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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM (except on the *First Thursday* of the month the daily 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**  
 5:00 PM on the *First Thursday* of the month  
 3-4 PM Saturday at Church

**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 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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### MONDAY

329: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

### TUESDAY *Mass 8 am*

330: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

### WEDNESDAY *School Mass 9 am with Bishop Gruss*

333: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

### THURSDAY *Mass 8 am*

332: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

### FRIDAY

333: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

### SATURDAY *Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm*

334: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

### SUNDAY *Mass 9:30 am*

77: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mk 1:40-45



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meetings 6:30 pm**

**Parish Council 7:30 pm**

**RaiseRight Sale, Food Pantry, Coffee & Donuts Weekend**

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – CLOW 9:30 am**

**Religious Ed 10:45 am Youth Ministry 10:45 am**

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,581

Food Pantry: \$280

**Children's Good Deeds**

...Playing with SJ...Giving Syd a hug...

...Helping with my little sister...Cleaned my room...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org) 989-662-6431



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, AACCS will have their annual open house for new families at 6:00 PM. Any person with a child turning 3,4, or 5 years old at the start of school, or a new family looking for a Catholic education are encouraged to attend to see what the school has to offer. Teachers and office staff will be in attendance to answer questions and give a synopsis of what a Catholic education at AACCS can do for your family. For more information, please inquire at the school office, call (989-662-6431) or you can also email Mr. Switalski at ([cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org)) or email Mrs. H. at ([schooloffice@auburnac.org](mailto:schooloffice@auburnac.org)) We hope to see you there!

*...God Bless ...*

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

**Family Talk Time:** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee *How can we make time for prayer in our life together as a family, especially when we are busy? When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, she got up and waited on them. What is your response when someone has shown you compassion?*

#### Reflecting on the Word:



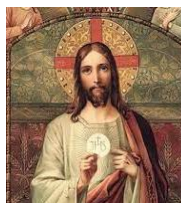
Amid all the busyness we see in today's Gospel, we see that Jesus takes time to pray. As parents, as for Jesus, it can feel like people are always coming to us or needing something from us. Jesus shows us that it is particularly in those times that we need to make time for prayer. We need time with the

Lord to receive the strength we need to continue the important work of caring for others around us. How can you carve out some time in your day to get away from the busyness of everyday life and spend time in quiet?

#### Living the Word:

Jesus shows compassion by healing Peter's mother-in-law. We too, are called to show compassion to those who are sick. Create a get-well card for someone who is sick or a thinking-of-you note for an elderly person in your neighborhood. If you do not know of anyone to send them to, offer the correspondence to your parish priest or other pastoral care minister to take on visits to the sick and homebound.

### Jesus and the Eucharist Study: Have you



been prayerfully considering participating in the 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. Prayerfully consider participating. The first session will be Wednesday, February 22 6:30-8 pm immediately following our soup supper. The Lenten mailing going out this week will contain more information, including a detailed description of each session.

### Next Weekend is RaiseRight Gift Card Weekend!

RaiseRight gift cards will be available for purchase after both Masses next weekend, February 10 & 11, cash or check payments accepted. We have gift cards for Grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, online shopping, and more! Thank you for supporting AACCS!





## Father Marc's Minutes...

### Happy Feast of Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord)

On Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or otherwise known as Candlemas. The second chapter of Luke highlights this event during the infancy of Jesus. Forty days after Jesus' birth he was brought to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication. Jesus would have been circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. Mary, as all Jewish mothers, would stay at home for just over a month to observe the purification rites after childbirth. This rite of purification also included the offering of a sacrifice, either a lamb or some birds. A first-born son also needed to be "redeemed." It was a type of payment for this Passover sacrifice which is a callback to the book of Exodus. Luke makes the focus of this event Jesus' presentation and consecration to God. The verb "to present" also means "to offer." Luke is reminding the reader that Jesus is the priest who offers the sacrifice and is himself the sacrifice being offered. This feast is a proclamation of the light of Christ to all nations.

The blessing of candles to celebrate the light of Christ is one way the Church has celebrated this feast day since the seventh century. The candles remind us of our own baptism where we received the light of Christ and the charge to keep the light burning bright. We bear witness to the light in our lives. Traditionally candles that will be used throughout the year in church or in our homes are blessed on this day. Hence, the feast day has coined the term "Candlemas." One interesting note is that Groundhog Day stems from this celebration. With the strong influx of Protestants into America, they replaced Candlemas with Groundhog Day. This information is from [catholicstraightanswers.com](http://catholicstraightanswers.com) in case you want to learn more about our faith.



### Other Announcements

- A **Eucharistic Miracles Display** will be at St. Dominic Parish in Saginaw, February 19-26th. It has documentation of miracles throughout the centuries. See that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The schedule for the display is in the church bulletin as well as on the information boards in church.
- We will be mailing the Lenten packets out this week. Keep your eyes peeled for them to arrive at home.
- I want to especially highlight our Wednesday series about the Eucharist following our soup suppers. It will be an enriching time of spiritual renewal. I sincerely hope to see you there.

### Fun Fact

Some of my favorite board/card games include *Pandemic*, *the Forbidden series (Island, Desert, Sky)*, *Settlers of Catan*, *Pit*, *Euchre*, and *Egyptian Ratscrew*



### Youth Group Schedule for February

February 4 HS Group Time 10:45 am -12:30 pm  
February 11 MS Service Project after BOTH Masses (Soup-er Bowl Collection) followed by Group Time 10:45am -12:30 pm  
February 18 NO GROUP/President's Day weekend  
February 25 TBD - possible field trip to Our Lady of Grace for Stations of the Cross in the Woods



# Food Pantry

Well, we made it through January, snowstorms and all and still gave away 82 boxes of food! We have had a couple of new people volunteer to help in the pantry, which is great! But now we need some groceries to get through February:

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|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Shampoo        | Laundry Soap          | Tissues      |
| Boxed Cereal   | Peanut Butter         | Jelly        |
| Baked Beans    | Paper Towels          | Soup         |
| Canned Fruit   | Pancake Mix           | Syrup        |
| Pasta Sides    | Hamburger/Tuna Helper |              |
| Boxed Potatoes | Canned Pasta          | Mac & Cheese |



# Upcoming Blood Drive!

Our next blood drive is Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-6 pm in the Social Hall. We know that this is also Ash Wednesday (and St. Valentines Day!) but there is a critical blood shortage in our area, and we did not want to cancel when the need is so great. Please consider making it a part of your Lenten Journey and help us save lives.



## Handy Man Service

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## St. Anthony Cemetery Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861



	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