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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 September 10th, 2023

Monday

437: Col 1:24—2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 8 am Mass

438: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

439: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 8 am Mass

638: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn3:13-17

Friday

441:1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 639: Jn 19:25-27

Saturday Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

442: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

130: Sir 27:30—28:7 Ps103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, September 11th – Virtus Session 6 pm

Wednesday, September 13th – Bishop's Golf Outing

Thursday, September 14th – Bishop's Banquet & Silent Auction

Saturday, September 16th – Eucharistic Minister Training 5:30 pm

Sunday, September 17th – Eucharistic Minister Training 10:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$11,733

Food Pantry: \$135

Children's Good Deeds

...Made ice cream for my sick great grandma...Feeding kitty...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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I hope everyone enjoyed their Labor Day and hope you all have fun at the parish picnic! Soccer is in full swing, and our first games started this week. We have two 2nd/3rd grade teams, and one 4th/5th grade teams. They play their games on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00 or 6:00 PM in the back field. This is one of the great programs we can offer to our families at AACCS, and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen. Marty Spencer was a wonderful Athletic Director for the past three years, and we are welcoming Nick Lyons as our new AD. Thank you Marty for all your years of service and thank you Nick for stepping up and taking on a new challenge. Have a blessed week!



...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

At Mass, we know that Jesus is present in both Word and sacrament. How do we recognize him in the lives and hearts of those in our community? What makes it difficult to see Christ in others? How can family members listen or better practice patience with one another when frustrations arise?

Reflecting on the Word:



In Today's Gospel, Jesus prescribes a method to handle disagreements, and the prescription escalates, depending on how corrections are received by the party at fault. When faced with relational challenges, it is good to center ourselves in quiet and to reflect on these words of Jesus for how to resolve conflicts. How might the practice of listening for God's voice in silence helps us in our day-to-day interactions with others, especially with those who do not see eye-to-eye with us?

Living the Word:

Recognizing Christ, especially in those with whom we disagree, involves listening. We need to practice being silent so that we can listen to God. Have your children practice being still without distractions, even if just for a minute. Ask them, "Can you keep your hands and arms silent? Your feet and legs silent? Your eyes closed and mouth silent? In the silence, what did you hear in your heart?"

The family of John Keeley would like to thank everyone at St Gabriel Parish for the wonderful service and luncheon provided at the funeral of their father. It was truly appreciated.

IN LOVING
memory



Extraordinary Minister Training

The first sessions will be on **Saturday, September 16th after Mass at 5:30 pm and on Sunday,**

September 17th after Mass at 10:30 am. As a current, **diocesan trained** Eucharistic Minister this training will "renew" your certification. Fr. Marc will be the facilitator at these **REQUIRED** events. If you have *never* been certified by the Diocese as a Eucharistic Minister (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) you *must* attend a diocesan sponsored certification course before you can serve at St. Gabriel Parish. If you have a conflict with this schedule please contact the Parish Office at 989-662-6861. As always, we welcome and appreciate your continued or "new" service to our Parish.

Please join Fr. Marc at these important sessions!

Tough Love



The readings today resoundingly speak of tough love and how to handle conflict. The first reading from Ezekiel talks of tough love. The Lord tells us that he has appointed us prophets and watchkeepers. He says that refusing to tell other people when behavior is sinful and destructive will lead to downfall. There is a level of responsibility to be our brother's keeper and protector. The Lord tells us to love our neighbor and that holding people accountable is a form of love. Our culture tells us that love means unregulated, absolute freedom to do what we want. That is not scriptural or biblical.

It is not easy to receive feedback and challenges from other people. God realizes this and so the psalm today cries out for help in resisting hardness of heart. The Lord's voice can and does come from and through other people. When we are approached what is our immediate response? Do we write people off if they are attempting to help or hold us to biblical and moral standards? All of us need help with making sure we have hearts of flesh instead of hearts of rock.

The Lord gives us a model for handling disputes and disagreements. He tells us to begin one on one. If there is a disagreement or some wrong done to us it is always best to talk about it in person and with the other party involved. If the case warrants it then bring in a confidential and respectful appropriate outside person. Then the next step us is the church. The type of proceedings Jesus was speaking about were legal claims and social issues. We have the court and legal system for secular things in the world today, but these insights still have value for personal relationships and accountability. Perhaps the biggest challenge or reminder is to try and deal directly with people and keep the situation as private as possible. When someone has wronged us, do not instantly go to social media or mass communication, but see what can be done personally and relationally first.

Lector Training

This is to remind everyone of our lector training session on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30pm in the church. If you are a current lector or would like to

serve in that role I invite you to please come. It shouldn't take longer than an hour. It will be a time to reflect on the gift of proclaiming God's word and touch on some practical items. It is good to step back and give thanks to God for His Word.

Parish Fellowship

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the parish picnic. It is a wonderful time to encounter one another in fun, food, and fellowship. Please come and spend time as a parish community and family. It will be a wonderful time. That is this Sunday, September 10 beginning at noon.

Supporting our Future Priests

The diocese is hosting the two-day annual event of the Bishop Golf Outing and Seminarian and Vocation Dinner on September 13th and 14th. The golf outing and dinner proceeds go to support the education and formation of seminarians. These events are not to pay the diocese employees or costs like that. Events like this go to pay for future priests. Not too long ago, I was a beneficiary of this fund as a seminarian. When the faithful support things like this and other events through the diocese with this focus, you are supporting seminarians and your future priests. So, I want to thank each of you and the parish overall for supporting me. You were supporting and praying for me, and hopefully you are reaping the fruit of that giving. I am playing on two teams for the charity golf outing and the parish purchased a table this year for the dinner fundraiser. Hopefully we can increase that presence next year. This is an investment in your future priests.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The baptism preparation team has met, and we are moving forward with baptism preparation sessions and having baptisms within a weekend mass. The format of the preparation sessions is being revised. I want to begin celebrating baptisms next month on the second weekend. Please call the parish office and I will meet with you to get the process started.

Fun Fact

I worked different summer jobs in college. I cut the grass and did landscaping work at the Center for Ministry and St. Thomas Aquinas church in Saginaw. I also worked at the McDonalds on Garfield Road here in Auburn as a cook.





AACS Little Caesars® Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Tired of cooking or figuring out what to make for dinner? Do you like pizza, breadsticks, or cookies?! Auburn Area Catholic School is having their annual Little Caesars® Pizza Kit Fundraiser. Please consider helping the school by ordering some goodies! Order forms are available at both church entrances, along with the School and Parish Offices. **Orders are due back by Wednesday, September 27th, 2023**, and can be turned in to the School or Parish Office. You can also place an order online (instructions available on the order forms) Any questions, email mandy.c.carmona@gmail.com.

Thanks for supporting our school !



CATECHIST WANTED!

We are looking for faith-filled individuals to become Catechists and be a part of the religious formation program here at St. Gabriel Parish. If you are interested contact Fr. Marc at mhopps@auburnac.org

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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