the feast of Easter and the fifty days of celebration that follow. May the loving presence of the Risen Christ be with you and with your family. May the promise of new life forever be for you and yours the source of hope that sustains you in your everyday lives and may we all be truly blessed by the Easter event!*

### **Good News**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

A woman, Mary of Magdala, crashed through the door where the disciples were hiding and spoke the most astonishing words ever: "I have seen the Lord!" Human history has never been the same.

Perhaps even more remarkable is that Mary did not initially recognize Jesus. Frantically she wondered where his body had been taken. With tremendous grief, her eyes filled with tears. She was crying so openly that two strangers, angels, appeared and one said to her: "Woman, why are you weeping?"

Who cannot identify with the overwhelming power of grief upon hearing that someone dear to us has died? But then Jesus asked the same question: "Woman, why are you weeping?" Notice that the first words spoken by the risen Jesus were about the meaning of human tears. Jesus then spoke one more word: "Mary." It stopped her in her tracks. She recognized the sound of her name in that voice.

This was the turning point. This was the moment the Resurrection became fully evident. This was when human history changed.

And this is also when Jesus' command to "go to my brothers (and sisters)" broke through. And the disciples did just that. They told the story that had been passed on to us. It is the same story that Mary of Magdala discovered.

"I am here. There is life. Eternal life." We call it Easter.

### **He is With Us**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In this month's Easter Gospels, we are blessed with narratives of the risen Jesus' appearances to his own. These appearances, as chronicled by John and Luke, have been shared by eyewitnesses to Jesus whose testimony is true and is intended to resonate within our hearts so as to move us to faith. Each appearance attests to the continuity between the earthly Jesus and the risen Lord. Although transformed, Jesus still bore the wounds of his passion and death. Yet, as Thomas (April 23) was to learn, seeing and touching those wounds would not lead to faith. Nor would an empty tomb (April 16) be accepted as indisputable witness to Jesus' resurrection. Indeed, even Mary of Magdala (April 16) though someone had taken Jesus' body from the tomb. Not to be proven by empirical proof or by seeing and touching, the resurrection of Jesus is grasped by faith and embraced through grace. We who believe accept the testimony of those first eyewitnesses to the risen Lord. This truth that we share bonds together believers of every place and time.

Until we see the risen lord for ourselves, Luke offers us uniquely valuable encouragement (April 30). Jesus comes to us and stays

with us in the breaking of the bread of the Eucharist. Jesus comes to us and stays with us as we pore over the sacred texts. There we hear the voices of the prophets who have revealed God's plan of salvation for humankind. There we can see and touch the living Lord through whom we are forgiven and redeemed. This is our hope; this is our faith. Amen! Alleluia!

### **Coming to Understand**

Sr. Stefanie Weisgram, *Celebration*

Jesus' disciples felt everything we feel and more because they were right there in the midst of it. They actually saw the resurrected Jesus. But we are Jesus' disciples just as much as they were. Just as they grew in their understanding of Jesus' resurrection, so can we. We do not see him now but one day we will. In the meantime, we also need to grow in understanding Jesus' resurrection. We do that in how we live, in our eating and drinking in the Eucharist, in our praying and in our awareness of how Jesus is in us and in others. We grow in understanding Jesus' resurrection when what we pour out our lives as he did. For us the pouring out will not be on a cross but in our lives as we live and share together as Jesus called us.

### **Continued Celebration**

"The Blessed Pentecost" Nathan Mitchell, Notre Dame

The Christian celebration of "the blessed Pentecost" will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty days of "dwelling in" the paschal ministry! Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of walking with the neophytes ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. Good heavens! What an order!

One reason why such a prolonged celebration strikes us as difficult—if not downright absurd—that we tend to link feasts and holidays with mindless hoopla. "Party time," for many, is an invitation to obliterate consciousness, to get wasted, to veg out, to forget. But a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcomed, unrealistic, obligation to "party on," even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart," to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short, Pentecost is a season for learning how to say yes in a culture that wants to keep saying no.

*"Lord, you gave our Pastor the privilege of a holy ministry in this world. May he rejoice forever in the glory of your kingdom." Amen.*



*Father Thomas Sutton's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church (St. Gabriel Parish), 84 W. Midland Rd., Auburn. The Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss, Bishop of Saginaw, will preside and Reverend Gerald Balwinski will be the homilist. Priests of the Diocese of Saginaw will concelebrate the Funeral Mass. The Rite of Committal will take place at St. Patrick Cemetery. Visitation will take place at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday April 11 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a Vigil Prayer Service at 7 p.m. led by Reverend Robert Howe and Reverend Jack Johnson, and again on Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass.*



**Food Pantry Needs...** In March we handed out **72 boxes of food!** The need is very great for food supplements, many people are

unable to pay bills and buy groceries. I am asking the parishioners of St. Gabriel to help us meet this overwhelming need once again. We appreciate all you do!

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| <b>Pancake mix</b>  | <b>Syrup</b>            | <b>Cereal</b>           |
| <b>Canned fruit</b> | <b>Peanut butter</b>    | <b>Jelly</b>            |
| <b>Soup</b>         | <b>Baked beans</b>      | <b>Sloppy Joe mix</b>   |
| <b>Canned pasta</b> | <b>Spaghetti sauce</b>  | <b>Spaghetti</b>        |
| <b>Canned tuna</b>  | <b>Mashed potatoes</b>  | <b>Mac &amp; cheese</b> |
| <b>Deodorant</b>    | <b>Shampoo</b>          | <b>Toothpaste</b>       |
| <b>Dish soap</b>    | <b>Bar soap</b>         | <b>Laundry soap</b>     |
| <b>Tissues</b>      | <b>Paper towels</b>     | <b>Toilet paper</b>     |
| <b>Tuna helper</b>  | <b>Hamburger helper</b> |                         |

*An Easter Prayer*

Christ the Lord is risen  
 And, as all the world rejoices,  
 Singing of His glory  
 With such joyful hearts and voices,  
 May you find that Easter brings you  
 Peace and faith and hope anew,  
 And may these blessings fill your heart  
 With joy the whole year through.

*Happy Easter*

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Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
<b>CEMETERY</b>	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional

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