



The Week of July 8th, 2024

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

MASS SCHEDULE

Summer Mass Schedule (June 3 – August 15)

Monday – 5 pm Mass
 Tuesday – Noon Mass
 Wednesday – 8 am Mass
 Thursday – 5 pm Mass
 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

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
 3-4 PM Saturday at Church

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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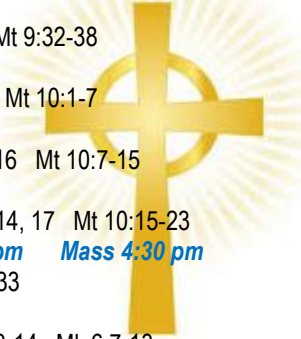
WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACCS 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.

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**Please note summer Mass Schedule*

MONDAY No Mass
383: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY No Mass
384: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-10 Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY No Mass
385: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY No Mass
386: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY
387: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 Mt 10:15-23
SATURDAY Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm
388: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33
SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am
104: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

July 8th - July 12th – Church closed for flooring installation
Saturday, Sunday July 13th–14th – Food Pantry Weekend

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$8,850
Food Pantry: \$157 **Priest's Retirement Fund:** \$355
[Children's Good Deeds](#)
...Learning to ride my bike without training wheels...
...Listening good at VBS...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The rooms have been updated, and we will be working on getting them put back together over the next month. Students will return on the 19th of

August, and the new updates will be shown off on the 14th of August at our annual open house.

...God Bless ...

Auburn Area Catholic School is hiring!

We are looking for a faith-filled person excited about working with elementary students. If you have any interest, please contact the school office and/or send (3) letters of recommendation and resume to cswitalski@auburnac.org.

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time: *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, by Sara McGinnis Lee

Have you ever wondered what you will be like when you grow up? What do you think you will become? How would you describe Jesus of Nazareth? Who is he for you?

Reflecting on the Word:



Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth. The young carpenter has become a wonderful speaker, and the people who have known him for their entire lives are astonished by his words and what they heard he

had done. He, in turn, is amazed at their lack of faith. How often do we look at someone in our immediate family and limit them in a certain way of being? Let us pray and ask God that each member of our family may grow to become the individual God created them to be, and that we have the grace to recognize their growth and transformation.

Living the Word:

We ask questions as we grow older, such as, "Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?" Where can we find the answers to those questions? Christ helps us—through the Bible and through the gift of the sacraments—to write our own blank page in the history of salvation. Turn off the television, computer, tablet, games, and so on, and open the Bible to the Gospels. Read about the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Allow this time with his Word to help shape us as a family and as individuals, so we can be the person God created us to be.

The flooring installation in the social hall, bathroom and entryway of church begins on Monday...so these areas will be closed to the public until the weekend. There will *not* be any weekday Masses again this week. Thanks for your understanding!





Father Marc's Minutes...

Thorn in the Flesh

Saint Paul tells us of one of his personal struggles and how that impacts his prayer life. We do not know what this thorn in the flesh exactly was, but we can tell that this thorn was significant. We also know that St. Paul did not enjoy this thorn. He wanted this thorn gone and begged several times for the Lord to take it away. However, the Lord gives him a different answer. The Lord encourages Paul to endure the struggle and rely on his grace. The Lord tells him that power is made perfect in weakness. Weakness and humility ground us and promote gratitude. St. Paul learns this lesson and boldly proclaims his weaknesses so that the glory and ultimate honor is given to Christ. I also think this passage gives us a lesson about prayer. Paul pleads to the Lord and lays out his problems before Him. We can learn from his example to bear our troubles to the Lord night and day. However, Paul has humility to honestly listen to the Lord. The Lord is calling Paul to endure this struggle and thereby build character, grit, and bless others through his ministry. Sometimes God is calling us to endure struggles as well in life. We understandably want God to fix all our struggles immediately, but maybe that is not what will promote our personal growth. So then how do we respond? Do we respond as Paul did, or in resentment and anger?



A Big Thank you

I want to take a moment and thank some very important people for their dedication and service to the parish and especially the care of our cemetery. Bill Dougherty has taken great care of the cemetery with mowing and making sure everything looks neat as a sign of respect for the dead. When we needed help to handle the mowing and trimming he stepped up as well as Dennis Kalinowski. Together they filled in the gap and rose to the occasion. I really cannot thank them enough.

In a very particular way, I want to *thank Bob Reder* for his work as the sexton. He has worked with countless families and has always been respectful of the deceased as well as the grieving family members. He has been helpful and good to work with. His knowledge of the cemetery is impressive as well. Thank you, Bob, for the effort, care, and diligence you have shown in this role.

I am sure people have seen the advertisement for cemetery help in the bulletin for a while now. I am pleased to say that we have a person that we are partnering with to be the sexton and take care of the lawncare. This company does this same job at other cemeteries and is really excited to work with us and take care of our beautiful cemetery. They came recommended when I checked with other places of employment. I ask that we welcome Marc McMillan and his company, McMillan Maintenance Services, to our community and keep everyone in our prayers during this transition period.

Christ Mission Appeal

Time is running out this year to get in our pledges for CMA. This money supports the good work done by the diocese and therefore assists our parish as well. If you have donated I want to say thank you very much. I went onto the diocesan website for Christ Mission Appeal and was impressed to see all the things that the appeal supports. If you are curious here is the link so you can see for yourself at <https://saginaw.org/what-ministries-does-christs-mission-appeal-support>. Please give if you have not yet so we can support our parish as well as the overall diocese.

Mission Possible, go make disciples

Do you want to feel more confident and know exactly what to do to get started in sharing Jesus with family, friends, and acquaintances? The Saginaw Diocese will be hosting Fr. Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson both from the Diocese of Plymouth, UK to present "Practical Evangelizing: listening...to deliver the Good News to those we encounter." Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 8 am-4 pm at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw MI. Call to register, 989-797-6654 by August 15.



Right to Life Thank You!

Thank you to Fr. Marc and St. Gabriel Parish for hosting our “Baby Bottle Collection” for the Cherish Life Project. To everyone who donated, we appreciate your support to promote life in our community. The total donation was \$1,866.06! The generosity of your parish is truly overwhelming, and we want to express our sincere gratitude. ~~ *Kathy Ratajak, Cheri* Life Chairman for Bay County Right to Life

Food Pantry Needs

We are in real need this month. During the last week of June, we gave away 30 boxes of food! Here is our list but as always any donation is appreciated.

- Boxed Cereal Pancake Mix Syrup Tuna Helper Hamburger Helper Sloppy Joe Mix
 Peanut Butter Jelly Toothbrushes Toothpaste Bar Soap Shampoo “Treats”



“Hunger is a constant reminder that life is not fair” ~~Unknown~~



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St. Anthony Cemetery Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

COLUMBARIUM		Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Single (1 Urn)		\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)		\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment		\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
CEMETERY		Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot		\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial		\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Remains		\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial		\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation		\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch