



The Week of April 29th, 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

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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.

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MONDAY 11 am Funeral
285: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

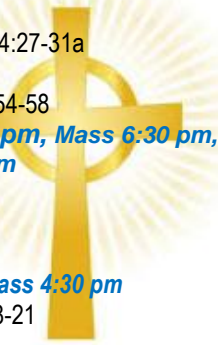
TUESDAY 8 am Mass
286: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY 9 am Mass
287: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn: 1-8 Mt 13:54-58
FIRST THURSDAY Confessions 5-6 pm, Mass 6:30 pm,
Adoration 7:15 pm, Sung Compline 8 pm
288: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:8-11

FIRST FRIDAY 8 am Mass
561: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

SATURDAY Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm
290: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am
56: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 1st – May Crowning 10 am
Sunday, May 5th – CLOW 9:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$6,793.50

Food Pantry: \$252

[Children's Good Deeds](#)

...Cleaning out great-grandma's...Helping mom get groceries out of the car...Helping mom pick out stuff at the store...Helping pack and give away donations...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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I would like to congratulate all our First Eucharist recipients over these past two weeks. Welcome to the table and we are eager to share more of our Faith with you! It is always encouraging to see the 2nd grade faces eager to receive Jesus for the first time, and it gives me joy when I continuously see their excitement over the last school masses. We will have our May Crowning on Wednesday, May 1st immediately following the school mass.

... God Bless ...

Auburn Area Catholic School is hiring! We are looking for a faith-filled person excited about working with elementary students. If you have any interest, please contact the school office and/or send (3) letters of recommendation and your resume to cswitalski@auburnac.org. God Bless!

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What does it mean to remain? We hear this word often at Mass today. Listen for this word and think about why Jesus says it so often. We have already listened to his voice and come to him. Now he asks us to remain, to stay with him. How do we do so?

Reflecting on the Word:



Our children desire a close and loving relationship with us. They do not desire things but rather our time with them. They want to put away technology and focus on connecting with them. Their greatest desire is to be in a relationship. Jesus invites us to remain in him, to be in a close and loving relationship with him. Jesus asks us to stay close to him. Consider how our children's desire for closeness with us can serve as a reminder of the closeness the Lord calls us to with himself.

Living the Word:

We know that a grapevine produces grapes, from which comes grape jelly, grape juice, and even wine. Jesus is the true vine, and we are the branches. If the life and love of the Holy Spirit are inside us, what will be visible on the outside? Will others be able to see what we do and by what we say that the life and love of God is inside us? Enjoy a grape-inspired snack and talk about how you see each family member bearing fruit.

Next weekend, May 4th & 5th after both Masses we will have the Blessing of the Sacramentals. We ask that the children bring the gifts they received for their 1st communion, such as a rosary, a bible, a crucifix, or jewelry, to be blessed by Fr. Marc.



Youth Ministry April-May Schedule

April 28 – High school/middle school service project

May 5 – END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

June 3 – 7 – High school mission trip to David, KY



Father Marc's Minutes...

Suspicion in the Church

The first reading shows that the disciples were suspicious of Saul at first. They already knew Saul was consenting to the death of St. Stephen and Saul's reputation preceded him. It took the testimony of Barnabas to have the community accept Saul. Saul joined them in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. I just want to reflect on the witness of Barnabas. Barnabas invited Saul into the community. Who can you invite and welcome into the community here at Saint Gabriel Parish? I bet we all know at least one person that doesn't

come to mass regularly or does not attend parish functions. Perhaps the Lord is calling you and I to be like Barnabas and invite them into the community. Let's make it a point to reach out this week.



The Importance of Ritual

Ritual is an important part of life. We have so many rituals in our daily life. We have a ritual for when we work, when we get ready for bed, when we wake up, and many other times throughout the day. Ritual gives a sense of calm and peace. Ritual centers us in the present and becomes a vehicle to deeply encounter others. For example, let's look at birthday celebrations. Most of us have a ritual concerning birthday celebrations. We gather with family and friends, open presents, have some treats and sing a very particular song. This ritual is not boring or tiresome. Instead, it is a way that we celebrate one another and the gift of life.

The Mass is full of ritual. Just like the ritual of birthday celebrations helps us encounter one another, so the ritual of Mass helps us encounter the Lord. We begin with the Liturgy of the Word where we reflect on God's word and allow Him to challenge and comfort us. The second half of the Mass the ritual focuses on the Passover meal and the Eucharist. The ritual provides a context for our identity. If you go to Mass anywhere in the world, the ritual stays the same. We know when to stand, sit, speak, listen, and pray because of the ritual. Let's try and use the ritual to enter the liturgy this week.

Info for May 5th "First Thursday"

In this weekend's bulletin you will notice a flyer talking about Thursday, May 2. We will have our usual schedule of confessions, mass, Eucharistic exposition, and night prayer. We will also have a Catholic young adult group from the area joining us for mass and prayer. They will also lead us in Night Prayer that evening. It should be a beautiful evening of prayer, song, and reflection. I consistently get people testifying about how relaxing that evening is. I encourage everyone to come and be edified by the Lord.



CMA report update...As of April 23rd \$52,376 (83% of our assessment of \$63,115) has been paid/pledged by 45% of parish families. Bit by bit we are edging towards our goal. If you have not pledged we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so to put us over the top!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

We are reminded to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all. Which includes the protection of children. May we be led to a heightened awareness to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and the community.



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	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
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	\$ 90
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch