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**MASSES**

Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 9 AM  
 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**

Celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend each month. (Please check with parish office for current schedule) Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office

**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**

3-4 pm Saturday at Church

**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 August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Monday

413: Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday 8 am and 7 pm Mass

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

622: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27  
Lk 1:39-56

### Wednesday 9 am Mass

415: Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday 8 am Mass

416: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-6 Mt 18:21-19:1

### Friday

417: Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24 Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

418: Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

118: Is 56:1,6-7 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Knitters 10 am

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – AACS Curriculum Night

Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Parish Office closing at noon (August)

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,559

Food Pantry: \$680 Mission Co-op \$1372

Children's Good Deeds

...Shared my chicken nuggets with Papa...Helping Sydney...

...Helping my little brother when he did not feel good...

...Helping sister...Helped pack up the cabin...

...I helped SJ ride her bike...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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The teachers report this week to get ready in their classrooms. We have a couple of different training courses lined up to make sure our start of the school year goes smoothly. We are having our open house/supplies drop off on Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. It is a nice way for the students, parents, and teachers to all meet before the school year officially starts on August 21<sup>st</sup>!



...God Bless...

**JOIN OUR TEAM**



Auburn Area Catholic School is looking for help in the afterschool program. The program runs from 3:30-5:30 Monday through Friday. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in

applying, please have them contact the school office at 989-662-6431 or [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org). A full job description is available upon request.

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Name some other instances in the Bible in which God does the impossible. How do you think Peter felt when he first started walking on water toward Jesus? What made Peter start sinking? Whenever you feel afraid or doubtful, what do you do to help ease those fears or doubts?

### Reflecting on the Word:



In the Gospel accounts, we have learned that Jesus has the power to heal sickness, command evil spirits, and even bring people back from the dead. In today's Gospel, we see

that Jesus has power even over nature. Our creator God naturally has dominion over what he has made. Jesus' walking on water is something that is not scientifically possible, but we know that nothing is impossible for God.

### Living the Word:

Have everyone in the family draw a picture of one moment in today's Gospel story so that when the pictures are placed side by side, they tell the whole story. Tape them on the wall so that everyone remembers the Gospel this week.

### Remember to keep your parish records updated

If you have changed your phone number, moved to a new address, gotten a new email, or eliminated a land line please contact the Parish Office, (989) 662-6861 or via email at [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org) so we can update our records. We have been reviewing some frequently used lists and have found that we are missing pertinent information that makes it difficult to contact you. Thanks for your consideration!



We are looking for donations for the door prizes as well as for bingo. Please drop off your donations at the Parish Office or call for more info (989) 662-6861

**Welcome Back**

**Morning Masses** will resume on **Tuesday, August 15**. Masses will be as follows; **Tuesday** and **Thursday** Mass will be at 8 am. **Wednesday** Masses will be the

first and third Wednesday of the month and be celebrated with the school. Fr. Marc will also be celebrating First Fridays with a morning Mass at 8 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month beginning in September. Fr Marc will also be resuming a regular **Confession schedule** on Saturdays from 3-4 pm at church, prior to Mass. *Please join Fr. Marc for the new schedule starting next week!*



***Welcome Home!  
Fr. Marc arrived back at  
St. Gabriel in the early morning  
hours of Thursday. We are sure  
he is both exhausted and***

***exhilarated from his travels! He is diving right  
back into parish life with a funeral on Friday  
and a regular Mass schedule on the weekend  
as well as weekday morning Masses starting  
next week (see the schedule included in the  
bulletin). We are all very happy to have him  
back and that all his travels were safe. We are  
sure that he will have many wonderful and  
inspiring tales to share with all of us!***

## **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The people who are featured in today's sacred texts share a striking similarity. All had a sense of being overwhelmed; all felt helpless to remedy their situation. All experienced the grace and power of God, and in that moment, they knew the peace of God's presence.

Elijah had fled to Mount Horeb, trying to escape from the wrath of Jezebel, Ahab's queen, who had convinced her husband to erect statues of Ba'al in the temple. As God's prophet, Elijah had preached the unpopular word, calling his leaders and people to repent or else there would be a drought. When his words fell on deaf ears and hardened hearts, there was no rain or dew to quench the thirst of humans or water the parched land. To add insult to injury, he defeated the prophets of Ba'al whom Jezebel had sent to triumph over him. Infuriated, she wanted Elijah dead. With nowhere else to turn, he cried out for God to take his life, yet God had a better solution, and in the quiet of God's revealed presence, the prophet found peace.

In the Gospel, the Matthean Jesus responds to Peter's request to come to him on the water. But when Peter left the relative safety of the boat to brave the sea and wind, he panicked. Immediately, Jesus extended his hand, and Peter's fears were allayed in the presence of the man he would come to believe in as the Son of God.

As the praying assembly remembers the experiences of Elijah and Peter, many will probably be able to identify with them and with the fear of feeling lost, hopeless, and alone when life seems overwhelming. With homes being foreclosed and jobs lost, with the U.S. involvement in wars and conflict all

over the globe, with the threat of nuclear disaster, disease...when we are contemplating an unknown future, fear can sometimes claim our reason, our peace, our hope. We might be inclined to follow Elijah's lead and flee to the desert, or we might feel like Peter, about to drown in a dangerous sea. It is in that moment when the assurance of God's presence invites us to make the move from fear to faith.

## **Pledge Given**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

As we navigate the seas of our lives, those that are both treacherous and calm, Jesus is with us all the while. He is the bridge that carries us over the gorges and valleys of our lives. He is the outstretched hand that is always ready to save us from the deep. As we move from fear to faith, we are strengthened by the assurance that there is nowhere God is not, no heart in which God does not choose to dwell, and no hand that God will not reach out to save.

## **Trust in Jesus**

*Celebration*

Seasoned sailors can understand why the disciples displayed such fear in this narrative. As the evangelist noted, it was the fourth watch—the time just before dawn when, as one sailor put it, the funny stuff starts to happen. You are surrounded by dark water, and if there is no moon, you begin to imagine rocks rising up in front of you, or even phantom ships. Waves sound like the whispers of people or the breathing of some huge aquatic creature. Then you realize how much you are alone out there, and you realize how many ways there are to die. These sentiments enable us to sympathize with the disciples and their terror at sea.

When we find ourselves in the fourth watch of the night, with fear and unable to trust in our own abilities, Jesus says to us, "Come!" At first we might do well, but when the strong winds of anxiety and hopelessness threaten our well-being, we tend to lose our focus and conviction and begin to sink. Nevertheless, Jesus is ever present to bolster our faith and to stretch out his hand to save us. Once we have grabbed onto his hand, we can extend our other hand to people who are foundering, thus extending the saving power of Jesus to all.



***"Lord, Strengthen  
me in faith."***

## 20 Things you'll never regret:

- Praying
- Putting your phone down
- Listening over talking
- Visiting grandma
- Reading the Bible
- Kindness on social media
- Investing in memories over things
- Not gossiping
- Not listening to gossip

- Thankfulness over comparison
- Buying lemonade at the stand
- Taking the higher road
- Catching fireflies with your kids
- Forgiving others
- Forgiving yourself
- Doing that scary thing
- Giving the compliment
- Drinking more water
- Saying "I love you."
- Trusting God




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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
<b>CEMETERY</b>		
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional

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