

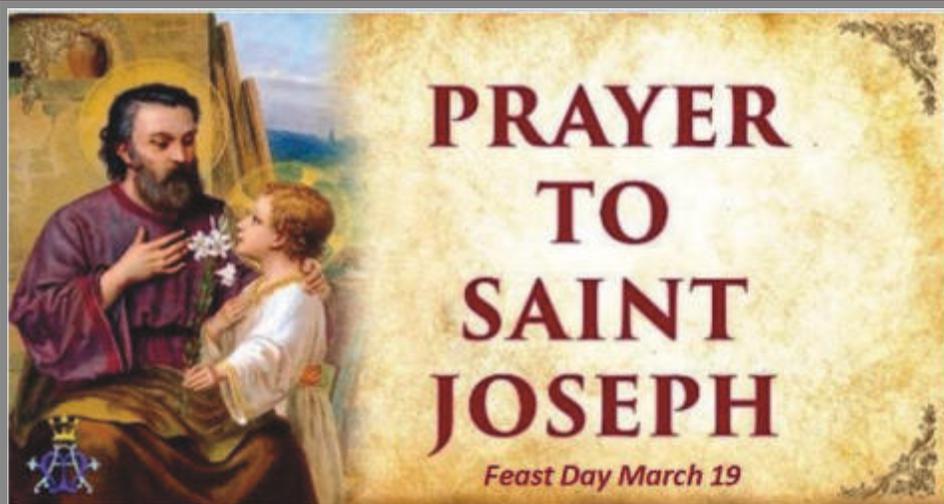


THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

ST. GABRIEL

BEING CHRIST • EVERY DAY • EVERYWHERE

MARCH 14, 2021



*The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.
Pope Francis has dedicated the year of 2021 to St. Joseph.
Join St. Gabriel in a beautiful novena and special prayers
to St. Joseph after select Masses and on St-Gabriel.org
St. Joseph, protector of the Church, pray for us!*

A Prayer for the Intercession of St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Pastoral Staff

Deacon Ronald Adkins.....	Deacon
Reverend Jozef Bozek.....	Parochial Vicar
Mrs. Allison Capella.....	Volunteer Coordinator
Deacon Daniel P. Clavin	Deacon
Mr. Kevin Donahue.....	Music Ministry Coordinator
Ms. Maureen Dowd.....	Pastoral Associate
Deacon Robert Grgic.....	Deacon/ Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Paula Haumesser.....	Administrative Secretary
Mrs. Alicia Henrikson	Marketing Coordinator
Miss Linda Hlebak.....	Business Manager
Mr. Paul Kelly.....	Pastoral Associate
Mr. Robert Kumazec.....	School Principal (5th-8th grade)
Reverend Frederick F. Pausche	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Silvester.....	Learning Loft Preschool Director
Reverend David Stavarz.....	Parochial Vicar
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Mr. Michael Ulrich	Supervisor of Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds



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 Websitewww.st-gabriel.org

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: July 14, 2021 and Nov. 10, 2021. Please call the parish office or visit our website (Sacraments/Baptism page) 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,

LAETARE—REJOICE!!!! Not only is Lent half way over, Spring is almost here. More and more people are being vaccinated and we are beginning to see the light after this year of pandemic. Most importantly, Easter and our celebration of New Life draws ever close. These last three weeks of Lent are extremely important times for us to prepare to immerse ourselves with Christ into His passion and death, so that we can rise with Him to New Life. The true Light, who is Christ, dispels the darkness of suffering, pain, and even death, and gives us hope to fully trust in a God who always loves us and promises to be with us always. Although Lent is a penitential season, let us always be people of joy, and **rejoice**, that no matter what life brings us, Christ assures us of ultimate victory and the peace that only God can give. Do something fun today. Bring joy to someone who may be down or suffering. Keep your eye on the Resurrection, but take up your cross and follow the Lord. Some day we will rejoice forever with all the saints in heaven. **Laetare!**

Our Gospel this weekend is from St. John. For all our Masses including the 9:30 at which we celebrate the Second Scrutiny with the Elect of our RCIA, we have more reasons to rejoice. For most of our Masses, we hear the famous John 3:16 verse, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life”**. Rejoice! If we live by faith, we will live forever. We are saved. The Gospel for the Scrutiny with our Elect at the 9:30 Mass is the story of the man born blind. The lessons are for all of us. Whether it be blindness or any physical, mental or emotional disability we face, Jesus made it clear that this is not a result of sin or anything we or our parents did wrong, but ultimately so that “the works of God may be made visible through us”. The very things we struggle with the most have the potential to show us and others the glory and goodness of God. Again, rejoice (even though at the time those struggles are very painful and difficult). Never lose hope. Jesus has conquered even death. We are flooded with Good News. Stay focused on that. We all know how easy it is to be overcome by bad news. Please keep praying for our Elect and Candidates. Show them you care as they prepare for the Easter sacraments.

We have some special days coming up this week. Wednesday is **St. Patrick’s Day**. Wear a little green. Have a little fun. It’s a great day to celebrate. Friday is a very special feast, the **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. As you know, Pope Francis has dedicated this entire year to St. Joseph. Joseph is such a wonderful example of a man of faith, who worked so hard to provide for his family in order that the child entrusted to him, Jesus, could grow and ultimately teach us all the meaning of true love. Our own Joseph, Fr. Joe, is leading a Novena to St. Joseph which has begun already, and can be found online, or prayed in the chapel after the 7 am Mass on the nine days before the feast. I strongly encourage you to learn lessons from St. Joseph that

can enable your faith to grow and help to make you someone who enables Christ to grow in your family. Saturday, March 20th, is the first day of Spring. At that point, we are less than two weeks from Easter. Rejoice! New Life.

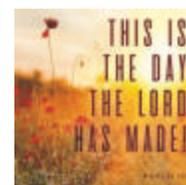
Another very great reason to rejoice is God’s willingness to always forgive us and reconcile us. We celebrate our Lenten **Communal Reconciliation** on Monday, March 22nd, at 7:00 pm. I understand that the idea of rejoicing may not always be what is in our hearts when we celebrate Reconciliation, but if we really think about this sacrament properly, we really should rejoice that God loves us so much that He is always anxious to forgive us and give us a new day. That may sound simple, but always remember that Jesus gave His life on the cross so that we could be free. It is a pure gift of love. All He asks us to do is to come and receive this gift and to use it to grow as His disciples. God already knows our sins. We confess in order to let go of the burden of sin and to face areas in our lives that we need to change. In many ways, reconciliation is at the heart of what Lent is all about. Come with a grateful and humble heart. Please try not to wait until Holy Week when times are limited and we do not have additional priests to help out. At our communal celebration, several of our Candidates in the RCIA who are preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil will be coming for the first time, so please especially pray for them.

Thank you to many of you who have responded to the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** either online or hard copy. Your thoughts and comments are very valuable in helping us to look toward our future as a parish and to do some strategic planning on how we can form disciples of the Lord. The survey—what you have to say—will play a big part in helping us to forge ahead, especially when this pandemic no longer necessitates so many changes and restrictions. Thanks for taking the time. It should only take you 10 or 15 minutes, but we need them completed by next Sunday.

Holy Week is only two weeks away. There are some slight modifications for our schedule and how we do things, but for the most part, the schedule and liturgies are very similar to what we are accustomed to. Please check out the latest schedule, and most importantly, make plans now to enter into as fully as possible this very sacred, important, and holy time of the year. Lent is all about preparing ourselves for New Life. What sense is there in doing a lot of preparing and then not experiencing what we hopefully have prepared for? God is definitely calling us to prepare for New Life in many ways. Rejoice! The time is near.

Have a great week. Don’t forget to “Spring ahead”—starting with your clocks this weekend. Mostly, always stay focused on the Resurrection as our ultimate goal and reason to have hope. Peace and blessings be with you.

In God’s love,



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021**

MONDAY - March 15—Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Ron DeCaro—Link Family
11:00AM Ken Wuchte—Aggie, Ken & Jeff
11:30AM Stations

TUESDAY - March 16—Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Joyce Palmer—Art & Sue Scaccia
7:00PM Charles A. Long—Charlene Long & Paige Graewe

WEDNESDAY - March 17—Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Ernie Peterson—Michael & Suzanne Bailey
10:00AM Patricia Corrigan—Wednesday AM Reading Group

THURSDAY - March 18—Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Janet Smolinski—Family
7:00PM David Pecjak—Schneeberger Family
7:00PM Family Mass and Rosary

FRIDAY - March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM Laurie Ann Slifko—Joann
11:00AM Warren W. Doman—Mom & Dad
7:00PM Stations

SATURDAY - March 20—Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Mijo & Zorka Coric—Tomic Family
5:00PM Rita Mae Cabot—Newman Family

SUNDAY - March 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM For the Health & Well Being of our Parish Family
9:30AM Wilma Hanna—Don & Roberta Pascute
11:30AM Mary Kloss—Barb & Neil Brandt
5:00PM Deceased Members of Crepulja Family—Tomic Family
7:00PM Night Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

In Spirit, We remember...



Please remember Margaret Connelly and Maria Platano and their families in your prayers.

**Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY**



Please join our parish and take this survey that will:

- Allow St. Gabriel parishioners to reflect upon their spiritual growth
- Identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth and look at opportunities to support that growth more in the future;
- Provide valuable input to help Fr. Fred and parish leaders make decisions and plan effectively.
- Help St. Gabriel serve you and your family!

**Survey at St-Gabriel.org
Hard Copy at Office/Gathering Area**



All Surveys Due March 22

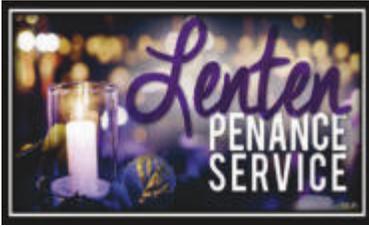
Join us in participating in this 10-15 minute online survey. The survey can be accessed through an online link on our website. It was sent out this past week in our Tuesday Newsletter as well as with our Saturday evening Mass Newsletter. Paper copies can be found in the Gathering Area and the Parish Office. This survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Please respond by March 22nd and help us with future planning for our Parish. Thank you!



St. Gabriel Community welcomes **Mabel Marilyn Mayse and Macie Lynn Schmidt** into our parish Community.

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE

Our parish is celebrating our Lenten Communal Penance on **Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm.** As always, we will have additional priests available and the priests and penitents will be socially distanced. What better way to prepare for Holy Week than to take advantage of this beautiful celebration of the sacrament of God's merciful love! **Please plan to join us in prayer!**



LITURGY CORNER

It's time to rejoice! We're already in the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. The First Reading today from 2 Chronicles describes the darkness of the old world as people lived in sin and scoffed at the idea of redemption. Then along comes Jesus in today's Gospel explaining that he is the light to drive out the darkness. On this halfway point through Lent we can rejoice, for today we hear that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16) This is perhaps the most famous of bible passages and one which most clearly and succinctly summarizes our Christian faith. So let us pause today and celebrate, as we know that through our belief in Jesus we can obtain eternal salvation. Know that through your Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, you'll grow closer to God and thereby chase out the darkness of sin and be renewed by the light of salvation.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

We are again helping collect gently used books for children, especially picture books, and books for adults for Saint Aloysius Church in Cleveland. If you have books to donate, you can put them in the marked boxes in the Gathering Area or near the Parish Office.



Members of our Pastoral council will be greeting in the Gathering Area before and after Masses next weekend. Please stop by if you have a question, concern, or comment.

A graphic for Lenten Night Prayer with Adoration. It features a photograph of a golden monstrance on an altar. The text "LENTEN NIGHT PRAYER W/ ADORATION" is written in large, white, serif font. Below the text, it says "Sundays, February 21-April 4 | 7 - 8:15 PM" and "Adoration | 7 PM" and "Night Prayer | 8 PM".

**LENTEN
NIGHT PRAYER
W/ ADORATION**

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Adoration | 7 PM
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Please continue to pray for our Elect and Candidates. If you haven't already done so, please take a card with their picture as a reminder to pray for a particular person and **consider writing that person a note of welcome** closer to Easter. Notes can be dropped off at the Parish Office with the card attached on the outside or the name clearly written on the envelope.

March 7, 2021

SUNDAY

YOUR GIFT TO THE PARISH

	Last Sunday	Year To Date
Electronic Giving	18,108	429,611
Total Sunday Collection	<u>40,300</u>	<u>1,095,610</u>
Operating Budget	30,770	1,107,720
Collection Over/(Under) Budgets	9,530	(12,110)
	Number	Amount
Children's Envelopes		0.00

NOTE: You can now schedule your Easter donations through your online giving account as well as return Easter flower envelopes.



St. Gabriel will be participating in Concord Township's Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 27 - 10am-Noon

Follow the Bunny Trail Map to collect Easter Eggs around Beautiful Concord Township! Put on your Easter Bonnet, hop in the car and have fun on a safe, leisurely drive around our beautiful township! Download the Concord Township Bunny Trail Map from www.concordtwp.com (available in March) and head out on a family-friendly adventure. Visit each location listed on the map and collect prize-filled Easter Eggs while staying inside your car.

Do you knit or crochet or have some leftover yarn in the basement or attic that you would like to donate to a worthy cause? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is beginning to run low on yarn and yarn donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the parish office. Just think how wonderful it would be to know your yarn is being used to help someone in need.



If you are interested in joining our ministry, we meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Please contact Colleen Nagy at cnagy2016@gmail.com.

CYO News

Spring registration is **NOW OPEN!** We will be offering Track & Field for Boys & Girls in grades 3-8.

Key Dates:

Registration Period – 2/25/21 through 3/19/21

Practices Can Begin – 3/22/21

Season Begins – 4/16/21 & 4/17/21

For more information or to register, please see the CYO page on our website.

MESSAGES

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St. Gabriel

Let's pull together to support local restaurants this Lent and pay it forward! Each week we will feature 'This Week's Catch' of restaurants who support St. Gabriel in many ways! Thank you for helping!

THIS WEEK'S CATCH

BISTRO 70

Bistro 70 is a long time supporter of St. Gabriel!
 MENTION ST. GABRIEL PARISH WHEN ORDERING & BISTRO 70 WILL DONATE 10% TO THE ST. GABRIEL FOOD BANK
 Lenten Seafood Specials Every Friday
 New England CLAM CHOWDER PERCH DINNER
 CRAB CAKE DINNER · BEER BATTERED COD
 BLACKENED SHRIMP DINNER · MAC N CHEESE · LOADED FRIES

Bistro70.com | 440-352-7070



Calling All Adults!!



The train is pulling out of the station and we need YOU to come aboard!!

Please consider volunteering for our amazing Vacation Bible School June 14th – 18th

Email VBS@st-gabriel.org for more information.

Positions Needed:

Snack – 4

Games – 2

Supply Coordinator – 1 (tasks completed part-time prior to VBS)

JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH!!

IMPORTANT

The registration deadline is soon approaching for Catholic Youth Summer Camp!!! **Limited spots are available** and registration ends on **March 14th**. Please see the parish website for links and registration or contact Fr. David for any details.

YOUTH SUMMER 2021



JULY 25 – 30TH
DAMASCUS CATHOLIC MISSION
CAMPUS CENTERBURG, OH

For more information visit:
<https://www.st-gabriel.org/youth-summer-2021-opportunities.html>



Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving
How's Your Lent Going?
It's not too late to join us for a more fruitful Lenten season...

Sunday, Mar. 14 – Love Lent & Your Journey to *Rediscovering Jesus*
Saturday, Mar. 27 – Help at the *Easter Egg Hunt Drive-Thru*
Sunday, Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday/ Experience *The Stations of Cross*

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

Job Opening

Coordinator of Youth Ministry - St. Gabriel Parish.

We are currently looking to hire a Coordinator of Youth Ministry for St. Gabriel Parish. This position is 30 hours per week and includes benefits. Candidates interested in this position must have:

- Welcoming, positive attitude with strong communication skills in order to work with and engage youth, parents, volunteers and staff.
- Comprehensive theological background.
- Practicing and active member of the Catholic Community.
- Ability to relate to youth and build healthy relationships with them.
- Must enjoy and excel at working with others and desire to make a difference!
- This position requires two-three evenings per week including Sundays.
- Salary range is \$20,000.00 to \$22,000.00 negotiable. Position includes benefits.

If you are interested in this position please e-mail a cover letter and resume to Paul Kelly at pkelly@st-gabriel.org by March 22nd

Family Prayer Nights

Family Prayer Night consists of Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Rosary on Thursdays during the season of Lent. It is an opportunity for families to come together in the presence of the Lord, to pray and be in fellowship with one another. There is no better way to prepare for the Easter season as a family.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will pray the Stations of the Cross as a community after the 11:00am Mass on Mondays and on Fridays at 7:00pm. Please consider coming to pray and meditate on the last hours of the life of Jesus.

OLD PALMS

We are collecting old palms now until Palm Sunday, March 28. There is a box in the Gathering Area to place the old palms. **We will not be collecting them after Palm Sunday.** If you find old palms after that time, you can burn them to dispose of them.



Music Notes

Darkness and light.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he came as light into darkness not to destroy, but to save the world. What is the "darkness" in our life today that keeps us from embracing the light, embracing the Lord? Darkness is sin and Jesus came to conquer and destroy sin. In just a week or so, we will celebrate Communal Penance on March 22. Consider coming and sharing in this sacrament in a safe and distanced fashion. The Lord is "slow to anger and rich in kindness." Come and invite a friend. "Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord."



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 **March 19 & 21, we will pray to follow the example of St. Joseph.** Please take advantage of this prayerful, peaceful time.

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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.

March 26—after 11am Mass

Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group

designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated will begin **Thursday April 8 and conclude on May 27, at Immaculate Conception Church, 37932 Euclid Ave., Willoughby. The group meets in-person from 7- 9 pm and will be limited to 8 participants to allow for social distancing (masks are required).** These have been challenging times, and for many, feelings of isolation are common. Our goal is to provide a place where we can share support and encouragement while offering direction and guidance for those that are struggling with separation/divorce. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and provide the tools for coping and moving on. For more information or to register, please call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org. All necessary precautions will be taken to insure the safety of our participants as well as our facilitator. There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.



Parish Council met on February 23. After an opening prayer led by Chairperson Jennifer Lee, the group welcomed Paul Kelly, Pastoral Associate and Director of Youth Faith Formation as the night's guest speaker.

Paul explained the programs under Youth Faith Formation and provided handouts that gave an overview as well as the vision for Youth Ministry at St. Gabriel. Each program has a coordinator that reports to Paul. Currently, all programs are meeting virtually due to the pandemic. They are looking forward to returning to in-person sessions this fall. With Veronica Huber's resignation, he is looking for a Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

As Paul noted, the main priority as we look towards summer is keeping everyone safe. VBS will take place as the majority of the activities can be held outside and can be set up to keep the participants safe.

Fr. Fred expressed the importance of youth in our parish and the need to engage them and get them involved. We are thankful for Paul's leadership and vision for our youth.

Fr. Fred's Pastor's Report was up next. Our fish fries are postponed until 2022. We are encouraging everyone to support local establishments who have been so good to us over the years. We've received a lot of positive feedback on our approach.

The school walk-a-thon is a go. It was held virtually last year so they are looking forward to returning to in-person. It is a great community builder and also a great fundraiser.

We are waiting for directives from the diocese concerning the Festival. Our hope is to do something as it is an important community builder as well as bringing in revenue that we typically count on every June.

Finances are tight but we are making it work. We continue to contain expenses and are being good stewards. It is the hope that people will begin returning to Church in the near future. The first Sunday of Lent saw our best church attendance since the pandemic took hold a year ago!

The Reredos wall is complete. The work has gone very well. It's beautiful. It will be a great Easter gift for the parish.

We will be utilizing the Disciple Maker Index Survey to gain valuable information from our parishioners to use in future planning and decision making for our parish. A number of leaders have already taken the survey and now the survey is being offered to all parishioners. Deacon Bob, Maureen Dowd, Fr. Fred and a committee of 10 key parish

members will review data here at St. Gabriel once it is shared with us. Please complete the survey online or pick up a hard copy at the parish office. Our goal is to hear from as many parishioners as possible.

Holy Week and Easter planning are underway. We have received directives from the Bishop with some minor changes due to the pandemic. It is our hope that we will be able to hold our services.

Ash Wednesday went well at all Masses. The day school did not come over to the church but were able to participate as the 10am Mass was live-streamed into their classrooms. Each week, two grades attend Mass in person on Wednesdays.

A couple of Council members offered Commission Liaison reports. Steve O'Hearn for Worship & Prayer reported on recent Mass attendance.

Tom Cahill for Outreach & Care reported on the Food Pantry. They are currently looking for a new operations manager and hope to have someone in place by September 1. The day to day operations manager is Allison Capella and the oversight board is headed by Paul Lewis (taking over for Chris Siemen). Nearly 2/3 of the volunteer staff has returned and 1/3 are new volunteers since the pandemic.

The pantry had some extra funds and used them to purchase toiletries for distribution (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.). They will be assembled according to each client's family needs and distributed along with their food. The government funded program, Farmer to Family, will take place in March and April, with the possibility of continuing after that. Twice a month, the pantry receives boxes of produce, dairy products, and meat for distribution. Clients will receive a box in addition to their regular food distribution.

A couple of final matters were briefly discussed. Some Council members terms are coming to a conclusion so a few new members will be discerned this spring. Jenny then distributed RCIA cards/sheets for Council members. Everyone is encouraged to pray for the 5 catechumens and 7 candidates as well as write letters/cards of welcome, support, encouragement, etc. All cards/letters need to be turned in to the parish office by March 21. They will be distributed at their retreat. Fr. Fred mentioned how beautiful the retreat is and how very touching it is when they read their letters. It means so much to them and makes them feel welcomed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm with a Hail Mary. We will meet next on March 23.

Lung Cancer Screening

While it is widely known that routine health screenings provide early detection, early treatment and better possible outcomes, some are more utilized than others. 90% of adults have blood pressure screened. 69% of those eligible have had a colonoscopy. 67% of women 40 and older have had a mammogram in the past 2 years. But, only between 2-16% of those eligible get screened annually for lung cancer. The US Preventative Services Task Force has expanded their prior recommendation on CT scan screenings for early detection of lung cancer to include those 50-80 years old and with shorter smoking histories. Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women. An estimated 235,760 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed in 2021. Not all insurances cover CT lung cancer screenings and cost can be prohibitive for those without insurance. Consult your insurance policy specifics and discuss with your physician if you are thinking about getting screened. *Here's to our health!*

Pam Lewis, Parish Nurse



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.

March, 2021

Angelica Albek

John Phelps

Cory Page

February, 2021

Maureen DeCaro

Carolyn Kaim

Barb Brickman

January, 2021

Sam

Michael Lipphardt

Lauren Landgraf

Marshall Family

Max Sumer

October, 2020

Evelyn Kiffmeyer

September, 2020

Tim Ryan

Bradley Hill

Bill Gallagher

August, 2020

Bill Skoch

July, 2020

Marie O'Connell

Stephanie Royko

Jordan Gale

John Burnhan

December, 2020

Larry Dean

June, 2020

Denny Brickman

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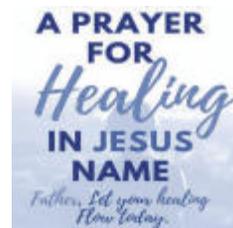
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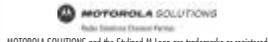
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