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FEBRUARY 7, 2021

On Feb. 11, the Catholic Church celebrates the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, recalling a series of 18 appearances that the Blessed Virgin Mary made to a 14-year-old French peasant girl, Saint Bernadette Soubirous.



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New Parishioners:

Welcome to our parish! Please call the Parish Office for an appointment to register.

Baptism:

Parents are required to attend a preparation class. Next dates at St. Gabriel: March 3, 2021, July 14, 2021 and Nov. 10, 2021. Please call the parish office to register. During January, May, and September the classes are held at St. Mary Church in Chardon, 401 North Street. Call 440-285-7051 for times and to register.

Reconciliation:

The sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday from 3:45 - 4:30 pm, or by appointment.

Marriage:

Diocesan policy directs couples to arrange for marriage at least six months prior to the intended wedding ceremony. Please call the priest or deacon of your choice for an appointment to make arrangements.

Holy Orders and Vowed Religious Life:

Anyone interested in ordained or vowed religious life is invited to talk to one of the parish priests, pastoral staff members or Fr. Michael McCandless, Director, Diocesan Vocation Office (440-943-7660).

Hospitalized and Homebound Parishioners:

In case of emergency, call the Parish Office immediately. If you or someone you know would like a friendly visit and/or communion brought to the hospital or home, please call the parish office.

Funerals: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements before any publication in the newspaper.

Catholic Information and Referral Service:

(CIRS) refers persons to the Catholic and Community services that best respond to your church, personal, or life crisis needs. "Help is just a call away" 1-800-869-6525

My Sisters and Brothers,

Genuine Christian charity and service, especially after the example of Christ, is mandatory, whether inconvenient at times, or even overwhelming at other times. Jesus shows us the way. It strikes me in today's Gospel when Jesus reached out and cured Simon's mother-in-law, He was not really anticipating that and He probably could have found a good enough reason and excuse to overlook and not deal with her pressing needs. It is usually not that difficult to find excuses, to look the other way, or to just leave it up to somebody else. The "not my problem" approach is a rather easy way out. Then, when the whole town gathered at the door because of what they were hearing about Him, He could easily have become overwhelmed, frustrated, and seeking a way to escape. Instead of escaping, He went early the next morning to pray to get re-energized by the love of His Father and the power of the Holy Spirit. He understood so well how important it is to pray, even and especially when life gets so demanding and we could feel so drained. He also understood that we need to make time for prayer even when it may not be convenient—like, "very early before dawn" and to a deserted place. What a lesson there is for us in that. But they pursued Him and found Him. I don't know about you, but I would have just been plain angry and might have told them to hit the road. But not Jesus. He continued His mission and trusted that God would give Him all that He needed. In this simple "day in the life of Jesus" passage, there are profound lessons, especially with the power of prayer and how it can move us to be people of compassion and Christ-like living.

A week from this Wednesday, February 17th, is **Ash Wednesday**, and Lent 2021 begins. Like most things during this time of the pandemic, the realities and priorities of life remain the same, but the external practices and customs may need to change to respond to the health and safety needs of everyone. Although we may be seeing some light at the end of this tunnel, we are not there yet, nor is it time to give up or compromise our efforts to battle this demon. The purpose of Lent always remains the same—to prepare ourselves to share in the Resurrection of Christ. Lent is all about preparing for Easter—dying with Christ in order to rise with Him. We die to sin and darkness, and we use tools such as prayer, fasting and almsgiving to enable us to deepen our life with Christ. However, never lose sight of what it is all about—rising to New Life. In the Pillars, the bulletin, and through other forms of communication, you can become aware of some of the tools available—things like Sunday Night Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and most importantly daily Mass, that can enable you, with Jesus, to respond more fully to our Father's plan. Certainly all that you do on your own in terms of personal sacrifice, charity to others, and amending your life are ways that can have enormously positive effects. Lent will always be a product of what you put into it coupled with the grace of God. Nothing is automatic. Start planning now. Always keep the goal, New Life, in mind, and make use of the things that will help you to achieve that goal more and more.

In these times when we are becoming accustomed to doing things differently in order to help keep ourselves and others healthy, one of the areas that you will perhaps notice the most is how we

celebrate Ash Wednesday. I want to make you aware of current directives we have received from the Vatican that may seem a bit different to us this year. First, Ash Wednesday is not, and never has been, a holy day of obligation. However, and this is a good thing, in the past, more people have come to Mass on Ash Wednesday than any other day that is not an obligation. I just hope and trust it is for the right reason, and the most important reason is the Eucharist, and then what the ashes symbolize—not the ashes themselves. So, this year, Ash Wednesday Mass will be video recorded for those who wish to pray from home, but ashes will be given in a way that is uncommon to us, but more common in European countries, including how the Pope gives ashes in Rome. First, the Presider will say the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" one time and not over each person. True repentance comes from the heart and efforts of the person coupled with the grace of God. It is not the ashes. They are just a symbol. There is nothing automatic or magical about the ashes, and they are certainly not essential. However, the Eucharist is. Then, anyone who wishes can come forward and have a very small amount of ashes sprinkled on the crown of their head. The minister is to have no physical contact with the person. You can decide for yourself if this is something you choose to do. I assure you it would be a miniscule amount of ashes, but nevertheless, I would not recommend this for small children and babies. To be honest, this is the way we are being directed to do this. We really do not have an option, especially when it comes to unity within the Church. The real option is, and this is legitimate, whether you wish to receive ashes or not this year. Either way will be fine. Remember, if there is to be true repentance and change in your life, it won't be the ashes that do it. It can only be you, with the grace of God.

We are making a lot of progress with the installation of our new **Reredos Wall** with a minimum amount of disruption and a whole lot of cooperation between our great maintenance department and the construction workers. If everything continues on schedule, I am confident we will be finished in time for Holy Week and Easter. The central part of the new wall, as well as the center of our faith, is the Risen Lord (same statue that we have had). My hope is that we will always keep the Risen Lord as our reason for living, our hope in darkness, and as our ultimate goal.

Thanks to everyone who made Catholic Schools Week so fun and meaningful, and especially thanks to all who enable us to offer such quality Catholic education. Have a SUPER Sunday. Although our youth are unable to host their traditional "Soup-er Bowl" event to help feed the hungry, please consider purchasing one of their great cookbooks for a \$5 donation and having a meal with your family. All the proceeds are going to support our Food Pantry. What a souper idea.

Have a great week. Think of ways you can do super-loving things for each other. Peace,

In God's love,

J. J. J.



Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

MONDAY - February 8—Weekday

7:00AM Thomas & Mary Murphy—Family
11:00AM Debbie Bramley—Linda Bernay

TUESDAY - February 9—Weekday

7:00AM Eugene Pettry—The Haumesser Family
7:00PM Dawn Witt Pozderac—Amy Fitzgerald
DiDomenico

WEDNESDAY - February 10—St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Edward Toth—Son
10:00AM For the Intention of Alice and Al Torrieri—Your
Parish Family

THURSDAY - February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00AM For the Intention of Lillian Kelhoffer—
The Shull Family
7:00PM Donna Tekancic—Jim & Diane Mominey

FRIDAY - February 12—Weekday

7:00AM Clara & Angelo Sr. Catalano—Donald Catalano
11:00AM Marty Walsh—Nora McGreal

SATURDAY - February 13—Weekday

8:30AM David Plickert—Ronald & Donna Gliebe
5:00PM Alfred Zappitelli—The Graza Family

SUNDAY - February 14—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM For the Health & Well Being of our Parish Family
9:30AM Julia Romito—Dick & Mary Dudek
11:30AM David Pecjak—Barb & Neil
5:00PM Fr. Jack Valley—O’Hearn Family

We FINALLY got to wave to our dear friend, Alice, this past week. We delivered her retirement gifts, cards and letters as well as wished her a very happy birthday with lunch and cake! This summer, be sure and “sit awhile” on the bench by the parish office and see the plaque honoring Alice’s 32 loving years of service! Alice says to tell you all hello and she misses everyone!

God bless Alice and Al!



In Spirit, We remember...



Please remember Herb Braun and Adelle Maruszczak and their families in your prayers.





Souper Bowl

Did you miss the cookbook order—have no fear! We are having a final order now through February 15th with pick up available on or after March 1st. We may not be able to have our Souper Bowl dinner in person this year but you can still “share a meal” with us by purchasing a Youth Faith Formation Grade 6-8 cookbook. We are asking for a \$5 donation per book; the link to order is on our website. We will also be collecting donations in the Gathering Area next weekend. All proceeds benefit the St. Gabriel Food Pantry. Questions? Contact Paula Haumesser at: phaumesser@st-gabriel.org. Thanks for your support of our youth and Food Pantry which remains open M-F 10am-1pm—thank you Food Pantry volunteers!



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President’s Day.



BOK Night Sunday, February 28

7:00 pm Online

“Adventures in Attitude/Just Keep Smiling”



Please email Mrs. Veronica Huber at vhuber@st-gabriel.org for details and the online meeting link.

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The link to the January 13th Virtual Parent Meeting video can be found at www.st-gabriel.org/Youth & Education/Youth Summer 2021 Opportunities.

January 31, 2021

SUNDAY

YOUR GIFT TO THE PARISH

	Last Sunday	Year To Date
Electronic Giving	6,699	364,211
Total Sunday Collection	<u>26,505</u>	<u>934,029</u>
Operating Budget	30,770	953,870
Collection Over/(Under) Budgets	(4,265)	(19,841)
	Number	Amount
Children's Envelopes	1	1.00

We trust that God will give us the plans and blueprints to continue His work in a fiscally sound manner. We ask for your continued support, and humbly ask, if at all possible, to increase your contribution, and more importantly we ask for your prayers. If we all do a little more, it can make a BIG difference! May God bless you for your generosity.

Remember, you can mail your envelopes to the Church: 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Concord, OH 44060 or donate online - <https://www.osvhub.com/st-gabrielchurch/funds> or www.st-gabriel.org.

Annual Contribution Notices are Available for 2020



If you need a copy of your contribution statement for 2020, please contact the Business Office at lrindenour@st-gabriel.org or call the parish office at (440) 352-8282 and ask for Lynne to request your statement. These will not be mailed or emailed unless requested.



A member from our Souper Bowl Team will be in the Gathering Area next weekend to collect money for the St. Gabriel Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support!



Care Notes

Would you like to brighten the day of someone in a nursing home or a parent of a child who has just been baptized? Many folks are feeling alone at this time and need to know that God loves them and has not abandoned them.

If you would like to write a note to someone in need of God's love, please contact Deacon Bob at bgrgic@st-gabriel.org and we can give you more information.

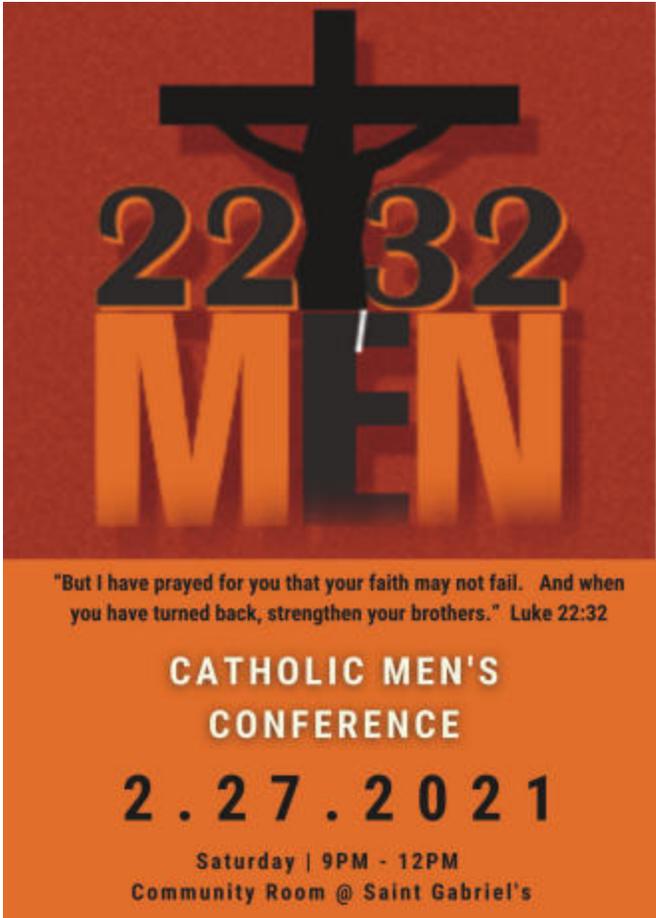


Men of St. Gabriel, the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio will be holding this years "Answer the Call" Conference on Saturday March 13, 2021. While it was hoped we would be able to offer the option of "in-person" or "virtual" attendance, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are going with an all virtual format. We will still have our roster of Speakers: our new Bishop, Edward Malesic, who will both speak and have the concluding Mass, Deacon Larry Oney from the diocese of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Fr. Michael McCandless from the Diocese of Cleveland. For more information, check the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio website at: www.cmfneo.com. As a variation on attending "in-person", arrangements have been made for the Community Room here at St. Gabriel so a number of men can view the virtual presentation together. The number will be limited; you must sign up through the link on the St. Gabriel website. For questions, please check with Dave Deschler by phone at 216-337-0865.



January and February envelopes

Our apologies—our envelope company mailed the Jan/ Feb envelopes out to homes December 14th. We have heard, and know from our office Staff, 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.



Volunteer Opportunities

Visit the Parish office or our website under Volunteer Opportunities to sign up

St. Philomena/Father Michael Ozanam Center

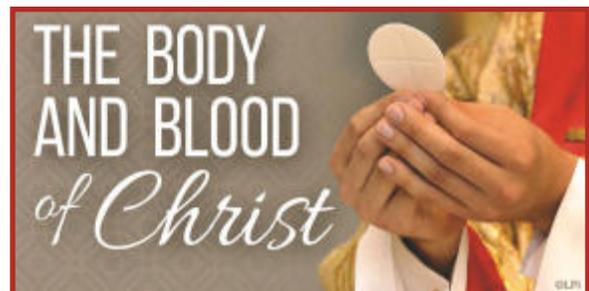
Tasks include: Distribute food bags (outside)
Pack bags for clients (inside—no client contact)
Sort/hang clothes (inside—no client contact)
Saturdays (9:30am to 1pm) -
Feb 13, March 20, Apr 24, May 15, June 19.

Food Pantry Subs needed to help take client orders in a non-contact environment. If you are interested, please contact Allison at the parish office or email acapella@st-gabriel.org



RECEIVING COMMUNION AT MASS

It has come to our attention that some folks have dropped the host after receiving it and trying to remove their masks to put it in their mouth. If that happens to you or if the host broke and part of it fell on the floor, please pick up the host and consume it. Do not leave it on the floor. This is the Body of Christ and should be treated with utmost reverence and respect. Don't be afraid to take your time putting the host in your mouth, so that you don't risk dropping it.



Music Notes

In today's Gospel, Jesus reiterates his mission - to teach and to heal. He tells the disciples that is what he came to do and they head to the small villages. We hear, "The whole town was gathered at the door." Can you imagine that scene? All of the ill, the possessed, those suffering in any way, came to the place Jesus was staying. Jesus did not come to be famous. He was not trying to earn the admiration of the scribes and Pharisees. He came to show a new way; to suffer and to die; and to rise from the dead and open the gates of heaven for all who believe. And Jesus' way often ran counter to that of the established religious leaders of his day. On this Super Bowl weekend we know that many people in our own community are suffering from the effects of Covid-19, or from hunger, addiction, loss of a job, or other social or economic issues. We are called to be responsive to them and to do what we can to help.





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Readings *of the* Week GELPI

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. The next campaign starts on Ash Wednesday February 17th and continues until Sunday March 28th. Mark your calendar to join with supporters of 40 Days for Life and Lake County Right to Life at the Kickoff Rally/Winter Event beginning at 2 PM in the gym at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Participants will head outside to Euclid Ave. for a sidewalk witness to LIFE! Signs will be provided, but don't forget your winter coat! Everyone will head back inside the gym of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for pizza and beverages. Sarah Quale will be the Keynote Speaker and the topic is "Human Sex Trafficking and its Link to Abortion." Due to limited seating, you are asked to RSVP for this event before February 7. You can RSVP by calling or texting John Noall at 440-585-5317. We invite you to join the Respect Life Committee as we mark this campaign. If you have any questions please contact Chris Siemen at cws8729@gmail.com.

Intentions For Friday Eucharistic Adoration



We continue to encourage you to come and pray during our time of Eucharistic Adoration on Friday mornings. Every Friday we have a particular intention that we will silently offer our prayer for. On **February 12, we will pray for all engaged couples.** Please take advantage of this prayerful, peaceful time.



If you are struggling with a sickness or ailment in body or mind, please consider joining the Healing Prayer Ministry in the Chapel after Mass to encounter the transformative power of God's love and mercy.

February 19th—after 11am Mass



Take a few minutes and join Fr. David and Deacon Bob for their new "Coffee Conversations" podcast! You can find the link at www.st-gabriel.org.

LITURGY CORNER



During this brief stretch of Ordinary Time, we hear stories in the Gospels of Jesus starting his earthly ministry. He recruits his disciples and begins going from town to town preaching. He gets baptized by John the Baptist. In this week's Gospel we hear of Jesus healing Simon's mother-in-law, and the story tells us that he went on to preach and "drive out demons" throughout all of Galilee. One thing we need to take particular note of however, is that while all of the people, including his disciples, were searching for him, Jesus went out before dawn to be alone and to pray. Jesus, the Son of God, Divine Himself, needed time to be alone so he could be with God. We can all take inspiration from this in that we all need to take time to be alone with God. It's during that time spent alone and in quiet reflection, that we grow deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God. We all lead incredibly busy lives, but oftentimes much of that is created by us. Where possible, we need to step back, take some time for ourselves and spend that time with God.

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). 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.





#Ourhearts need a little more love this February! February is American Heart Month to raise awareness about heart health. There are actions that help improve heart health so grab a loved one or friend and make the changes together. Smokers are up to 4x more likely to develop heart disease or to have a stroke, compared to nonsmokers. But it pays to quit. Just 1 year after quitting, your heart attack risk drops sharply. Follow a diet that emphasizes foods that are lower in sodium as well as foods that are rich in potassium, magnesium and calcium — nutrients that help lower blood pressure. Aim for at least 2 1/2 hours of moderate physical activity every week to help protect your heart from heart disease. Keep a log of your blood pressure, cholesterol, healthy weight goals, and physical activity. Research shows there is more success maintaining healthy habits when working together with social support. #Ourhearts are healthier together!

Here's to our health! Pam Lewis, Parish Nurse



Please pray for those serving in the armed forces here and abroad including US Army Spc. Sean McIntyre, SSGT Alexander Skorupski, USAF, SSGT Nathaniel Galecki, USAF, US Army, 2nd Lt. Patrick McDonnell, US Army, Sgt. William McDonnell, USMC, Captain Steven Convery, US Army, Major Sean Huss, USAF, Captain R. Andrew Iafelice, USMC, 2nd Lt Nelson Liuzzo, Spc. Nicholas Lemmo, Major Michael Ficznar, Capt. Matthew Convery, US Army Jag Corp. Sgt. Stephen Calderone, US Army, US Army Jag Corp. William Bruce Speirs, Captain, U.S. Navy, Sgt. Joseph A. Wilder, US Army, Private Eric Myllyoski, Maj. Kristine Yearwood CNP, Phd. US Army, USAF SSGT Sterling Hill, SSGT Nick Wilson, US Army, PFC Tim Lazuka, 1st Lt. William Patterson, US Army, and USMC Lt. Col. Kevin Walsh



Please pray for the ill and hospitalized members of our Parish, their families and caregivers. Pray for an end to abortion and for the respect of all life. God bless our elderly and homebound.

January, 2021

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Lauren Landgraf
Marshall Family
Jerry Brothers
Max Sumer*

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Larry Dean*

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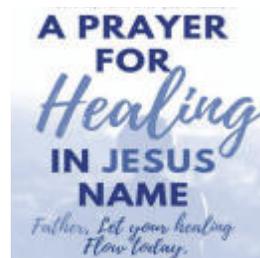
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