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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)
 1ST and 3RD Wednesday of the month 9 AM
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

Also, 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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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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 November 6th, 2023

Monday

485:Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday 8 am Mass

486:Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1cde, 2-3 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

487:Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 8 am Mass

671:Ez47:1-2 8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1Cor3:9c-11,16-17 Jn2:13-22

Friday

489: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

490: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

154: Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 6th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Sacramental Prep 6:30 pm (Parish Office)
Wednesday, November 8th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 9th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Commission Meetings 6:30 pm Parish Council 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 11th – Coffee & Donuts, Scrip Sale
Sunday, November 12th – CLOW 9:30 am, Coffee & Donuts,
Scrip Sale Religious Ed 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,390
World Mission Sunday: \$383 Food Pantry: \$25
Children's G☺☺d Deeds
...Folding clothes...Help with leaves...Helping G-pop...
...Taking care of nana...Helping little sister in the morning...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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Our virtue this month is generosity, and the children will show this virtue through our annual **“Wagons of Love”** food drive. We assign specific items to each of our classrooms to help fill the food pantry here at St. Gabriel's, because there are so many people in need, and it is a perfect way to bring our virtue into practice. The collection will run from Nov 6th till Dec 15th.

This week we have conferences on Wednesday and Thursday night. Parents will be able to come into the classrooms and meet with their teachers to monitor the progress of their children.

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

Jesus invites us to love as he loves, and to serve as he serves. What are some ways we can care for or help others? Who is God calling us to serve today? How is God's love going to be shared with others through our family today? When we serve others with a humble heart, we give all glory and honor to God!

Reflecting on the Word:



In today's Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees are concerned with status, position, and keeping up appearances, but Jesus reminds his followers that to be a disciple means to be a servant. Jesus tells us, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; But whoever humbles himself will be exalted." We should not seek to honor ourselves but give all honor and glory to God by humbly serving the needs of others. What would the world like if everyone lived this aspect of the Gospel message?

Living the Word:

The saints are men, women and children who have chosen to be servants of God. When we read about their lives, we see examples of how to be holy and how to serve others. Choose a saint (any saint, or perhaps the patron saint of your parish, if applicable) and read about his or her life. Discuss how that saint chose to serve God, and what lessons your family can take from their example.

23-24 Christ's Mission Appeal is underway!

Our Christ Mission Appeal assessed amount is \$65,504 this year. Through October our pledged amount is \$20,180 which is 31% of our assessed amount pledged by 16% of Parish Families as of October 30th.

Thanksgiving Boxes are out!



As you already know, the Food Pantry has experienced tremendous need in the last 6 months. This year we will be preparing **120 Thanksgiving boxes** so we can assure that "all" our clients have a **Happy Thanksgiving**. Please take a box or two, fill it with the items on the list inside and bring it back to church or drop it off at the Parish Office by November 13th. I assure you it will make you feel good! We thank you for your generosity in advance. *"If we really want to eliminate hunger everyone needs to be involved." ~ Bons*



Father Marc's Minutes...

Be Humble

The first reading comes from the book of Malachi in the Old Testament. Malachi looks to the future and expresses a yearning for the coming Messiah. He also criticizes the downward spiritual trend that has become common during this time which includes blemished sacrifices, greed and failing to tithe, widespread divorce, and other issues. The reading we hear today is the diatribe against the Israelites offering sub-par gifts and the failure of the priests as well. Jesus has some criticisms concerning the Pharisees in the gospel. He recognizes some of their teaching authority but warns the crowds to not follow their example. Jesus says that the Pharisees perform works to be seen and honored in public places. Jesus encourages us to be humble in contrast to the Pharisees. If we are proud, then the Lord will surely humble us.

Christ Mission Appeal

I bet everyone has seen the banner in the entrances of the church about Christ Mission Appeal. I have not had the chance to address this yet, but I want to take a few minutes now to talk about this opportunity to support our church on a diocesan level. How do we think of this opportunity? I encourage us to resist the temptation to think of this as a tax or something negative. This is an opportunity to support our parish and all the parishes of the diocese with ministries, support, and many other methods of assistance. This also assists with developing a culture of vocations. I want to encourage us to think of this appeal and all things in a stewardship mentality. This is one way we respond to the Lord. I know there are many financial situations, but I firmly believe everyone can respond in some way. I want this parish to be at 100% participation. We are currently at 16% participation, and they have pledged \$20,000 of our \$65,504 goal. Thank you to those that have already responded. I did some quick math, and if each remaining household gives around \$100-110, we will reach our goal. I encourage all of us to give sacrificially as able and respond as stewards to the Lord's invitation. Look at the insert this week to see what the Christ Mission Appeal goes towards. I will be joining you in supporting this diocesan endeavor.

Please check your email

Recently, the office sent out a sheet to all lectors and Eucharistic Ministers a summary of what we covered in our training sessions. Please double check your email and make sure you have received the proper document. If you do not have email or are having issues, the office has extra copies that you can pick up. Also, the preparation session dates for reconciliation were sent out to families in an email this week. If that fits your family, please read the email, grab the workbook from the parish office for your family, and follow the instructions in the email. Thank you very much for your assistance.

New Hire

Lastly, I have some exciting news. We will have a new staff member joining us in the middle of November. Catherine is joining the parish as our Parish Catechetical Leader. She will be assuming the role that Sandy did. That involves sacramental preparation, faith formation, RCIA (preparation process for joining the church), and other duties. Please continue to pray for her as she prepares to join our parish family.

Fun Fact

When I was in college at St. Thomas University, Saint Paul Minnesota, I loved to play broomball!



We welcome into St. Gabriel Parish "Mabel Janye Neal" Child of David and Kristen Neal

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT...

A special event for women of faith

The Education Commission is hosting this event on Sunday December 3rd, 3:00pm-4:30pm. The commission is asking for 12 volunteer hostesses to set up a holiday table lit with candles, invite 5 family members or friends to join your table, and lastly provide a dessert for your group. Any woman of the parish can be a hostess! This year the commission will sponsor an open table for women who would like to attend as an **individual**, the sign-up sheet is at the church front entrance, RSVP by 11/27. **To be a hostess** there is an *additional* sign-up sheet at the entrance or contact Ashley Bock at 989-529-5755.





Food Pantry Requests:

We served over **85 families** in the month of October! We are down to the bare bones in the pantry! We hate to have to keep asking but the need continues...here is this month's list:

**Laundry Soap Bar Soap Dish Soap
Paper Towels Canned Fruit Mashed Potatoes
Pasta Sides Spaghetti Sauce Spaghetti Soup
Baked Beans Peanut Butter Jelly Cereal
Mac & Cheese Boxed Pasta Canned Pasta
Hamburger Helper Tuna Helper Canned Tuna
Shampoo Sloppy Joe Mix Canned Vegetables
Toothpaste Deodorant Pancake Mix Syrup**

RaiseRight Gift Card Fundraiser (SCRIP)!

Gift cards will be available after both Masses next weekend, November 11-12 during coffee and donuts. Cash or Check payments accepted. Every gift card sale earns money for AACS! If you would like to order gift cards for the holidays pick up an order form at the Parish entrances or school hallway and return it by November 8 for the first bulk order or December 6 for the second order. **Thank you for supporting our school**



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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	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional