



The Week of October 7th 2024

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – 8 am Mass
Tuesday – 6 pm 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 October 7, 2024

Monday 8 am Mass

461: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1-2, 7-10 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday No Mass

462: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday 9 am School Mass

463: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1-2 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday 8 am Mass

464: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

Friday

465: Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Confession 3-4 pm 4:30 pm Mass

466: Gal 3: 22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

143: Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 7th – Grief Recovery Series 6 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 9th – Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 pm

Coffee & Donuts, RaiseRight Sale, Food Pantry Weekend

Sunday, October 13th – Religious Ed – 10:45 am

Youth Ministry-Service Project

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$8,388.25

Food Pantry: \$264 World Mission Sunday: \$100

In Memory of Mark Schick \$20 and Peter Keenan \$500

Children's Good Deeds

...Decorate for Fall...Taking care of my little brother...

...Playing with babies and jumping on the leaf pile...

...Helped clean the living room...Helped mom plant a plant...

...Being good on my papa's birthday...Helping a friend...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal cswitalski@auburnac.org

The school year continues to go smoothly as we enter October. This month, our focus is on practicing self-control and learning how to pray the rosary. Our goal is to eventually pray the rosary together during our school adoration time.

The children truly cherished their time with Jesus during adoration, and we look forward to many more such opportunities throughout the year.

A special thank you to everyone who joins us for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays. Your presence makes the celebration even more meaningful, especially for the classes leading the Mass.



...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Do you think grownups and children pray in the same way?

What are some differences? How do you like to pray? I wonder how it felt to be one of the children Jesus embraced and blessed. What would you have said to him?

Reflecting on the Word:



In this well-known Gospel passage, Jesus is clear about children's dignity and how they belong in the kingdom of God. In fact, they don't just belong in the kingdom: the kingdom, Jesus says, belongs to them. It is hard to go to Mass as a family and to integrate faith into daily life, especially with little children. If we're honest, we may sometimes wonder if it's even worth it. But Jesus is saying that little children have a natural disposition toward receiving his promise, his gift of life. No one is too young to follow the lord; we can all learn to model the childlike trust, honesty and sense of wonder that opens young children to receive the kingdom of God in faith.

Living the Word:

As often as you can (maybe at dinner or before bed), let your children lead the family in prayer. If this isn't your regular practice, it might take a few times to break through any hesitancy or shyness. Early on, you could model a simple prayer like "Dear Jesus, I love the sunshine today." Encourage them gently and treat their prayers as reverently as you would an adult's.

Vibrant Vocations

Courtesy of the Vocation Ministry Team

Greetings! Priesthood Sunday has passed, but the importance of the priesthood always remains. We must continue to build up and encourage priests (particularly our priest Fr.

Marc) by letting them know we appreciate them or by sharing a particular way their homily spoke to us. We can also show our appreciation by remembering that we are their family. As a family we know many things about each other. In that vein here is a bit more about Fr. Marc. He is an avid music lover. He particularly enjoys music from the 60's through the 80's and has quite a record collection. He also loves to play drums and has recently performed at a few diocesan events. His other hobbies include traveling and playing board games. Please continue to encourage and pray for Fr. Marc, all priests, and those who are discerning their vocation.

Upcoming Events

Deacon Sunday- October 12, 2024

National Vocation Awareness Week - First week of Nov.

**Please pray the Memorare for vocations.*



Father Marc's Minutes...

We are made for Communion

The readings this weekend speak about the communion that God intended us to share with one another. God gives Adam a suitable partner in the first reading. Animals are wonderful gifts from the Lord, but they cannot replace people. This is confirmed a verse later when it says "that none proved to be the suitable partner for the man." The Lord makes a woman from one of the ribs from Adam. Adam sees her and something comes alive within him. He exclaims that this one is at last like him but complementary as well. Jesus reaffirms this fundamental relationship in the gospel. He is asked about marriage, and he responds strongly. Jesus upholds the marriage bond as something sacred. He also reminds us of the beauty of children and childhood innocence.

Children receiving the Kingdom of God

Jesus says in the gospel that the kingdom of God belongs to children, and he also reminds us to receive the kingdom like a child. One aspect this comment from Jesus made me think of touches on the faith formation of our children. It is so important to introduce children to the person of Jesus early on in life. We do this by prayer in the home, bringing them to Sunday mass, and forming them in the knowledge and practice of the faith. That is the goal of faith formation. We currently have classes by grade level here on Sunday mornings. I encourage you to register them if your child is in second through fifth grade and not enrolled in AACS.

While the classrooms are being used for faith formation, we also offer the children's atrium in the

parish offices. This is a wonderful opportunity for the younger children, kindergarten and first grade, to get a hands-on approach to learning. They will handle miniature replicas of the items used at mass and during other church services. They will learn about Jesus the Good Shepherd. The atrium is a sacred space. These sessions happen at the same time as the other faith formation classes for elementary school.



RaiseRight Gift Cards will be available during Coffee & Donuts

Auburn Area Catholic School would like to once again introduce RaiseRight, formerly SCRIP, which is an ongoing gift card fundraiser that works simply by buying gift cards. For every gift card purchased, AACS students will receive earnings to help pay for their school tuition. No extra money is taken out of your pocket. Gift cards to a variety of grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants and more will be available to purchase after both masses next weekend, Oct. 12-13, during *coffee and donuts*. **Gift cards are now ONLY available during school hours, 8 am-4 pm in the school office, or on coffee & donuts weekends. Cash or check accepted. Thank you for supporting our AACS families!**



Grief Support Series

Our Grief Support Series continues Mondays at 6 pm in the Parish Center. It concludes on Monday November 4th


Food Pantry Needs

Another month has come and gone at the food pantry and we are very low on supplies! Hope you can help us again...

Peanut Butter Jelly Canned Tuna Sloppy Joe Mix
 Baked Beans Spaghetti Sauce Spaghetti Cereal
 Pasta Sides Hamburger/Tuna Helper Boxed Pasta
 Pancake Mix/Syrup Mac & Cheese Deodorant
 Bar Soap Tissues Laundry Soap Tooth Paste
 Tooth Brushes Shampoo Dish Soap **Thanks!**

New exercise offering!

Join us for Christercise! These classes will be light exercise to Christian music and focused topics which are related to the scripture readings of the week. Adults are invited for exercise, focused breathing, fun and fellowship at the St. Anthony gym from 10-11am starting on Wednesday, October 9th, continuing every other week. If you have any questions regarding the class please contact: Beth Brewer (989) - 980 - 2678

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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