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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  
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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.

## Week of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### MONDAY

359: 2 Cor 1:1-7 Ps 34:2-9 Mt 5:1-12

### TUESDAY

360: 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129-133, 135 Mt 5:13-16

### WEDNESDAY

361: 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19

### THURSDAY

362: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-14 Mt 5:20-26

### FRIDAY

170: Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103: 1-4, 8, 10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

### SATURDAY Mass 4:30 pm

364: 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 573: Lk 2:41-51

### SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

91: Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36—10:8



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### Family Talk Time:

**Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families**, Sara McGinnis Lee  
For those children who have already had their First Holy Communion, ask them for their memories about it. For the younger children who have not yet had their First Eucharist, ask what they look forward to. What do you think Jesus meant by saying, "I am the living bread"?

### Reflecting on the Word:



As Catholics, we believe that the eucharistic elements of bread and wine are Christ's Body and Blood. In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking very directly about this. He does not say that the bread that he will give is *like* his flesh but that it *is* his flesh. Even when the Jews questioned him about giving his own flesh to eat (notice that even the Jews were taking him literally), Jesus answered, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Why would Jesus want us to eat his flesh and drink his blood? Because in the same way that earthly bread nourishes our bodies, the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, the Body of Jesus Christ himself, nourishes our souls so that he can be with us in a very special way. He loves us that much!

### Living the Word:

Blessed Imelda Lambertini was a child who was devoted to the Eucharist. Research her story online and discuss it together.



### 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)

### 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.



### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 pm

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meetings 6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Happy Father's Day!

### STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$10,209

Food Pantry:\$185 Priests Retirement: \$115

Children's Good Deeds

...Being good at school...

...Helping with newly delivered puppies...

...Cleaning the house...Going to church with Nana and Papa...

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This Sunday is *Faith Night* at the Great Lakes Loons game! Thank you to everyone who is taking part in our mini fundraiser. This past weekend, the athletics department parked cars for the Antique Festival. It was a great day and I truly thank all the volunteers who for those 2 days worked to help support our PK-5th grade sports program. The students are officially on summer vacation, and I hope everyone has a great summer!

...God Bless ...

### Father's Day is next Sunday!

The Christian Service commission will be handing out "treats" for all the deserving Fathers!





## **Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Between the 13<sup>th</sup> and the mid-20<sup>th</sup> centuries, Catholics often celebrated this feast with elaborate public processions that focused on Christ's miraculous presence in the consecrated host carried aloft. The readings the church has chosen for this feast change our focus from the symbolic procession to a contemporary Exodus. Today's Scriptures lead us to realize that celebrating the Eucharist calls us to go out of ourselves, to move beyond our preferences and appetites, and to take up Jesus' offer of communion with him. This is a journey that will be every bit as frightening, and grace filled as the one on which Moses led his people. Our advantage over our Israelite ancestors is that we can learn from their experience and go beyond it. Christ promises us not just his presence, but the communion that gave him life.

## **Lesson of Exodus**

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Moses gave his people one command in two forms: "Remember" and "Do not forget." What Moses wanted the people to remember was that in their wandering when they were fed up with God and afraid they would die, God remained with them, putting up with their complaints and seeing to it that both their basic and their deepest needs were met.

In those days our ancestors in the desert gradually became fearful that they had let their hopes and dreams carry them too far. Freedom had sounded great when they were in Egypt under the thumb of their taskmasters, but when the road ahead appeared interminable the vision in the rear-view mirror looked better than it ever had before. They had left slavery, but for what? Hope was not solid enough to calm their hunger nor wet enough to slake their thirst.

Moses reminded them that in spite of their fears, they didn't die. The water from the rock was not as good as Perrier and the mysterious manna might have been as insipid as it was nourishing, but they didn't perish just because they didn't have everything they wanted. In fact, they learned that God could be counted on to take care of them, never leaving them to face their perils alone. They came to recognize God's loving presence through times of trouble.

Moses did more than hint that the Israelites had needed every one of the 40 years of that trail in order to learn faith. Their want slowly led them to understand what was truly important. Eventually, the vision in the rear-view mirror lost its luster, and they understood that they could survive with very little as long as God was with them. If they hadn't learned that important lesson, they might have remained forever unable to distinguish between what gives life and what simply satisfies an appetite.

## **Hunger for What?**

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

From the days of Exodus, we fast-forward a few centuries to see a crowd pressing Jesus to keep them miraculously supplied with free bread. The problem Jesus faced was that the people who sought him remembered the story of Moses in the desert, but they didn't

remember what their ancestors had learned there. Jesus was offering them bread, but it was the bread of life, the bread of commitment, the bread of following him through suffering into the real life of union with God. Instead of allowing themselves to comprehend that he was offering his life for them, they refused to go beyond the level of the literal. They mocked him. Perhaps afraid to take him seriously, they jeered as others would at the Crucifixion: "How can this man give us his flesh (his mortal self) to eat?" Like a new Moses, Jesus was inviting them into his own exodus through death to life. He was inviting them to receive him as the Father's gift and become one with him, but they only had an appetite for a miraculous supply of bread.

## **Need for Nourishment**

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

How long can a human live without food? Given various circumstances, it varies greatly. At age 74, Mahatma Gandhi, the famous advocate for India's independence, survived 21 days of total starvation. He allowed himself only sips of water. A Northern Ireland prisoner endured a 66-day hunger strike before he died. Illusionist David Blaine had no food for 44 days in a stunt where he was sealed in a Plexiglass box which was suspended over the Thames River in London. A Japanese hiker who was lost went without food for 24 days & survived. In the desert, Jesus went without food for 40 days.

Going without water is another matter altogether. The rule of threes says you cannot live without air for three minutes, without water for three days and without food for three weeks.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." He adds, "Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

## **Most Basic Need**

Allow yourself to become a part of Jesus and he a part of you. All too often we receive the true food and the true drink but don't allow it to transform us. We take the gift for granted.

Our Holy Communion is not just a symbol, but the true presence of the one who satisfies what we crave. The hunger is within each of us, and there is only one way to truly satisfy it. Go to the source—to the Father who feeds us bread from heaven.

***"Lord, Satisfy my hungry heart."***



**Update for CMA...** Here are the end of April numbers for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$63,296.77 (85% of our goal) has been pledged toward our target of \$74,253 by 49% of our parish families. If you have not pledged please do so and help us reach our goal. We still have a ways to go.



### Handy Man Service

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### St. Anthony Cemetery

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