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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM (except on the *First Thursday* of the month the daily Mass is at 6:30 pm)
1ST and 3RD Wednesday of the month at 9 AM
First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
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
5:00 PM on the *First Thursday* of the month
3-4 PM Saturday at Church

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 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 October 2nd, 2023

MONDAY

455: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23 650: Mt 18:1-5, 10

TUESDAY *Mass 8 am*

456: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY *Mass 9 am*

457: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY *First Thursday Confessions 5 pm, Mass 6:30 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to follow.*

458: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY *First Friday Mass 8 am*

459: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 78:1-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY *Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm*

460: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY *Mass 9:30 am*

139: Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 2nd – No School

10:30 am Eucharistic Minister Training

Wednesday, October 4th – Blessing of the pets at 3 pm

Thursday, October 5th – First Thursday, Confessions 5 pm,

Mass 6:30 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7 pm

Sunday, October 8th – CLOW 9:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6,310

Children's Good Deeds

...Helping wash the car...Doing my chores...

...Visiting Nana and Papa...Helping S.J. get dressed...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS



Please join us at 3:00 PM on October 4th! For the feast day of St. Francis, Father Marc will bless pets in the grassy field next to the social hall. (Same spot as the church picnic.) We are asking that everyone in attendance park their cars, walk to the area, and wait to leave until

everyone is in their car. This is the best way to keep all our attendees safe. Everyone needs to back into a spot to help ease the flow of traffic out of the parking lot after everyone is dismissed.

This week we will host our final soccer games for the 23/24 season and will begin prepping for volleyball. Volleyball is for our fourth and fifth grade boys and girls, and they play against several schools from around this area from Bay City to Midland.

...God Bless ...

AACS is still looking for a part time worker for up to 5 days a week, 2 hours a day between 3:30 and 5:30. If you would like to work with children, contact the school office at 989-662-6431 or email cswitalski@auburnac.org.

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
At Mass today we will pray the Our Father, saying, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Ask your children to think about God's will. What does that mean? Ask them whether actions speak louder than words. How?

Reflecting on the Word:

It is easy to see ourselves as either the first or the second son in today's Gospel. Sometimes we are the first son—we initially refuse God and ignore his will for us, but through prayer and discernment, we have a change of heart. At other

times, we are the second son, and have every intention of responding to what God calls us to do but get distracted or do not follow through. How is the Lord calling us to bring our words and our actions into alignment this week?

Living the Word:

At Home, look up Scripture verses in which Jesus speaks about the Father's will: the Agony in the Garden: Matthew 26:39, 42; Luke 22:42; the True Disciple: Matthew 7:21; Jesus and His Family: Mark 3:35. Discuss: How do we know God's will for us? How is Jesus a model for us in discerning God's will and following it, even if sometimes it is hard to? Have your children make and decorate a prayer card with the words "thy kingdom come, thy will be done" from the Our Father. Place this card somewhere you will see it as a reminder to follow God's will.

Big thank you!... The Shelogowski family would like to extend their sincere thanks to St. Gabriel Parish/AACS for the continued financial support they have received to allow Nathan and Nicholas continue their Catholic education at All Saints Central Catholic School. "It is truly a blessing."



BAPTISM

Congratulations to

Levi Robbins

Son of Jonathon & Kendra

Choir Practice

We will begin choir practice on **Monday October 9th, 6:30-8 pm**. Looking forward to seeing our regulars back and welcoming anyone new who might like to join us to "Sing a new song!" Please call Sue LeVasseur with any questions 989-205-4322





Father Marc's Minutes...

Kenosis

Have you ever heard of that word before? The word comes from the mass and our liturgical celebration. The word kenosis means emptying or self-emptying. This is used in reference to Jesus “emptying” himself in a certain sense of his divinity to become human. We know that Jesus is one Person with two distinct natures: divine and human. He is fully God and fully man, 100% God and 100% human. There is only one agent or Person though, and that Person is the Divine Word or the Son. Person answers the question of who, and nature answers the question of what. Most of the time the ratio is 1:1, but not with Jesus. With Jesus the ratio is 1:2, one Person with two natures. In this idea of kenosis, He humbled himself and took on the nature of mankind. In the second reading, Paul speaks about this idea of kenosis in an early Christian hymn. He speaks about the humility of Christ to assume our nature and walk the path of humility during his earthly life and ministry. Jesus in his humanity did not grasp for recognition or the divine power but allowed his humanity to be shaped and molded. It was through his obedience and docility to the will of God the Father that He became exalted. Rightfully so the hymn ends with a declaration of the lordship of Jesus Christ. Saint Paul urges us to assume that same attitude and model Christ in our own lives.



Youth Ministry and Faith Formation

Just a reminder that the kick-off event for Youth Ministry is this evening at 6pm. We will have a campfire here at the parish. Also, we ask that you please return your registration forms for religious education/faith formation to the parish office by Monday October 2nd.

Children Liturgy of Word

The Children Liturgy of the Word is starting this weekend and will run weekly during the 9:30am Sunday Mass through May 2024.

Fun Fact



In my junior year of college (2012) I had braces for the first time in my life. I had them for my junior and senior years. I also had major jaw surgery during my senior year and afterwards I couldn't chew for 16 weeks while my face healed.

New Training Session...Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Certification Training is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Saginaw. This training is for new people or current Extraordinary Ministers who have not had the training who have a calling to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. Having a conversation with your pastor is strongly encouraged before attending this training session. Pre-registration is not required. For questions, please contact Bob Zondlak at bzondlak@diosag.org or call 989-797-6665.



Job Openings: We are still looking to fill a couple of positions here at St Gabriel Parish.

***The first Position available is Pastoral Associate, full-time, salary.** This position involves but is not limited to Pastoral care to the sick, assisting with funerals, coordinating OCIA for both adults and children, coordinating scripture study and spiritual opportunities for Advent and Lent, provide faith formation articles for the bulletin weekly, and attend Parish Council meetings. A full job description is available upon request at the Parish Office.

***The second Position available is Faith Formation Coordinator, part-time, hourly.** The main goal of this position is to meet the spiritual needs of the children of St. Gabriel Parish. Responsibilities include but are not limited to Coordinating Faith Formation sessions for the 1st through 5th grades, facilitate sacramental prep and arrange the celebrations, coordinate CLOW and Nursery, assist teachers with Mass preparations and provide them Lent & Advent resources, coordinate atrium classes and Catechesis of the Good Shepard. A full job description is available upon request at the Parish Office.



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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		
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