



The Week of August 26th 2024

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – 5 pm Mass
Tuesday – No Mass
Wednesday – 9 am School Mass
Thursday – 8 am 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

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 26th, 2024

Monday 5 pm Mass

425: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday No Mass

426: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps

Wednesday 9 am School Mass

427: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 8 am Mass

428: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 634: Mk 6:17-29

Friday

429: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday Confession 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

430: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

125:Dt4:1-2,6-8 Ps15:2-5Jas1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk7:1-8,14-15,21-23



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, August 16th – No School / Parish Office Closed at Noon

Monday, September 2nd – Happy Labor Day!

No School / Parish Office Closed / No Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,537

Food Pantry: \$270

Children's Good Deeds

...Helping my sister...Keeping watch on my little brother...

...Cleaned my room and got my backpack ready for school...

...Helping to clean the house...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal cswitalski@auburnac.org



After a four-day week, the teachers and students are ready for a 3-day weekend. As in the past, we will continue to have **Mass** on **Wednesdays** at

9:00 AM. Please consider coming and celebrating the Eucharist with the school children and staff.

...God Bless...

Save The Date: AACCS is hosting a Fundraiser Euchre Night again this year. This will be held on **Saturday, October 5th** at 6:00 PM at St. Gabriel's West Campus Gym. Sign-Ups will start in September and more information will come as the event gets closer. **Mark your calendar now for this fun event!**

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

By Sara McGinnis Lee

At Mass, the priest makes a gesture over the bread and the wine, asking God to send down the Holy Spirit. This gesture starts up high and ends down low. Watch for this moment during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is the Spirit who changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus and gives us faith to believe in his real presence.

Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus asks his friends, "Do you want to leave?" Like Simon Peter, we want to respond, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We see people in our community, our workplace, and sometimes in our family who walk away from Jesus. There are days we have doubts and may feel that we have walked away in some sense. Let us ask Jesus to help us to draw closer to him.



Living the Word:

While Jesus' teachings are indeed hard, we are called as a people of faith to live out these teachings. This is not something we do alone, as the Holy Spirit is always with us, guiding us toward the kingdom of heaven. What moments have you seen the Holy Spirit working in your life? Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit or draw an image of the Holy Spirit at work in your life.

As the school year begins, there are **a few changes** to Auburn Area Catholic School's **RaiseRight** program. It is still the same great gift card fundraiser, but for a trial year, our earnings will go towards helping families with their AACCS student tuition costs. Because of this change, the **gift card box has been moved to the school office**. *Gift cards may now be purchased in the school office- **only** during school hours- and after Mass during our coffee and donuts weekends.* We have a large stock of gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, clothing stores, and online shopping. Thank you for supporting our AACCS students!





Father Marc's Minutes...

Decision Point

The first reading and gospel talk about choosing an intentional course of action. Joshua, successor to Moses, called the Israelite leaders together and asked them a simple but powerful question. Who will you serve? Joshua asked the leaders if they will serve the pagan gods or the Lord, the god of Israel. Joshua informs them his family will serve the Lord, and the other leaders also agree. A decision point also comes to the disciples of Jesus. Jesus finished this incredible teaching about the Eucharist and was firm to the end that the Eucharist is more than a symbol, it is Jesus himself. The crowds are taken aback, and many make the decision to abandon Jesus. Jesus turns to his closest friends, the Apostles, and ask them if they are going to leave as well. Peter speaks for the group and declares the intention of everyone to stay. They do not understand what he is talking about, but they know him. They know him so they trust that eventually what he says will make sense. I think this is helpful to reflect on in our own lives as well. Are we willing to wait with Jesus and rest on his word, especially when it does not seem to make sense in the moment? Do we think Jesus trustworthy enough to follow without perfect understanding? May we all decide to follow Jesus this week.

Liturgical Ministers

We are all called to fully participate in the Mass. One of the ways we can actively participate in the liturgy is through serving and offering our gifts and time to the Lord. I want to invite everyone to consider whether the Lord is inviting them to serve in some capacity at Mass. I want to especially extend an invitation for lectors, altar servers, and sacristans. Lectors proclaim the word of God and arouse faith in listeners. Lectors are especially needed for daily masses. Altar servers minister in the sanctuary. Sacristans prepare the vessels and books for mass. These are all acts of love and devotion. Please consider showing your love to the Lord through these ministries. I am more than happy to work with anyone who wants to be trained.

Join the Team

I am looking for people to join the OCIA, Confirmation team, Children Liturgy of the Word. The OCIA, or Order for the Christian Initiation for Adults, is the process used for initiating people into the church. It accompanies them through the proclamation of the gospel, formation in the faith, and reception of the sacraments. It would be wonderful to have a team to share the privilege of accompanying people in this way. The team would be made up of catechists, hospitality ministers, sponsors. The Confirmation team would be made up of members to facilitate sessions, act as sponsors, and provide other roles. The instructors for Children Liturgy of the Word lead a reflection on the Sunday readings with children in one of the classrooms. The outline for the weekly lessons and handouts is provided. If you are interested in joining the team please contact the parish office at 989-662-6861 or parishoffice@auburnac.org

Wedding Congratulations

Autumn Rane Wiedyk

and

Samuel James Drzewicki

Married on Saturday, August 17th

Grief Support Series

Grief is something we cannot avoid and at some point in our lives we will experience those feelings. We will be offering a 6-week Grief Support Series starting Monday September 23rd at 6 pm and concluding Monday November 4th. If interested, please contact the Parish Office. Also note that the series is limited to only 12 participants, so be sure to register early. Also, we are looking to build a Grief Support Team to continue providing this healing opportunity, you can let the office know if you feel a calling to this ministry.



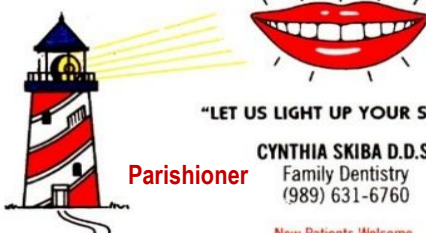
K of C Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all children ages 9 to 14 for a soccer challenge during the Parish Picnic, on Sunday September 8th. Applications will be available at AACCS and on the day of the event: parents will need to sign the form. Prizes will be awarded as well as participant certificates. For more information, please call Ed Piotrowski 989-859-8504



Save the Date!

As we approach the date for the Parish Picnic just a couple of reminders, it will be held on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8th from 12-3:30 pm. We have lots of fun, food and festivities planned along with the **return of the Knights of Columbus soccer challenge (details to follow)! Also, we are accepting donations of items for door prizes and bingo prizes.** Please drop off any items you would like to donate to the Parish Office during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday 8:30am – 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 – noon.

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	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
COLUMBARIUM		
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