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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 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**

Available 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

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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 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

### MONDAY

279: Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

280: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

281: Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 37:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

282: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

### FRIDAY

283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

284: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14 Mt 13:54-58

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

53: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



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

*What does a shepherd do? Why is Jesus called the Good Shepherd? What does Jesus mean when he says we will all be of one flock?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

The image of the Good Shepherd as a portrait of God's love for us is one of the most beloved in Scripture. Jesus knows all his sheep, cares for them, and will lay down his life for any of them. How amazing it is to know that Jesus loves and cares for us so much, and that we are all treasured, not for what we possess or what we create, but simply for being one of his flock.



### Living the Word:

Go online and find an image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Display it where your children may focus on it for a moment. Ask them to look at the picture and tell you what they see. Then read aloud Psalm 23, verses 1-4, from your Bible. What feelings do the images of the Good Shepherd conjure? How would you feel if you were one of his sheep?

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Migrant Ministry collection begins.

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** – No School

Funeral – 2 pm

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – First Eucharist Celebration

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Blessing of the Sacramentals after Mass

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$21,370.63

**Food Pantry:** \$390 **Catholic Relief Services:** \$25

### Children's Good Deeds

...Playing nicely with my little brother...I played with my cat...

...I listened to my parents...Helped reconnect the stereo...

...Making my bed and not making a fit about it...

...To babysit my sister when my Mom was upstairs...



## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week marks the continuation of our Easter celebration. What better way is there to celebrate our faith than by having another weekend of welcoming people into receiving the Eucharist? I can't think of a better way to get excited about our children in the parish! Congrats to all our First Communion participants and thank you families for continuing to teach our faith.

This week Jesus is talking about overall ownership of our circumstances and how we should behave when faced with adversity. Someone with stake in the game is more apt to fight for a purpose, opposed to an outsider. Jesus claims us as his own and makes the promise of knowing all our thoughts and desires. God knows how many hairs are on our head and what we wish to accomplish. He will do everything for us, as long as we accept him and live with dignity and virtue.

... **God Bless...**

*Alleluia!*

## COVID-19 Prayer

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Diocese Announcement:

*In order to replace or supplement what parish/school locations have been able to do in Safe Environment training, Bishop Gruss has authorized the **Knights of Columbus Protecting our Children Guide for Families** be made available to all Catholic households with youth. We will have these booklets at both entrances of the church to take if you have not received one through Faith Formation or School.*



FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepard Sunday):

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Blended families face adjustments. When divorce or death claims a spouse and the remaining spouse remarries, a new family is born. Included in this new family are children from one or both of their first households. Many of these blended families are comprised of children who are sometimes described as “yours,” “mine,” and “ours.” Inevitable tensions arise as differing household styles, rules and traditions collide, and conflict-solving becomes part of life.

Similar conflicts threatened the unity of the early church as it began to realize itself as a blended family, drawn together by a shared faith in Jesus. There were the Jews, to whom Jesus first extended the gift of salvation. Some welcomed the gift, others did not, and the resulting tensions caused divisions.

Also included in the blended family of the church were all those non-Jews who were traditionally regarded as beyond the pale of God’s saving concerns. As shepherd and savior of all people, the Johannine Jesus (Gospel) acknowledged their belonging and his desire to be their pastor and protector. “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice.” In the same breath, Jesus spoke of laying down his life and taking it up again. He has done so for all God’s sheep and every member of the human community without regard for their ethnicity, age, gender, or worthiness. Jesus envisioned the blended family for which he gave his life as “one flock with one shepherd.”

Fearless (Acts 4):

*Celebration*

Attracted by the cure of a crippled man who begged for alms in the temple area, they hurried in amazement toward John and Peter, who began his preaching with the grateful man still clinging to him.

Peter used the opportunity and the amazement of his listeners to call for their repentance and conversion to Jesus Christ, whom he affirmed was the Messiah they had long awaited. As Peter was speaking, the priests, the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees (who considered the possibility of bodily resurrection alien to their religious beliefs) came to take the disciples into custody (Acts 4:1-4). On the next day, the disciples were brought before the Sanhedrin, and it was there, before Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander and all who were of the high priestly class, that Peter dared to continue his preaching.

Luke is quick to point out that Peter was empowered to speak by the Holy Spirit (v.8), who filled him just as the Spirit filled Jesus and would continue to fill those who would preach in his name. On his own, Peter may have been cowed by the threat to his life precipitated by his powerful message, but with the Spirit, he found the courage to preach with frankness and without fear.

Our Status (1 John 3):

*Celebration*

Often portrayed as the adopted children of God in the Hebrew scriptures, the Israelites associated their adoption with the covenant and regarded the commandments as the formula that guided their lives as God’s children. In the Christian scriptures, Jesus is portrayed as revealing God as a loving Father whose love makes all the children capable of loving.

When he first attempted to speak to the hearts of his listeners, many of whom had separated themselves from the rest of the Johannine community, the ancient author’s heartfelt words fell on deaf ears. Nevertheless, as evidenced in his letters, he did not give up; he returned again and again to his major point: God loves us; we are God’s children; we also are to love one another so that others may see that love and believe.

Compassionate Leader (John 10):

*Celebration*

When the Johannine Jesus proclaimed his willingness to lay down his life and to take it up again for the sake of the flock entrusted to him by God, he offered a noble example for all pastors. His teaching challenges those who care for others to approach their service with a wholehearted altruism that will hold nothing back for the sake of the other. Time, talent, treasure and even Jesus’ very life, were completely given over to the well-being of his own. His example continues to constitute a challenge.

Jesus’ altruism also extended beyond his fellow Israelites to include “other sheep that do not belong to this fold” but who also “hear my voice.” During the ministry of the earthly Jesus, these “other sheep” were the sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes and pagans who were regarded as unsalvageable by the leaders and pastors of his day. Nevertheless, Jesus reached out to lead and care for them.

Herding/Shepherding:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Herding is characterized by a nameless and impersonal coercion, by a mob psychology rather than personal decision and by expediency rather than personal relationships. Moreover, the process of herding puts everything and everyone on a level plane with little or no attention given to individual needs or varying circumstances. Shepherding, on the other hand is based on a relationship between the sheep and the shepherd. He knows each of them by name, they recognize his voice. There is no need for coercive herding because the sheep readily associate their shepherd’s voice with food for their hungers, cool water for their thirst, healing for their wounds and a compassionate caring when they have become lost and afraid. They do not exist for his sake but he for theirs and because of his personal involvement with them, the sheep willingly follow their shepherd, trusting in his leadership, protection, and continual attention to their welfare.

Quotables:

Thomas Steagald, *The Abingdon Preaching Manual*

Today, many crazy things ask for pieces of our allegiance and, if we are not careful, we may find ourselves enslaved. Wise Christians can still tell the difference between *fuhrrers* and the Lord, between *reichs* and the reign. “Those who know the difference are content to follow the Shepherd; the others are relegated to run with the herd.

“Lead me, Lord,  
along straight paths.”



A Shepherd:

Jessica Mannen Kimmet, *The Liturgical Press*

There is a sense of rest in this image. With the Good Shepherd present in our lives, we know that all is well and that we need not be afraid. Christ’s strength and guidance are enough for us. But when we listen to the shepherd’s voice, we realize that we are called to be shepherds too. In another Easter appearance, Jesus calls Peter to feed his sheep. The very mission of the church is a participation in the shepherding work of God. Priests, of course, play a special role in this work; that’s why they are called pastors. But all of us are called to some kind of pastoring. For many laypeople, parenting is the main place for this work. But any act of teaching or protection or forgiveness or guidance is part of the shepherding mission of the church.



**CMA Update:**

As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, the total amount of pledges and contributions is **\$74,985** 105% of our target of \$71,210. That is 309 parishioners/families (59% of members) who helped us reach our target.

**Thanks to everyone who helped us exceed our goal!**

**In Memoriam...**

We would like to offer our condolences to the families of Patrick Hogan, Virginia Markel and August "Gus"

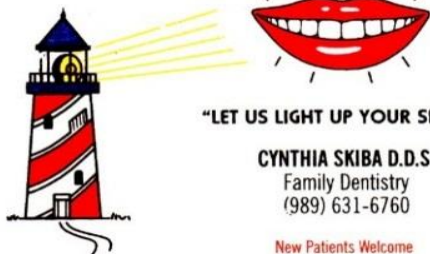
Rudnick who passed away over the last month. We would also like to say "Thank-you" for the generous donations "in memory of" \$320 (Pat Hogan), \$325 (Virginia Markel) and \$2,695 (Gus Rudnick), and an additional \$500 for AACS in memory of Gus.




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Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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