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### PASTOR

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#### **PARISH STAFF**

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### **COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND**

Pam Graul-Gwizdala ...... (989) 513-3027

#### 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

### **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 -6 pm *First Thursday* of the month 3-4 PM Saturday

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL 114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611 Phone (989) 662-6431 Fax: (989) 662-3391 www.auburnacschool.org Clark Switalski, Principal......cswitalski@aunburnac.org School Office....schooloffice@auburnac.org

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 February 12<sup>th</sup> , 2024

Monday 335: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday** 8 am Mass 336: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday 9 am & 7 pm Mass Ash Wednesday 219: J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18 Thursday 8 am Mass 220: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25 Friday 8 am Mass 221: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15 Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass 222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32 Sunday 9:30 am Mass 23: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Monday, February 12th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm Tuesday, February 13th – Scripture Study 10 am and 6:30 pm Wednesday, February 14th– Happy Valentine's Day! Ash Wednesday, 9 am Mass and 7 pm Mass Thursday, February 15th – School Open House 6-7 pm Friday, February 16th – No School Sunday, February 18th – CLOW-9:30 am

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$11,324.35 Food Pantry:\$1,128 Children's G©©d Deeds

...Playing with my Papa, shopping...Helping take care of my dishes...Helping Allison get her magnet...Helping my friend with her homework...Being good at Grammy's...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal cswitalski@auburnac.org 662-6431

Wednesday this week, we welcomed Bishop Gruss to celebrate our school mass. He then went around to all the classrooms and talked



with all the students. It was a great time for all the kids, and they really enjoyed getting to know his dog,

*Coco!* Reminder, we have an open house on February 15th, 6:00 PM. If you have a PK/K student, please come attend and see what AACS has to offer.

...God Bless...

## **Cantor Practice**

There will be a cantor practice on Monday February 12 at 6 pm. Please make plans to attend.

## <u>EDUCATION / FORMATION</u>

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

**Family Talk Time:** <u>Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:</u> By Sara McGinnis Lee

Have you ever felt left out, excluded, or cut off from others? How would it feel to be included again? During the week, we may get busy with schoolwork, household chores, or other things that fill our days. In these, times, how can we remember to turn to Jesus for help when we are in need?

## **Reflecting on the Word:**



Jesus meets a leper, who begs to be made clean. To be clean meant that the leper could rejoin the community, rather than live as an outcast. Jesus was able to see this man with the eves of compassion and to offer him a way

out of his life of suffering. When we experience pain, misery, and anguish, we realize how much we need one another and God. How can we share God's love and closeness with those who feel cut off from the support of the community?

## Living the Word:

Our elderly or shut-in friends may feel that they have been forgotten and excluded from society. How can your family reach out and include an elderly neighbor, a retired priest or sister, or help a homebound parishioner feel more connected and included? Write a letter, make a phone call, draw a picture, back a treat, and let them know how much they mean to your family. Be sure to share stories, memories, and smiles.

Save the date...Scripture Study for Lent begins this week at the Parish Office on Tuesday February 13 at 10 am and at 6:30 pm. We will be offering this program every Tuesday during Lent. Hope you can join us!



You are invited to "Family Faith Night" Please join the Education Commission for Family Faith night on Saturday February 24 after the 4:30 Mass. The evening is for all ages and

will include dinner and activities. Our focus is on the Rosary, and we will be joined by speaker Maribeth Hopps. Come for a night of fellowship and to deepen your family Christian life through the tradition of the Rosary. RSVP by Wednesday February 21, sign-up sheets are available at the entrances to church.



# Cent is upon us

We begin the holy season of Lent this Wednesday. In a previous bulletin I talked about the theme of Lent a little bit. In this article I want to spend more time discussing the focuses of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are called to live these out each day of the year, not just during Lent. Prayer simply means talking with God. Imagine you call a friend up on the phone. You discuss your day, your desires, your plans, your frustrations, your joys, your fears, and the list goes on. Prayer is where we share our very selves with a God who desperately loves us. A simple acronym for prayer is A.C.T.S. Each letter has a different style or type of prayer. "A" represents adoration. In this prayer we adore and worship God. Many of the psalms fit into this style. The verses extol God's goodness, mercy, faithfulness, compassion, and love. The "C" stands for contrition. In this prayer we recognize our own faults and sins. We ask the Lord for mercy and assistance to live a strong moral and disciplined life. This prayer also may encourage us to partake in the sacrament of Reconciliation. The "T" stands for thanksgiving. In this prayer we thank God for the blessings we have received. The "S" stands for supplication. In this prayer type we petition and ask God for things. It is important to use all these styles or types when we pray.

Fasting is an ancient spiritual practice. Many other religions also practice some form of fasting. So many times, in the Bible when people repented, fasting was involved. When we fast, we train our bodies and spirits. The hunger for food reminds us of our innate hunger for God. Almsgiving calls us to radical generosity with our time, talent, and treasure. The Lord invites us to go beyond the minimum in our service to God and one another.

# Other Reminders

• The Lenten packets were mailed out this week. The packets contain relevant information concerning our parish's schedule for Lent.

• Ash Wednesday masses are 9am and 7pm. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

• Scripture study begins Tuesday February 13 at 10am and 6:30pm at the parish office. It runs weekly through the Lenten season.



# **Thank You from AACS!**

"Thank you to those who supported and participated in the AACS Fundraiser Euchre Night. The fundraiser was a great success, and we exceeded our fundraising goals. It was a wonderful evening of cards, fellowship, food, and fun! Thank you again!"

## Reminder...

The Jesus and the Eucharist Study is set to begin on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the Soup Supper. We hope that you are prayerfully considering participating. It will be a great addition to the Lenten Season and an opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharist Faith.

## Grief Recovery Training.

Have you ever considered becoming a part of a grief recovery team here at St Gabriel Parish? We are looking for 4-6 people who may be interested in this ministry. You would be required to attend a 7-week training series, within the Diocese and then receive facilitator training. If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Kelly Hadd, 989-295-5339.



## St. Anthony Cemetery 4485 S. Eleven Mile Auburn, MI 48611 Contact the Parish Office at (989) 662-6861



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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 additiona	al \$ 250 additional