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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM (On the *First Thursday* of the month the daily Thursday Mass is at 6:30 PM)
 Wednesday 9 AM – School Mass
First Thursday of the month 6:30 PM (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm and Night prayer 8pm to follow Mass*)
First Friday of the month 8 AM
 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Must be active, registered member of parish. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made by contacting the 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

By appointment. Please email Fr. Marc
 5 -6 pm *First Thursday* of the month
 3-4 PM Saturday

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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 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 January 29th , 2024

Monday

323: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 8 am Mass

324: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-6

Wednesday 9 am School Mass

325: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6

First Thursday Confessions 5-6pm, Mass 6:30pm,

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm, and

Night Prayer 8pm

326: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d Mk 6:7-13

First Friday 8 am Mass

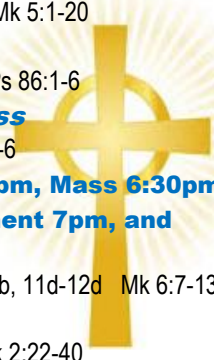
524: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

328: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

74: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 28th –CLOW-9:30 am / Religious Ed-10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$8,062

Priest's Retirement: \$15 Food Pantry: \$517

In Memory of Carolyn Rytlewski: \$360

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped papa & daddy fix up baby's room and helped papa shovel snow...Played with my friends at school ...Helping pick up magna tiles...Playing nicely with my brother...Helping my mom & dad...Helping S.J...Visiting my nana and papa...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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Catholic Schools Week is upon us! It is time to celebrate our Catholic school here at St. Gabriel's and cherish the future disciples we are creating! If you know of someone looking for a Catholic education, please send them our way as we will be having our annual open house on February 15th at 6:00 PM. We also have a PTO sponsored Euchre tournament happening on February 3rd. So, if you like to play and want to help support the school while having fun, come and sign up!

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

Family Talk Time: *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:*

By Sara McGinnis Lee

What does it mean to be holy? How are each of us made holy? Our home is a holy place. How is that made visible? Why do you think the people listened to Jesus when he talked? Why do you listen to Jesus?

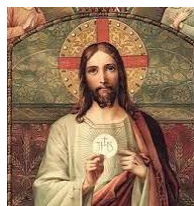
Reflecting on the Word:

The unclean spirit recognizes Jesus and proclaims his identity, "I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Yet the people who encounter Jesus in the synagogue are amazed by his teaching and ask one another, "What is this?" How often are we amazed by our encounters with our Lord? Do we always recognize his powerful actions in our day-to-day life?



Living the Word:

In our creed, we profess that we are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The word *holy* means to be set apart for a special purpose by and for God. Discuss as a family who you know who has been set apart for God's work. (Hint: it is all of us!) Invite each family member to consider how God is calling him or her to holiness this week.



You are invited to our parish's "Jesus and the Eucharist Study."

This study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish Revival of the National Eucharistic

Revival, and it provides a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. The study will begin on Wednesday February 21 at 6:30 pm, after soup supper in the social hall. Prayerfully consider participating. There will be more info to follow.





Jesus speaks with Authority



Moses speaks to the Israelites in the first reading and makes a promise from the Lord. The Lord promises to raise up a prophet like Moses. Moses was this larger-than-life figure for the Israelites. He was the person chosen by the Lord to lead this nation out of slavery in Egypt and into the promised land. Moses was the chosen messenger of the Lord for the people and communicated to them the desires and commandments of the Lord. When Moses spoke, the people listened. The Lord expects the people to listen to the prophet because the prophet is speaking on behalf of the Lord. God also makes a warning to potential false prophets. If someone is presuming to speak in the name of the Lord, that person had better make sure it is an authentic word. God is not a fan of false prophets.

Now we come to Jesus in the gospel. Jesus enters a synagogue and teaches on the Sabbath. Jesus teaches with authority and not as other pharisees or scribes. Other rabbis would reference their teachers to establish credibility. However, Jesus refrains from this practice. Jesus' authority comes from the Father and not from another human teacher. The crowd perceives this and stands in awe of his innate authority. Even unclean spirits and demons recognize the power and authority of Jesus. Jesus is the Prophet that is promised in Deuteronomy chapters 18 and 19.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. I encourage everyone to use this as an opportunity to evangelize. On Valentine's Day we celebrate and recognize people and friends that are dear to us. Ash Wednesday fits right into this theme. On this day we recognize our need for repentance so that we can adequately embrace and reflect the heart of our Beloved. We do not feast on chocolate this day, but present to our lover, God, a contrite and repentant heart. The ashes on our foreheads are another external sign of our commitment to the Lord. Let's make this Lent truly life changing so that the ashes we receive are not an empty sign. Our mass times for that day are 9 am and 7 pm.

Ash Wednesday and *Good Friday* are two days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Over the next few weeks, I will dive more into the disciplines of Lent and ways that we can prepare for this wonderful season.

- *Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older who have not celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (like water, juice, milk) are allowed. Pop and alcohol are not allowed.*
- *Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.*
- *The Church gives us three disciplines to particularly focus on during Lent. The disciplines are fasting, praying and almsgiving.*

23-24 Christ's Mission Appeal Update

The assessment for this year is \$65,504. The current pledged amount is \$46,556 which is 71% of the assessment pledged by 41% of the Parish as of January 23rd.

Please keep up the good work!



Save the Date...

Our next blood drive is on February 14th from 1:30-6:30 pm. This date is St Valentine's Day as well as Ash Wednesday. It would be a wonderful start to the Lenten season to donate blood. There is a desperate blood shortage in the state of Michigan so please consider giving blood.

"Don't forget to help support AACCS and come have a fun night playing euchre! The AACCS Fundraiser Euchre Event is scheduled for next Saturday, Feb. 3rd @ 6:00 pm at St. Gabriel's West Campus Gym. Walk-ins welcome. Flyers with more information are available at both church entrances. Hope to see you there!"



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COLUMBARIUM		
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
CEMETERY		
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional