



The Week of April 22nd 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

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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

279: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3, 43, 3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 8 am Mass

280: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 9 am Mass "Grandparents Mass"

281: Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 37:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 8 am Mass

555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Friday

283: Acts 13:26-33 ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Confession 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

284: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

53: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 22nd – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 23rd – Quilters – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 24th – Last session for the "Jesus and the Eucharist Study" 6:30 – 8 pm

Thursday, April 25th – Commission Meetings 6:30 – 7:30 pm (rescheduled) Parish Council Meeting 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Saturday, April 27th – Coffee & Donuts, RaiseRight weekend

Sunday, April 28th – CLOW 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$14,300

Food Pantry: \$2797

Children's Good Deeds

...Helping my sister out...Picking up my train set...

...Playing with Spencer...Playing with new classmate...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal cswitalski@auburnac.org

This month the school's virtue is forgiveness. I can tell you all from personal experience that I have not always been the best at this virtue. It really takes the grace that God gives us to be selfless enough to forgive all of those who have wronged us. Teaching our children how to forgive and act with kindness helps to shape a good moral compass for their future endeavors.

...God Bless...



Save the dates... We know it is only

April, but we want to let everyone know the dates for Vacation Bible School, June 25-27 from 9 am-noon. Mrs Moczy has again graciously agreed to organize this event so you know it will be great! Details and registration forms to follow.

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd. What does a shepherd do? What do sheep need? The Good Shepherd calls us by name. We listen to his voice so that we can follow him. How far does his voice reach?

Reflecting on the Word:

The Good Shepherd loves and cares for the sheep. He knows each of them by name. He calls them and they follow his voice. How do we recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd amid the noise and competing voices in the world? We know the voice of the Good Shepherd because we have heard his great love for us. The great self-sacrificing love that The Good Shepherd has for the sheep reminds us of the love that the parent has for the child.

Living the Word:

We listen to the Good Shepherd's voice and follow him. One of the ways we listen to his voice is by reading his Word. Spend time this week reading about the love and care of the Shepherd in Psalm 23. This psalm tells us that the Shepherd gives us everything we need, including comfort and courage when we are afraid. Have each member of your family illustrate a line from this psalm. Collect all the images to make a Psalm 23 booklet.



Thank you to everyone who helped organize the First Eucharist Celebrations, including the receptions, especially Sarah Pope, Tiffany Trevino for all your tireless efforts. Karen Koehler, Christian Service, and the marketing and school families for helping provide a lovely "after" party for the children's families and friends.

RaiseRight Gift Card Weekend!

RaiseRight gift cards will be available for purchase after both Masses next weekend April 27 & 28. Cash, or check payments accepted. We have gift cards available for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, online shopping, and more! Thank you for helping to support our school!

CMA Report: As of April 9th, we have \$52,216 pledged/paid towards our assessment of \$63,115 which is 83% by 45% of parish families. We are so close, please help close that gap!



Father Marc's Minutes...

The Name of Jesus Saves and Guides

The first reading comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter has just performed a miracle where a lame man was healed at the temple. People naturally notice this, and a crowd has begun to gather. The Holy Spirit compels Peter to preach to the people about Jesus. Peter boldly announces that the person who healed this man was Jesus the Nazorean. Peter references some Old Testament scripture passages (Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22) and applies them to Jesus. These verses talk about a sure foundation and a cornerstone that is enacted by God. People can depend on this foundation. The cornerstone in a building bears weight and connects walls to each other. The Father has placed Jesus as the cornerstone that holds up the entire building of faith. Peter goes on to testify that salvation only comes through faith in Jesus. Our culture is filled with many religions and may deem it insensitive and lacking tolerance to make a strong claim like this. However, the scriptures echo this truth time and time again. This central conviction of Jesus as the **only** savior undergirds the entire evangelization effort of Christianity. It matters whether people know Jesus and the consequences are major. If it does not matter, why talk to anyone about Jesus in the first place? The Holy Spirit is inviting us into boldly announcing the Savior Jesus Christ.

We invite people into a dynamic, living, and fulfilling relationship with God and the church. Christ is the Good Shepherd. Christ will lead to fulfillment in life. Christ is not our enemy or opposed to human flourishing but is the pathway to human flourishing. Christ leads us well and is always motivated by love. Even when we are challenged and moved to conversion, Christ does that through love. He is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

The Importance of Symbols

The Catholic faith and rituals are filled with symbols. Symbols communicate meaning. Let's look at the Apple logo for example. The Apple logo is a simple design that communicates more than just an edible fruit. It has become synonymous with a major tech company that offers high quality machines to make life easier. Some people may

disagree with that, but generally Apple's symbol communicates a deeper meaning. We can identify their products and we have an expectation of performance for an Apple device. Our faith is filled with symbols. The Mass is filled with symbols. The candles indicate the light of Christ and the light of faith. Incense communicates mystery, consecration, and the power of prayer. The tabernacle talks about the abiding presence of God and hearkens back to the meeting tent in the Israelite camp during the wandering in the desert. The lectionary and Book of Gospels communicate the dignity of God's word. The baptismal font communicates spiritual renewal and the sacrament of Baptism. The list could go on and on. I encourage everyone to read and learn about the meaning of our vast array of symbols found in the church.

Congrats to our Candidates!



I was blessed to celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist with our two candidates Tammy Nelson and Greg Trombley. May we all continue to pray for them on their spiritual journey. I also want to congratulate the children who received their First Eucharist the past two weekends.

Update on Lucy... Lucy is doing well in her new home here at St. Gabriel. She has met a handful of parishioners and kids so far and has observed them playing during recess. It has been just over two weeks and time seems to be flying by. I ask that you continue to pray for me.





Eucharistic Exhibit: April 26-28 at St. Anne's Church Linwood

Come see an extensive collection of photographs and historical records presenting a sampling of Church-approved Eucharistic Miracles from many different times and places. This display is about those times when God permits us to comprehend the true nature of the Eucharist with our senses. This exhibit, which has traveled the world will soon be at Prince of Peace Parish in the basement of St. Anne's church. Come and see what miracles the Lord has done!
Friday: 5 – 8 pm Saturday: noon – 4 pm / 6 – 8pm
Sunday: 11:15 am – 5 pm

Migrant Ministry Program...

Knowing that you may be doing some Spring cleaning, we would like to remind everyone that our MIGRANT MINISTRY COLLECTION will take place the second week of May. So, as you clear out items that that you may no longer need, please consider donating to this worthy cause. Men's, women's, and children's summer weight clothing is always appreciated. A detailed flyer will be in next week's bulletin.

***We are also in need of a covered trailer to collect the donations. Call the office if you can help!**

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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