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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)  
 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**  
 5:00 PM on the *First Thursday* of the month  
 3-4 PM Saturday at Church

**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 AACCS 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 January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### MONDAY

317: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

### TUESDAY *Mass 8 am*

318: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

### WEDNESDAY *Mass 9 am*

319: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

### THURSDAY *Mass 8 am*

519: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

### FRIDAY

520: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 321: Mk 4:26-34

### SATURDAY *Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm*

322: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

### SUNDAY *Mass 9:30 am*

71: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Choir Practice 6:30 pm**

**Catholic Schools Week Begins!**

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – CLOW 9:30 am**

**Religious Ed 10:45 am Youth Ministry 6 pm**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6,797**

**Religious Retirement: \$50 Food Pantry: \$350**

**In Memory of Jake Alvesteffer: \$25**

***Children's Good Deeds***

...I Played with Ryhs...Staying with my family. I love them...

...Helping my dad shovel the driveway...

...Helping Thomas go down the stairs...

...Helping shovel the driveway...Helping my dad shovel...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org) 989-662-6431

**SCHOOL MASS** Beginning this month, the students will be having mass every Wednesday and would love to see as many of you as possible attend!

Please consider joining us on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM. If school is canceled then school mass is also canceled for that Wednesday. *Please note, on Wednesday February 7th AACs will welcome Bishop Gruss to celebrate our school mass at 9:00 AM.*

We are currently looking for 3 people to be part of the **Strategic Planning Committee**. Meetings will take place between February and April to finalize a school improvement plan. For more information or to volunteer please call the parish office 989-662-6861 or school office 989-662-6431.

*...God Bless...*

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation**

**Family Talk Time: Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families**, Sara McGinnis Lee

*If Jesus were to ask us today to leave everything behind and follow him, how might we respond? Simon, Andrew, James, and John all gave up their career as fishermen to follow Jesus. What helps us to be able to follow Jesus?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



The Fishermen abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. Did they ever question or second-guess that decision? It appears that they were so sure that they did not hesitate or offer excuses as

to why they could not go. James and John even left their father in his fishing boat to follow Jesus! How often do we make excuses for not answering the Lord when he calls? How can we help our children be so still so that they hear God calling and help them to respond promptly to the working of the Spirit in their lives?

### Living the Word:

The fishermen in today's Gospel left everything to follow Jesus and became "fishers of men." As disciples of Jesus, they were called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. From Mass, we are sent out to proclaim the Good News. What story about Jesus would you share? Pick a time this week to share your stories with one another. Either read the story from the Bible and tell why it is your favorite or write it in your own words or draw a scene from the story to share with your family.

### Lenten Study:

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, you are invited to our parish's **Jesus and the Eucharist Study**. This study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish Revival of the National Eucharistic Revival, and it provides a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Prayerfully consider participating. The first session will be Wednesday, February 22 6:30-8 pm in conjunction with our soup supper. The bulletin will contain more detailed information, dates & times, in the coming weeks.



### Youth Ministry Update: dates for January.

**Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> High school group time 6-7:30 pm –**

**National March for Life discussion.**

**Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Group service project 5-8 pm – Tie fleece blankets.**



## *Father Marc's Minutes...*

### *The Kingdom of God is at Hand*

The readings this week focus on repentance and encounter. The Ninevites received with eager attentiveness the words of the prophet Jonah. They recognized the authentic word of the Lord from the prophet. It touched their hearts, minds, and attitudes. Humility was their answer to the problem of sin. The Lord recognized their change of heart and the behavioral response to His call. The Lord's patience is directed towards salvation. The "wrath of the Lord" is meant to arouse contrition, repentance, and conversion. God is not a vengeful, power hungry, mad titan. God corrects and disciplines as a father corrects and disciplines his children. Let's circle back to this idea that anger has an intended purpose. Anger is a response to a perceived injustice. It has a unique innate power to move us to action. When we perceive a potential injustice done to ourselves, against our community, or perpetrated in society we get angry and want to address the problem. Anger is a catalyst for conversion. Conversion can be achieved by working through the issue in our relationships or by changing our behavior. The feeling of guilt or anger will hopefully dissipate because its purpose has been accomplished. If it lingers then we keep engaging in forgiveness and working through the issue. Engaging with the Lord during anger is a healing experience. May we all strive after holiness and graciously accept the Lord's guidance as we convert our lives to the Gospel.



### *Other Announcements*

- In next week's bulletin there will be a letter talking about the sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation
  - After next week's Masses we will have families share their experience of Catholic schools to celebrate the beginning of "*Catholic Schools Week*"
  - There will be a mailing will be going out for the Lenten season that includes a Little Book, two letters from me, and the Lenten schedule for the parish
  - Ash Wednesday is coming soon! The mass times are 9am and 7pm on Wednesday, February 14

### *Congratulations to*

**Cade John Miller**

**Son of Patrick and Jill Miller**

Baptized on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

*And*

**Rhett Michael Bouza**

**Son of Joshua and Michaela Bouza**

Baptized on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.



***Thank you to the K of C #3590 for their very generous donation of the chest freezer and Fred Berg for his donation of hamburger for our Food Pantry. St Gabriel Parish is truly blessed to have such generous support from its parishioners!***



# Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your generous support of the food pantry this week! I know the weather created difficulty in traveling, but you still showed up for us. Whether bringing food to the office or dropping it off at church on the weekend. Your generosity will help get us through another month.



## 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 at St Brigid Catholic Church in Midland at Ashman and Larkin Streets. 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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## St. Anthony Cemetery Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861



	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
<b>COLUMBARIUM</b>		
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
<b>CEMETERY</b>		
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