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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)
 1ST and 3RD Wednesday of the month at 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

5:00 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.

Week of December 25th, 2023

CHRISTMAS DAY Prelude 9:10 am 9:30 am Mass

16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

TUESDAY Mass 9 am

696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

WEDNESDAY Mass 9 am

697: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

THURSDAY Funeral

698: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

FRIDAY Mass 9 am

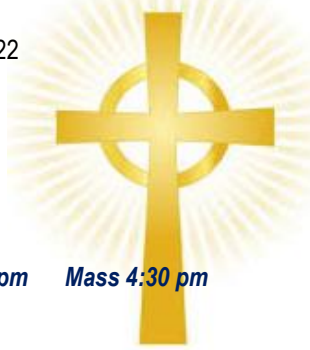
202: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

SATURDAY Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm

203: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

Gn 15:1-6,21:1-3 Ps 105:1-6,8-9 Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 Lk 2:22-40



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 25th – Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 29th – Parish Office Closing at noon

Sunday, January 1st – Happy New Year!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,181

Retired Religious: \$450 Priests Retirement: \$25

Campaign for Human Development: \$20 Food Pantry: \$1,320

Children's Good Deeds

...Helping bake Grinch cookies...

...Bird hunting with Dad and puppies...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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This past week we had our annual Christmas concert with the students. The children did a wonderful job at the performance! Thank you teachers for working

so hard to prepare them during the school day! A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Mocny and Mrs. Reyes (music teacher) for planning, playing, and organizing the entire show! Have **A Merry Christmas** and welcome Jesus into our hearts and minds!

... God Bless ...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

The name Jesus means “one who saves.” Listen for how often we refer to Jesus’ holy name or to Jesus as Savior during Mass. The Holy Spirit was a part of Jesus’ birth story. How has the Holy Spirit been with you since the earliest days of your life?

Reflecting on the Word:



Today’s Gospel invites us to ponder the names of Jesus. First, the angel tells Mary that she will bear a son and that his name will be Jesus. The angel also reveals that this tiny child will also be called Son of the Highest and Son of God. To be given the title “Son of” signifies a very close relationship with God, for Jesus is God made flesh. Finally, the angel also tells us that Jesus comes from a long line of servants of God, descending from both the throne of David and from the house of Jacob, two other mighty names in salvation history. Jesus’ identity is so rich, so big, and so mysterious that he cannot be identified by one name or image. Many names are needed for us to understand who he is.

Living the Word:

Make a list of all the names of Jesus you can recall. Circle the name you use most often when you talk to Jesus. Underline the name you will use in your prayer this week.

Reminder:

Religious Education and CLOW: Due to Christmas, there will be no CLOW and Religious Education classes. Classes will resume January 7th at regular schedule time to meet. I hope you and yours have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

OCIA: There will be no OCIA classes again until January 17. We will meet on Wednesday, Jan 17th from 6 to 7 pm, in the parish center. See you in January!



Father Marc's Minutes...

Merry Christmas!

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I hope everyone has a truly blessed day filled with faith, family, and friends. This time of the year is truly wonderful. We exchange gifts, hang Christmas lights, reconnect with loved ones, and get an infusion of nostalgia as we watch our favorite Christmas movies from our childhood. We also experience joy at the birth of our newborn king. Christmas is when we give thanks in wonder and awe for the incredible humility of our powerful God. God is utterly holy and transcendent, but He chose to make Himself utterly visible and immanent. God has done this remarkable deed because he deems us worthy of His love. Every time I think of this I am filled anew with wonder and awe. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah speaks of the joy and rejoicing which the King ushers in. The King will smash the yoke of taskmasters and shine as a light before the world. Have you ever watched a sunrise? It is truly special when the first rays of light begin to crest over the horizon. Shortly afterwards the entire sky lights up with the dancing beams of the sun. We have been preparing to witness the new dawn and the light cresting over the horizon. Jesus is the light that comes over the edge and illuminates the entire sky. He indeed is Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, and Prince of Peace. I pray that we remember and give thanks for the light of the world as we celebrate with family and friends.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their cards and gifts. I really feel loved and appreciated by your homemade breads, cards, and many notes of encouragement. I am blessed to be here at the parish. I thank God for the gift of this community and your friendship. I also want to thank the school and parish staff for all their hard work during this busy time of year.



Mass Schedule

In the liturgy we celebrate Christmas for 8 days. It is called the Christmas octave. When a feast is so important and so central to the mystery of God's plan for our redemption, we celebrate it for more than one day. I want to honor the Christmas Octave this year by having mass at 9 am from the 26th through the 29th (*not on Thursday December 28th because we have a funeral*). I will also have one Mass on New Year's Day at 9 am to welcome the New Year and give thanks for the gift of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Fun Fact

When I was a kid it was my job to pass out the gifts at my nana's house. I took the job VERY seriously!



Adopt-a-Family Program

We would like to send a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who "adopted" a family for Christmas. We "adopted" 11 families, with 36 children receiving gifts! There were over 200 wrapped presents collected at the Parish Office! Lori, the public-school crisis facilitator, who organizes this project, is always in amazement at the generosity of the parishioners at St. Gabriel Parish and offers her deepest gratitude on their behalf.

"On this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich."



A Christmas Day Prayer

Little baby Jesus was born upon this day Lying in a manger, laid upon soft hay. His mother Mary cared for him. His dad Joseph felt proud, to be given such a precious boy, they felt safe within Gods plans. Shepherds came to greet him, Wise men carried gifts, and gave them to the baby, they knew he would be king. So, we too on Christmas day Come to worship him. And celebrate, with love and hope, to laugh and sing. We love the lights upon the tree, The presents, and the food. We share this special time together and say our God is good. So good he sent us Jesus to walk and shine the way, for us all to follow him, Into a heavenly day.



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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	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch