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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)
 1ST and 3RD Wednesday of the month 9 AM
First Thursday of the month 6:30 PM (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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

Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month during Mass. 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

Also, by appointment. Please email Fr. Marc
 5 -6 pm *First Thursday* of the month
 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 28th, 2023

Monday

425: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 8 am Mass

426: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 634:Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday

427: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 8 am Mass

428: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17

Friday "First Friday" Mass 8 am

429: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

430: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

118: Is 56:1,6-7 Ps 67:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

How would you answer Jesus' question: *Who do you say that I am? I wonder how Simon Peter felt when Jesus said, "Blessed are you... Upon this rock I will build my church." I wonder if he fully understood what Jesus was asking of him.*

Reflecting on the Word:



Today, we hear Jesus ask the ultimate question: *Who do you say that I am? He asked his disciples, and he is asking us as well.*

He wants to know who *you* say that he is. Not your priest, not your parents, not your friends, but you. Your authentic response can change your life. Peter doubted while walking on water, he denied Jesus in his time of need, and he was not educated in the temple. But notice that his response to who he believed Jesus was, what he truly believed in his heart about him, led Jesus to choose him to be the head of the Church. I wonder what Jesus could do with your answer.

Living the Word:

It is hard to answer Jesus' question with one word. Simon Peter even had two different names for Jesus in his answer in today's Gospel. Write down everyone's answer to the question "Who do you say that Jesus is? Look at the variety of ways Jesus reveals himself to us.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Friday, September 1st –Parish Office closing at noon.
No School**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$8,201

Food Pantry: \$50 **Mission Co-op:** \$10

Children's Good Deeds

...Putting my laundry away...Cleaning my bedroom...

...Helping clean up the living room...

...Help take care of our dog...

...Helping Harry build his car again...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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It was very nice seeing all the students return this week for our first week of school! There were a few rainy days, some warmer weather, and a lot of excited children. They learned about the school's expectations, participated in a Mass, and participated in a prayer service on the first day. Please join us every other Wednesday at 9:00 AM for Mass. The children will have parts in the mass and being present will really bring a smile to your face. We are looking for some help for our aftercare program (see the advertisement below). It is every afternoon, 3-5 days a week. If you know someone that might be interested, please have them call the school office! Thank you!

...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.



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



Morning Masses will be as follows; **Tuesday** and **Thursday** Mass will be at 8 am. Except for the *First Thursday* of the month when Mass will be at 6:30 pm followed by *Exposition of the*

Blessed Sacrament. **Wednesday** Masses will be the *first* and *third* Wednesday of the month at 9 am and be celebrated with the school. Fr. Marc will also be celebrating *First Fridays* with a morning Mass at 8 am on the 1st 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, and on *First Thursdays* at 5 pm before Mass.

Please join Fr. Marc for the new schedule!

Authority is a Good Thing



The readings today speak of authority. In the first reading the Lord was humbling a palace official. Shebna, the master of the palace, had not done well in the sight of God. Consequently, God rebukes him and raises up another to

take his place. He raises up Eliakim to that position and gives him authority. God says that he will be like a fixed peg for the house of David. He will be an honor to his family. Authority is not a bad thing by any means. Authority helps us feel safe and secure in our everyday experience and in our spiritual life. Jesus has ultimate authority from God the Father. In the gospel Jesus gives some of that authority to Simon Peter. Chapter 16 of Matthew's gospel is very important and central. With these words Jesus entrusts Peter with the task of leading the church. He gives Peter power and authority to make decisions on earth that God will honor in heaven. The pope is the continuation of that leadership which began with Peter over two thousand years ago.

It was a blessing for me to attend World Youth Day and see Pope Francis. I got to pray with him several times that week. Seeing the pope also made me fall deeper in love with my Catholic faith and the surety and stability it provides. In Pope Francis I saw the intimate love of Jesus persisting in the Catholic church. Our faith is a treasure and gift.

Daily mass schedule

This is just a reminder to check the bulletin, MyParish app, and calendar for confession, mass times, events, and other prayer opportunities. One particular prayer opportunity I want to discuss will be on the first Thursdays of the month. Thursdays have an intrinsic link to the Eucharist, a.k.a. the Blessed Sacrament. The Last Supper of Jesus with his apostles was celebrated on a Thursday. During

that meal Jesus also instituted the priesthood. As such, Thursdays have a close connection to the Blessed Sacrament and the priesthood. In order to honor this connection Saint Gabriel will have an evening mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursdays of each month beginning in September. So, the first Thursday evening mass is September 7 (the first Thursday of the month) at 6:30 pm immediately followed by exposition.



Exposition is when the priest exposes the Eucharist, the consecrated host, in the monstrance for an extended period of prayer. We can always pray at any point in church, but I personally find that seeing the host helps me to focus my thoughts and prayers. The evening will end with a blessing and night prayer at 8 pm. I love this prayer style and I hope we fill the church up with adorers for our wonderful Lord. Please come even if this is totally new to you. It is a wonderful and moving time to spend with Jesus. There will be resources to help answer any questions you might have. Once again, this practice with the evening mass and exposition will occur just on the *first* Thursday of each month.

Fun Fact



I said that I would tell you a fun fact about me each week.

The fact of the week: I went to Iceland for 9 days in 2021 and ziplined, rock climbed, white water rafted, and enjoyed a thermal pool. The country's landscape was gorgeous.



“Lord, Increase my awareness of your presence.”

Maui Relief: Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. In times of crisis, it is crucial for us to unite as a community of faith and extend our support to those in need. The Diocese of Saginaw will have a special collection to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope. In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. For more information, please contact Maria Coss at mcoss@diosag.org or call 989.797.6646. donate at: <https://saginaw.org/emergency-relief> or send checks payable to the Diocese of Saginaw, Attn: Maria Coss, 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw MI 48603, with the memo line reading "Maui Relief".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Auburn Area Catholic School is looking for volunteers to help us during our lunch hour (11-12). We are also in need of people to help substitute teach and/or help with After Care (paid positions).

Contact us today to learn more about these exciting volunteer and paid opportunities!

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St. Anthony Cemetery 4485 S. Eleven Mile Auburn, MI 48611



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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 |

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