



*The Week of April 8th, 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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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT: "SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND"**

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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Monday

545: Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday 8 am Mass

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday 9 am Mass

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday 8 am Mass

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

### Friday

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

47: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Cantor Practice 6 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive 1:30 – 6:30 pm

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

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meetings 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – \*1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Celebration

Food Pantry Weekend

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – \*1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Celebration

CLOW 9:30 AM

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$11,965

Food Pantry:\$255 Catholic Relief Services:\$125

Rice Bowl: \$62.19

Children’s GO@D Deeds

...Helping my Papa & Nana...Playing with my friend Lilly...

...Comforting my sister...Helped a friend with crutches...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org)

The students are coming back this week from their spring break festivities. We will start our final round of NWEA testing in a couple weeks to show quantitatively how much the students have grown throughout the year. As a reminder, our *grandparents' mass* is on *April 24<sup>th</sup>*. Even if you do not have a grandchild in the school, we would love to have you come celebrate our AACs family.

...God Bless...

TESTING

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

What do you think of when you hear the word peace? What does it mean when we greet one another with the words “May the peace of Christ be with you?” What are we wishing for the other person? Why do you think Jesus’ first words to his disciples after the resurrection was peace?

### Reflecting on the Word:

When there are disagreements among family members, we are encouraged to “make peace” and shake hands or embrace the other.



Sometimes we are not ready to embrace one another in an act

of peace. How are we able to practice sharing peace with one another? In today’s Gospel, Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” How do we allow Jesus to enter those moments of forgiveness and peace in our home? Is it easier to make peace when we are aware of his presence?

### Living the Word:

As a family, look for instances of peace, harmony, or contentment in your week. Have your children write about those instances or draw a picture of those moments, and then share those moments with the family.



*Next weekend, April 13-14 we will celebrate the first group of children who will be making their first 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. We hope you will join us in praying for them.*

## Assumption BVM Annual Rummage Sale!

April 16-18, 2024

Tuesday, April 16...9 am –7 pm

Wednesday, April 17...9 am –5 pm

Thursday, April 18...9 am –12 noon

*\*Please note the job description for Sexton for the St. Anthony cemetery included in the bulletin. We are actively looking for someone to fill this position so please spread the word*



## Father Marc's Minutes...

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast comes from the conversations of Jesus with Saint Faustina. During prayer the Lord would talk to her and communicate special graces to her. She was a mystic and God showed her deep and mysterious things. Jesus made the request for special devotion to Divine Mercy to be spread around the world. Her prayer and the revelations God showed her are recorded in her diary. I would highly encourage everyone to read and pray for this with rich spiritual resources. Jesus promises particular graces to overflow from heaven on this day. This feast day is a beautiful testimony to God's desire to bestow mercy. In the diary Jesus says that now is the time for mercy where God demonstrates his patience. At the end is the time for judgment and justice. I highly encourage everyone to accept and hold onto this promise of Divine Mercy. Please pray for your loved ones in a particular way on this day. I invite everyone to join me in saying the **Divine Mercy chaplet this Sunday after Mass at 11:15am in church.** The chaplet is a beautiful and powerful prayer invoking God's mercy for the world by the merits of Jesus Christ's passion.

### Congrats to our Candidates!

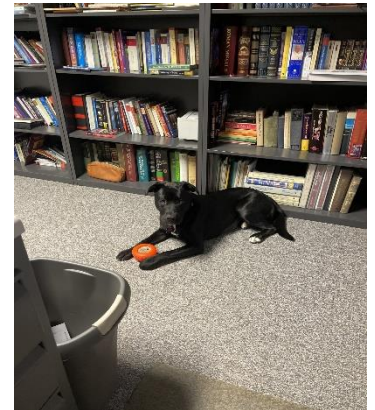
I want to congratulate our two candidates, Tammy Nelson and Greg Trombley that were fully received into the Catholic Church on Sunday. They received a combination of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Eucharist we know of course as the Body and Blood of Christ. Confirmation strengthens the gift of our Baptism and gives us habitual virtues or gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us in our personal Christian journey. Let us continue to raise them up in prayer and support them during this new phase of their Catholic pilgrimage.

### Update on Lucy

Lucy has been adjusting well in her new home here at St Gabriel. She has already made some introductions with the office staff. As time goes on she will meet more and more of you. *She is very sweet!* Please continue to pray for me so that I can navigate this uncharted



territory.



### Eucharistic Study sessions resume

Jesus in the Eucharist study sessions are resuming this Wednesday at 6:30pm. They will continue for the next three weeks, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. We are picking up where the study left off. I have heard several testimonies of how powerful these sessions have been, and I encourage everyone to come, bring a friend! There is no meal prior to these sessions.

**CMA Report:** As of **March 31<sup>st</sup>**, we have \$52,156 pledged/paid towards our assessment of \$63,115 which is 83% by 45% of parish families. If you haven't pledged please consider helping us reach our goal! It takes **ALL** of us to make it to the finish line





## Food Pantry Needs

We finished March handing out 83 boxes of food! As we begin April our pantry is quite bare, and we once again need to ask for the support of the parish to get through the month. Here is our "wish" list:

**Peanut Butter Jelly Canned Soup Vegetables**  
**Canned Fruit Canned Tuna Baked Beans**  
**Spaghetti Spaghetti Sauce Mac & Cheese**  
**Canned Pasta Mashed Potatoes Pasta Sides**  
**Cereal Pancake Mix Sloppy Joe Mix**  
**Toothbrushes Toothpaste Shampoo Bar Soap**  
**Deodorant Tissues Dish Soap Laundry Detergent**

*Fr. Marcel Portelli invites you...*

**Have you ever considered taking a pilgrimage to the heart of Ireland? This October travel to St. Patrick's Purgatory and pray at his tomb, explore local Abbeys, shrines, and cathedrals, as**



**well as viewing the illuminated Book of Kells. This is a Detroit departure. Full information is available at <https://bit.ly/3HH1qTV> or please call 989-426-7154.**

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<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