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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**
 Saturday 4:30 Sunday 9:30 AM

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 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**

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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
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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 August 7th, 2023

MONDAY

407: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY

408: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY

409: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23
Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY

618: 2 Cor 9: 6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

FRIDAY

411: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21 Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY Mass 4:30 pm

412: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

115: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 9th – **Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 pm**

Friday, August 11th – **Parish Office closes at noon (July & August)**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,045

Food Pantry: \$140

\$25 in memory of Sandy VanAanhold

\$50 in memory of Bernie Hetherington

Children's Good Deeds

...Helping sell the puppies...

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*I am a
child
of
God
†*

The students return to school on August 21st, and we are looking forward to starting a new year! This year we are going to spend some extra time on vocations and what we are called to be as *children of God*. We all have different paths and the joy in life is how we discern our vocation in life. Regardless of what our vocation is, we have a duty and a responsibility to live as children of God, and that is the fundamental principle we practice at AACCS; how to live your life as a disciple of Christ.

...God Bless ...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
What are some ways that you can "listen to Jesus" more in your daily life? Pretend you were there on the mountain with the apostles and Jesus. Talk about your experience. Did it help you know Jesus more, or not?

Reflecting on the Word:



In today's Gospel, we hear God's voice: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Pope Francis said that "the first duty of the Christian is to listen to the Word of God, to listen to Jesus, because he speaks to us and saves his word" (Homily for Second Sunday of Lent, 2014). What do we spend our days listening to? It is so easy to listen to music, movies, news, or gossip, but

how much time do we spend listening to Jesus by reading the Gospel accounts? To really listen to someone, we must be willing to spend time with them, to learn about who they are so that we can better understand what they want to tell us. Are we willing to do that with Jesus?

Living the Word:

Forming good habits requires repetition. Every day this week as a family, try to read from the Gospel accounts. It does not have to be a long passage. Afterward, discuss what about this passage reveals about who Jesus is.

Help Us Reach Our Goal

Update for CMA...

As of July 31st, these are the numbers for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that **\$64,091.60 (86% of our goal of \$74,253)** has been pledged by 51% of the parish. We are still just over \$10,000 away from reaching our target and this year's CMA is coming to an end, so let's give a big push to reach our goal!



The family of Bernie Hetherington would like to thank everyone who helped make Bernie's funeral so heartfelt. It gave the family so much peace.



Fr. Marc continues his pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. He has joined more than 400,000 other young people for the youth jamboree, including a delegation from Ukraine and one from Russia. The first World Youth Day was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1986. This year's event culminates with a visit from Pope Francis who will say a mass with the assembled young people. We know that he will have both a spiritual and educational visit to this beautiful country and come home the end of next week with many wonderful stories to share with us.

~~**Blessings, Fr. Marc**

Feast of the Transfiguration Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Today's reading from the Book of Daniel is apocalyptic literature, a type of writing designed for people under great stress, it assures them that no matter how powerful the forces of evil seem no matter much suffering enemies inflict, God will win in the end, so there's nothing to worry about. Apocalyptic literature paints an image that depicts God as better and bigger and stronger than anything the people fear. So, in today's reading we get a version of the stereotyped image of God as a white-haired potentate surrounded by symbols of sovereignty. The most comforting thing about this scene is not that the "Ancient One" is so pure and prevailing, but that he gives his power to "one like a Son of man," someone more like human beings, less overwhelmed than the Ancient One yet worthy to receive an unassailable dominion. Humanity can rest in peace.

Today's Gospel contrasts with the reading from Daniel in a thought-provoking way. In Daniel we get a mind-boggling description of the God figure as surrounded by fire with thousands eager to serve him. About the one like a Son of man we only hear that he came on the clouds.

The Gospel reading takes for granted that we understand that the entire event centers on Jesus. The disciples already know him as somebody whose fingernails get just as dirty as theirs. Then suddenly they see him in a brilliantly different light. There on the mountain, they get a glimpse of the very core of his being. For a flashing moment they comprehend something about who he is in the light of everything they believe. They see the Jesus they have known even as his face shines with the truth of his relationship with the God he knows as his Abba. Unlike in Daniel's vision, they see no image of God. All they know about God in this scene comes from the voice which called Jesus the beloved, pleasing son to whom they should pay attention.

Daniel described an awesome image of God and then tempered the magnificence with someone like a human being. The Gospel simply offers the human Jesus as the visible image of God. That is astounding.

Called to Imitate

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

In the face of the transfigured Jesus, the disciples saw not only who Jesus was, but what humanity is created to be. That was perhaps the most overwhelming dimension of the entire experience. It is easy enough to look at a heavenly being and bow down and offer to build tents or temples. It is very freeing to pay worship to a majestic God who takes charge of everything. But that wasn't Jesus' message.

Jesus told Peter, James, and John that it was time to go down from the mountain. It was time to return to his ordinary way of revealing who God is. They still needed time to understand not only that he was the image of God, but that they were called to be the same. What they saw and thought of as a glimpse of eternity was really nothing more than a revelation of the deepest meaning of their everyday history.

Over a hundred years ago the Blessed Metropolitan Anthony, a Russian Orthodox prelate, preached about this feast saying that the goal of the Lord's revelation was to persuade his followers that they too are to shine with the beauty of God's love. He said that people longed for Christ who would reveal fearsome majesty while Jesus offered them simple humanity which has more potential for glory than we can ever imagine.

Blessed Anthony told his listeners to look around them, to see people who had been transformed. He told them to notice in their faces, their eyes, their tone of voice that which is infinitely attractive.

The message of the Transfiguration is not apocalyptic. Jesus doesn't scare away demons. Instead, he shows us what every human being can become when open to transforming love.

Second Peter

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

The idea underneath this passage is what Pope Francis emphasizes in his encyclical, *Evangelli Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"). He insists that Christianity is not an ethical choice or philosophy, but the result of an encounter with Christ. One need not have lived in the first century to have experienced the presence of Christ. One need not have been on the mountain to have received the revelation that Jesus of Nazareth is truly the beloved Son of God who reveals God's face in a way we can comprehend.

Second Peter underlines this perspective by saying "We possess the prophetic message." While that can refer to the Scriptures, it can also apply to each person's faith conviction. It reminds them of the experience that has led them to be believers. Prophecy is another word for recognizing God's action and intention in a particular moment of history. Prophecy entails an encounter with God that can be as simple as listening to our conscience or recognizing our longing for God.

This letter calls us to realize that faith is not a mythical journey but a recognition of God among us. Faith requires that we meditate on our experience and build on those moments when we have felt God's power and love. Those are our mountaintop experiences. As "second Peter" says, we will do well to be attentive to them, they are lamps that will shine until the moment when the final dawn breaks on us.



"Lord, lead me along right paths."

SAVE THE DATE! We are getting closer to the Parish Picnic! It will be held on Sunday, September 10th from 12 - 3:30 pm. We are also looking for donations of door prizes as well as bingo prizes. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office.



Help us make this a great end of the summer party!

Wishing you a blessed summer!
My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.




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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

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