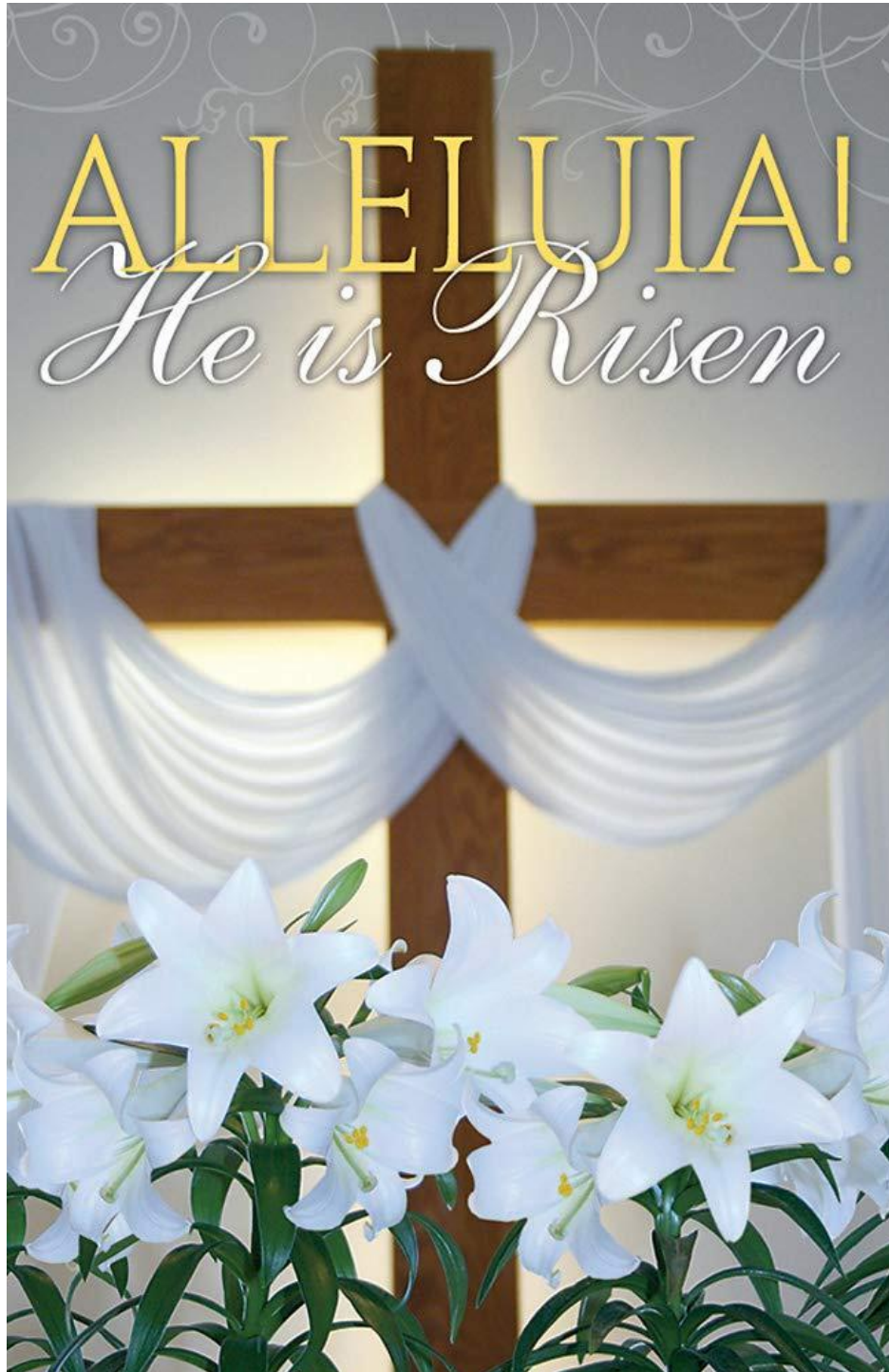




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## EASTER WEEK - APRIL 21, 2019

### MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33 \* Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 \* Mt 28:8-15

### TUESDAY

**NO Word & Communion**

Acts 2:36-41 \* Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 \* Jn 20:11-18

### WEDNESDAY

**NO Mass**

Acts 3:1-10 \* Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 \* Lk 24:13-35

### THURSDAY

**NO Mass**

Acts 3:11-26 \* Ps 8:2, 5-9 \* Lk 24:35-48

### FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12 \* Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27 \* Jn 21:1-14

### SATURDAY

**4:30pm Mass**

Acts 4:13-21 \* Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21 \* Mk 16:9-15

### SUNDAY

**9:30 Mass (with CLOW & Nursery)**

Acts 5:12-16 \* Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 \* Rv 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19 \* Jn 20:19-31

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 23	10:00am	NO Scripture Study
	6:30pm	NO RCIA
Saturday, Apr. 27	9:15am	Sacramental Prep Practice
	10:00am	Children's Retreat

## † CONGRATULATIONS! †

The Christian community of St. Gabriel Parish joyfully welcomes **Alyssa Gulvas, Brookelynn Neal, Maggee Giles and Bella Breece** into the fullness of the Catholic faith and Christian life!

## Adult Confirmation



Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Confirmand (person receiving the sacrament) is enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit through the laying of hands and anointing with Holy Chrism. Confirmation brings the process of Christian initiation to completion. The lifelong journey of faith formation continues as

the fully initiated develop spiritually and participate in the life of God. If you have not been confirmed and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, preparation sessions will begin soon. To register, call/email Sandy at 662-4335 or [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org).

## Blood Drive at St. Gabriel Social Hall

**April 30 from 3:00-8:00pm:** Donating blood saves a life or several. Parishioners and community members are encouraged to donate - the process takes only one hour. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome. Sign-up sheets are at the church, schedule online at [versiti.org/michigan](http://versiti.org/michigan) (St. Gabriel Parish event), or call the Parish Office.

## Catholic Adult Formation & Education

Check the Café Kiosk for these new Catholic Updates for Easter:

- We Believe in the Resurrection
- Easter Springs to Life



On behalf of our parish staff, I extend to you and yours wishes that the good news of Easter may bring an experience of new life. The women found the tomb empty and were reminded in a vision of what Jesus had promised – “the Son of man is to be crucified and, on the third day, rise again.” Jesus lives, Alleluia. May he live in us and in our parish family.

Fr. Tom

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

What is a reason you have to exclaim “Alleluia” in your life?

**Reflecting on the Word:** Since we celebrate the reality of Jesus’ Resurrection every Sunday, it is hard for us to imagine how shocking this even must have been for Mary and the disciples. However, they did not need to fully understand the mystery to experience and spread the joy. Neither do we. We don’t have to be theologians or scholars to spread the good news of Easter. If we truly let the joy of the Resurrection fill our hearts, we can’t help but tell those we love about it.

**Living the Word:** Ask each person to take time to reflect on how he/she has changed over these past six weeks. What have you learned about yourself? What have you learned about other members of your family? Where will your new life in Jesus Christ take you?

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ❖ AACS wishes everyone a very Happy Easter!  
“He is not here, for he is Risen, just as he said.”  
Matthew 28:6
- ❖ Open Enrollment: AACS is taking registrations for Preschool (ages 3 & 4) and Kindergarten-Grade 5.
- ❖ The School Office will be closed on Monday, April 22. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 23.
- ❖ The Flowers Sale began April 15 and runs through April 29. Pick-up will be on Friday, May 10. To order, please contact a school family or call the School Office at 662-6431.

## STEWARDSHIP

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### Children's G@@d Deeds

I picked up trash ...did yard work ...helped my mom clean  
....talked to my brother when he was sad



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Mark Strobel, The Liturgical Press

**Easter Sunday** is the high point of the church year. No Sunday, no feast day compares. Despite the crowds in church, not even Christmas equals Easter. Without the Resurrection, no one would have celebrated Jesus’ birth. Rather, both his birth and his death would have



**Thank you** to Stephanie Schacher and the youth for putting together the Easter Egg Hunt for our parish children!

faded from the world's memory. Easter is the center of our faith. St. Paul puts it this way, "If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our faith is empty, senseless" (1 Cor 15:14).

Jesus' Resurrection is crucial for our faith, for who we are as God's people, and for what we believe and trust. And "crucial" is the right word. It comes from the Latin word *crux* meaning "cross." In both the word "crucial" and the phrase "the crux of the matter," we see something about the unique character of the cross. The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are the turning points of God's world.

The first Easter begins with Mary Magdalene expecting to find Jesus still in the tomb. Instead, she is found by the risen Lord. Resurrection breaks into the world in ways no one expects. Then the risen Christ gives Mary a message that no one expects, either. She is sent out with the message of new life. Our Lord literally makes her an apostle ("sent out" is what the word "apostle" means). And the message Mary Magdalene is given is the message that stands in the heart of Easter's new life. "Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'" (John 20:17). After the betrayal and suffering, after the crucifixion and dying, there is no animosity or revenge, no guilt or shame. This first Easter, this first day of the week, this new beginning is filled with God's gifts of forgiveness, hope, and life.

On Easter, we meet face-to-face with the unexpected and crucial truth of faith. In the death and resurrection of Christ, we are encountered by God doing something unexpected in the middle of a dying world and in the middle of our own lives where heartbreak and sorrow, sin and death, are what we have come to expect. The Resurrection of Jesus – this first Easter, this first day of the week, this new beginning – is filled with God's gifts of forgiveness, hope, and life, and all creation is made new. But to say that in Christ all things are made new does not mean that, as we move into the future, each day will be progressively better and better, or safer, or more peaceful. Rather, it means that in every circumstance of our life – from great joys and simple satisfactions all the way through pain, suffering, or tragedies that lie before us – the cross is raised up for our life and hope. In the words of St. Paul, now nothing can separate us from the love of God, nothing in life and not even death.

This is the crux of our faith and the turning point of God's world. By his Resurrection, our sorrow is exchanged for Jesus' joy. *Through* his Resurrection, our broken lives are transformed by his forgiveness and new life. *In* his Resurrection, Jesus is on his way to God and he gathers up the whole world with him. "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." With Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the Resurrection, our lives are made new. And it is worth all the joy and celebration and alleluias that we can muster.

### **Peter's Witness** (Acts 10)

Celebration

This short reading begins with Peter making a solemn speech; this one will be his last in the Acts of the Apostles. Peter begins with a succinct catechesis, an explanation of the events of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

What Peter takes pains to talk about, in detail, is the fact that God raised Jesus on the third day. He adds that God willed that Jesus be visible to chosen witnesses. These people ate and drank with him as his companions had done before his death.

As the first reading for Easter Sunday, this offers us a variety of avenues for meditation. On one hand, Peter's simple creed outlines what is essential to our faith. Without a single word of philosophical language, Peter tells us that God anointed Jesus to do good. When the powers of evil tried to overcome him, the love and life-giving power of God overcame them. That was all he needed to know and to preach.

On another level, we realize that, by reproducing the life of Jesus in his own ministry, Peter is showing us the pattern of the Christian

vocation. We also see that Peter has learned to interpret all that happens in the light of Jesus' revelation of God's love. Finally, at the end of his story, Peter appears to us as a model we can follow in ministry and not just an example of a loveable, outspoken bungler whose primary witness showed the world how to ask pardon. Peter's ministry shows us how much God can accomplish with any of us.

### **New Life** (Col 3)

Celebration

This section of the Letter to the Colossians could sound hopelessly esoteric if we take it at face value without understanding Paul's imagination. For Paul, everything about the community's life is now based on the fact that they have been raised with Christ. Their life is not what it used to be, nor is it like that of people around them who do not understand their faith. This vision of Christian life cannot develop all at once simply because a person has passed through the baptismal waters. This way of life has to be cultivated.

When Paul reminds the community that they have died, he is speaking with the utmost seriousness and sincerity. This was no simple figure of speech. Their baptism was a renunciation of the values of the world, a passing through death to the new life they are beginning and will eventually experience in its fullness. Their baptism is a grace that demands their total commitment. It also engenders hope because they believe that what they see now is nothing compared to what they will know "when Christ, your life appears."

### **The Empty Tomb**

Megan Black, Celebration

The emptiness of the tomb becomes the story of the disciples — the witnesses — and their journey to faith and salvation as they attempt to make sense of it. And so, we have the road to Emmaus, the story of doubting Thomas, the angels appearing to Mary Magdalene. We come to realize that the story of the Resurrection is the story of the whole church as much as it is the story of Jesus of Nazareth. We are given the theology of the Eucharist, and its power to make us witnesses to the visible Christ, as Paul tells us in the first reading. We are given the story of the Christian community, the communion of saints, the living and eternal body of Christ. Thus, the tomb points us not to the absence of Jesus, but rather to the presence of each other, the witnesses, and to the journey of faith that ends in resurrection for all of us.

Today requires a somber visit to the empty tomb and the overwhelming realization that this is not just a story.



### **All Are Welcome**

Rev. Andrew Hofer, O.P., Connect

Many people all over the world, knowing the emptiness of the things of this life, have been seeking their fulfillment as new followers of Christ. They have stopped looking for him in the wrong places. Now they receive the Easter sacraments. The church welcomes these newest of God's faithful. They shine forth for us and for the world, revealing how the Lord has rewarded their seeking with his own presence.

Some of Christ's faithful have also been looking for their fulfillment in the wrong places. They are now returning to Christ and singing praises again in the church after a long absence. They too are welcome. Every one of us in the church is called to rejoice with song and laughter on this most beautiful of days. We all have reasons to sing the joyful cry of alleluia again and again.

By the grace of the risen Christ who leaves his tomb empty, our sinful lives are emptied – emptied of everything dead, emptied of everything that is simply of this earth. Our fulfillment is found only in the One who crosses over from death to the resurrection. We are not to be afraid. Christ has gone before us, and he will show each of us the way.



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