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MASSES

Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM
 1ST and 3RD Wednesday of the month at 9 AM
First Thursday of the month 6:30 PM
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 2nd 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 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
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Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACS 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.

Week of August 21st, 2023

MONDAY

419: Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY 8 am Mass

420: Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY 9 am Mass

421: Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

629: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

FRIDAY

423: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm

424: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;4:13-17 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

121: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 21st – First Day of School

**Friday, August 25th – Parish Office closes at noon (August)
No School**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6,280

Food Pantry: \$538 Mission Co Op: \$225

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped at the library... Picking up my toys...

...Paid for most of my school supplies...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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The 2023-2024 school year officially starts tomorrow! The students will be here bright and early to kick off the school year. It is always exciting to see the students come back to school and

begin their yearly journey. Please keep all our school families and staff in your prayers!

...God Bless ...



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. A full job description is available upon request.

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Pay attention to the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass. Why is it important to ask for God's mercy and forgiveness at the start of Mass? Jesus says that the Canaanite woman has great faith. How does she show great faith? How can we have faith like she does?

Reflecting on the Word:



Did you know that almost everything we say in the Mass is from the bible? When we know the stories behind the words we say, what we profess has so much more meaning. In today's

Gospel, we hear a woman say to Jesus, "Have pity on me, Lord," or said in another way, "Have mercy on me, Lord." We say these powerful words at Mass when we are asking God to forgive us. In this moment we are repeating the Canaanite woman's plea for help. She had so much faith that even the "scraps" of his power were enough for her. Jesus knew that her faith would be an example to his own disciples! May she also be an example to us!

Living the Word:

The words "Lord, have mercy" are sometimes repeated or sung in Greek, which is the original language of the Gospel accounts. As a family, explore the different ways this prayer can be said or sung:

Greek: *Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison*

English: *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Discuss which way each person prefers and why.

Update for CMA...

As of July 31st, these are the numbers for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that **\$65,091.60 (86%**

of our goal of \$74,253) has been pledged by 51% of the parish. We are still just over \$9,000 away from reaching our target and this year's CMA is coming to an end, so let's give a big push to reach our goal!

Help Us Reach Our Goal



EVENSONG 2023

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

An evening of prayer and song with the priests of the
Diocese of Saginaw.

Date of Event: Wednesday August 30

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: All Saints Parish
St. James Church,
710 Columbus Ave
Bay City, MI 48708.

Reception following at Langley Hall.





How Great Is Our Faith?

The Lord makes a promise to those who walk in God's ways in the first reading. He urges and commands us to do what is right and just because the dawn of salvation is close at hand. The offer of redemption extends beyond just the house of Israel, and God has opened the way for Gentiles too. He says that the temple, God's house, can be house of prayer for all people. Their sacrifices can be acceptable on God's altar. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that the gifts and call of God are irrevocable. God does not take back his call to holiness. His loving call is irrefutably placed on our hearts, and no matter what happens His desire is for us to be with God for all time. You might be asking yourself at this point, "But father Marc, Jesus does not seem to have this same attitude with the woman in the gospel today. In fact, Jesus seems cold, unfriendly, and possibly even disrespectful and rude towards her. What did she do to him?" I will admit that the same thought crossed my mind the first time I read the gospel. Her daughter is tormented by a demon, and Jesus doesn't even acknowledge her at first. Also, if you look back at the gospels, Jesus has performed miracles and healings for Gentiles in the past. So, what was the end game of Jesus? What was he trying to do in this encounter? I do not have all the answers to these questions, but here is an idea which has always struck me. Jesus, time and time again in the gospel marvels at someone's abundance or lack of faith. He talks about how little or small the faith of a person may be. He is seeking to draw out faith so that the person gives God permission to act and enter their life. Perhaps this is what Jesus is doing with this woman. She had clearly reached a point of desperation and was at the end of her rope. Jesus is drawing faith out of her by delaying the granting of her request. She is content for Jesus to do whatever He wants to do, and not place her own limits on God's activity and power. She is also convinced that healing and deliverance are essential aspects to Jesus' ministry. In her radical acceptance of God's power, she offers us a model for faith in our own lives.



Impressions from World Youth Day

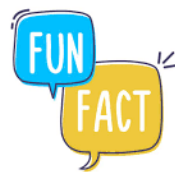


As you all know I just came back to the motherland from World Youth Day. It was an amazing and moving experience. I have never been surrounded by so many young people so in love with Jesus and our Catholic heritage. The crowds were massive, lines were long, oftentimes we did not know exactly what the plan was or how long something was going to take, but it was blessed, nonetheless. At the central events, especially once Pope Francis arrived, the crowds were between 1.5 and 2 million people. Even though the crowds were so vast, overall, there was an attitude of respect and silence for the Blessed Sacrament and set prayer times. I was so honored and blessed to be able to travel to Fatima in a pilgrimage two separate times. Our Blessed Mother was certainly present and interceding for everyone gathered. When I came back, however, on Sunday evening I began to show minor symptoms of being sick. The symptoms continue to remain minimal, but out of caution the daily masses were cancelled this past week. I guess it was almost bound to happen by being in such proximity to massive crowds for two weeks. I rested this week so that I can be with you all this weekend and be ready to usher in the new school year at AACS. Please pray for the school, staff, and students so that the year begins well.

Other Announcements

Please check out the bulletin, calendar, and website for the weekly liturgical schedule that deals with sacraments, mass, and other special events. A reminder that the *parish picnic* is coming up next month on *Sunday, September 10*. It should be a fun time for everyone with food and games.

Get To Know Me



This week I am going to start including a little part of my bulletin that contains a fun fact about me. Hopefully by doing this you can get to know me over time. The fun fact today is I love to be outdoors, and I especially enjoy kayaking.

~~**Blessings, Fr. Marc**

An EMHC formation training session has been added to the Diocese of Saginaw website.
EMHC Certification Training
September 21 (Thursday), 7:00 – 8:30 PM
St. Mary University Parish (Mt. Pleasant)
Presenter: Fr. Jim Bessert



SAVE THE DATE! We are 3 weeks away from the Parish Picnic! Sunday, September 10th from 12 - 3:30 pm.

We are still looking for donations for door prizes as well as bingo prizes. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Dear God,
As we send our children back to school, we pray for Your protection and guidance. Keep them safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to find friends who will support and encourage them. Give them wisdom as they face challenging situations. And help them to always remember that You are with them, no matter what.



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St. Anthony Cemetery

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 Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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