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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)  
 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Monday

499: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday *No Mass*

450: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday

451: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday *8 am Mass*

452: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149: 1-6, 9 Lk 9:7-9

### Friday *9 am Mass "Feast of St. Gabriel"*

647: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

### Saturday *Confessions 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass*

454: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday *9:30 am Mass*

136: Ezr 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32



### PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Cantor Practice 6:30 pm**  
**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting 6:30 pm**  
**Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm**  
**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – CLOW and Baptism during Mass**  
**Youth Ministry (HS) Opening Celebration at 6pm**

### STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,864**

**Food Pantry: \$570**

**Children's Good Deeds**

...Helping Nora pick up toys...Helping my family...  
...Helping on chores...Helping take care of my little brother...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

[cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org) 989-662-6431



We are nearing the end of September and the students are into their school routines. We have our monthly PTO and School Committee meetings happening this past week. We discuss everything regarding the school and what we can do to improve it for our children. Speaking of improving, the teachers will attend a Diocesan professional development on October 2nd, where we will focus on a variety of topics and issues related to our Catholic School Communities. The school is focusing on the virtue of patience for the first 2 months of school and will transition throughout the year to various virtues. Finally, soccer is slowly coming to an end, and I personally witnessed our fourth and fifth grade team successfully win their first game! Great job everyone and thank you to the coaches. Without your time and commitment, we would not be able to have a successful and fun season!

...*God Bless...*

**AACS is looking for new volunteers to take part in the School Committee as part of the advisory board for the school. This group meets on the third Thursday of each month during the school year. Please contact Clark Switalski at 989-662-6431 or [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org).**

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Have you ever felt jealous of someone for having more than you do? Why do you think the owner of the vineyard gave the workers who arrived late in the day the same pay as those who arrived early in the day? What does this tell us about God's generosity?

### Reflecting on the Word:



God invites all to be workers in building the kingdom, but he calls people, and they answer at different times. While it may not seem fair that the last to be called is given the same reward as the first, we recognize that God's ways are not our ways. Jesus reminds us that God gives love and grace freely to everyone, and that all children are equally important to him, no matter when they answer his call.

### Living the Word:

Today's Gospel reminds us that we are to imitate God's own generosity with others. Sadly, we know that in our world, not everyone has everything they need to flourish. Discuss with your family how some people do not have enough food or a place to live, or do not have adequate wages to provide for their family's needs. Decide on one small action that your family can do toward eradicating those injustices.

***Just a reminder...*** AACCS PTO is wrapping up the *Little Caesar Fundraiser* this Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please get your orders in to the school office by that date. Let the pizza baking begin!

### *Attention all Cantors*

*There will be cantor practice on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you are unable to attend, please call Sue LeVasseur at 989-205-4322. Look forward to seeing everyone there!*



CANTORS



**Lector and Extraordinary Minister Training** will be offered on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass at 10:30 am for Lectors and Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at**

**10:30 am for Eucharistic Ministers.** Fr. Marc will be the facilitator at these **REQUIRED** events. 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!***



## *Father Marc's Minutes...*

### *But That Isn't Fair*

The readings today challenge our idea of fairness in the distribution of God's mercy. God through the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's thoughts are not always our thoughts. This is precisely why discernment is so crucial in spiritual life. The prophet encourages us to turn and seek the Lord while He may be found because God is generous in mercy. A common temptation we all face is to hold back mercy until we think it is earned or deserved. This principle is exemplified in the gospel parable. The landowner in the parable always goes out throughout the day to recruit people to work in the vineyard. When payment time comes the people who have worked longest are expecting more pay because more hours should mean more compensation. However, the landowner is generous and gives just as much to the workers who came in last as to the ones who began the day. That is the scandalous piece of God's mercy. He does not dispense it at a 1:1 ratio. God is lavish and extremely generous. Can we echo that same generosity back towards God and our neighbor?

### *Thank you!*

I want to thank everyone who has come out and attended the Eucharistic Minister training sessions and the lector formation session. There is still one more scheduled opportunity for each ministry. Today following the 9:30am mass in the church I will conduct the lector training, and on Monday October 2nd at 10:30am in the

church is the Eucharistic Minister training. I have been blown away by the response of everyone and thank you *wholeheartedly* for your desire to serve and love Jesus. My faith is edified and built up by your example and witness.

### *Prayers requested.*

Please keep me and all the Saginaw priests in your prayers as we gather next week for our convocation and assembly. We will be up north from Sunday evening through Wednesday evening. Due to that there will not be daily mass on Tuesday or Wednesday (26th/27th) of this week. Instead, there will be a mass on Friday, September 29th at 9am. This is also the feast day of the Archangels, our parish feast day! I hope as many people can come as possible as we gather and give thanks to the Lord for this parish, and ask for the intercession of our patron, St. Gabriel.

### **Fun Fact**

My birthday is on Monday, September 25th. Please keep me in your prayers and especially on that day.

*The Parishioners of St Gabriel would like to wish Fr. Marc a Blessed and Happy Birthday!*



LifeClinic is hosting a "Walk for Life" on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm. The walk will take place on the track of McLear-Sawden school 2300 Midland Rd.

Food, games and vendors will be directly behind the school at LifeClinic Community Resources 2360 Midland Rd.

***It will be fun for the whole family!***

## Save the date! Flu Shot Clinic



We have made plans for our annual Flu Shot Clinic here at St Gabriel Parish. We will be offering Flu Shots after both Masses on the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a registration form to be filled out on the weekend of the shots and they ask that you please bring current insurance information.



## CATECHIST WANTED!

We are **STILL** 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 [mhopp@auburnac.org](mailto: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	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional