



The Week of May 6th 2024

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

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

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

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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 May 6th, 2024

Monday

291:Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday 8 am Mass

292:Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 9 am School Mass

293:Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 8 am Mass

294:Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday

295:Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23a

Saturday Confession 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

296:Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

58:Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk16:15-20



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 6th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 7th – Teacher Appreciation Day!

Thursday, May 9th– Commission Meetings 6:30 pm

Parish Council 7:30 pm

Friday, May 10th – Flower Delivery AACS

Saturday, May 11th –Food Pantry Collection

Sunday, May 12th – Happy Mother's Day!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$10,320

Food Pantry:\$92

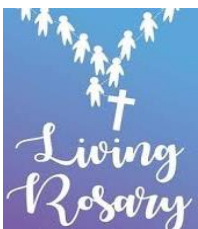
Children's Good Deeds

...Helping Papa rake mulch...Taking care of my little brother...

...I helped clean the craft area...Playing games with my brother...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Our living rosary is happening on May 13 at 2:30 pm. We will congregate around the east side of the parking lot just past the dumpster. The students will have buddies and a microphone system

will be hooked up for better acoustics. Please bring a lawn chair, some sunscreen, water, and your rosaries and participate in this wonderful event!

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

What does it mean to remain? We heard this word often at Mass today. Think about why Jesus says it so often. We listened to his voice and came to him. Now he asks us to remain 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 us 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 by 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.

Save the dates...

We know it is only May!, but we want to let everyone know the dates for Vacation Bible School so you can "Mark your calendars!" Dates are June 25-27 from 9 am-noon. Mrs Mocny has again graciously agreed to organize this event so you know it will be great! Details and registration forms to follow.





Father Marc's Minutes...

The Call to Bear Fruit

The reading from Acts of the Apostles picks up after St. Peter prays on the rooftop of a home. Peter saw a vision of a sheet descending from the heavens with all kinds of animals and food. The Lord wanted Peter to eat of the food. God was trying to communicate to Peter that all food is now considered clean because Jesus has fulfilled the dietary laws of the Old Testament. There is a second purpose to the vision as well. Through the vision God was preparing Peter to encounter the gentile Cornelius. Peter goes to his house and preaches the gospel. The Holy Spirit comes upon Cornelius and his household. Peter is surprised and rejoices that the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Gentiles (non-Jews) as well. The Lord healed a little hesitation of Peter about preaching to non-Jews and revealed that God wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of Jesus.

Movement Matters in Mass

The last several weeks I have written about the Mass and its elements. Today I want to discuss the meaning of movement and action in liturgy. Every action has meaning in the Mass, the rubrics call for movement and action that is reverent, intentional, and meaningful. The procession at the beginning of Mass is about entering the throne room of God. The crucifix leads the procession because we follow Christ crucified as our leader. When I hold my hands to the side in an elevated position, like a “w” shape, that is called the “orans” position. I extend my hands to the side when I am praying on behalf of the assembly. I use this prayer posture for the principal prayers during Mass and the Eucharistic prayer. When I extend my hands over the gifts that is called the “epiclesis,” which means calling down the Holy Spirit. The gifts are raised to God after consecration so all may see and be reminded how God has transformed them into something special. We rise to listen attentively to the Gospel, and we sit to reflectively contemplate the other readings. We sing to participate in our common prayer together as the family of God. I encourage everyone to notice what we do during Mass and investigate the rationale behind what we do and believe.

Testimonials from our Candidates



I found the RCIA program to be very informative and friendly. Father Mark prepared a good deal of material to go over at each meeting. When we had a question, he was very informed and had answers. When Father Mark didn't know he was able to either look up answers on the spot or find answers to questions by the next meeting. We were also provided with an assortment of resources to help further our education, it never felt overwhelming.

The process was also very friendly. Meetings were often held at Father Mark's house giving it a homey feel. We shared food and personal info and stories. This made the time fly by and I looked forward to our next meeting. By the end it felt more like a get-together with a few friends than a meeting; and I would like to think, by the end, I made a couple of friends.----- *Greg Tromley*



Greetings! Let me begin by saying, “I am so very blessed to be a part of this wonderful Parish and community of God loving people.” I was raised Catholic, was baptized, made my First Holy Communion and Reconciliation but did not become confirmed. Throughout the course of my adult life, I came and went from regular attendance of Mass. I never forgot my love for Jesus but didn't put it into action.

I have been teaching at AACS and attending Mass for about 2.5 years. When the information about sacraments went out this year I felt a strong desire(need) to become confirmed. During the process I learned about our Catholic faith, why we believe what we believe, do what we do, pray what we pray. It is all spelled out logically and lovingly in the Bible. More importantly I learned God loves me (and you) so much that he went out of his way to bring us back to Him. He wasn't satisfied with separation and mapped a path to reunite us with Him, sending His Son Jesus our Lord! The path he laid is so logical that even the most cynical person would be hard pressed to doubt who Jesus is!

It may be because the process took place during Easter. It may be because I had an opportunity to learn about the Eucharist at evening classes. It may be because I had an opportunity to participate in Adoration multiple times. It may be because of Father Marc's teaching. It may be the love and support that I received from the Parish and my fellow teachers. It may be a gift from the Holy Spirit! All I know is that I am so filled with love from the Trinity and for the Trinity that I want to tell everyone about Jesus and encourage them to follow him and engage in the Catholic Community. If you have not for whatever reason completed the sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Confirmation I highly recommend you do. It has changed my life! I will never “not” attend Mass again, and moreover I will encourage others to do so as well! God is so good!

-----*Tammy Nelson*

Food Pantry Needs...

We hit an all-time high in April and gave away 92 boxes of food! Last month was a *VERY* busy month for the food pantry team! We need to ask if you could add a few items into your own grocery cart when shopping for the family...

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| Pancake Mix | Syrup | Canned Soup | Jelly |
| Peanut Butter | Toothbrushes | Canned Fruit | |
| Baked Beans | Canned Pasta | Instant Potatoes | |
| Tuna/Hamburger Helper | Dish Soap | Deodorant | |
| Laundry Soap | Paper Towels | Canned Tuna | |
| Mac & Cheese | Pasta Sides | Spaghetti Sauce | |



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