



*The Week of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

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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 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 February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### MONDAY

224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

### TUESDAY *Mass 8 am*

225: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

### WEDNESDAY *School Mass 9 am*

226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

### THURSDAY *Mass 8 am*

535: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

### FRIDAY

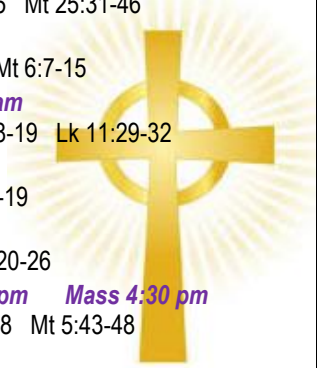
228: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

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

229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

### SUNDAY *Mass 9:30 am*

26: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Scripture Study 10 am & 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** – Knitters 10 am

**Stations of the Cross (AACS) 2:45 pm Soup Supper 5:45 pm**

**Jesus and the Eucharist Study 6:30 pm**

**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Sacramental Prep 6:30 pm

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Alter Server Training 10 am

**Faith and Family Night 5:45 pm**

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** – CLOW 9:30 am Religious Ed 10:45 am

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,194.25

Food Pantry: \$568

### Children's Good Deeds

...Helped dad fix the toilet...Getting my big sister's quiver...

...Sharing my toy car with my little brother...

...I held the door open for my old family people...

...Giving S.J. a hug...Playing with my friend Hope at archery

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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There was a little mid-winter break built into the calendar for President's Day this weekend and return to school on the 20th.

We are also gearing up to our re-enrollment season and will accept families outside of the school after Feb. 26th. This gives our current families time to state their full intentions for the next year just in case classes were to fill up.

...God Bless ...

**HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY**

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

**Family Talk Time:** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee *Sometimes we make good choices, and sometimes we go against God's plan. Reflect on the last time you made a good choice that yielded harmony, unity, and peace. Jesus went to the desert to pray. What does that tell us about how we can prepare ourselves to make good choices? Praying and reading God's Word, the Bible, help us stay close to him.*

### Reflecting on the Word:



In today's Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert for forty days to pray and is tempted by Satan. He is among the wild beasts, and the angels come to minister to him. Jesus needs this time of preparation before he begins his public ministry. What about our own preparation? Is it easy to prepare when

illness, suffering, and temptation surround us? How do you prepare yourself and your family for those times that seem to be especially challenging?

### Living the Word:

For your prayer table at home, find a piece of purple cloth, a purple scarf or pillowcase, or even some purple construction paper to place on the table. Changing the color of the cloth is a way for the children to focus on and to honor the same change they will observe in the parish church. As a family, decide what other items will adorn your prayer table during Lent: a Bible, a candle, a crucifix? Is there a word or phrase from today's Gospel that you would like to include on your prayer table.

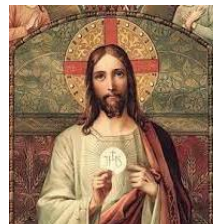
**The Knit & Crochet Club would like to welcome new members!**

We meet every third Wednesday in the Parish Office from 10am – noon. We share patterns, projects and enjoy friendships. Please join us!



## Just a Reminder...Jesus and the Eucharist Study Begins!

This study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish Revival, and it provides a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. The **first session** will be *Wednesday, February 22 6:30-8 pm* following the soup supper.





## Father Marc's Minutes...

### *The Covenants of the Bible*

In the first reading we hear about God's covenant with Noah. According to Eerdman's Dictionary of the Bible, a covenant is a "solemn agreement between two or more parties, made binding by some sort of oath. What is mutually agreed upon is usually the future conduct of one or both of the parties concerned." A covenant goes deeper than a mere contract. A covenant involves the sharing of life, values, and truly encountering one another. There are many covenants throughout the Bible. The first covenant was the one that God made with humans through Adam and Eve. This covenant with Noah re-establishes that first promise, and covenant God made with us. The covenants continued through Abraham, Moses, David, and reaches its climax with the new covenant of Jesus. In each covenant God was expanding his people. Adam and Eve were a holy couple, Noah was a holy family, Abraham was a holy tribe, David a holy nation, and through Jesus a holy Church.

I also wanted to talk a bit more about the season of Lent overall. In the collect for Ash Wednesday we use the words "campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint." The imagery in this prayer is very militaristic. Lent is a desert campaign. Lent is a time to retreat into the desert and go to war against our inordinate desires, habits, and ways which we befriend the world and forsake Christ. The idea is to become ash so that God can create something new and create a clean heart within us. Our tools for this battle are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Tools to train the mind, soul, and spirit so that we are conformed to Christ. Lent is not about going on a health kick and merely giving up chocolate. Lent is about battle and spiritually dying so that we rise with Christ. What is your spiritual goal this Lent? What are you battling against? How are you going to use prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to reach that goal?



### *Other Announcements*

- **Faith Family Night** will be after 4:30 Mass on Saturday, February 24. Please join us!
- **Altar server training** will be on Saturday, February 24 at 10am
- **Eucharistic study** begins this week on Wednesday nights after soup supper.
- Come and enjoy **stations of the cross** on Wednesday afternoons with the students of AACs.
- **1st Reconciliation** and **1st Eucharist** preparation sessions are coming up. Make sure to pick up your books from the parish office. Please refer to the letter that was sent out if you have any other questions.

### **Fun Fact**

My goal is to get back to consistently praying a Holy Hour in the church every day. I find great peace, guidance, and rest in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. *What is your prayer goal this Lent?*



**CMA Report:** As of February 8<sup>th</sup>, we have \$47,826 pledged/paid towards our assessment of \$65,504 (73%) by 43% of parish families. We are making progress but still have a way to go! If you haven't pledged please consider doing so to help us reach our goal.



❖ ST. GABRIEL CHURCH AND AACs

# Altar Server Training

Saturday, February 24th  
10:00am

Register through the Parish Office.

All altar servers (new and experienced) are asked to attend this training at the church.

## Food Pantry Thank you!

We want to say a big thank you to everyone who donated food this last weekend and those of you who have donated financially in the "food pantry" envelopes. This makes such a big difference to the success of our pantry. You are our guardian angels!



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	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