



The Week of March 11th, 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

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Monday

244: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13a Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 8 am Mass

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday 9 am School Mass

246: Is 48:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 8 am Mass

247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

249: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

35: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 11th- Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 12th – Scripture Study 10 am and 6:30 pm

1st Eucharist Sacramental Prep Session 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13th– Soup Supper 5:45 pm followed by

“Jesus and the Eucharist Study” 6:30-8 pm

Thursday, March 14th– Commission Meetings 6:30 pm

Parish Council 7:30 pm

Friday, March 15th – Shadow Stations by Youth Ministry 7 pm

Sunday, March 17th– **HAPPY ST. PATRICK DAY!**

CLOW-9:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$12,819.25

Food Pantry:\$497 Catholic Relief Services:\$45

Children’s G☺od Deeds

...Helping G-pop get our stuff in the car...Gave Chris a hug!...

...Helped put away toys at Nana’s....Helped put toys away...

...Helped pick up toys for Harrison’s party...

...Making my bed right away without being reminded...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal cswitalski@auburnac.org

We have officially been through the first week of March is Reading Month! If you want to come in and read to the students, please contact the office and we can make it happen! This weekend is also the end of our sports season as our final K-3 basketball games take place on Sunday from 1:00-3:00.

Watching the students grow academically, socially, spiritually, and athletically is one of the great joys of being a part of AACCS.

...God Bless...



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

How does it feel to be alone in a dark room? How does it feel when the light is turned on? Jesus said, “I am the light.” Imagine his light all over the world. At Mass, servers often carry lit candles to the ambo and hold them while the Gospel is read. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus tells Nicodemus that he is the light that has come into the world. Some days it seems like the darkness is going to overtake the light, but we know that the light is stronger than darkness, that his love is stronger than hate, and that his risen life is stronger than death. Children are often afraid of the dark and know that great comfort is found in the light. God made us to live in and walk in the light.

Living the Word:

Count the lights you have in your home: lamps, lightbulbs, flashlights, nightlights, porch light, candles, lanterns, and so on. What would your home be like if you could not use the gift of light? Just as we need light in our homes, we need the light of Christ to enlighten us. Pray together that the light of Christ would shine more brightly in your home and in your life this week.

Religious Education News:

The first **Eucharist Prep** session for children will be held on March 12th in the church at 6:30 pm. If you have not picked up your book for Eucharist, they are available at the parish office.

This weekend, March 10th is the **last day of Religious Education**. Thank you to all the children who attended the classes we had. Also, a big thanks to all the teachers who gave their time to teach our youth their faith. We hope you enjoy your time off and I look forward to seeing you in September!

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!

Congratulations to Lane

Muehlenbeck, Miles Martin, Brooklynn Lawrence, Chet, and Cora Ratajczak on receiving their *First Reconciliation*. May the Lord Bless you and be with you always!





Father Marc's Minutes...

Delving into the Mass part 3

We continue our discussion of the Mass. The first article broke down the Introductory Rites from the opening chant or hymn through the collect. The second article discussed the Liturgy of the Word with the readings, psalm, homily, and general intercessions. I want to continue our discussion by delving into the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Eucharistic prayer. We begin with the offertory and preparation of our gifts. The bread and wine are brought forward with the monetary offering. This represents the gift of our labor, and through it we are invited to offer our very selves. The priest then raises the bread and wine and gives thanks to the Lord for these gifts. The action comes from the Jewish practice of the berakah, or blessing. The Eucharistic prayer is centered around the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with the Apostles. The Eucharistic prayer is the beautiful prayer which begins with the preface "the Lord be with you...lift up your hearts." The preface of the Eucharistic prayer is like the foreword page for a book. It gives an idea of the story and sets the stage in broad strokes. The preface does the same thing for the Eucharistic prayer.

The overall structure of the prayer consists in four segments. First, we adore and praise God. The first movement of prayer is to adore and praise God just because of who God is. Secondly, we thank God for His blessings. Third, we remember and enter back into the events through which God has saved us. Memory is not just a fond recollection, but a re-entering and making events present to us. Fourth, we petition and make supplication to God for our needs and the needs of the world. These parts provide us with a useful structure for our personal prayer as well. I encourage everyone to utilize this for themselves: adore/praise, thankfulness, remember God's activity in history and your life, and ask God for your needs.

When the priest holds up the consecrated wine and bread it symbolizes the death of Christ due to the separation of the Body and Blood. The assembly responds with a resounding "Amen" which means "I

believe." We sing the praises of God and with joy state our joy and belief in the power of Jesus Christ. After the Eucharistic prayer we pray the family prayer of the Our Father. One of the petitions we make in the Our Father is to give us this day our daily bread, but it means "supernatural bread." We praise God and continue to petition the Lord for the Eucharist each time we pray this magnificent prayer. After this prayer we begin the preparation for communion. The phrase "the Lord be with you" marks important times throughout the liturgy. It reminds us to listen up and notice what is going on. The offering of peace is not merely an empty ritual. Instead, it is meant to illustrate a central point that we are in communion and at peace with others before we receive the Eucharistic Lord into our hearts. Then we pray the "Lamb of God" and echo the words of St. John the Baptist when he announced Jesus. We confess our faith once again that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. I could keep going but we will pick up this discussion next week.



Other events and reminders

- We continue to have soup suppers and the Eucharist study on Wednesday evenings. On March 20th there is a reconciliation service at 7pm instead of the study. The Eucharist study will continue April 10th, 17th, 24th at 6:30pm
- There is a diocesan listening session on March 19th at 6pm in the social hall
- The youth group will lead us in prayer with the shadow stations of the cross at 7pm on March 15th

CMA Report: As of **March 5th**, we have \$50,956 pledged/paid towards our assessment of \$63,115 which is 81% by 45% of parish families. We are making great progress but still have a way to go! If you haven't pledged please consider helping us reach our goal! It takes **ALL** of us to make it to the finish line!

Thank you to all who donated to the Food Pantry!

We had many donations of food dropped off this last week! And we continue to have parishioners use their envelope to donate in the weekly collection, so we can shop if we do run out of anything. We cannot express how grateful we are to have the support of this Parish in this **very worthwhile ministry**. We are making a difference in this community in a very tangible way and it brings a real sense of satisfaction knowing that our Food Pantry changes lives!



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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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