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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)
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

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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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 January 15th, 2024

Monday

311: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday *Funeral*

312: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday *9 am School Mass*

313: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 M 3:1-6

Thursday *8 am Mass*

314: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-14 Mk 3:7-12

Friday

315: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday *Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass*

316: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday *9:30 am Mass*

68: Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 15th – No School

Tuesday, January 16th – Quilters 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 17th – OCIA meeting 6 pm

Thursday, January 18th – PTO 6 pm / School Committee 7 pm

Saturday, January 20th – Baptism (Miller)

Sunday, January 21st – Baptism (Bouza)

CLOW – 9:30 am / Religious Ed – 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$12,474

Food Pantry: \$200

Children's Good Deeds

...Making mom and dad's bed without being asked...

...Trying hard at skating practice...Building mom's TV stand...

...Helping put toys away...Helping my mom...

...Helping S.J...Eating breakfast...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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This week the students are starting their mid-year NWEA testing cycle.

This gives the teachers an updated view of what the students have gained through the first semester of school. We also are starting our 3rd quarter

in the school year, meaning we are over halfway done. It has gone quickly this year and doesn't seem real that we are hitting this halfway point. This weekend is a long weekend for the students as we are not in school on Monday January 15th.

...God Bless...



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

What gestures did you see at Mass? Are there words that accompany any of those gestures? Are there gestures from church that we can do as a family at home?

Reflecting on the Word:



As followers of Jesus, we are a part of a community. No one is a disciple of Jesus by themselves. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls two siblings, Andrew, and Peter, to be his disciples. Jesus knew how important it is to have family. We all need a community for support and encouragement, and a community to celebrate with and to share our encounters with the Lord. Fortunately, we have a built-in community in our family members! How eager are we to share what we have found with our family members?

Living the Word:

Our family is the domestic Church, or the Church of the home. We encourage holy habits in the life of our family and perform rituals that help us to follow Jesus. It is important that our children hear the words of the prayers of their parents and vice versa. Invite family members to write a prayer thanking God for your Church of the home and for your parish church. Read your prayers aloud and place them on your prayer table where they can be reread during the week.

OCIA: (*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*)

We will meet this Wednesday, January 17th from 6 to 7 pm at the parish center.

Around the Lenten Circle:

Now that Christmas is behind us it isn't too early to begin thinking about Lent. We are offering a Scripture Study called, **Around the Lenten Circle**. Please consider joining us for this Scripture Studies. They will start in February, and we will have two sessions on the following days: February 13, 20, and 27, March 5, 12, and 19. They will be at 10 am or at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.





Father Marc's Minutes...

Back to Ordinary Time



We now enter back into ordinary time for several weeks. This past Monday was the celebration of the baptism of Jesus. We jump many years from Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus has grown

up and been formed at the hidden school of Nazareth for thirty years. He has been trained how to pray and discern the Father's voice. All the time spent at home was preparing him for his public ministry. Just as Jesus learned and spiritually developed during this ordered and hidden time, the church invites us to do the same thing in our own lives. Ordinary time is not some throw away and unimportant time of year. There may not be a specific theme present during ordinary time like there is during Advent or Easter. However, ordinary time invited us into ordered time. We live ordered time by organizing our days to grow spiritually and be astute observers of how we spend our time. What priorities do we have, and do any of those need to be shifted or replaced?

I want to briefly reflect with you on the event of Jesus' baptism. It is a shame that we were not able to celebrate it on a Sunday this year. The feast day is a beautiful time to reflect on the gift of Baptism and assess our life to see how well we have been living out our own baptismal promises. The baptism of Jesus also provides us with time to reflect on the incredible dignity we have that comes from being a child of God. When Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River the Holy Spirit descends and remains with Jesus. The Holy Spirit does not leave him as he accepts the mission the Father gave him. The Father audibly affirms the identity of Jesus as the Beloved Son and encourages the witnesses to pay attention to him. The Father says, "this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." I encourage everyone to reflect on Jesus' baptism so that we remember our own identity as a child of God.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist celebration

I have received some questions concerning dates and times for First Eucharist. A letter with all the details will be sent out to the AACCS families and overall parish at the end of January. First Eucharist will be celebrated during weekend liturgies after Easter in the month of April. If your child still needs to celebrate First Reconciliation we will have one opportunity during Lent for them.

Fun Fact

When I was younger I would sled with friends on the hill in Vets Park in Bay City. We would always walk along the bridge and sled down the **steep side** for that extra burst of speed!



Other Information

Altar server training dates will be announced soon. This is for *all* altar servers who serve *either* at *school masses* or during the regular *weekend liturgies*. Also, the end of the year statements will be mailed out soon along with a letter from me. I hope everyone has been safe on the roads and stays safe as we experience winter weather.



23-24 Christ's Mission Appeal Update

The assessment for this year is \$65,504. The current pledged amount is \$45,315 which is 69% of the assessment pledged by 39% of the Parish as of January 9th. **Way to go! Keep up the good work!**

Rice Bowl Grants 2023

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw awarded St. Gabriel a Rice Bowl Grant of \$1500 to help support our food pantry. This program's goal is to support local hunger and poverty alleviation programs. With the increase in food pantry requests, this grant is really appreciated!!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Free Throw Contest!

The Auburn Knights of Columbus Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes #3590, in conjunction with James Cardinal Hickey Council #14056 is sponsoring a Free Throw Contest open to all children ages 9-14, on day January 25. Registration starts at 5 pm and the competition at 5:30 pm. 11 am to 6 pm at St Brigid Catholic Church in Midland at Ashman and Larkin Streets Freeland, MI. The school office has applications (parental signature required) or they will be available at the door. For more info call Ed Piotrowski 989-859-8504 or Tim Hall 989-859-8087.

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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