

# PILLARARS

Inspiration, education and, good news from The Catholic Community of St. Gabriel | Lent 2021



## *We Rise Again from Ashes*

This very familiar Lenten song, which we can at least sing from our hearts this year, is a great way to understand Lent, and a very fruitful guide to all that we do during this holy season. Ashes themselves are only a symbol. There is nothing magical or automatic in the ashes. They simply remind us of realities in our lives that we need to burn out and transform—sin, all that is unloving, and in the words of the song, “from the good we have failed to do”. I encourage each of us to look deeply and identify those areas that need to be burned out of how we live our lives. Start with attitudes and habits that have crept into our lives that are just not healthy and Christ-like. Although life “is what it is”—meaning things like the pandemic, our personal struggles and challenges, the actions of others—what matters is how we respond to those things.

Do we respond the way Jesus would? And what about those opportunities that come our way, but we choose to ignore them? Times when we find excuses not to use our gifts generously to serve and we fail to reach out to those who feel disconnected or in need of support. The ashes we need to deal with are not so much what is happening around us, but rather, what is happening within us. It is how we deal with life, not so much life itself, that continues to shape the people we are becoming.

Lent is all about preparing to “rise again” with Christ. Perhaps the best way to start is to renew our absolute trust in how it all ends—Jesus rose from the dead and conquered even death itself, and everything that brings darkness, pain and hopelessness. Trusting and sharing in the Resurrection of Christ is more powerful than any

force on earth and ultimately can conquer all that brings darkness and sin. It is faith in the Risen Lord that can motivate us to do all things, even those things that seem impossible, but are not impossible for God. Jesus dealt with everything we deal with and more. However, in the end, Jesus wins. We share that victory to the degree we unite our lives with Christ. Start with renewing that conviction, and then very honestly and humbly identify those areas that need to be reduced to ashes. Be specific. Be realistic. Be committed. Utilize well the tools of Lent. Above all, rely on the grace of God who can and does do amazing things with our efforts.

My Sisters and Brothers, we will rise again—from this pandemic, from our former ways, from the personal trials of our lives, even from death—because we believe and base our lives on the absolute conviction that Jesus has risen from the dead and lives forever. Lent is our time to “rise again from ashes” and to truly experience the meaning of New Life.

Peace be with you.

*J. J. J.*

We rise again from ashes from the good we've failed to do. We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.

We offer You our failures,  
we offer You attempts.

The gifts not fully given,  
the dreams not fully dreamt.  
Give our stumbling direction,  
give our visions wider view.

An offering of ashes,  
an offering to You.



# OUTREACH AND CARE

Submitted by Allison Capella, Volunteer Coordinator & Deacon Bob Grgic

*The St. Gabriel family pulled together this past Thanksgiving, Christmas, and beyond to serve those in need. Thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure that enabled our ministries to continue their mission to serve others.*

## Community Day of Service

The emphasis of our Community Day of Service is SERVICE. Although our 2020 CDS was different than prior years, the emphasis was still SERVICE. Many sites couldn't allow outside volunteers to help. They all said that they hoped 2021 would be back to normal. The sites we were able to visit safely were very grateful for our support. More importantly, our volunteers were gracious to help out and loved it. Many of the sites asked for kits to provide to their residents with toiletries and necessities. Those were very appreciated. Not as many sites this year, but service was there for them even through prayer. So let's pray that the 2021 CDS is able to return to full service for others!

~Serge Chounet, CDS



Core Team



In a year when everything was different and changed, I was struck by how little changed with respect to the desire of so many parishioners in our community wanting to help out others. Even in the midst of a pandemic, hundreds of our parishioners said they wanted to provide some help to other people and organizations who were in need of assistance. It really is an amazing testament to our community living out God's Word - Being Christ Everyday, Everywhere.... under any circumstances.

~Chris Siemen, CDS Core Team

On Saturday November 7, members of St. Gabriel Parish in Concord participated in Community Service Day and spent the day working at St. Casimir Church. St. Gabriel parishioners teamed up with St. Casimir volunteers to provide maintenance of the Northeast Ohio Sewer District Green Infrastructure Project at the church.

Bioretention areas were cleaned out (earlier this summer mulch was added), permeable pavers were cleaned of moss, sediment, and leaves and vacuumed, and rain barrels were drained for the winter season.

Also the Church was cleaned like it never was before!!!

To top it off, volunteers picked up trash in the neighborhood and were treated to cabbage and noodles and paczki for lunch!!!

~John Niedzialek, CDS Volunteer



# RISING ABOVE TO SERVE



## Christmas Scroll Gifts

*No time like the present!*

I became involved with the scroll gift ministry a few years ago. It has been a tremendous and rewarding experience for me. I am so impressed by how organized everything is. With so many gifts and so many families that the community donates to—and so many members of our parish who donate—it would be easy for things to fall through the cracks. But there is a system in place to make sure no child is left out. When a requested gift is missing—maybe the scroll was lost by the person who chose it—we look for something comparable in the “extras” (items donated without reference to a scroll). My favorite part is finding the perfect gift in the extras. A little girl wanted a baby doll and we found a doll in a stroller, proclaimed “God is good!” and wrapped it up for her.

This ministry is important in so many ways. It provides a few nice gifts for children who may not be getting anything else for Christmas and protects the privacy of families who receive those gifts; and it gives us a chance to teach our children about helping the less fortunate.

~Mary Durra, Volunteer



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*This year's scroll/adopt a family/Christmas gift efforts spanned our whole community in participation and served 200 families, Deepwood and nursing home residents. It is estimated over 2,500 gifts were donated, sorted, and distributed, because of YOUR generosity! Thank you!*

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## Cards for Vista Springs

“Give and it will be given unto you...” (Luke 6:38) I have always believed that it is essential to give God time in prayer and service. When the Pandemic changed life, limiting interaction, I had more time for prayer, but my service activities were stopped. I was praying for a different way to serve when I read a note from Deacon Bob in the bulletin asking for volunteers to send cards to residents at Vista Springs. God had very clearly answered my prayer! What a blessing to be able to reach out to people from my own home! I was given names of people and I began making cards and writing messages, assuring them of our prayers. Each day I think of the difficulties they are experiencing and pray for my new friends. I thank God for this new blessing in my life. God loves us, is always with us and showers us with blessings!

~Pat Howell, Volunteer

## Angel Tree for Incarcerated Ministry

### HOPE AND CONNECTION—IN PRISON AND OUT

Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. Angel Tree shares the love of Christ in a tangible way and strengthens family bonds, delivering personalized gifts and the Gospel to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents at Christmas. Our volunteers have sponsored 20 local children for the past two Christmases. Through Angel Tree we have provided gifts, food, unconditional acceptance and love for the children, caregivers and all other household members. One four year old little girl exclaimed "This is the best day of my life!" during the Angel Tree evening. We, as volunteers, share her sentiment experiencing and receiving the blessings God provides to us when we share His love with others.

~BJ. Sidari, Volunteer



# RISING IN HOPE

Submitted by Maureen Dowd, Pastoral Assoc.  
& Allison Capella, Volunteer Coor.

*From frontline workers of the pandemic.*

I do feel God has been walking with me over the last few months. I would openly tell you that I had NO idea at first how much I would be put “front and center”... not so much in my role as doctor, but rather in my role as physician executive. I had to make DAILY new and adjusted policies which were affecting the health of patients and staff. Scared and inadequate are not words a doctor uses much, but that is the closest feeling I had as I started to realize what was needed of me. That is the “back story” to the comment below...

In March the pandemic was overseas, then in New York. Then it was here! What was going to happen? There was so much uncertainty about life and death. Fear was all around us. Health care workers were challenged like never before - with our commitment to our patients and community balanced against fear for our own health and for our families. I was uncertain that I would have the wisdom to lead this effort for my hospital and community.

In our bedroom, we have a picture, which has been quietly there for years, with a quote from Isaiah which states, “Do not fear, for I AM with you.” I began to notice I was drawn to that every night. And I prayed for courage and wisdom, and for health for everyone. I felt less alone and truly less afraid as I dove in and tackled problem after problem.

Could anything good come out of Covid? How about more at home dinners with my wife, and my social life was basically Mary and my little angel Michael.

~ John J. Baniewicz, M.D.  
Senior Vice President Medical Affairs / Chief Medical Officer Lake Health  
Internal Medicine Physician  
Pictured upper right



**Prayer and  
quiet service:  
these are our  
victorious  
weapons.**

~ Pope Francis  
*Christ in the Storm*



While deeply pondering the question how my faith has helped me as a first responder during this pandemic, I realized that it was more the other way around. How the pandemic helped my faith! When the pandemic first hit it was like walking into the unknown for all of us. But then when a coworker tested positive for COVID-19 after I spent several hours with him the previous day and then being quarantined in my home, it began to really sink in the seriousness of this virus.

My coworkers and I came through it ok, but missing Mass the following weekend was hard. Then a few weeks later when the governor closed all churches I felt a personal loss and one of the greatest challenges to my faith since my dad passed away back in 2014. I then turned to the daily Gospel readings and used them to help nourish and strengthen my faith. I carry with me The Word Among Us, and use it and the meditations in it to expand my faith-based foundation. Had it not been for the pandemic and its serious health effects and the vacuum it left with the closing of churches, my faith would not have been elevated to where it is today.

~Jim Wheeler, Deputy Sheriff  
Pictured left with family

*We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other.*

*~Pope Francis on the Pandemic*



It used to be fun to take care of nursing home patients. I would pop in at BINGO, sit with a resident for a moment in the dining room, or talk with a visiting family member. I always felt that it was good work. I could find Christ there in amazing patients that had lived full lives, and I could *be* Christ for them through my work. That was before COVID shook the foundation of every routine in our lives - work, school, home and church life changed. The rock-solid foundation of daily routine that we took for granted became unstable - like quicksand underfoot. Suddenly I found myself entering a facility, not a home.



There were no friendly visits during lunch, but strained communication through masks and shields. Family members were not found at the bedside, but quite literally out in the cold - on the other side of the glass. Finding Christ became more difficult.

I left my family on a cold Saturday morning to see a new patient at the nursing home. She

was frail and sick. She was confined to her room, per protocol. Her daughter was on the phone. I heard the strain in her voice as she asked me how her mother was doing. She had not been able to see her for weeks. I had to give bad news. Through a face shield I caught a glimpse of a rosary on the bedside table as I hung up the phone. I asked the patient where she went to church and we talked for a moment about her desire for the Eucharist. I thought I had little to offer at that time. But to my surprise this woman seemed to become more alert and attentive throughout our conversation. As I left her she was bright-eyed and smiling. She thanked me - for what, I am still not sure. She said, "God bless" as I left and I felt Christ in that moment. In fact, I may have *been* Christ in that moment, as I remembered I used to be when happy interactions were the rule and not the exception.

That day changed my outlook and attitude about my role at this difficult time in the lives of those around me. I had found Christ in suffering as much as I used to find Him in joy. It was a reminder that Christ is as present at the Cross as He is in the Resurrection. In this expression of God's love I find hope and the strength to face the continued daily challenges posed by our current reality.

*~Dr. Nicholas Detore, MD  
Pictured left with family*

I started volunteering at St. Gabriel Food Pantry the summer of 2008. My parents had both passed away, my kids were older and I had time to fill. The food pantry attracted me because feeding families came naturally to me, I lived close by and thought I could help. Well then as what usually happens when "giving back", I received more than I could ever give. I have met some wonderful people who give their time tirelessly, and the people we serve have reinforced the lessons of gratitude learned long ago. We have great leadership, and teamwork on both the giving and receiving side of this ministry.

When the pandemic came, our ministry knew it had to continue. With each other and God's help we formulated safe drive-through procedures and have not stopped serving our brothers and sisters in need. We are grateful for the donations that have kept us going!

My blessings have only increased from knowing the people within this ministry. I am truly grateful to be counted as one of the pantry people and to be serving especially at this time.

*~Maryann Jack, Food Pantry Volunteer, Monday Team  
Pictured right (bottom left) with family*





# FAMILIES RISING IN HOPE

Submitted by Maureen Dowd, Pastoral Associate & Alicia Henrikson, Marketing Coor.

## *Witnesses to His Peace & Love*

For several years I attended St. Gabriel's and considered going through the RCIA process. The time commitment was always intimidating, at the time I worried I was too busy with work, and my wife and I were busy raising our children. In March, my life, like many others, changed. The pandemic moved my worksite to my home and our kitchen turned into a classroom. During this time I really had the time to reflect on what was important to me. The calling to join the Church became stronger than ever. By the fall I was attending RCIA.

I have been involved with RCIA for the past four months now and it has become a true discovery of peace. Taking time each week for RCIA has been a time for me to reflect on my beliefs and priorities. It is something I had never really paused to discover before and it has been a welcome experience during the stress of a pandemic. Learning about the Church has helped me connect with my children. My oldest will be confirmed this year and my youngest is attending the 6th-grade Crossings program. We have been able to discuss our thoughts about religion and our classes.

The pandemic has created so much stress and loss. It has changed the way we work, attend school, and interact with others. Being a part of RCIA during this time has helped me reflect on what is important in my life and to enjoy a new perspective on my priorities.

~Brian Cook, RCIA Candidate  
Pictured upper right with family



*Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope.*

~Pope Francis  
*Christ in the Storm*



*God never gives us anything that we cannot handle with his grace.*

Most people have heard the expression, *God never gives us anything that we cannot handle with his grace*. Pandemic life has certainly been a cross to bear for many people in the world. Everyone's experience has been unique, but for our family, most days still feel like we are teetering on a tightrope. In the last year, we encountered the struggle of providing frontline care, transforming our home into an office, and being physically separated from our church community and the people we love most. What became our biggest challenge, however, was maintaining structure for our four young children when, among our other important responsibilities, we unexpectedly found ourselves helping with distance learning. It was difficult to recognize His grace when we felt so burdened and overwhelmed, but we learned to persevere in the hope that He was walking with us. We saw His face in the teachers and school leaders who patiently loved us, kept us organized, and worked tirelessly to ensure our safety amid all of the uncertainty in their own lives. Trust and have faith that however great or small your challenge is, there also is grace. God will always provide the courage, patience, and understanding needed to rise up from our heavy crosses and we are abundantly grateful for His unyielding love.

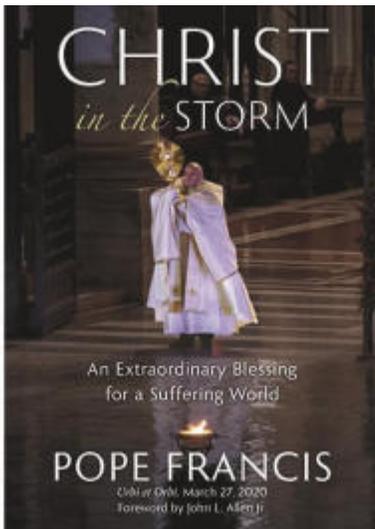
~ Elaine Costanzo, Parishioner & SGS Parent  
Pictured left with family

# POPE FRANCIS

## *Christ in the Storm*



Submitted by Pastoral Staff



*“Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God’s strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.”*

These words of Pope Francis have really struck a chord with me during this pandemic. So often, we think we are in control and try to control the events of our lives. The pandemic brought those thoughts to a screeching halt as we realized very quickly what little control we have. When we truly let go and put things in God’s hands, the storms can subside because we realize that God brings good, even out of the seemingly bad things. People have realized how much we need each other, how important relationships and human touch are. We have realized that so many things that we thought were so important --- going places, constant flurry of activity, etc. don’t matter nearly as much as being present, taking time for prayer and quiet reflection. Yes, when we really let go, God brings serenity amidst the storms of life!

~Maureen Dowd, Pastoral Associate



This past Christmas Santa brought the staff the wonderful book, *Christ in the Storm: An Extraordinary Blessing for a Suffering World*.

Here are some reflections from our staff.  
Let us know if you would like to borrow a copy!

While reading the homily by Pope Francis, I was struck by the image of the disciples who were caught off guard in the boat by the turbulent storm. Pope Francis spoke of the importance of remembering “we are all on that same boat, we are all at times fragile and fearful, but most importantly we are all called to row together.” These past 3 years I have had the joy of “working and rowing” alongside the most dedicated group of leaders in faith who share in the ministry of leading our children to a life centered in our Lord Jesus. We have formed a team where we remain open to God’s plan for us with great courage and great hope in knowing His plan is always good.

~Ann Ulrich, St. Gabriel School

*Let us invite Jesus into  
the boats of our lives.  
Let us hand over our fears  
to him so that he can  
conquer them.*

~Pope Francis  
*Christ in the Storm*

As the 17.4 million out of 27 million Italians tuned into Pope Francis’ *Urbi et Orbi* in the windy St. Peter’s Square, I did as well. I wish I had written down the most likely indescribable thoughts and feelings I had during those moments as I was overcome with awe of the love of our Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As I read Pope Francis’ book, *Christ in the Storm*, I was able to visualize and somewhat able to experience it all again and actually go a step deeper. The vision of Pope Francis being all alone with the Lord that day became a representation to me of all of us alone with the Lord, from whom our strength comes from. Our personal (alone) relationship with Him is so crucial in our life. It is that relationship that we must be striving every day to build upon, and the rest of life will fall into place.

This reminds me of a message God revealed to me one Sunday while on my knees after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. The message was, “Live your life for Me, and everything will be OK.”

I personally know I have been blessed throughout difficult times (storms) in my life and felt God present with me, whether it was when I was alone with Him or through other people. What a blessing the storms have been!

~Veronica Huber, Youth Faith Formation



# CELEBRATE

*St. Gabriel School & Catholic Schools Week*

## Rays of Faith Give Hope

St Gabriel School chose to focus on hope this year for our Catholic Schools Week. Through reflections on the Prayer of St. Francis, art, and service, we will inspire hope for others.

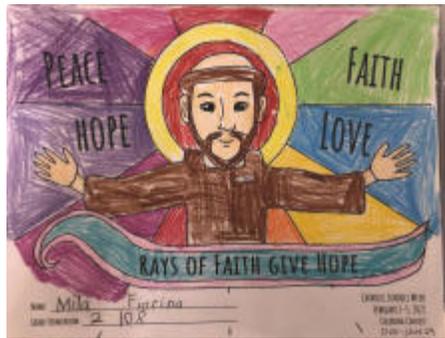
We are very proud of the way we have pivoted our offerings to meet the technological and safety measures needed and the social/emotional needs of our students during the pandemic. By implementing extra Art classes, Physical Education, and introducing a new outdoor class, Grizzly Explorers, we have helped our students cope with the challenges. We believe these challenges have made us a stronger team. We are now enrolling for all grades for the 2021-22 school year. If you are looking for a wonderful school to learn and grow in faith, call 440-354-7858.



All School Art Mural

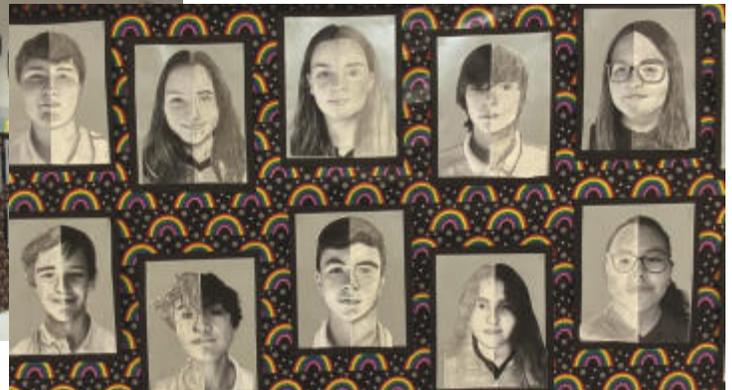


Outdoor Grizzly Explorers Class



St. Gabriel School is a STEM designated school by the Ohio Department of Education.

Eighth Grade Self Portraits



# PRESCHOOL

Learning, Laughter & Faith!



Submitted by Alicia Henrikson, Marketing Coor.

Two buildings, one school, many opportuni-



St. Gabriel Learning Loft Preschool and St. Gabriel School offer a variety of programs for two to five year olds to meet the needs of families. To learn more about offerings and how we can help your family discover the amazing world of learning and growing in faith visit:

St-GabrielSchool.org for virtual tours

For part time options ages 2-5:  
Learning Loft: 440-354-7574

For full time options for 4-5 year olds:  
St. Gabriel School: 440-354-7858

**Now Enrolling for 2021-22**



Learning Loft Preschool starts the journey with My Buddy and Me for caregivers and child to attend for first steps into the world of learning and growing faith. Part time three to five year old programs follow.



St. Gabriel School offers full time Junior Kindergarten for children turning 4 by September 30. Full day Kindergarten for children who are 5 by Sept 30. Both great options for working families with after care available.



When my husband and I began looking at schools, we wanted to find a place with strong academic programs, a faith-centered environment and a strong sense of community. At Saint Gabriel, we found all of these and so much more. We've watched both our daughters blossom in so many ways. They've already developed a love of learning, thanks to their fantastic teachers and incredible administration. Their confidence is soaring, they are forming friendships, getting involved in activities, and most importantly, growing in their faith..

~Nicole H., Mother of two who attended Learning Loft and currently at SGS

*Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.*



Psalm 150

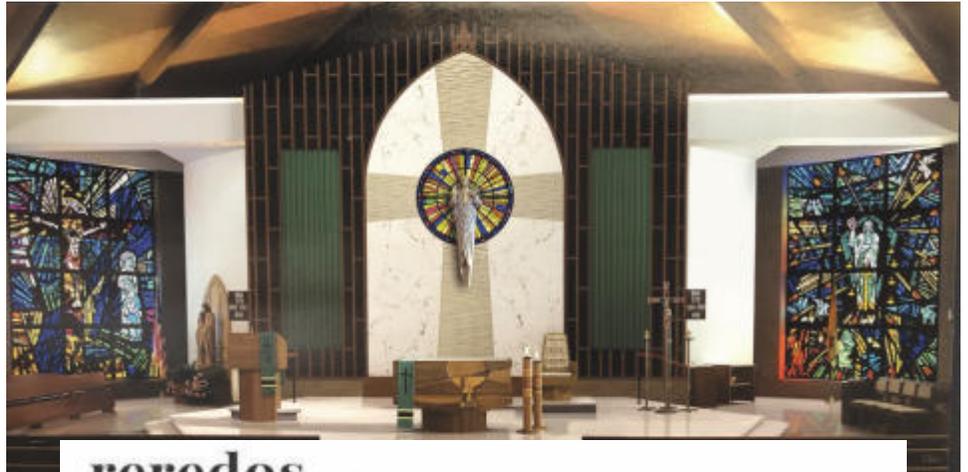
Submitted by Pastoral Staff

### Art & Environment Ministry Renovation Completion

The final step of the church renovation project is coming to a close as we install a new reredos wall in the St. Gabriel sanctuary. After planning and implementing a 5 year, multi-step renovation, the projected completion date is before Holy Week. Funding for this project has been paid for by the Rooted in Faith campaign and other means that have been set aside for this final project. Other updates from this church renovation plan that are completed include new sound system, roof, flooring, lighting, and kneelers. We thank our community for their past, present, and future generosity that keeps our home beautiful and in good repair as well as our ability to serve our parish and those in need.

**Thank you!**

## New Reredos Wall Installation



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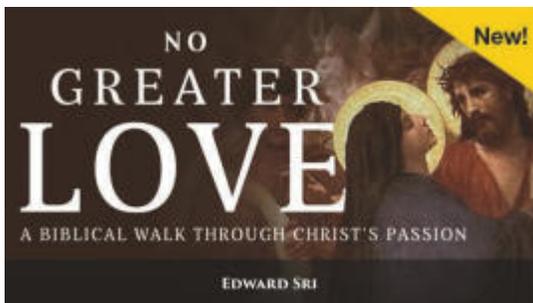
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**Definition of reredos**

: a usually ornamental wood or stone screen or partition wall behind an altar

Visit [St-Gabriel.org](http://St-Gabriel.org) to see our new home page that has St. Gabriel's Trumpet, which features videos and messages. There is a video showing now that highlights the new reredos wall where Fr. Fred interviews the Art & Environment leaders and the carpenter who is building our new reredos wall!

**Join us!**  
**Mondays during Lent**



*This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.*  
Mark 1:14-15

These are the final words of the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent (Cycle B – Mark). Deacon Bob said, “It has felt like we have been in a state of perpetual Lent since the pandemic began.” But Lent calls us to recognize the Kingdom of God in the midst of pain, suffering and isolation. Thus, our Lenten Series this year is entitled, “No Greater Love – A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion”. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before. Plan to make this your Lenten focus this year and join us in person in the Community Room or on Zoom on these days: Mondays: February 22, March 1, March 8, & March 15 (7:00-8:30pm). An Introductory session will be done at home prior to February 22. You must register in advance in order to get the materials. Please see our parish website for details.

~Deacon Bob Grgic and Maureen Dowd, Pastoral Associates

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



## Making a positive difference

St. Gabriel Youth served many ways this past Fall and Advent with service projects and displaying the Live Nativity! Thank you!



It may be cold and snowy outside, but Youth Faith Formation is already looking to the warmer summer months! While the pandemic has altered many parish ministries and formation activities, it does not have power over the Gospel and the Church's mission to share it. While many prudent precautions are being made, we are excited to be moving forward with three great faith engaging opportunities with our youth.

First, Rocky Railway VBS will provide opportunities for witness to younger kids with fun and faith. Secondly, Catholic HEART Work-camp (The Mission Trip) will take place in Farmington, MI at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. The week will be full of service opportunities, fun activities, and a camp staff ready to share the faith with teens. Lastly, Catholic Youth Summer Camp is a world-class high adventure camp (Last year hosting 2,500 campers). High adventure activities, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and a faith-filled missionary staff move kids closer to Jesus in this powerful week.

<b>YOUTH SUMMER 2021</b>	
 <b>ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b> COMING IN 2021	 <b>VBS VOLUNTEER</b> JUNE 14 - 18TH ST. GABRIEL'S
 <b>KINGDOM CAMP</b> POSTPONED TO SUMMER 2022	 <b>Catholic youth summer camp</b> JUNE 20 - 25TH OUR LADY OF SORROWS FARMINGTON, MI
 <b>CHWC</b> CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP	 <b>DAMASCUS CATHOLIC MISSION</b> JULY 25 - 30TH CAMPUS CENTERBURG, OH
For more information visit: <a href="https://www.st-gabriel.org/youth-summer-2021-opportunities.html">https://www.st-gabriel.org/youth-summer-2021-opportunities.html</a>	



## Looking ahead to next Fall

We are excited to start planning our Youth Faith Formation year to start in September 2021. As we look ahead our catechists are signing up for another year of sharing their faith. If you would like to help, we have the perfect place for you—call us! Registration begins in March 2021 for Good Shepherd ages 3 year olds to Grade 8 and PSR/Crossings Grade 1-Grade 8. Remember to watch for e-mails, check the parish website and read the Tuesday e-newsletter for any updated information about our Youth Faith Formation Programs. Can't wait to see you this Fall in person in 2021!

# WELCOME!

*New Parishioners:  
November—January 2021*

Alexandra Paolucci  
AJ & Lauren Zappitelli  
Daniel & Nicole Lanigan  
Edward & Amber Revers  
Dorothy Fink  
Jeff & Lisa Fisher  
Collin Hamrick  
Matthew & Nicole Martin  
Matthew & Marilyn Boosinger  
John & Angelica Ferron  
Chad & Tiffany Martin  
Joseph & Jaclyn Russo  
Jackson & Michelle Sumpter  
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*Please stay informed on possible changes by signing up for our e-newsletters at [St-Gabriel.org](http://St-Gabriel.org), which also gives current information.*

## January/February Envelopes

Our apologies—our envelope company mailed the Jan/Feb envelopes out to homes December 14th. We have learned that envelopes continue to be delivered to homes. We appreciate your patience with this postal issue. Please feel free to donate on line or use another envelope to make your donation until your envelopes arrive. Again, we apologize for this inconvenience and always are grateful to you for your abundant generosity!



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## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17  
Masses: 7am, 10:00am,  
12noon, 5pm, 7pm

## Communal Penance

March 27, 7pm

## Parish Lenten Mission

No Greater Love, see pg. 10

## Reconciliation

March 29, 7pm  
March 30, 11am  
March 31, 8:45pm

## Thursdays during Lent

Family Lent Mass and  
Rosary 7pm, church

## Sundays during Lent

Night Prayer with Eucharistic  
Adoration, 7-8:30 pm in church

## Stations of the Cross

Mondays after 11am Mass,  
Fridays at 7pm

*For safety and efforts to support local businesses, St. Gabriel will not host our Lenten Fish Fry. Please support local restaurants. They need our patronage!*

## HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY

March 28, regular Mass times

### TENEBRAE

March 31, 8pm

### EASTER TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY

April 1  
Morning Prayer, 9am  
Mass of Lord's Supper, 8pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 2  
Morning Prayer, 9am  
Celebration of the Lord's  
Passion, 3pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

April 3  
Morning Prayer, 9am  
Blessing of Food, 1:30pm?  
Easter Vigil, 9:00pm

### EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

April 4  
7:30am, Church  
9:30am, Church & Brady Hall  
11:30am, Church & Brady Hall  
\*\*No 5:00pm\*\*