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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)  
 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9 AM  
*First Thursday* of the month 6:30 PM (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm and Night prayer 8pm 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**

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"**

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**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 November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### MONDAY

503: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

### TUESDAY *Mass 8 am*

504: Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

### WEDNESDAY *School Mass 9 am*

505: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

### THURSDAY *Mass 8 am*

684: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

### FRIDAY

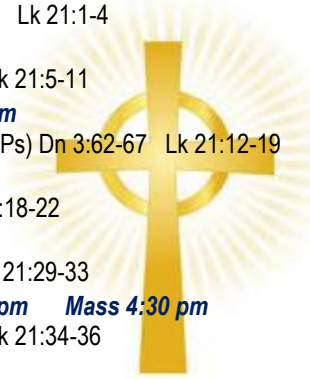
507: Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

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

508: Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36

### SUNDAY *Mass 9:30 am*

2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

*Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice 6:30 pm*

*Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Advent Scripture Study 6:30 pm*

*Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Sacramental Prep 6:30 pm*

*Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – CLOW 9:30 am Religious Ed 10:45 am*

*“Advent by Candlelight” 3-4:30 pm*

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$8,073

**Food Pantry:** \$25 **Champaign for Human Development:** \$25

***Children's Good Deeds***

...Sharing with my brother... Running errands with my mom...

...picked up the basement when asked ...Cleaned my room...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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The Christmas season is almost upon us, and we are getting prepared for our annual Christmas concert.

We will have the concert on the 18th of December with all the students and families packed into the church. (There may even be an appearance from Father Marc!) This week we will have an all-school mass on Wednesday. Please come and join us and have a wonderful week!

*...God Bless ...*

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

### Family Talk Time:

***Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families***, Sara McGinnis Lee

*How can we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas? Maybe we can reflect on the ways we can prepare ourselves for His birth.*

### Reflecting on the Word:



We don't have to look very far for opportunities to care for the least of these! We serve the hungry and thirsty every time we make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for, or offer a glass of water, Kool-Aid, or milk to our children. We provide our children with shelter in our wombs, then in our arms, and clothe them with diapers and clothing (which brings its own joy of endless laundry). We recognize the gifts of the youngest and smallest, chasing after older siblings-wanting to join in, but feeling imprisoned in their littleness. Whenever we act with mercy toward the most vulnerable among us, we show mercy to Jesus.

### Living the Word:

We are called to be intentional in our acts of kindness for the least among us. How can your family live the Corporal Works of Mercy this week? Select one work of mercy and discern how you will show God's love and kindness this week.

### Advent 2023



Advent begins at the beginning of the new Church year. During the next 4 Sundays and weeks before Christmas we prepare ourselves, our homes, and hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. It is during this time that we reflect with joy and hope. We should

look for ways to share that joy and hope with others.

Please notice the colors in the church are now different. With each new season in the church the colors you see are different. The priest wears purple. It is the primary color of Advent. It indicates a time of penitence as well as the color of royalty to welcome a king. It is also used to remember the important connection between Jesus' birth and death.

### ***Advent Scripture Study: Around the Advent Circle***

is being offered on Tuesday's at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm in the Parish Center starting November 28 through December 19. If you do have questions, please feel free to contact Cassie, Faith Formation Director at [faithformation@auburnac.org](mailto:faithformation@auburnac.org) or call at 989-662-4335.



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

### *Jesus is King*

We officially end the liturgical year with this solemnity. Jesus Christ King of the Universe is a fitting end to the cycle where we have walked with Jesus throughout his life. In Advent we wait in joyful anticipation with Mary and the whole church for the birth of our Savior. Advent is where we prepare our lives and hearts to receive Jesus in Christmas. We celebrate the youth of Jesus with various feasts where we remember his birth, escape to Egypt, discovering him in the temple, and growing up in Nazareth. After that we go back to ordinary time for a little bit, and then enter Lent. During Lent we heed the call of Jesus to repent and believe in the gospel. We stay with him during the temptations in the desert. We journey with him during Holy Week and his suffering, death, and resurrection. On Easter we commemorate and enter the triumph of the resurrection over death. Finally, the long weeks of ordinary time draw out some lessons and conclusions from the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. The liturgical cycle is extremely beautiful and awe-inspiring. Jesus is indeed the King of the Universe.



### ***Adopt-a-family!***

I just wanted to thank everyone who volunteered so generously to fill the requests and needs of families during the holiday season. There are so many wishes being filled and your generosity is truly amazing. I am confident the families will be very grateful. We may still have a couple of families still available if you are interested.

### ***Other Announcements***

There will be an advent scripture series for several weeks. There will be morning and evening sessions offered.

We are looking for children that are interested in hand chimes for Christmas Eve Mass.

Please pay attention to the Christmas schedule. Due to the way that the 25th falls this year, we will have a Sunday evening Mass on the 24th and one morning Mass on the 25th. We will celebrate the 4th Sunday of advent as well. That means that we need to attend Saturday/Sunday regular schedule as well as one of the two Christmas masses. What an opportunity to give thanks to God!



### **Fun Fact**

*Elf* is my favorite Christmas movie!

### ***Reminder, ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT...***

#### *A special event for women of faith*

The Education Commission is hosting this event next Sunday December 3rd, from 3:00pm-4:30pm. Many have been invited to attend by a host, but don't forget this year the commission will sponsor an open table for women who would like to attend as an individual, the more the merrier! The sign-up sheet is at the church front entrance, RSVP by 11/27. **Any questions**, contact Ashley Bock at 989-529-5755





## A Hand Chimes Program

for Christmas Eve, 5 pm Mass is now being planned. Miss Jada Hinterman has offered to practice with the children of St. Gabriel Parish. If your child is interested in joining this group practice will be on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>, in the Social Hall. We hope to get at least 10 children to be a part of this wonderful Christmas tradition. Come and learn a new skill! Questions? Please call Sue LeVasseur (989) 205-4322

**SAVE THE DATE! We would like everyone to mark their calendars for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. St. Gabriel Parish will be hosting "The Delta Chamber Choir" for a very special evening of music. They will be performing Advent and Christmas music leading into this very special season. This free event is open to the public. And joining this group will be our own "Little Drummer Boy!"**



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### St. Anthony Cemetery Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861



COLUMBARIUM	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
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
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch