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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 (*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 AACCS 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 December 11th, 2023

MONDAY

181: Is 35: 1-10 Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY Mass 8 am

690A: Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY School Mass 9 am

183: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY Mass 8 am

184: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY

185: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm

186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:9-8,19-28



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 11th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 12th – Advent Scripture Study 10am 6:30pm

Hand Chimes practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 13th – Blood Drive 1:30 – 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 14th – Commission Meetings 6:30 pm

Parish Council 7 pm

* Holyland Olive Wood Carvings Sale Weekend

Sunday, December 17th – CLOW 9:30 am Religious Ed 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$16,037.11

Food Pantry: \$185 Retired Religious: \$335

Champaign for Human Development: \$2

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped S.J...Going to Nana's house and drawing...

...Helping my sister...Drawing a picture for my mom...

...Helped my mom wrap presents...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Wow! Where has the year gone?!?! Basketball is starting, Christmas is around the corner, and soon we will be talking about re-enrollment in the new year!

I swear sometimes the time really does fly by! The 4-5th grade boys have started their practices and will begin their season in the second week of January. It will run for approximately a month, and end just before Lent. If you are interested in seeing our children compete with other area schools, come, and join us!

...God Bless ...



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Cassie Romzek, Director of Faith Formation

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.” Are you prepared for the coming of the Lord?”

Reflecting on the Word:

Today’s Gospel begins with a quote from Isaiah, telling us about a prophet who will come to prepare the way for the Lord. John the Baptist was the prophet sent from God to help people get ready for Jesus’ coming by inviting them to repent from their sins and turn their hearts to the Lord. As we continue our preparations for Christmas, how do we ensure that they aren’t just on the outside, but within our hearts as well? Take some time this week to reflect and turn our hearts to God.

Living the Word:

John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of the Lord. How can we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus? As we are decorating our homes take some time to pray as family and bless your Christmas tree or Nativity scene.

Advent by Candlelight 2023

Thank you to everyone who hosted a table and attended Advent by Candlelight last Sunday. It was a beautiful event. Also, many thanks to our guest speaker from Life Clinic. Ladies, mark your calendars for the first Sunday of Advent 2024 and share your experience with others so we can do this again!

Congratulations! The following children who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation on Wednesday December 6th:

Brady Carmona, Gemma Dengler, Reid Grzegorzcyk, Aaron Gwizdala, James Gwizdala, Wyatt Hackett, Myles Kienbaum, Camden Krueger, Brooklynn Lawrence, Kate Lefevre, Kahlia Luttrell, Tyson Luttrell, Grady Lynch, Dawson Neal, Lily Pickvet, Hudson Pope, Isabelle Squires, Ellianah Trevino, Lindsey Vouaux, Olivia Waibel.

May God bless them all!





Father Marc's Minutes...

Reconciliation discussion continued



Reconciliation

In this article I want to break down how we are going to celebrate Reconciliation as a community on Sunday afternoon. First, we will gather with a song that discusses our call to follow Jesus. Second, we will ponder God's word and reflect on our call to personally walk with God. An aspect of being a disciple is to recognize our sins and work to correct habits, attitudes, thoughts, and behavior so that we can more faithfully reflect the light of Jesus. We always do this work in light of the incredible generosity and mercy of God. God is the initiator and has first reached out to us. Conversion means we recognize God's first movement in our lives, and then respond to Him by committing our lives back to His care. Conversion is not about making ourselves "good enough" so that God will tolerate us. God is already deeply in love with you, and the more that realization transforms our thinking the more we will have an abundance of life. After the scripture is proclaimed, we will have an examination of conscience as a community. We prepare for important meetings in life. We prepare for our job, for interviews, and for big projects. We also prepare for our meeting God in prayer. We examine our conscience so that the crude in our life can be acknowledged and healed. The examination is not meant to make you feel shameful or falsely convict you of things that are not sins. We do this to prepare for our meeting with the Divine Physician. Next, we will acknowledge our sinfulness and together pray a litany of repentance. Following that is the time for individual confession to a priest where you will be absolved/forgiven and receive a penance. The penance is meant to be something by which we demonstrate our interior desire for conversion. When we hurt someone, we apologize. However, we oftentimes want to make it up to them. We buy flowers, gifts, or do some kind of action. That is the idea of penance. After that, we sing a song praising God for His mercy, pray the Lord's prayer and offer each other a sign of peace.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas will be here sooner than we think. Christmas day falls on Monday this year. So here is the schedule for that weekend. We will have our usual 4:30pm mass on Saturday, December 23 and 9:30am Sunday December 24. Our Christmas eve mass will be 5pm on December 24 and Christmas day mass at 9:30am. We still celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, even if it is only one day. **So, you will need to go to 2 masses, one for 4th Sunday of Advent and one for Christmas. That means we need to attend either 4:30pm/9:30am and one of the 5pm/9:30am Christmas morning.**



Fun Fact

My Uncle Dick would call the house on Christmas morning when I was a kid and pretend to be Santa Claus.



Saint Gabriel Parish of Auburn

Christmas Schedule:

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23rd 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 24th 9:30 am

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th, 5 pm

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th, 9:30 am

New Year's Day
Monday, January 1st, 9 am



Congratulations to

Tristan Paul Woolsey
Son of Johnathon and Morgan
Woolsey

Baptized on December 9th, 2023

23-24 Christ's Mission Appeal

latest update Our Christ Mission Appeal assessed amount is \$65,504 this year. The current pledged amount is \$34,350 which is 52% of our assessment pledged by only 29% of Parish families as of December 5th.

Please help us keep moving forward!

Donations Needed for Walking with Moms in Need:

Winter is especially difficult for women with babies and young children. Utilities being shut off, eviction notices, and challenges to find shelter and the basics of life challenge survival for many women and children. The diocesan Walking with Moms in Need program receives many requests from pregnant and young women in desperate need of help. Our resources are nearly depleted, and we request donations to go directly to Walking with Moms in Need. You can mail a check made payable to Diocese of Saginaw to 5800 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603, include WWMN in the memo line, or donate through the diocesan website at the following link: <https://saginaw.org/moms>. *Bless you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.*



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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