



*The Week of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

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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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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 March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### MONDAY

237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

### TUESDAY *Mass 8 am*

238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

### WEDNESDAY *School Mass 9 am*

239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

### FIRST THURSDAY *Confessions 5-6pm, Mass 6:30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm, and Night Prayer 8pm*

240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

### FRIDAY

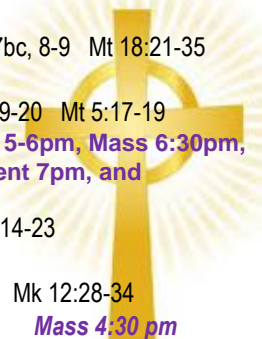
241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

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

242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

### SUNDAY *Mass 9:30 am*

32:2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Scripture Study 10 am & 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross (AACS) 2:45 pm  
Soup Supper 5:45 pm “Jesus and the Eucharist Study” 6:30 pm**

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

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – First Reconciliation Service 10 am**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – CLOW 9:30 am Religious Ed 10:45 am**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,198**

**Food Pantry: \$475 Catholic Relief Services: \$120**

**Other Diocesan Collections: \$300**

### Children’s Good Deeds

...Helping mom clean the bathroom...I gave Thomas his stuff...

...Trying hard at hockey practice...

...Helped push great-grandma’s wheelchair...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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This past week we held our school open house. I think after two years of having a snow day on our open house night, I may reconsider when it will be scheduled next year. We had a good turnout with about 10 new families coming in to check out our little school. Currently, with our primary enrollment numbers, we are looking like we will have more students next year!

*...God Bless ...*

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

**Family Talk Time:** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee *Our Church is sacred, holy place. It is a place where God dwells in a most particular way. He is present in the gathered assembly, when the Word is proclaimed, and when the Bread is broken. How can we help make this environment more holy today?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus’ cleansing of the temple is a rather challenging Scripture passage because it describes Jesus’ anger. Is he angry at the money changers? Is he frustrated about how the temple is being used by those selling animals? Or is it the way this system of worshipping God has seemed to put a myriad of rules and regulations between the individual and God? As parents, we too have moments when we get angry or frustrated. In these moments, we can lean on Jesus, who, being fully human, knows what we are going through.

### Living the Word:

Over the next few days, talk together about one act that might bring Jesus’ love to the family, to the neighborhood, the world. Make a list of ideas and choose one that has meaning for the whole family.

### Lenten Scripture Study:

On Tuesday’s: March 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 10 am and 6:30 pm at the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### Religious Education News:

If you have not picked up your book for Eucharist, they are available in the parish office. Also, a Reconciliation Service for children who recently completed a prep sessions is March 9th at 10 am in the church.

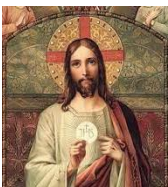
## The Saginaw Catholic Men’s Conference...

takes place on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at St. Stanislaus Church from 8am-3 pm. Included will be lectures by Ralph Martin, Fr. Mark Troups, and Bishop Gruss along with a private confessions. You can purchase early bird tickets for \$25 by March 5th at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) walk ins are welcome, \$30 at the door.

More details at [www.thecatholicmen.com](http://www.thecatholicmen.com)

## Just a Reminder...Jesus and the Eucharist Study Continues!

We have had a great response to our first two sessions! The **next session** will be *Wednesday, March 6, 6:30-8 pm* following the soup supper. *Hope to see you there!*



## Youth Ministry March Schedule

March 3 – Middle school group time, after Mass

March 9 – “Hockey for the Homeless” – RSVP to Misty

March 15 – Shadow Stations – arrive at church by 5 pm

March 17 – High school group time, after Mass

March 24 – Middle school group time – the time TBD

March 29 – *Cross Walk* begins at 3 pm at WHS

March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt, set-up before 9:30 Mass



## *Father Marc's Minutes...*

### *Stories of our Faith*

Last week I talked about the Introductory Rites of the mass and explained their significance. I want to continue the discussion with the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Word goes from the first reading through the prayers of the faithful, to the general intercessions. During the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the stories of our faith. As a society we have gotten away from the art of storytelling and recognizing the importance of stories. They are not just useful to put a toddler to sleep. Rather, stories shape our personal, family, and cultural identity. They are the medium by which values are communicated from one generation to the next. Stories remind us of who we are and there is meaning by fitting our story into the larger grand story of God and the world. Most of the time the first reading comes from a passage in the Old Testament. Then we say or sing a psalm. The psalms are not merely an interlude between readings to break up the monotony. Rather, the psalms are the prayer book of the scriptures. The psalms express every emotion and deal with real suffering and joy. Jesus knew the psalms and prayed them regularly as a faithful Jew during his life. They are beautiful hymns of praise and trust in the Lord. After the psalm comes the second reading. The second reading is taken from the New Testament, oftentimes from one of the letters of Saint Paul. Then comes the gospel acclamation where we give praise to God as we prepare to encounter the Lord Jesus through his gospel. Everyone stands for the gospel due to it dealing directly with Jesus' life, teachings, and ministry. The lectionary and the cycle of readings are set up thematically. The first reading and gospel are unified by a theme. The homily comes next. The homily is ideally a place where the scriptures are unpacked, explained, and related to life and the needs of this local community. The homily is a prayer by the priest for himself and the parish. Following the homily, we will often recite a creed

through which we acknowledge the gift of our faith and the heritage we have received. The Creed helps us to cement our identity in the faith. Finally, the universal prayer or intercessions provide an opportunity for the Body of Christ to present our needs to the Lord. Here we pray for church leaders, government leaders, local issues, the sick, and the dead. The Liturgy of the Word is a beautiful time to listen to our stories and be fed by the Word of God.

### *How are your Lenten observances going?*

I hope your Lenten observances are going well and the Lord is doing great work in your walk with God. We are halfway through the season of Lent. One of the bulletin inserts this week will have some unique ideas for Lenten penances. Hopefully these might spawn some ideas in case you are stuck. It is not too late to start again and renew our dedication to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

### *Thank You*

I wanted to quickly thank the education commission and everyone that came to the faith family night last week. The turnout was wonderful, and my mom really appreciated the opportunity to speak. I hope everyone can utilize the rosary and pray this wonderful prayer of the Church over the Lenten season and beyond. There were rosary cards and pamphlets left out from the event by the entrances to church. If there are not any left and you would like one, please let me know.



### *Other Announcements*

*Soup suppers* continue at 5:45pm with the study of *Jesus in the Eucharist* following at 6:30pm. The first session went very well, and the Lord touched hearts. I highly encourage everyone to come. Bring a friend to this encounter of God's love!





## RaiseRight Gift Card Weekend!

Gift cards will be available after both Masses next weekend. March 9 & 10. Cash or check payments are accepted. We have gift cards available for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, online shopping, and more! Last chance to get those Easter basket stuffers before the holiday!



## Food Pantry Requests

We need to ask for our monthly replenishment for the pantry. This last month we had an unusual influx of senior citizens. It makes us sad to see so many elderly people not able to live on social security but grateful that we can help them.

*Boxed Cereal Tissues Paper Towel Dish Soap Mashed Potatoes Hamburger/Tuna Helper Canned Tuna Sloppy Joe Mix Baked Beans Soup Jelly Peanut Butter Canned Vegetables Spaghetti Sauce Spaghetti Mac & Cheese Bar Soap Laundry Soap* **Thank you in advance for your help!**



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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>	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 90
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch