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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 the 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**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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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 May 22nd, 2023

Monday

297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

298: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 64 17:1-11a

Wednesday 9 am -Mass

299: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

300: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday

301 Acts 25: 13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

302: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 22nd – Pre-School Graduation 10:30 am

Wednesday, May 24th – 5th Grade Graduation Mass 9 am

PTO – 6 pm School Committee – 7 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$8,369

Food Pantry: \$50 Catholic Relief Services: \$25

Migrant Ministry: \$125

Children's Good Deeds

...Saving enough to go to D.C....Helped pick up dog poop...
...Giving a teacher appreciation gift...Helping SJ with bath time...
...Planted Grandma's daffodils...Helped put stickers on the clothes...
...Making my baby brother smile...Going to library story time...
...Helping Mom plant flowers...Helping with Gramma's flowers...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The end of the year is getting closer and closer, and the students are growing more anxious by the day. These are the activities going on within the next 2 shortened weeks. We will begin

to say our farewells to the 5th grade students as they celebrate their graduation mass Wednesday, May 24th at 9 AM. Our new priest, who is coming to St. Gabriel's in July, Father Marc Hopps, is going to celebrate the mass with us. We are sad to say goodbye to the 5th graders and excited for them to begin the next phase in their lives.

Thank you to an anonymous donor who has for years supplied the students with a special treat at the end of the year. Their smiles and happiness tell me they truly enjoy it.

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What does it mean to "Go and make disciples of all nations"?

Does it mean we have to travel far? What are some ways we can answer Jesus' call?

Reflecting on the Word:



For forty days after his resurrection, Jesus Christ would appear to his apostles. Before Jesus finally ascended to his Father, he told them to do something very important: to go make disciples of all nations. Jesus had been walking with and teaching his disciples for three years, preparing them for this moment when they would be sent out into the world. With

Jesus no longer walking on the earth, it was up to all the disciples to spread his love and message. What Jesus asked of his disciples is what he also asks of us. We also are being called to go make disciples of all nations. Yet Jesus assures us we are not alone on this mission, he will be with us always.

Living the Word:

The ascension is the second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. As a family this week, gather to pray this mystery together. Start by reading today's Gospel again. Then pray an Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and finish with the Glory Be. Encourage everyone to ponder today's Gospel while repeating the Hail Mary. Afterward, share what came to mind about this Scripture passage while praying

Youth Ministry

All high school and college graduates are invited to attend graduation Mass on Saturday, June 3 at 4:30 p.m. A reception in your honor will immediately follow. RSVP to Misty Michelle youthff@auburnac.org or Parish Office 989.662.6861 parishoffice@auburnac.org



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar!

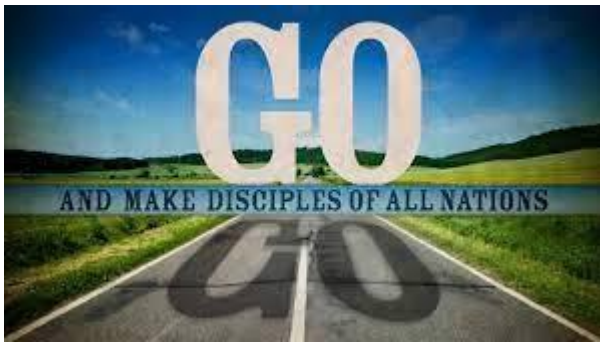
July 25, 26, 27 from 9 am - noon.

For children in grades K – 5th (Fall 2023). Help is needed from youth in grades 6th – 12th. Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are now available at the west entrance of the church. If you do have any questions please contact Mrs. Mocny, kmocny@auburnac.org

Pentecost 2023

The Education Commission would like to help each family celebrate Pentecost this year. After Mass May 27 & 28 they will be passing out red pinwheels and a prayer to the Holy Spirit. We ask if you take one and put it outside as a reminder for all as the Church marks the occasion of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his resurrection. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, may we understand our mission to spread the Good News of Jesus, and have the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what he had accomplished by his dying and rising.





Ascension of the Lord Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

The Letter to the Ephesians offers a description of the gifts the disciples needed to move forward in today's selection from that letter we hear the prayer "May the God of our Lord...give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know the hope that belongs to his call...the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe." What a prayer for semi-willing, mostly confused disciples!

That prayer begins by grounding us in our faith, reminding us that the will of God the father, "our Lord," and the Spirit is always for our good. When it asks for a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation," it opens us to the Spirit that gives us the ability to read the signs of the times, to recognize how God is luring us forward through the people and events of our days. To pray that "the eyes of our heart be enlightened" pleads for a God-sized vision, for hope that will go further than all our imaginations put together.

We can celebrate the Ascension as an invitation to imagination that leads us to ask for such a blessing. We are invited to stand with the disciples who heard the promise, who knew they wouldn't see Jesus anymore but who were still charged with carrying on his mission. Like them, we must face the very real dispiriting events of our times, the circumstances that cannot and should not be ignored. We may share their desire to simply stand, looking heavenward for a solution, but we will also hear angels or prophets who remind us that prayer is only one part of the equation.

If we have the audacity and courage to pray for the blessings of wisdom, revelation, knowledge of God, enlightened hearts, and Christian hope, we will be impelled to action. The good news is that Christ has promised that as we go to the ends of the earth, he will be with us until the end of the ages.

Call to Action *Celebration*

The Greek of Jesus' command "Go and make disciples" makes a verb out of the noun "disciple," literally saying "Go and disciple all the nations..." If making disciples, baptizing, and teaching might seem like the activity that fills the church building, "discipling" sounds more like heading out on a march. And if that's the case, the last line of today's Gospel makes it clear who is leading. The Gospel of Matthew ends with Jesus' statement: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Our readings for the feast of the Ascension of the Lord call us to action, but well-grounded action. There is much to do while disciples await the return of the Lord, and a good part of it is the activity involved in "discipling." There is a time for looking up. For seeking the wisdom and revelation that will help us recognize the activity of Christ's Spirit among us. But the contemplation that leads us to Christ will inevitably lead us into mission. Enlightened hearts are hearts on fire marching out to share the Spirit to the ends of the earth.

Ephesian's Prayer

Celebration

The blessings Paul asks for here spring from the reality of what today's celebration of the ascension says about Christ. The ascension presents one of many images of Christ's glorification and union with God. The breadth of what this blessing asks is based on what it goes on to say about Christ. He is risen, he dwells with God and reigns over every created thing. His victory means that all creation is destined toward him. Paul said all things are under Christ's feet to be brought to fulfillment in him. Teilhard de Chardin put it this way: "Through the incarnation God descended into nature in order to super-animate and take it back to him" (Mysticism of science).

The beginning and the end of this blessing ask for the same thing. In the beginning, it is the knowledge of God that comes from the discernment of an open heart. At the end, it is knowing the richness of the one who "fills all things in every way." In both cases, the blessing asks that the community be brought into union with God through Christ.

Hopeful

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

When the women encountered an angel at Jesus' tomb the angel told them to go tell the others that Jesus had been raised from the dead and would go ahead of them to Galilee where he would see them. Then Jesus appeared before the women and said: "Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee and there they will see me."

In the Gospel passage assigned to the Ascension of the Lord, Matthew describes that powerful moment when those who had doubts fell down in homage when the resurrected Jesus came forward. At the end of his great commission to the disciples, Jesus says, "And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world," we are challenged to have no doubts about this as we wait in joyful hope for his certain coming.

"Come, Holy Spirit"

Great Commission

Mary Whitacre, *Celebration*

What do you think was going on in the minds and hearts of those close to Jesus as they watched him being lifted and taken from their sight? What memories lingered of Jesus' transforming presence that brought out the best in people? As is common in human nature, those grieving his loss gathered to share stories. They shared stories of the love they experienced in Jesus' eyes and touch. They shared how Jesus had believed in them in ways they couldn't. They shared the wisdom they had learned from Jesus' parables. And in their sharing, Jesus' presence came alive again for them. Jesus instructed, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." What was he asking of us as Christians? As the church celebrates the feast of the Ascension, how is it calling you and me to our higher selves?



The Veterans of Foreign War are having their Memorial Day 2023 cemetery event on Monday, May 29th, 2023. It is as follows:

- 9:30 am – Fremont Cemetery
- 9:50 am – Lutheran Home Cemetery
- 10:10 am – Auburn Veteran’s Memorial
- 10:25 am – St. Anthony & William’s Twp Cemetery
- 10:50 am – Zion Lutheran & Beaver Twp Cemetery
- 11:10 am – St Valentine Cemetery
- 11:30 am – St Anne Cemetery
- 11:50 am – Calvary Cemetery
- 12:05 am – Heavenly Rest Cemetery

Ascension Day Prayer

Father in heaven,
our minds were prepared
for the coming of Your kingdom
when You took Christ beyond our sight
so that we might seek Him in glory.
May we follow where He has led
and find our hope in His glory,
for He is Lord forever. Amen



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Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional

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