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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 (Not July) in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

**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 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 June 4<sup>th</sup> ,2022

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

360 : 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16

### Wednesday 8 am Mass

361: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2b, 4-5b, 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday 8 am Mass

362: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13 Mt 5:20-26

### Friday

363: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

580: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 364: Mt 5:33-37

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

166: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meetings – 6:30 pm

Parish Council – 7 pm

Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> – Wedding Rehearsal – 5:30 pm

~Food Pantry Weekend~

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> – Wedding – 1:30 pm

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9,894.85  
Priest Retirement Fund: \$100 Food Pantry: \$35  
Children's G☺☺D Deeds

...Helping Mom & Dad with yardwork...I helped Dad pick up toys...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The teachers have cleaned up their rooms, participated in 2 days of professional learning, and finished all of the students paperwork for the 21-22 school year. We have a few things happening this summer that are of note. I have been told that the preschool playground should be expected in the first weeks of August with installation just before school starts. We also have 2 classrooms getting new carpeting the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>. Slowly and surely we will work to continue to update the school in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Holy Spirit is with us! Pentecost is a great and amazing celebration of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles were still living in fear and didn't really know how to proceed in spreading the good news Jesus brought. Well, the Holy Spirit provides them with a sign and the strength to go out and continue the work Jesus started. Use your time, talents, and treasure to continue Jesus' work and help make this community the best it can be.

...God Bless...

## Medical Update: (From Fr. Tom)



The good news is that I had a cardioversion that worked. The shock to my heart put it in rhythm. My pulse went from 115 (where it was for most of the past two months) down to 55. The result is that I am much less tired.

I met with an oncologist regarding the esophageal cancer. And a PET Scan is necessary at the outset to determine the exact location of the tumor and whether or not it has spread. When that information is available, a treatment plan will be developed. Surgery may be necessary along with both chemotherapy and radiation. At least we are now moving, and I feel good about that.



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee  
*Do you ever pray to the Holy Spirit? What comes to mind when you think about the Holy Spirit?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



In today's Gospel, the Holy Spirit is called the "Advocate." An advocate is one who stands up for and defends another. It is someone who pleads or speaks on another's behalf. Jesus tells us the Father sends the Holy Spirit to speak on Jesus' behalf and to help us remember what he has

taught. The Spirit also pleads on our behalf before God as we struggle to live God's Word.

### Living the Word

Part of the Pentecost story is that once the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, they were able to understand each other despite the different languages they were all speaking. In how many languages can the members of your family tell one another, "I love you"? Look it up in a different language every day this week and share it with one another.

## Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendar: July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

For children in grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> (Fall 2022)

Help is also needed from youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the west entrance of the church as well as at the Parish Office

## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is provided by Jesus to assist us in becoming disciples. Because living as a disciple of Jesus can be challenging, Jesus' Spirit remains with us and provides his gifts to help us when we are sent into the world to live out our calling.

**Wisdom** helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.

**Understanding** is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message.

**Knowledge** is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us.

**Counsel** is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him.

**Fortitude** is the courage to do what one knows is right.

**Piety** helps us pray to God in true devotion.

**Fear of the Lord** is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.



## Congratulations to all our Graduates!

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,*

*"Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

*May your minds be filled with God's thoughts...*

*May your bodies be filled with God's strength...*

*May your hearts be filled with God's dream for you!*





## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Feast of Pentecost:**

Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

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 of peace 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 an unexpected way. He shows them his hands and his side, signs of an irrevocable past. Nothing can change what happened. But just as he is free from death, he offers them freedom from being determined by their past.

The community born out of Pentecost is a community of the forgiven who are commissioned to forgive. These are 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.

### **New Age:(Acts 2)**

*Celebration*

Luke's lack of details in this narrative is so unusual that it must have a purpose. When did this happen? When the day of Pentecost "was fulfilled." Pentecost which came 50 days after Passover was a harvest feast which included a remembrance of how God's gift of the law was accompanied by fire and sound from heaven. The word "fulfilled" mysteriously imitates that a new phase of history is about to begin, completing all that went before it (Luke:9:61).

Where were the disciples when this happened? Location is the least of Luke's concerns. He says literally, "They were with one accord, together," indicating that being together in heart and mind was the essential point; the space they occupied mattered little in comparison to their attitude. Luke offers no material details until he describes the group's experience. A sound like wind and tongues as of fire were the outward signs, but the key detail is that the community was suddenly enflamed with the Holy Spirit.

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 a few other characters. Now the focus is on a crowd that represents chosen people from the entire world. The horizon has become limitless.

### **Unity in Diversity: (1 Corinthians 12)**

*Celebration*

When we recognize faith as a gift rather than an accomplishment or status, we acknowledge that we aren't writing the script. Paul is saying that every gift, every call to serve, every advance in the reign of God is a work of God. We don't decide who gets what; we can only choose how to use what we are given.

Although it may seem counterintuitive, Paul called the community to build their unity by enhancing their diversity. The destructive power of factionalism comes from the closed mindset and competition of the parties. When each side sides assumes that their truth is the only

truth, they are claiming ownership of the Holy Spirit rather than stewardship of the Spirit's gifts. When each group learns to humbly recognize that the Spirit's gifts are given them for the good of the whole, they can learn to play their part in furthering God's work in their world. Paul uses the image of the body to make it clear that self-serving divisions create moral danger for the community.

### **Birth of the Church: (John 15 & 16)** *Grace Works*, Dallas Texas

Notice the way Luke tells the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit. As the birth story of Jesus, it is the moving of the Holy Spirit in surprising and mysterious power that create a miraculous birth of the Church. The Spirit moved among them, like the way the Spirit moved over the chaos in the first verses of Genesis to create the world. But this time the Spirit arrived with the sound of wind, the breath of God, and appeared as tongues of fire resting on each of them. And with that Spirit upon them, the disciples who had been fearful to speak of Jesus when he was arrested just a few weeks earlier, found their tongues to bear witness to the living Lord throughout the world. And nothing the world could do, whether it be mockery or persecution, could silence the Church's new-found tongue. With the arrival of the Spirit, the Church found her voice, and connected with the true source of her power.

There are some today in the Church who want to believe that the gifts and presence of the Holy Spirit are essentially individual matters, as if the Spirit was a personal gift from God meant to be enjoyed in private. But Luke tells us that the Holy Spirit immediately bought the disciples into the community with each other, and that the experience of the Spirit at Pentecost instantly spilled out into the streets of Jerusalem. Pentecost is essentially a public day in the life of the Church, not a private celebration of personal intimacy with God. The Spirit blew the doors off the upper room where the Church was praying and provided the wind in the sails that drove the church to the uttermost parts of the earth. Such an experience could not be kept quiet. And who would want to? Certainly not God. There was good news to tell, and with the Spirit's breath within them and the Spirit's tongue inside them, the Church began to speak with a boldness and clarity that was nothing less than miraculous. The curse of Babel was overturned in an instant, for every language barrier was overcome. God wanted the good news to be understood by everyone. It was then, as it is today, a marvel

Pentecost. Is it a party of grace that turns the world upside down, or is it the power of God's love that finally turns the world right side up? I think you know. Party on, Church.

### **Catch the Spirit:**

*Celebration*

Today's Gospel represents the fulfillment of a promise. In chapters 14 and 16 of the Johannine Gospel, Jesus is represented as assuring his own that although he will no longer be physically present to them, neither shall he be absent. Rather, Jesus will remain fully and forever with his own through the gift of the Spirit. Through the indwelling and ever-abiding spirit, Jesus would continue to guide and teach, enliven, and excite, comfort and challenge, defend and protect his disciples. Through the Spirit, they, in turn, would be enabled and empowered to do what Jesus had done, to preach and teach as Jesus had preached and taught and to be ambassadors of God's peace and forgiveness just as Jesus had been. This same Spirit lives within all who would welcome its powerful presence. Do we truly believe this? Is our belief substantiated by an authentic response to the Spirit moving within and among us? Today the Gospel, with its account of the bestowal of the Spirit and the accompanying mandate, encourages us with the knowledge that Jesus continues to breathe his Spirit into each of his 21<sup>st</sup>-century disciples just as surely and strongly as he breathed upon those first believers who were gathered behind locked doors for fear of reprisal.

*"Fill me Lord, with your Spirit"*



Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.  
 Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.  
 Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.  
 Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.  
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

SAINT AUGUSTINE

### Food Pantry Needs

It is that time of the month again, we need to ask for your support for the food pantry. May was another very busy month! We were able to help 61 families with food needs! If you can help, here is the list of what we need:



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|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Dish Soap        | Paper Towel  | Tissues         |
| Pancake Mix      | Syrup        | Tuna Helper     |
| Hamburger Helper | Canned Pasta | Sloppy Joe Mix  |
| Canned Tuna      | Baked Beans  | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Canned Fruit     | Jelly        | Deodorant       |

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