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**MASSES**

**\*Weekday masses suspended until further notice**  
 Saturday 4:30 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**

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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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 AACS 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.

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### Week of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### MONDAY

572A: 9-15, 20 Ps 87: 1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

#### TUESDAY

348: Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

#### WEDNESDAY

572: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:36-56

#### THURSDAY

350: Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

#### FRIDAY

351: Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

#### SATURDAY Mass 4:30 pm

352: Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

#### SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

164: Ex 34-4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18



### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Memorial Day!**

*Parish Office/ School Closed*

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – **Kindergarten Graduation – 6 pm**

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – **Last Day of School – Half Day**

### STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6,372

Food Pantry: \$125 Priests Retirement: \$150

Migrant Ministry: \$70

Children's Good Deeds

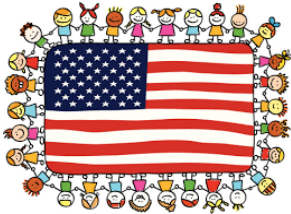
None this week!

### AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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We are into the final 3 days of school Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The days are jammed packed with us cleaning up, a final prayer service, gathering signatures of their friends, and ending with field day on the final half day, June 1st. From there, the students will be off until the 21st of August when school resumes.



Have a **Happy Memorial Day.**

Thank you to all the veterans who have helped protect us throughout the years.

*... God Bless ...*



### Family Talk Time:

**Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families**, Sara McGinnis Lee  
Listen for the words Jesus says in today's Gospel: "Peace be with you." Where else in the Mass so we hear these words? Why do we say them? What do you think the disciples felt before Jesus came and stood in their midst? After he breathed on them, how do you think they felt?

### Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus breathing on the disciples seems like such a strange thing to do, but this also happened in creation! In Genesis 2:7, God formed man out of dust and then blew the breath of life into his nostrils so that he became a living being. At the Chrism Mass, which is celebrated by the bishop before Easter, he breathes over the three different vessels of oil that will be used for the sacraments. This gesture recalls Jesus' action in today's Gospel: a symbol of the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate the oil. The Holy Spirit that is breathed into Adam, beathed over the sacred oils, and breathed onto the apostles gives life. The Holy Spirit is God's very life and it is within you also. At your baptism you received the gift of the Holy Spirit so that you can live your life for God as the apostles did after receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



### Living the Word:

The Holy Spirit is waiting to be invited into everything you do. As a family, make it a habit to invite him into your every activity by saying, "Come, Holy Spirit. You are welcome here." Invite him before driving, before school activities, or before a difficult conversation. He is waiting to be let in

### Youth Ministry

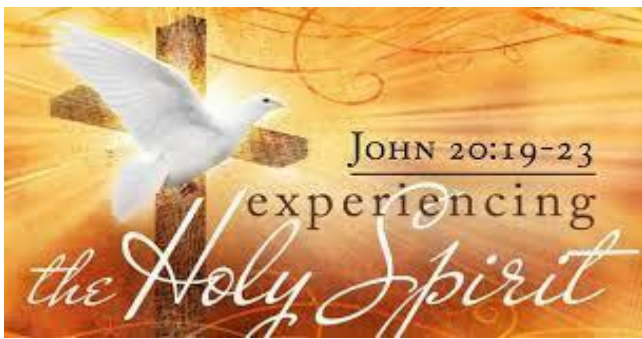
All high school and college graduates are invited to attend graduation Mass on Saturday, June 3 at 4:30 p.m. A reception in your honor will immediately follow. RSVP to Misty Michelle [youthff@auburnac.org](mailto:youthff@auburnac.org) or Parish Office 989.662.6861 or [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)



### Vacation Bible School – Mark your calendar!

**July 25, 26, 27 from 9 am - 12 noon.** For children in grades K – 5th (Fall 2023) Help needed from youth in grades 6th – 12th Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the west entrance of the church. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mocny at [kmocny@auburnac.org](mailto:kmocny@auburnac.org)

**Migrant Ministry Collection...** The collection for the migrant program was **a big success!** The staff took the trailer to St. Boniface on Monday and unloaded 20 carts full! The program organizer, Irma, was very grateful and wanted us to relay her sincere thanks. **So, thank you to everyone who donated!**



### **Feast of Pentecost** Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

A little noticed detail in the Pentecost accounts is that the Spirit descends on community groups, not individuals. When Luke tells the story of Pentecost, he starts with the detail that everybody had come together. When John depicts Jesus bequeathing his Spirit to the disciples it is again in a communal setting. Jesus conferred his Spirit on the community, in fact, on the community who were gathered in fear, trying to protect themselves from the rest of the world.

Luke and John offer two very different renditions of the gift of the Spirit to the community of faith. In Luke, it happens after 50 days: a final 40-day tutorial during which the risen Lord appeared to disciples until the day of his ascension. After a 10-day period of retreat, the Spirit dramatically invades the gathered community with the result that they cannot help but share their gospel.

John paints quite a different picture. In his depiction, on the very day of the resurrection, the risen Jesus breaks into the midst of the closed-off and fearful disciples to offer them peace. Before all else, this gift comes in the form of forgiveness. This is the first encounter of the risen Lord with the disciples who had abandoned and betrayed him. Their locked doors are one more sign of their lack of faith. Yet, Christ breaks through it all with the offer of peace. This is a profoundly humbling moment, a replay of sorts of Jesus washing their feet. As he greets them with peace they know all too well that they don't deserve his acceptance. They have proven themselves cowards and traitors, and he's proclaiming his love for them just as they are. The risen Lord appears in their midst in the most unexpected way. He shows them his hands and his side, signs of an irrevocable past. Nothing can change what happened. But just as truly as he is free from death, he offers them freedom from being determined by their past.

### **Challenged to Forgive** Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

In his book *Breathing Under Water*, Richard Rohr says that forgiveness implies letting go "of our hope for a better or different past." Both the forgiver and the forgiven acknowledge the reality of what has happened between them, but they will not let themselves be bound by it. They know the hurt, but they refuse to replay it again and again, pressing the bruise so it will never fade away. Forgiveness is not a judicial process or a market exchange through which there can be a correctly calculated payback that evens the score. Forgiveness is an encounter of love. Forgiveness springs from the belief the past can be redeemed, and its effects can be redirected from a passive acceptance of injustice or the vengeful arithmetic of "an eye for an eye."

This is the Gospel the Spirit impels the disciples to preach. They can preach forgiveness only because they have experienced it. If it was humbling to be forgiven by the risen Christ, it was also empowering.

The community born out of Pentecost is a community of the forgiven who are commissioned to forgive. These are the people who must never forget either their origin or their destiny: They are a gathering of the frail and failing called to strengthen one another.

When we greet each other with peace today, we are challenged to remember the meaning Jesus gave that word. "The peace of Christ be with you" is the greeting of sinner to sinner. Christian to Christian as forgiven forgivers. It is a blessing that calls us to humility and generosity in equal measure. It is a blessing that we can make real only in communities enlivened by the breath of the Spirit.

### **Without Borders**

*Celebration*

By telling us that Jerusalem was home to "devout Jews of every nation under heaven," Luke brings a new crowd into the story. In his Gospel he had spoken primarily of the disciples, unsophisticated Galileans, the leaders with their underlings and with a few other characters. Now the focus is on a crowd that represents chosen people from the entire world. The horizon has become limitless.

Luke doesn't tell us what the Spirit-filled disciples preached. That will come later. Instead, he points out that their message made sense to a multitude of people—all in their own languages. This is not, as some say the reversal of Babel but its transformation, the sign that the Gospel can flourish in every culture and tongue. It has nothing to do with uniformity of expression but rather blesses the multiplicity of ways faith can be expressed in word and faith.

Throughout history it has been too easy for the Church to forget that from our beginnings our community knew no boundaries. Jesus broke open closed systems by forgiving anyone who sought it, reaching out to the untouchables, commissioning women as disciples and privileging the poor. The first gift the Spirit gave the disciples impelled them from beyond the limits of their cultural background. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of their struggles to carry out that vocation, to make the Gospel knowable to the whole world.

### **Priest's Retirement Fund:**

*Most parish priests dedicate decades to serving the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. Much of the work they do goes largely unnoticed. They have modest incomes during their years in active ministry and many rely on the diocese's Priest's Retirement Fund. This fund assists priests who are currently retired and those who will retire in the future.*

*Please carefully and prayerfully consider a donation to this fund. Envelopes for this special collection are in your regular envelope packet. The collection will take place on Father's Day Weekend, June 17-18, 2023.*





**The Holy Spirit comes to us bearing gifts, so we need to be on the lookout for them. Here's some help.**

*Have you intuitively known how to handle a tough situation in your family or with a friend?*

**That's wisdom.**

*Have you stopped yourself from getting angry with someone long enough to think about what it feels like to be in their shoes?*

**That's understanding.**

*Have you clearly and firmly stated your beliefs about right and wrong to someone?*

**That's right judgement/counsel.**

*Have you hung in there when you wanted to throw in the towel?*

**That's fortitude/courage.**

*Are you open-minded, letting go of superstitions, prejudices, and small-mindedness?*

**That's knowledge.**

*Do you realize you need God's help, and that life is gift?*

**That's piety/reverence.**

*Have you felt awe-perhaps the first time you held your child or grandchild in your arms or saw the beauty that God has created?*

**That's fear of the Lord/wonder and awe.**



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## **St. Anthony Cemetery**

COLUMBARIUM	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche

CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

**Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861**