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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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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 20th, 2023

Monday

497:1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 8 am Mass

498: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

499: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 Lk 19:11-23

Thursday 9 am Mass

500: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44

Friday

501: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

502: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19 Lk 20:27-40

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

160: Ex 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23:1-3,5-6 1Cor15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 20th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 22nd – No School

Thursday, November 23rd – **Happy Thanksgiving!**

School and Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 24th – School and Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 25th – **Giving Trees Up!**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,562

Campaign for Human Development:\$65 Food Pantry:\$205

Food Pantry Donation from Auburn K of C:\$600

Children's G😊d Deeds

...Playing nicely with my sister...Playing with S.J....

...Helping my baby brother...Going to Nana's house...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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We have a very short week this week as we will get out of school on Tuesday for Thanksgiving break. I am thankful for the teachers, staff, and all the volunteers that helped to make our

year fun and successful. I am also thankful to the students for always bringing their positive energy and enthusiasm every day that helps to fuel a great experience! Hopefully you all have a wonderful time with your friends and family over the long weekend!

...God Bless...



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

Ask your children, "Why do people have such different gifts? What do you think God wants you to do with your gifts?" What happens if we do not use our gifts? What happens when we do use our gifts? To whom do these talents belong?

Reflecting on the Word:

We are often the first ones who notice new talents showing up in our children's lives. As parents, it is our job to point these out and to help our children put them to use. As they attempt to use their God-given gifts, our children may be afraid to try new things. We can encourage them to take new risks by entrusting them with greater levels of responsibility as they



grow, demonstrating our faith in their abilities and by offering support throughout the process. Finally, we all long to hear "well done, my good and faithful servant." Be sure to offer regular words of affirmation as you encourage your children to use their gifts.

Living the Word:

Write a list of talents or gifts seen in each family member. Read the list aloud, affirming each person, offering examples of how they demonstrate that gift in daily life. Invite each family member to consider which gift, skill, or talent they most enjoy and how that gift may be used to build the kingdom of God.

23-24 Christ's Mission Appeal is underway!

Our Christ Mission Appeal assessed amount is \$65,504 this year. The current pledged amount is \$27,130 which is 41% of our assessment pledged by 22% of Parish families as of November 10th. **Onward to the Kingdom!**

Thanksgiving Boxes were distributed this week!



The Ladies who run the Food Pantry, **Joan, Pat, Bernadette, and Melody** spent days preparing and then passing out the boxes. They really and truly worked their "tail feathers" off! We could not have done it

without them. We thank the Youth Ministry group for the pies they made to give out, the knitters who made hats and mittens and Pat Knieper who made fleece hats to keep our clients warm this winter! We would also like to thank the Linwood K of C for their donation of 25 whole turkeys and roasting pans! We were able to hand out **121 Thanksgiving boxes!** We thank the parishioners of St. Gabriel for your generosity in filling all the boxes we needed!

"Our problems pale in comparison with the millions of people who do not have enough to eat" ~ Michael Johnson



Father Marc's Minutes...

Use God's Investment Wisely

The gospel parable speaks of a master investing and entrusting his servants. The master distributes resources to each servant based on their ability. When the master returns after some time has passed, he settles accounts with the servants. The servants who received 5 and 2 talents came forward and presented the return on the master's investment. The master praises them and entrusts them with further responsibility. They did well with the little steps that resulted in a large return. However, the one who had 1 talent allowed fear to overwhelm him and he panicked. He buried the talent in the ground and tried to hide. The master was not pleased and severely punished that servant. I can empathize with that last servant. At times life, responsibilities, and commitments can be overwhelming. My temptation in those times was to curl up and hide. It is the same reaction that the servant had too. However, the Lord is inviting us to make progress step by step. The other servants were successful because they made little changes day by day to achieve larger results. You may not be able to change a habit immediately, but what important actions can you take now? The Lord is indeed with you. Remember what Saint Paul says in the second reading, "but you, brothers, and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day."

Thanksgiving

I got to witness the distribution of the Thanksgiving boxes and I am amazed. The generosity of the parish is on full display. So many people were fed and reminded that God loves them. Our Christian witness shone through this outreach activity. We also show our thankfulness to God every time we participate and attend mass. There will be 9am mass on Thanksgiving Day. I want to invite everyone to come and join in our celebration.



Reconciliation preparation

Thank you to the families who came out to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As a reminder, the last formation session is Wednesday November 29th at 6:30pm in the church. The celebration of the sacrament will take place on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm in the church. There will be a reception afterwards in the social hall.

Fun Fact

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Giving Trees: *Organizations we are supporting.*
Mustard Seed: home supporting women and children experiencing homelessness.
Covenant Kids: provides gifts to cheer up extended stay children in the pediatric ward.
Life Clinic: Provides medical and support services for pregnancy and parenting.
Emmaus House: Supports women who are transitioning back into society after incarceration or rehabilitation.
Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Auburn Branch): This organization hosts building clinics in the area where they build beds for needy children. They are asking us for help with bedding for these beds.
St Gabriel Food Pantry: The food pantry offers supplemental support to people having trouble in feeding their families.
The trees will be up next weekend!



2024 calendars are here!

Our St. Gabriel Parish calendars are finally here and available at church. We would like to thank *Gephardt Funeral Home* for once again so graciously covering the cost of the calendars. Please take one home so you can start to plan for next year!



Bonus Gift Card Weekend!

Why not use RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) gift cards to purchase your giving tree gifts? Gift cards will be available after both Masses next weekend, Nov. 25 & 26, at the main parish entrance. Cash or check payments accepted. If you'd like to place a larger gift card order, pick up a RaiseRight order form from the Parish entrances or School hallway and return it by Dec. 6. Gift cards orders will be ready by Dec. 17 in time for Christmas. Thank you for supporting AACs



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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