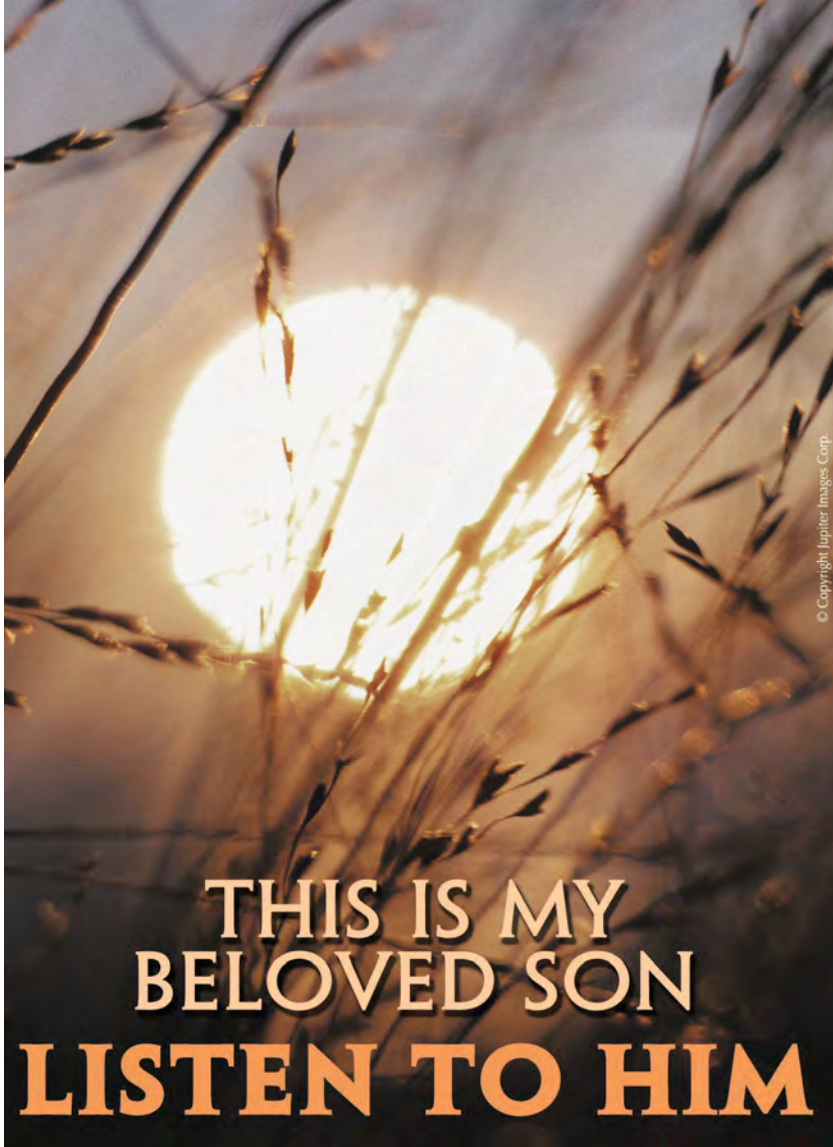


Sunday, March 4, 2012 Second Sunday of Lent

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church



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**THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON
LISTEN TO HIM**

Parish Mission Statement

As St. Gabriel was sent by God to Mary, we also have been chosen to proclaim the Good News to our community today. Our mission is to bring all men and women together as people of God sharing the Bread of Life and living the Law of Love through service to all our neighbors. Like the First Christians, we also devote ourselves to:

- ◆ The instructions of the Apostles by reading Scripture, living the Gospel, and following the teachings of the bishop of Rome.
- ◆ The breaking of Bread through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments.
- ◆ Communal life as experienced through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments.
- ◆ Prayer to foster a personal relationship with God. We rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to "bring this good work to completion."

Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturdays: 9:00 am 5:00 pm
Sundays: 6:30 am 9:00 am
11:00 am 6:00 pm
Weekdays: See Mass Intentions/Liturgy Schedule
Holy Days 6:00 am 8:00 am
9:00 am 7:00 pm

There are no vigil Masses for Holy Days

Holidays: As Announced

St. Gabriel priests also celebrate Mass at 11:00 am on Tuesdays at DuBourg House and at 11:00 am on Thursdays at Provision Living.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekdays: After the 8:00 am Mass
Saturdays: After the 9:00 am Mass
and from 4:00 to 4:45 p

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Is sung each Tuesday at 9:00 pm in Church.

Compline

Night Prayer is sung each Thursday at 9:15 pm in church.

Thursday Night Rosary

Prayed each Thursday at 9:30 pm outside under the cover of the driveway entrance.

Baptism

Attendance at a Baptismal Preparation Class is required prior to Baptism. Classes are held on the 1st Monday of the month in the rectory at 7:30 p.m. Call the rectory to register.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Takes place on Tuesday from 9:00 am until 7:30 pm, followed by Benediction. In the event of a funeral, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 11:00 am until 7:30 pm.

R.C.I.A.

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Please call the rectory for information about becoming a Catholic.

Marriage

Couples must contact a parish priest at least 6 months before the anticipated date for necessary preparation (preparation program required.)

Retreats

ACTS retreats are offered for both men and women twice a year. Watch bulletin for details.

White House retreat for men is offered twice a year. Watch bulletin for details.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Order of Mass can be found on page 3 of Breaking Bread

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (11AM) *Tibi dixit cor meum*

MATTHEW 4:4

Of you my heart has spoken: seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

ENTRANCE HYMN

'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

#137

6PM: OPEN MY EYES

#389

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's Mass readings can be found on page 76 of Breaking Bread.

“From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master ‘began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed, and on the third day be raised.’ Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chose by himself: Peter, James, and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” (CCC 554)

FIRST READING

GENESIS 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19



I trusted, even when I said: “I am sorely afflicted,” O precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful. **℟.**

Your servant, LORD, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the LORD’s name. **℟.**

My vows to the LORD I will fulfill before all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **℟.**

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SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:31B-34

Praise to You, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-10

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Page 11 of Breaking Bread

OFFERTORY

BE THOU MY VISION
6PM: AGE TO AGE

#392
#455

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF ST. FRANCES CABRINI

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

MASS OF ST. FRANCES CABRINI

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

Celebrant:
Through Him, with Him, in Him...
Celebrant: for ev - er and ev - er. *All:* A - men.

#863 IN BREAKING BREAD

LAMB OF GOD (6PM)

PSALLITE MASS

Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, *All:* you take a-way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Last Invocation
Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, *All:* you take a-way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy, and grant us your peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (11AM) *Hic est Filius*

MATTHEW 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

COMMUNION

ATTENDE, DOMINE


Hear us, al - might - y Lord, show us your
 At - tén - de Dó - mi - ne, et mi - se -

mer - cy Sin - ners we stand here be - fore you.
 ré - re, Qui - a pec - cá - vi - mus ti - bi.

1. Je - sus our Sav - ior, Lord of all the na - tions,
 2. Word of the Fa - ther, key-stone of God's build - ing,
 3. God of com - pas - sion, Lord of might and splen - dor,
 4. Hum - bly con - fes - sing, that we have of - fend - ed,
 5. In - no - cent cap - tive, you were led to slaugh - ter,

Christ our Re - deem - er, hear the prayers we of - fer,
 Source of our glad - ness, gate-way to the King - dom,
 Gra - cious - ly lis - ten, hear our cries of an - guish.
 Strip - ped of illus - ions, nak - ed in our sor - row,
 Sen - tenced by sin - ners, when they brought false wit - ness.

D.C.



Spare us and save us, com - fort us in sor - row.
 Free us in mer - cy from the sins that bind us.
 Touch us and heal us where our sins have wound - ed.
 Par - don, Lord Je - sus, those your blood has ran - somed.
 Keep from dam - na - tion those your death has res - cued.

POSTCOMMUNION (11AM)

SEEK TO SERVE

LLOYD PFAUTSCH

CLOSING

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

#133

6PM: WE ARE CALLED

#586

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This Sunday, we continue the observance of the season of Lent. The season of Lent has a unique character, especially with its emphasis on purification. One of the most moving accounts of the season is the Gospel from today's Mass: the Transfiguration. While we are at Mass, we can make St. Peter's words our own: "It is good that we are here!" The Lenten season is a great one to ponder why we are here worshipping God. Even the liturgy itself is stripped to the core to help us in this examination: the Church has always prohibited (or at least strongly discouraged) instrumental music during this season. Instruments are allowed to support the singing of the assembly or choir but for nothing else. This is a sort of "fasting of the ears" that allows us to return to the earlier practice of the Church, in which a cappella singing was the norm. Silence and the meditative spirit associated with it also comes more to the forefront: this was an emphasis of the pontificate of Blessed John Paul II. He writes, "One aspect that we must foster in our communities with greater commitment is the experience of silence. We need silence 'if we are to accept in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely to the Word of God and the public voice of the Church.' In a society that lives at an increasingly frenetic pace, often deafened by noise and confused by the ephemeral, it is vital to rediscover the value of silence...The Liturgy, with its different moments and symbols, cannot ignore silence." (*Vicesimus Quintus Annus*). While much of our music today speaks of "light" and "vision", things we associate with the Transfiguration, we also pray that silence and relaxation will help open our hearts to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The communion hymn, an ancient and beautiful hymn from the Liturgy of the Hours for Lent, expresses this attitude perfectly.

CHILDREN FROM OUR PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL PARTICIPATE, ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER CHILDREN FROM AROUND THE MIDWEST, IN THE PUERI CANTORES MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL-BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, AT 5:30PM. THIS MASS, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, CULMINATES A DAY OF REHEARSALS OF MUSIC WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED IN OUR PARISH OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THOUGH MANY OPPORTUNITIES OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO HEAR "BEAUTIFUL MUSIC IN A BEAUTIFUL SPACE", THIS ONE IS TRULY UNIQUE! COME SUPPORT OUR PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

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Calendar of Events

Monday, March 5

Quilters	6:30 pm	Rectory
Just Faith mtg	7:00 pm	SMR
Great Adventure Bible Study	7:00 pm	Chapel
Baptism Class	7:30 pm	Fireplace Rm

Tuesday, March 6

Al-Anon	9:30 am	Fireplace Rm
Scrip Sales	2:45 pm	SMR
Karate Class	3:00 pm	SMR
Webelos Scout mtg	7:00 pm	Fireplace Rm
2012-13 School Enrollment mtg	7:00 pm	Cafeteria
Women's ACTS Formation	7:00 pm	Notre Dame Rm

Wednesday, March 7

Quilters	8:30 am	Rectory
Legion of Mary	10:15 am	Fireplace Rm
Archangel Activities	3:00 pm	SMR
Bear Cub mtg	6:00 pm	Cafeteria
Grief Support mtg	6:30 pm	SMR
Webelo I Scout mtg	7:00 pm	Fireplace Rm
Boy Scout mtg	7:00 pm	Cafeteria

Thursday, March 8

Crafters	9:00 am	Craft Rm
Scrip Sales	3:00 pm	SMR
Girl Scout mtg	3:00 pm	Cafeteria
Legion of Mary	7:00 pm	Craft Rm
Catholicism Series	7:00 pm	Fireplace Rm
2012-13 School Enrollment mtg	7:00 pm	Cafeteria

Friday, March 9

Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm	Church
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Saturday, March 10

Men's ACTS Formation	6:30 am	Gabriel House
Men's Prayer grp	7:30 am	ACTS rm
Ladies Prayer grp	9:30 am	SMR
Prayers for Life	6:00 pm	Church
Sock Hop, Kind/1st Gr	6:30 pm	Cafeteria

Sunday, March 11

Coffee and Donuts	After 9:00 am	Mass	Cafeteria
ACTS Core Team mtg	7:00 pm		Notre Dame Rm

LENTEN LETTER FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI (Parts 2 &3)

**“Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.”
(Heb 10:24)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity. This is a favorable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the Sacraments.

This year I would like to propose a few thoughts in the light of a brief biblical passage drawn from the Letter to the Hebrews: “Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.” These words are part of a passage in which the sacred author exhorts us to trust in Jesus Christ as the High Priest who has won us forgiveness and opened up a pathway to God. Embracing Christ bears fruit in a life structured by the three theological virtues: it means approaching the Lord “sincere in heart and filled with *faith* (v.22), keeping firm “in the *hope* we profess” (v.23) and ever mindful of living a life of “*love* and good works” (v.24) together with our brothers and sisters. The author states that to sustain this life shaped by the Gospel it is important to participate in the liturgy and community prayer, mindful of the eschatological goal of full communion in God (v.25). Here I would like to reflect on verse 24, which offers a succinct, valuable and ever timely teaching on the three aspects of Christian life: concern for others, reciprocity and personal holiness.

Being concerned for each other: the gift of reciprocity.

The ‘custody’ of others is in contrast to a mentality that, by reducing life exclusively to its earthly dimension, fails to see it in an eschatological perspective and accepts any moral choice in the name of personal freedom. A society like ours can become blind to physical sufferings and to the spiritual and moral demands of life. This must not be the case in the Christian Community!

The Lord’s disciples, united with Him through the Eucharist, live in a fellowship that binds them one to another as members of a single body. This means that the other is part of me, and that his or her life, his or her salvation, concern my own life and salvation. Here we touch upon a profound aspect of communion: our existence is related to that of others, for better or worse. Both our sins and our acts of love have a social dimension. This reciprocity is seen in the Church, the mystical body of Christ: the community constantly does penance and asks for the forgiveness of the sins of its members, but also unfailingly rejoices in the examples of virtue and charity present in her midst. ...Christians can also express their membership in the one body which is the Church through concrete concern for the poorest of the poor. Concern for one another likewise means acknowledging the good that the Lord is doing in others.

To stir a response in love and good works: walking together in holiness.

These words of the Letter to the Hebrews urge us to reflect on the universal call to holiness. ... The time granted us in this life is precious for discerning and performing good works in the love of God. In this way the Church herself continuously grows towards the full maturity of Christ. Our exhortation to encourage one another to attain the fullness of love and good works is situated in this dynamic prospect of growth.

Sadly, there is always the temptation to become lukewarm, to quench the Spirit, to refuse to invest the talents we have received, for our own good and for the good of others. All of us have received spiritual or material riches meant to be used for the fulfillment of God’s plan for the good of the Church and for our personal salvation. The spiritual masters remind us that in the life of faith those who do not advance inevitably regress.

In a world which demands of Christians a renewed witness of love and fidelity to the Lord, may all of us feel the urgent need to anticipate one another in charity, service and good works. This appeal is particularly pressing in this holy season of preparation for Easter. As I offer my prayerful good wishes for a blessed and fruitful Lenten period, I entrust all of you to the intercession of the Mary Ever Virgin and cordially impart my apostolic blessing.

St. Gabriel has been using the 9 a.m. Mass on the second Sunday of the month to recognize various organizations within the parish. Our next group to celebrate will be our second and third grade students.

On Sunday, March 11, we invite all students in second and third grade along with their families to celebrate with the parish community at the 9 a.m. Mass. We’ll gather to sing, pray and worship together as a parish community, mindful of how we are all the body of Christ, including our youngest students.

Following the 9 a.m. Mass, all parishioners are invited for coffee and donuts in the school cafeteria.

Parish Board of Education Accepting Applications

The Parish Board of Education is now accepting applications to fill three openings on the Board for three year terms. Elections will be held late April to Early May. Candidates should be registered members of the parish but do not need to have a child in school. Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Please come join us for more information on Thursday, March 15, 2012 in the school meeting room. The new term begins May 17, 2012. Please fill out the attached application by March 30, 2012 and return to the Rectory or via email to Kristen.goldkamp@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Board of Education Election Biography

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Board of Education!

NOTE: Please return election biography with an electronic or hard copy photo of yourself that will be used on the black and white election ballot.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE (HOME AND CELL):

Number of years as a parish member:

List the names of your children/ages:

What school do they currently attend:

In 150 words or less, state why you would like to serve on the Parish Board of Education at St. Gabriel the Archangel:

**The Theology of the Body class scheduled for March 6th
will be postponed until Tuesday, March 13th.
There has been a delay in receiving the workbooks for the class.**

RECONCILIATION WEEKEND 2012

Friday, March 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pope Benedict XVI, on March 7, 2008 stated: *"It is precisely this message that must be transmitted: what counts most is to make people understand that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whatever the sin committed, if it is humbly recognized and the person involved turns with trust to the priest-confessor, he or she never fails to experience the soothing joy of God's forgiveness."*

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, extends an invitation to all Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to be part of an extraordinary moment of forgiveness and reconciliation. Reconciliation Weekend 2012 will be held the weekend of March 23-24, 2012. On Friday evening, March 23rd, and again on Saturday, March 24th, priests will be available at various parish churches to hear confessions. All Catholics who are able to receive this sacrament are encouraged to do so.

Information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for Catholic households through this parish, which will provide a guide for receiving this sacrament.

Mass Intentions/Liturgy Schedule

Mon, March 5 Lenten Weekday

6:00 am Anthony & Marie Kyro
8:00 am Anna Siebert

Tue, March 6 Lenten Weekday

6:00 am Jule Rengel
8:00 am Sp. Int. George Kennedy

Wed, March 7 Lenten Weekday

6:00 am All Souls
8:00 am Sp. Int. R.J.

Thu, March 8 Lenten Weekday

6:00 am Frances & Joseph Cognac
8:00 am Dr. William Komanetsky

Fri, March 9 Lenten Weekday

6:00 am Thomas Rabbitt
8:00 am Pauline Concagh

Sat, March 10 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Stephen Moeller
5:00 pm Elizabeth Owens

Sun, March 11 Second Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Thomas McKenna
9:00 am Jacqueline Miano
11:00 am Mickey McTeague
6:00 pm The People of St. Gabriel

Please Pray for Our Armed Forces

James Wolnik, Air Force, serving in Kuwait & **Ryan Wolnik**, Army, Fort Riley, Kansas, grandsons of George & Marie Wehrle

Brendan Casey, Air Force, son of Kevin & the late Laurie Casey

Daniel Luebbert, grandson of Louise Dallaku, serving on the USS Harry S. Truman

Senior Master Sergeant Eugene Elking, son of Sumae Elking, serving in Japan

Captain Len Rothermich, Army, son of Daniel & Joann Rothermich

Kenny Adam Pilkenton, nephew of Elizabeth Polanska

Sergeant Katie Polk, USMC, daughter of Steven & Susan Polk, U.S. Embassy, Caracas, Venezuela

Jacob Miklovic, USMC, nephew of Jennie Venker

2nd Lieutenant Christopher J. Hoffmann, USMC, nephew of Patti Rose & Mara Shultz

Pvt. FC Mark Webb, USMC, grandson of Paul & Bess Webb

Staff Sergeant Daniel Szyman, husband of Emily Weidhaas-Szyman, serving in Kuwait.

2nd Lieutenant Marie Timm, Army, niece of Patti Wilson, serving in Germany

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



**The deceased members of
St. Gabriel Parish**

Lucille Holloran

**The armed forces personnel who have
made the supreme sacrifice.**

Please Pray For All The Sick

Our prayers are requested for the following parishioners or relatives and friends of parishioners who are sick and in need of God's healing grace:

*Lee Tyler ~ Sofia Vitale
John Carey ~ James Loewe
Ruth Ryan ~ Sharon Shepherd
Patricia Simon ~ Don Bowe
Robert Ziegler ~ Anne Vigil
Jackie Armbruster ~ Linda Makarewicz
Dan Klear ~ Tina Costa
Dolores Samuels ~ Ricardo Delagado
George Peters ~ Richard Farroll
Lauren (Christian) Dwyer ~ Judith Furesz
Katie Vogel ~ Donna Farel
Tom Mullen ~ Evelyn Polanska
Michael Leonard ~ Dan McHale
Arthur Watkins ~ Marlene Schatz
Lucille Jaworowski ~ Ida Bosslet*

Please notify the Rectory if you become hospitalized. Due to HIPAA regulations, the hospitals no longer provide this service for patients. Also, please notify the Rectory if the person you put on the prayer list for healing has improved or no longer needs prayers for healing so that we can remove their name from the list.

Lectors ~ March 10 & 11

Sat.	5:00 pm	Claudia Wright
Sun.	6:30 am	Ann Buckley
	9:00 am	2nd/3rd Grade
	11:00 am	Judy Volansky
	6:00 pm	Jennifer Knapp

Altar Servers ~ Mar 5 - 11

Mon	8 am	J. Killian, J. Lux
Tue	8 am	K. Kimble, C. Mazanec
Tue	7:30 pm	K. Kirner, J. McCarthy
Wed	8 am	A. Kittner, W. Merzweiler
Thu	8 am	L. Le, P. Myrick
Fri	8 am	J. Lepak, E. Naeger
Sat	9 am	T. Nowak, S. Pottinger
Sat	5 pm	E. Olwig, T. Reding, J. Rolfi
Sun	9:00 am	S. Olwig, E. Roeder, M. Ronshausen
Sun	11:00 am	L. Pfitzinger, E. Rohatgi, J. Ryan
Sun	6:00 pm	M. Phegley, M. Rohatgi

Baptismal Preparation

Attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is required before having your child baptized at St. Gabriel. Our next class will be held on **Monday, March 5th** at 7:30 p.m. in the **Fireplace Room** at the rectory. Please call Joanne at the rectory (353-6303) to register for the class.

Lighthouse Media...Located in the back of church.

Lent is here. Spiritual enrichment is available through the CDs available in the back of church.

Following The Call of Christ, The Sacrament of Penance, Glimpses Along The Way of the Cross and

The Lamb's Supper are just a few of the CDs available to deepen your spiritual journey through lent.

Suggested Donation is \$3 for each CD; \$2 for the booklets.

There are pamphlets available too!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION MARCH 4, 2012

" 'HERE I AM!' HE ANSWERED."
- GENESIS 22:11

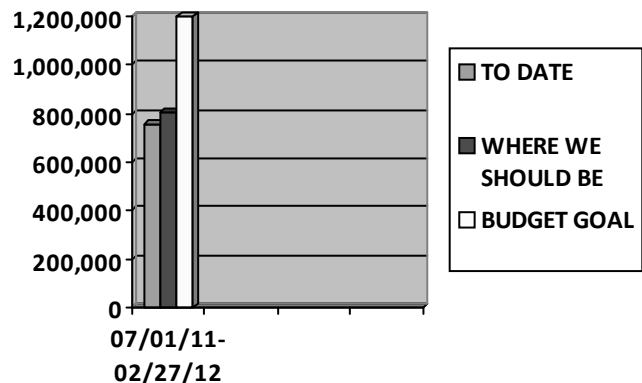
It is so easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, "Here I am, Lord," when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.

Weekly Offering



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Offertory	July 1, 2010—Feb 27, 2011	\$736,813
Offertory	July 1, 2011—Feb 27, 2012	\$756,394
FISCAL YEAR INCREASE		\$19,581
Offertory	July 1, 2007— Feb 27, 2008	\$806,104
DECREASE FROM FISCAL YEAR '08		<\$49,710>



CHANGES IN ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH PARISH PAY AND FAITH DIRECT

During Lent we are reminded of our call to be stewards with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. At St. Gabriel the Archangel we appreciate your gifts, regardless of how they come. Many of our parishioners have been using our electronic giving program, Faith Direct, to give their gifts of treasure. Faith Direct is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing the administrative costs of envelopes. To enroll in the Faith Direct program, you may pick up an enrollment form in the parish office or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: MO413.

We were previously using the Parish Pay program. However, we have switched to Faith Direct in order to save costs associated with electronic giving. If you are still enrolled in Parish Pay, we would appreciate it if you would enroll in Faith Direct. **When you enroll in Faith Direct, you will need to cancel your Parish Pay enrollment. The switch is not automatic and cannot be done by St. Gabriel.** If you have questions, please call Joan Miller at 314-353-6303. Thank you so much for your generosity to St. Gabriel Parish.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Gabriel the Archangel School has a Geography Bee Winner!

Congratulations to 7th Grader, Matt Smith, for moving to the state level of the National Geographic Bee based on the written test he took. Only 100 students are selected for the state level Geography Bee. Matt will compete at the University of Missouri – Columbia on March 30th. This is the 2nd year in a row that St. Gabriel has had a student qualify for the State Level. Good luck, Matt!

Brighter Day Book Drive

The Brighter Day Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous book donations. We have successfully collected **1,386** books for St. Louis Children's Hospital. Our parish has done an outstanding job in supporting these children. Again, your contributions have been greatly appreciated, and thank you for helping us make every day a brighter day!

Sincerely,
Ann M. Davis
Principal

Financial Assistance for the 2012-2013 School Year

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting financial need assessment for families applying for the Archdiocese of St. Louis financial assistance programs for the 2012-2013 school year. Families must complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application when applying for the following programs:

Catholic Families Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund (CFTA)

Applicants **must** be Catholic and **must** be registered at the parish.

Students **must** be Catholic and attend Catholic Parochial Elementary or Archdiocesan, or Parochial High Schools only. **Private Elementary and Private High Schools are not eligible.**

Applications can be obtained from the principal at the school where the family is registered or apply on-line.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Applicants **must** be Catholic and **must** be registered at the parish.

Applications can be obtained from the principal at the school where the family is registered or apply on-line.

The application for CFTA is the same used for St. Gabriel Parish. A family only needs to complete one application

Families meeting the above requirements may apply online for the CFTA Funds beginning late-January at

www.factstuitionaid.com or obtain a paper copy from your parish rectory/parish school.

Only one application per child will be accepted.

Information and documentation required for these programs includes:

An application completed online or a signed and completed paper application.

Application deadline April 1, 2012

Payment of the \$25 application fee made payable to "FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment". **Please do not send cash.**

Copies of your 2011 Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.

Copies of your 2011 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.

Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps,

Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Failure to submit all of the required information by the deadline date may result in your family not receiving financial aid or limit the amount given due to incomplete information.

If you are not a parishioner of St. Gabriel, you are not eligible for assistance from our parish. However, if you are registered in another Catholic parish, you may be eligible to receive assistance from your home parish. Non-Catholics are not eligible for assistance from St. Gabriel or the St. Louis Archdiocese. Please contact the school office (314-353-1229 x 242) if you have any questions



From the Parish Nurse...

Grief Support Group: Beginning Wednesday, March 7, and continuing on Wednesdays March 14, 21, 28, and April 4 and 11 at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the School Meeting Room (lower level of school - enter from alley behind church). If you have experienced a significant loss in your life then you are aware of the pain and loneliness that accompanies grief. In a grief support group, participants learn about healthy grieving and how to care for themselves during the very important processes of mourning and healing. Please call Mary to register: 353-6303, ext. 125.

Lunch and Learn Book Discussion: Wednesday, March 21, 11:30-1 p.m. in the School Meeting Room. We will talk about the second half of *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*, by Joan Chittister, OSB. This is a book for adults of all ages and you do not need to have attended our discussion on the first half of the book. So that we have enough food, reply to Mary, 353-6303, ext. 125, by March 19. If you need a ride, please let Mary know by March 8.

FREE NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Basics Education Program for parents and caregivers of children with mental illness: *The fundamentals of caring for you, your family and your child with mental illness.* This six-week class balances basic psychology education and skill training with emotional support, self-care and empowerment. Teachers Eileen McGartland, Marilyn Price, and Barb O'Connell hope that parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents with mental illness (ADHD, Major Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Conduct Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Anxiety Disorders, Obsessive Compulsive Disorders, Schizophrenia, and Substance Abuse Disorders) will take advantage of this unique opportunity. **Childcare provided with registration.** Classes meet 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday for 6 weeks, beginning March 14, 2012 and ending April 18, 2012 at Christ United Church of Christ, 7126 Bruno (at corner of Bruno and Bellevue), Maplewood, MO 63143.

Registration required. Register by calling: 314-962-4670.



**food & fuel
for life**

This weekend at all the Masses
Donations to be delivered to MAT Social Ministry

Save the Date
for
Elba's Orphans
Junk in Your Trunk Sale

Sat April 28 7:00a-1:00p

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parking Lot

Look for more information soon

The Feinstein Challenge –

Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger

During the months of March and April, all proceeds collected through the Food for Life collection will be reported to the Feinstein Challenge. For the 15th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein is pledging to divide one million dollars among hunger fighting agencies nationwide. The more you donate to the Food for Life in March and April (both monetary and food items), the more money Alan Feinstein will add to it. Let's not miss out on this opportunity to fight hunger with the help of a generous donor.

Living the Light of Christ

Highlighting opportunities to “live in the Light” by responding to those in need

This material on the first two of the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching and the Examination of Conscience in light of these themes is taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (USCCB.org). Watch for information on the remaining themes in future bulletin articles.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

- Do I respect the life and dignity of every human person from conception through natural death?
 - Do I recognize the face of Christ reflected in all others around me whatever their race, class, age, or abilities?
 - Do I work to protect the dignity of others when it is being threatened?
- Am I committed to both protecting human life and to ensuring that every human being is able to live in dignity?

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

- Do I try to make positive contributions to my family and community?
- Are my beliefs, attitudes, and choices such that they strengthen or undermine the institution of the family?
- Am I aware of problems facing my local community and involved in efforts to find solutions? Do I stay informed and make my voice heard when needed?
- Do I support the efforts of poor persons to work for change in their neighborhoods and communities? Do my attitudes and interactions empower or disempower others?

PRAYERS FOR LIFE

A Lenten Pro-Life Opportunity

The Lenten **40 Days for Life** ecumenical campaign began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday. In support of this life-saving campaign, St. Gabriel LIFE Group will once again offer Prayers for Life after the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass on March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, and March 31.

Please join us for prayer in support of the sanctity of human life, immediately after Mass. We will ask the intercession of Mary and the saints for protection of human life in all its stages. The group prayer lasts about 10 minutes. Please meet in the front pews of church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Lenten Prayer and Witness Campaign

St. Gabriel parishioners are invited and encouraged to pray, fast, and witness for an end to abortion, during the nation-wide Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign. To participate in prayerful vigil at the Planned Parenthood clinic (at Boyle and Forest Park avenues), you may sign up for an hour on a day of your choice at: www.40daysforlife.com/stlouis Or you may just show up and join the group already witnessing. If you fear going alone, grab a friend to accompany

Catholic Women for Christ

“Mary, Mother of Mercy, Mother of Peace”

Saturday, March 31, 2012, America’s Center
 Doors open at 7 am. Early check-in encouraged. Conference begins at 7:30 with praise and prayer. Closing Mass with Archbishop Carlson at 4pm. For more information, visit www.catholicwomenforchrist.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

Remember baseball and softball sign ups continue until March 4th. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed after this date.

The Herb Hartmann Memorial 7th grade boys tournament will begin on Friday, March 2nd and continue through March 9th. Good luck to all the teams from St. Gabriel's.

Congratulations to the following 8th grade girls basketball players. In a hard fought game against Cabrini, one of their players, was knocked to the ground after driving to the basket. Erica Waltermann and Madeline Ronshausen, each extended their hands and assisted the opposing player back to her feet. Great job girls!!

Questions for the SGAA? go to sgaaezrosters@gmail.com on any matters you need answered by the board.

St. Gabriel Holy Name Society

...We've Got Bigger Fish to Fry

St. Gabriel the Archangel Fish Fry ~ every Friday during Lent
Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

St. Gabriel School Cafeteria
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Dine-In or Carry-Out

Adult Dinners

Fried or Baked Cod (8 oz. serving)	\$9.00
Fried Shrimp (6 per serving)	\$9.00
Fried Catfish	\$9.00
Jack Salmon Filets	\$9.00
Pastor's Platters (Above + 2 Shrimp)	\$10.00

Children/Seniors

Fried or Baked Cod (4 oz. serving)	\$6.00
Grilled Cheese or Cheese Pizza	\$5.00

All dinners are served with your choice of two sides, bread, dessert and drink.
Side item choices: pasta, macaroni & cheese, green beans, cole slaw, french fries



Ala Carte

Cod Sandwich	\$5.50
Jack Salmon Filet	\$4.50
Grilled Cheese Sandwich	\$2.00
Cheese Pizza	\$2.00
Side Dish Servings (each)	\$2.00
Fried or Baked Cod (one pound)	\$12.00
Fried Shrimp (12)	\$10.00

TCIF... "Thank God it's Friday!"