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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
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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)
 *Currently Suspended

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 8:00 AM (Labor Day through Memorial Day)
 *Currently suspended

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month. 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 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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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. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2020

MONDAY

273:Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY

274:Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY

275:Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY

276:Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY

277:Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY

278:Acts 9:31-43 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY

49:Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
Have you ever met someone new and, right away connected with that person? Why do we feel chemistry with certain people?

Reflecting on the Word:

The two disciples poured out their fear and sadness to the stranger they met on the road. They did not recognize him until his breaking of the bread. In the Gospel, we learn that the Risen Christ is not always easily recognized. Sometimes we only recognize Jesus in hindsight. But, whether we know him or not, Jesus draws near to all of us on the journey of life. He is there to remind us of the Truth, to reassure us in the dark times, to light our way.



Living the Word:

Why did the disciples say their hearts were burning within? Discuss how the disciples might have felt before being joined by Jesus, and then when they traveled with him. Imagine how they reacted when Jesus was revealed to them. Talk about what it means for your heart to be burning within you.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Do not forget the Blood Drive on Wednesday April 29th in the Parish Social Hall From 2-7 pm. Blood supplies are low and your participation will be greatly appreciated! Versiti Blood Center will be taking special precautions due to the pandemic.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$15,560

Food Pantry: \$965 **CRS:** \$105 **Rice Bowl:** \$58

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish financially during the cessation of masses. It is truly appreciated!

Children G😊😊 Deeds

*...Even though there were no children's envelopes this week we hope that children at home are doing still "good deeds" and we would **love** to hear what they are. parishoffice@auburnac.org*

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



The teachers have been amazing with this change to online learning. They have really worked hard to give the students online lessons throughout the week. While it is not the perfect situation, the teachers have been working

extremely hard making this transition as smooth as possible. We will continue to teach the students and work to offer a superior education. I ask you to keep us in your thoughts & prayers during this tough time.

This week Jesus' disciples are walking to Emmaus just a short distance from Jerusalem. On their walk, the disciples are met by a stranger. They don't recognize him and offer this stranger a place to share a meal. During the meal, the stranger took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them revealing his true nature. The disciples were facing many adversities following Jesus' death and resurrection and found hope through this interaction. Even in uncertain times, Jesus is there for us like he was there for the disciples. He offers hope and will never let us down.

✝ **God Bless**

Online Giving...

Your parish STILL needs your support.

You can drop off your donations at the parish office or mail them. *But don't forget the availability of online giving.* You can go to the parish website and "click" online giving, you can also go to My parish App or use the link below. While we are unable to attend weekly mass, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are. <https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds>



Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

Do you know why.....we pray for many different individuals and groups during the Eucharistic Prayer?

The origin of our Eucharistic Prayer is found in the Jewish Blessing Prayer over the cup which included various formulas requesting God to show mercy upon the people of Israel and to restore the House of David. In the early church this consciousness of others was incorporated into the Eucharistic Prayer. After the offering following the words of institution, we pray for all who are present, we pray for the Church (especially the Holy Father and our Bishop). We then pray for Christians everywhere and for all our sisters and brothers who have died. The reason for these intercessions is to make clear that the Eucharist which we celebrate is communion with the entire Church and that what we offer to God we offer for all the members of the Church, living and dead. We pray that all of us gathered from every part of the world will be made holy and redeemed by the one, true sacrifice of Jesus Christ made real and present at every Eucharist we celebrate.

Spring Fundraiser for AACCS!

Auburn Area Catholic School has partnered with J. Theisen for their annual flower sale! You can go to the school's website or come by the parish office for an order form. There are lots of beautiful flower choices, colors and containers to choose from!



Postponed:

The Saginaw Diocese has informed us this week that CMA (formerly CSA), the annual appeal for monies to support the Diocesan yearly budget, which was due to start in May has been indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic and the cancellation of masses. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.



"Guide me, Lord, on the path to life"



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Third Sunday of Easter

Biagio Mazza, Celebration

The first reading from Acts recounts Peter's speech delivered after the Spirit of Jesus had been poured out on disciples. Peter narrates how Jesus was commended to us by God, to show us the path of life, a path that eventually brought death at the hands of those alien to God. Yet, God raised up Jesus from the throes of death and exalted him, making him our path to eternal life. The path that Jesus forged continues to be available to those who open themselves up to the abundance of the Spirit.

The second reading from 1 Peter asks us to conduct ourselves with reverence as we sojourn to God. Jesus has ransomed us for God not with any perishable goods but by the unblemished offering of his very life. Because Jesus was willing to give so totally of himself, God raised him and made him the eternal source of our faith and hope in God. We are called to model our lives on Jesus' lifestyle of love and concern for others.

The Gospel reading from Luke takes us on the road to Emmaus, the path on which we face both the struggles and doubts of life, along with the insights and connections that Jesus offers. Two of Jesus' disciples, most likely a husband and wife, are returning to their home in Emmaus. Discouraged and distraught about all that happened to Jesus in Jerusalem, their messianic hopes were shattered when he suffered and died a cruel death.

When the risen Lord encounters the disciples on the way, their doubts and disappointments prevent them from recognizing him. In response to their concerns, Jesus unpacks the Jewish Scriptures showing them why the Messiah would suffer and die. Giving of self for others—even to the point of death—becomes the path to glory for Jesus as well as for anyone who choose to follow him.

Peter's Witness

Celebration

During Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles and not from the Hebrew Scriptures. Acts is seen as appropriate for the Easter season since it recounts how Jesus' followers conduct themselves after being gifted by the spirit at Pentecost. Luke, the author of Acts, focuses on how the community began to organize itself, carrying out Jesus' mission and ministry by proclaiming to all the good news of the new age and salvation brought by Christ. Today's reading has Peter, on the very day of Pentecost, speaking to all the Jews present in Jerusalem for the pilgrimage Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) about the marvelous events they had just experienced. After asserting that with the descent of the Spirit the long-awaited messianic age has finally arrived, Peter witnesses to Jesus the Nazorean as the one sent by God to inaugurate the messianic age and through whom God worked mighty deeds. Yet, some lawless Jews refused to accept and believe, and thus plotted to have him killed. But God's plan was not to be undone. God raised up Jesus, thus releasing him from death's grip.

Path of Life: (1 Peter 1)

Celebration

Whenever we find ourselves floundering on our sojourn to God, we are to seek out the path of life which Jesus provides. Whenever we lose faith and hope, we are to remember that Jesus, even in his darkest hours, always trusted that God would ultimately reveal the path to him. Whenever we are called to encounter the Lord, both daily and

at the end of our lives, we can be assured that Jesus, who has walked that path to life before us, will be there to greet us with open arms.

Fed on Word and Bread (Luke 24)

Celebration

Through the Emmaus narrative Luke's community proclaims that the risen Christ can only be recognized whenever one seeks nourishment from the Scriptures and the Eucharist. Without such nourishment and our willingness to share it with others, no matter the cost, we will never recognize the risen Lord who constantly draws near and always walks with us. The risen Christ and his path of life is found whenever we feed on God's revealed word and break bread together. As often as we do this in memory of Jesus, we delve deeper into the Paschal Mystery and affirm it as our God-given path to life.

Lost and Found:

Grace Works, Dallas Texas

Emmaus is where we go when hope dies, the resurrection is the story of how we get back from Emmaus. Jesus did not join Cleopas and his friend on their trip to Emmaus in order to scold them for their despair, but to rescue them from it. In the silent compassion of listening, in the unfolding of the insights from scripture, and finally in the breaking of bread, they recognize Jesus. And in having recognized him, these two washed up disciples found new wind in their sails, and they hastened back to rejoin the others in Jerusalem. Don't you imagine the trip back to the city seemed shorter than the long trek away earlier in the day? Hope is that way. It puts wings on our feet, smiles in our hearts, and sends back into life, with all its mess and darkness, believing still in the future that God is bringing to life.

Lesson from History

Rev. Richard Gribble, The Liturgical Press

Thomas Edison's laboratory was almost completely destroyed by a fire in December 1914. Although the damage exceeded \$2 million, The building was only insured for \$250,000 because it was made of concrete and thought to be fireproof. Much of Edison's work went up in terrible and undiscerning flames that night. At the height of the fire, Edison's twenty-four-year old son, Charles was frantically looking for his father. He found him, calmly watching the scene, his face glowing in the reflection. Charles commented, "My heart ached for him. He was sixty-seven—no longer a young man—and everything was going up in flames." When he saw Charles, Edison asked him, "Where is your mother?" Find her and bring her here for she will never see anything like this as long as she lives." The next morning, as he looked at the ruins he declared, "There is great value in disaster. All of our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew." Three weeks after the fire, Edison invented the first photograph.

Need to Hope

Rev. Richard Gribble, The Liturgical Press

Disappointments and problems can many times be transformed into successes and solutions merely with a change of attitude or perspective. The disciples along the road to Emmaus had their disappointment changed to joy in the breaking of the bread. They discovered a new way of seeing Jesus. If we open to possibilities in our lives, we too can change and find beauty in the many ways in which Jesus comes to us.

Let us discover, as did the disciples on the road, how disappointment and tragedy can be turned into prosperity and hope. Let the resurrection of Jesus bring us hope—hope for our world, hope for our community, hope for our salvation and eternal life with God!

How Long, O Lord? With the current pandemic, the first events cancelled were those involving large crowds, sporting events, concerts, religious assemblies. In all likelihood, when things begin to open again (when there is adequate testing available) those that were first to shutdown will most likely be last to re-open. This leaves us with all sorts of uncertainty with respect to when we will be able to gather for liturgy. There may be some signs of light, but there is still much darkness and we continue to be put to the test. Stay strong in faith and in hope



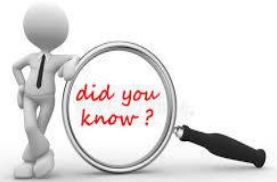
**Food
Pantry
Needs**

Food Pantry:

We have been giving away a lot of food the last couple of weeks with families dealing with difficulty getting their unemployment and we need some replenishment if you can help...

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| Tissues | Pasta Sides | Laundry Soap |
| Canned Tuna | Tuna Helper | Hand Soap |
| Canned Pasta | Deodorant | Shampoo |
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Blood Drive... 43,000 units of donated blood are used **every day** in the US and Canada. The #1 reason blood donors say they give is that they "want to help others." There is **NO** substitution for human blood. If you can **Please** donate blood on April 29th, from 2-7pm at the social hall at St. Gabriel Parish. Appointments are preferred, call 866-MIBLOOD or visit versiti.org/miblood



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at standstill with the shutdown as Lifetouch has closed per the executive order in their state. Know that we are still in the process and hope that we can have it completed in the near future and then get it into the publisher when they reopen. Thank-you for your patience!

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April**

29

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