



The Week of February 28th, 2024

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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

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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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 February 26th , 2024

Monday

230: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 8 am Mass

231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 9 am School Mass

232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 8 am Mass

233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

First Friday 8 am Mass

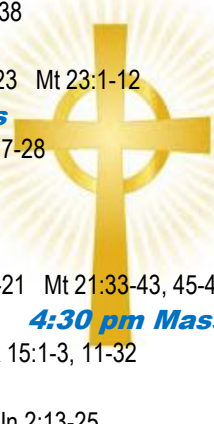
234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

29: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 26th – School Open House 6-7 pm

Tuesday, February 27th – Scripture Study 10 am and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28th – Soup Supper 5:45 pm followed by
“Jesus and the Eucharist Study” 6:30-8 pm

Thursday, February 29th – 1st Reconciliation Prep Session 6 pm

Sunday, March 3rd – CLOW-9:30 am / Religious Ed 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,013

Food Pantry: \$310

Children’s Good Deeds

...Asking my sitter if she was ok...Helping my mom shovel...

...Helping papa shovel snow...

...Helped shovel snow with mom and friends...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Oh, the places you'll go when you READ!

This Friday begins our March is reading month! There are a lot of events happening over the next month and we are partnering with the Great Lakes Loons for

another year! If the students fulfill their reading goals for the month, they will receive some nice prizes and even a ticket to a game! We do not have school on March 4th as the staff will be at a professional development the diocese.

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

We pray a prayer at Mass called the Gloria. Be sure to listen to the words: “We praise you,/we bless you,/we adore you,/we glorify you.” What do you imagine the glory of the Lord looks like? How can we give God glory? What would that look like?

Reflecting on the Word:



In today’s Gospel, Peter, James, and John witness the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Moses and Elijah appear on either side of Jesus, showing us that the Law and the Prophets direct people to Jesus, in whom the full glory of God is manifest. The three disciples did not experience this as individuals, but as a group, in community. The family is a community in which we can experience the glory of God. How have we experienced this in the sacraments, in the beauty and wonder of nature, or in our life as the domestic Church?

Living the Word:

Make a prayer card for your family prayer table, or as a centerpiece on your dining room table, that reads **Glory to God**. Pray the Gloria prayer from Mass or the Glory Be prayer each night this week. Discuss when and where you have experienced the glory of God.

Religious Education News:

We will have a practice session for 1st Reconciliation on **Thursday, February 29th**, 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the church. Also, if you have not picked up your book for Eucharist, they are available at the parish office.

REMINDER... Scripture Study takes place at the Parish Office on Tuesdays at 10 am and at 6:30 pm. We will be offering this program every Tuesday during Lent. Hope you can join us!

We had our first Soup Supper and “Jesus and the Eucharist session. All was well

received and well attended! We hope that if you did not get a chance to join us last week that you will do so going forward. The **Soup Supper** begins at 5:45 pm and the **“Jesus and the Eucharist Study”** session is at 6:30 pm. *We hope you can join us!*





Father Marc's Minutes...

What is the Mass about?



Why do you come to church during the week or on the weekends? There are many other things to do on a Sunday or Saturday evening. Church services tend to be very similar from week to week. So often in life we approach situations by asking the question, “what are we going to get out of this?” Whether we engage in activities oftentimes depends on an affirmative answer to that question. This is the wrong question to be asking about prayer and participating in the Mass. Now we certainly receive blessings from the liturgy. We receive community with one another, a reflection on God’s word, and the amazing gift of the Eucharist (just to name a few). God is certainly generous with blessings. However, I encourage all of us to enter the liturgy with the question, “what can I give?” When we are baptized, we are called to be holy. Holy means to be set apart for a particular and sacred function. At baptism we share in the three-fold office of Jesus as priest, prophet, and king. The role of priest allows us to offer sacrifice to God for the salvation of the world. The role of prophet lets us hear and speak the words of God. The role of king allows us to order our life based on Jesus’ lordship and provide for and serve those in our care. The Mass is a special contact point for us to offer our week to the Lord as sacrifice, hear the words of God so that we may proclaim them, and be interiorly transformed to rule and govern our station according to the Lord’s directions. Shifting our perspective on the liturgy can put the love story back into our faith and move us from a to-do list concerning prayer and Sunday liturgy into a life-giving relationship.

Over the next few weeks, I want to talk about liturgy. My hope is to break down its parts to shed light and understanding. The first quarter of the

Mass is called the Introductory Rites. These rites consist of the entrance chant/song and ends with the collect. The entrance procession is meant to remind us of a royal procession. We enter and begin this time of prayer by processing into the throne room of God. The crucifix leads the way because we follow the cross of Christ to victory. The altar servers follow and then, if applicable, the Book of the Gospels. Finally, the priest presider comes as the symbol of Christ during the time of liturgical prayer. After this we have a penitential rite where we remember our sins so that we have a humble heart to receive God’s graces over the rest of Mass. The point of this is not to shame us but to have us approach the Lord with an accurate memory of who we are and our need for the Lord. This moves us to greater thankfulness for the extreme generosity and mercy of God. After the Penitential Act we praise the Lord for God’s mercy with the Gloria. Then the Collect prayer happens. The words “let us pray” are meant to gather our personal prayers together into one communal prayer. The priest takes our personal prayer and offers it with the words of the collect.

ENROLLMENT BEGINS FEB. 26

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST START
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OPEN HOUSE
Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.
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Can't make it Feb. 26? Call 989-662-6431 for your personalized tour.

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AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CMA Report: As of **February 20th**, we have \$49,305.97 pledged/paid towards our assessment of \$65,504 which is 75% by 43% of parish families. We are making progress but still have a way to go! If you haven't pledged please consider helping us reach our goal!


Thank you to everyone who donated blood!

Though we did not have as many donations as we usually do, it was Valentines Day as well as Ash Wednesday and that may have been the cause of some cancellations. We are grateful for those of you who did donate and helped in a small manner to save lives. Did you know that more than 50% of Versiti's blood supply comes from drives like ours? Our next blood drive is **April 19th** please consider donating!



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.



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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