



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
**ST. GABRIEL**

BEING CHRIST • EVERY DAY • EVERYWHERE

September 5, 2021



*Mass Times for  
Labor Day*

*Mon., September 6, 2021*

*9am*

*Good and Gracious God,  
You created human beings in  
Your image and likeness  
And gave us dominion over  
creation  
to be stewards of the land  
and co-creators of Your  
Kingdom.*

*Jesus, You became one of us  
and labored as a carpenter.*

*You ask all people --  
whatever our state of life --  
to follow you faithfully.*

*Holy Spirit, bless all  
workers this Labor Day.  
May all our actions be  
animated by Your love,  
as we do all things for  
the glory of God.*

*Amen.*

## Pastoral Staff

Deacon Ronald Adkins.....	Deacon
Mrs. Allison Capella.....	Volunteer Coordinator
Deacon Daniel P. Clavin .....	Deacon
Mr. Kevin Donahue.....	Music Ministry Coordinator
Ms. Maureen Dowd.....	Pastoral Associate
Reverend Eric Garris.....	Parochial Vicar
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
Reverend Frederick F. Pausche .....	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Silvester.....	Learning Loft Preschool Director
Reverend David Stavarz.....	Parochial Vicar
Mr. Michael Ulrich .....	Supervisor of Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds



### Parish Phone Numbers

Parish Office .....(440) 352-8282  
 School Office .....(440) 352-6169  
 PSR Office .....(440) 354-7551  
 The Learning Loft .....(440) 354-7574  
 Parish Fax .....(440) 354-7558  
 Website .....www.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: 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,

**“Ephphatha”**—that is, **“Be opened!”** Jesus spoke those words to the deaf man with a speech impediment in today’s Gospel, but I am sure He was intending to help all of us with much more than just our physical hearing and speaking capabilities. Most of us who can hear and speak reasonably well, often with assistance, are grateful for those abilities, and can only imagine what it might be like to be deaf or mute. Often we marvel at deaf and mute people, or others with disabilities, about how they have overcome their particular handicap and strengthened other ways of hearing and communicating—or whatever their disability moves them to do. One of the most inspiring things to experience is the “Paralympics” or “Special Sports”, or ways that peoples with disabilities excel and develop ways to best use their God-given gifts. Perhaps the answer is not so much found in the particular organ or physical abilities that we have or don’t have, but in what it means to truly “Be opened”. This Gospel account is a call for all of us to **be open** to God’s grace, to God’s healing and mercy, and to God’s unique plan for us. When we realize that we are weak—and all of us are in one way or another—then we can understand and rely on God to be our strength and trust in His way. In our first reading, the Prophet Isaiah is basically reminding us to never lose hope. God is so good. Isaiah says, “Here is your God, He comes with vindication; with divine recompense, He comes to save you”. In other words, God always has your back. God will never abandon you. God can help you to transform your greatest challenge into your most amazing triumph. Trust Him. Be opened!

Monday, of course, is **Labor Day**. I think we might have to face the fact that Summer is over and it’s time to get it in gear with our own “labors”. Ask our students. They have been at it now for two weeks. And for many, there really has not been time for much of a break. It seems at times that labors are endless. Perhaps this is a day not only to have an extra holiday and relax and have some family fun, but to be aware and thankful to all who work so hard for our benefit. Try not to forget those who we sometimes just take for granted, but without whom life would be a lot more difficult. Pray also for the unemployed, and for those business owners who are struggling to find employees. And, ask God to bless your “labors”. All work is noble and important. Through our labors, big and small, God can and does do great things. Your labors really make a difference. I urge you to come to the **9 am Mass** on Monday.

We have printed Bishop Malesic’s message on keeping people safe during the pandemic. Unless you stopped paying attention, or you are truly blind or unwilling to see, the situation with the new variant of Covid is not very good. Let’s not do or, not do, anything that can add to that. Our Bishop is taking a very pastoral approach, which means it is more than just directives, etc., but rather, out of deep concern for the safety and welfare of all who come to worship and grow in faith. He is asking, “strongly encouraging” everyone who comes to Church—whether vaccinated or not vaccinated—to please wear a facemask while attending Mass indoors. There is more to the letter, which is printed in its entirety in this bulletin and on our website. I would ask you to please read

this letter in the spirit in which it was written, out of love, charity and concern for one another. Bishop Malesic is also strongly urging everyone possible to get vaccinated, and shares Pope Francis’ same encouragement. I know the pope and our bishop have received the vaccine, as have I, and I strongly encourage you to please consider doing the same if you have not. Please don’t let this become a political issue that can even further divide people. Of course, we continue to practice good health habits. Monitor your own symptoms and stay at home if you have any signs of not being well. We continue to sanitize after all our liturgies and try to keep everything in our facilities as clean as possible. Wash and sanitize your hands often. Keep safe distance, especially for prolonged times together. We again respectfully request people to receive Communion on their hands. Most of these things are temporary, and all of them are for the good and wellbeing of others. It is not just about you. We are a community. So, “be opened”.

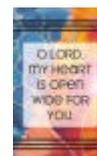
I never thought I would consider a **Family Game Night** as ministry, but it truly is. Ministry is about people coming together to connect, grow, and have fun. Our Family Game Night **this Saturday evening at 6:30** fits that description perfectly, as long as you are there to connect, grow and have fun. All are welcome, but we are especially hoping to see young families and precious children. There will be plenty of food, games and fun. Use “Sign up Genius” to let us know you are coming. Reach out to us at [familyconnect@st-gabriel.org](mailto:familyconnect@st-gabriel.org).

Our **PSR Faith Formation programs** are all just about ready to begin in the next couple weeks. Our Catechetical Leaders have been hard at work planning to make this a very exciting year of connecting, growing and having fun together. The only missing piece may be YOU. We are still looking for a few catechists and assistants for Grades 6, 7 & 8 on Wednesday evenings, and volunteers for our Friends of Jesus Adaptive PSR for children with special needs that meets on Saturday mornings at 10 am. Call Rachel Troha, our wonderful REO Administrative Secretary, at 440-354-7551 or [rtroha@st-gabriel.org](mailto:rtroha@st-gabriel.org) for more information. God may be calling you, so “be opened”.

Enjoy your Labor Day, and may God bless your labors. Say a special prayer for our maintenance team who work so hard to keep our facilities and grounds safe, healthy, and a real source of pride. We are looking for reliable workers to help with the cleaning of our school for two or three hours a day, Monday thru Friday. A little more income for you may help you do some extra things or even fill some gaps. For us, it would help immensely. Talk with our Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Mike Ulrich 440-354-7560 or [mulrich@st-gabriel.org](mailto:mulrich@st-gabriel.org), to find out how this could be a win-win situation and what the options are. We really need help.

Enjoy your week. Autumn is coming. Time marches on. God is so good. Never lose hope. We can do all things with God’s grace and united as God’s family. Be at peace. Thanks again for all you do, especially for our parish.

In God’s love,



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021



### MONDAY - September 6—Weekday—Labor Day

9:00AM Michael Vargo—Carol Vargo  
Parish Office Closed

### TUESDAY - September 7—Weekday

7:00AM Marcy Bohn—Richard  
7:00PM Richard P. Keller—Family

### WEDNESDAY - September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM Jeannie Isabella—Family  
10:00AM Lois & Bob Warner—Wood Family

### THURSDAY - September 9—St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:00AM Margaret Connelly—Trish Dubiel  
7:00PM Larry Martis—Laura & Mary

### FRIDAY - September 10—Weekday

7:00AM For the Intention of Lincoln Wood—T. Link  
Family  
11:00AM George Capretta—Family

### SATURDAY - September 11—Weekday

8:30AM Jeannie Isabella—Vince  
5:00PM Martha Yankus—Gary & Susan Maddle

### SUNDAY - September 12—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM John, Sr. & Jim Fliter—Marlene Fliter  
9:30AM Wilma Hanna—Bill & Anita Snyder  
11:30AM Mary Kay Monacelli—Queisser Family  
5:00PM For the Health & Well Being of our Parish Family

St. Gabriel Community welcomes  
**Ariana Grace Treska**  
**Jace Carter Wilburn**  
into our parish Community.



II. Kris Segedi & Jennifer Capetillo



**BRING YOUR GRANDPARENTS/  
GRANDCHILDREN TO CHURCH WEEKEND**

### GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND – September 11/12

Grandparents Day is September 12, so we are inviting all grandchildren to bring your grandparents to Mass that weekend (or grandparents bring your grandchildren to Mass). A special blessing will be given to grandparents as their grandchildren extend their hands over them. In preparation, we are inviting grandchildren/grandparents to bring a picture or e-mail us a picture with your grandparents/grandchildren, that we will put on flowers in the Gathering Area on the weekend of September 11/12. You can also e-mail your picture to [phaumesser@st-gabriel.org](mailto:phaumesser@st-gabriel.org). *Grandparents are the roots and flowers of our family tree and often the roots of our faith and we want to honor them for their example and love in our lives!*

*In Spirit, We remember...*



Please remember Lois Flaccus and her family in your prayers.



**We are getting ready to start our weekly inquiry sessions!!!**

The RCIA Process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) enables those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith to come and “find out what it is all about.” Most often, people join us because they are invited. The work of conversion belongs to all of us. Be the voice of Christ and offer the first invitation. The RCIA Process is for unbaptized, those baptized in another faith tradition, as well as adults who have been baptized Catholic and have not celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Weekly sessions begin on September 8, so if you are reading this and **you know someone who needs a gentle nudge to inquire, encourage them to call !!!**

Please call Maureen Dowd at 352-8282 or [mdowd@st-gabriel.org](mailto:mdowd@st-gabriel.org) for more information and to set up an appointment to talk about the process. **Don't delay!**

## **A message from Bishop Malesic on keeping people safe during the pandemic**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The latest information from federal, state and local public health agencies informs us that the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in our area, causing increased illness and hospitalizations at levels not seen since the spring. For the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, I strongly encourage you -- whether vaccinated or not vaccinated -- to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. All who want to attend Mass, and who are otherwise vulnerable, should feel safe and welcome inside our sacred spaces. Please use charity and patience with those who do not wish to comply with this strongly stated request. You also might want to consider wearing a face mask for other indoor gatherings, especially for those not yet fully vaccinated. Wearing masks outdoors is not generally required except for activities involving close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Pope Francis recently offered a message of hope and unity to the world in an effort to continue increasing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines, specifically in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. "Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19," the pope said. "Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love. I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always grand."

I am fully vaccinated and recommend the same for my family and friends. In consideration of others, I also am wearing a mask during the distribution of holy Communion and I strongly encourage those distributing holy Communion at Mass to wear a mask while distributing as well.

Remember that the situation seems to be ever changing. This request to wear face masks is temporary and will be changed once this current level of increased coronavirus cases is over. Stay connected to information coming from national, state and local health authorities, and stay home and get tested for COVID when you are not feeling well. Following these recommendations will go a long way in helping to keep you and others around you safe.

We are all tired of this pandemic, but we must not forget that we are called to care for the health of others in times of crisis and must continue to protect our healthcare system and medical workers.

May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.

Bishop Edward C. Malesic





### INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY 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 **September 10, we will pray for victims of 9/11 and for our grandparents.** Please take advantage of this prayerful, peaceful time.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – BIBLE STUDY ON “THE CHOSEN”

Deacon Bob and Maureen Dowd will lead a bible study based on Season One of, “The Chosen” on Mondays 7-9pm, beginning on September 20. “The Chosen” is an exploration of the life of Jesus Christ through the perspective of those that interacted with him. Each week we will view the video episode, followed by discussion delving into the scriptural background. Please use Sign-up Genius on our website to register.



### LITURGY CORNER

Our readings this weekend deal with being able to hear and to speak. Imagine yourself living in the first century. There were no computers, no internet, no newspapers or television with closed captions. Sign language hadn’t been invented yet. If you couldn’t hear or speak you were essentially an outcast. People communicated verbally so if you couldn’t hear them and respond to them verbally you wouldn’t be able to communicate at all. The friends of the deaf man portrayed in Mark’s Gospel passage that we hear this weekend, cared so much for him that they brought him to Jesus so that he could hear and speak and be a part of the world. Jesus heals him. Note that Jesus takes him away from the crowd so that the healing can be private, and the first words that the man will hear are the words of Jesus. In today’s world, we hear and read so much material on a daily basis that a person from the first century would truly be amazed. We can communicate on a level far above what they experienced. But yet, what are we communicating? Are we hearing the Word of God and are we able to speak and proclaim it? As we go about our day, deluged with information from so many competing sources, let’s remember the one source that’s truly important – God’s Word. The Gospel transcends anything else we may read or hear. It’s the truth. We all need to be able to proclaim it.

**COMMUNITY DAY**  
of  
**SERVICE**

EST.  2012

 **THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. GABRIEL**  
BEING CHRIST - EVERY DAY - EVERYWHERE

9am-3pm SERVE • 5pm CELEBRATE MASS •  
6pm GATHER FOR MEAL  
Supplies, T-Shirts, and Meal provided

**DAY OF SERVICE**  
Saturday, November 6

**Register Online beginning 9/1**  
*Join us to span the tri-county area as the hands and heart of God!*



### Coffee Fellowship

The Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve is looking for "Caring Christian Women"  
The Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve is looking for "Caring Christian Women" to attend an Informational Coffee on Friday, September 10th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church Community Room. If you are a woman of faith and want an opportunity to broaden your friendships while serving the needs of the children of Lake County you will want to attend (registration is required). Tell your friends and come together. To receive an invitation and answer any questions, please call Jackie Kozich, Membership Chairperson @ 1-440-487-8078. We would love to see you there!

**FOOD  
GAMES  
& FUN**

**FAMILY  
GAME NIGHT**

**SEPT 10TH**

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH  
6:30 PM



**DONT COOK DINNER**

JOIN US FOR AN  
EVENING OF  
FOOD, GAMES,  
MUSIC AND MORE

**\$5 EACH/ \$20 FAMILY**

**JOIN THE FUN**

RSVP: SIGN UP GENIUS LINK HERE

QUESTIONS/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:  
PLEASE REACH OUT AT  
FAMILYCONNECT@ST-GABRIEL.ORG



**Help Needed**

**2-3 hours a day - after school cleaning staff**

**Various positions available**

The St. Gabriel Parish is looking for cleaning personnel to perform basic cleaning at the school Monday through Friday for 2-3 hours a day. Various positions available. A crucial component to this job is your reliability.

TO APPLY: Print off and complete the Employment Application found at [www.st-gabriel.org](http://www.st-gabriel.org) and drop off at the Parish Office. You can also pick up a copy at the office. If questions, please contact Michael Ulrich, St. Gabriel Parish Maintenance Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at:

440-354-7560 or [mulrich@st-gabriel.org](mailto:mulrich@st-gabriel.org).



**INFANT & TODDLER  
PLAY GROUP**

**DATE | TIME**

THURSDAYS, 10AM – BEGINNING THE WEEK OF 8/23/2021

Come connect, explore, and play with us!

- 8/26 – Penitentiary Glen: Nature Play Park
- 9/2 – Greenway Corridor paved trail (Rt. 84 & Liberty)
- 9/9 – Helen Hazen Wyman Park playground and splash in Big Creek
- 9/16 – Concord Hills Park playground and paved trail
- 9/23 – Veteran’s Park playground and paved trail
- 9/30 – Skok Meadow Park compacted gravel trail
- 10/7 – Mentor Civic Center Park all-inclusive playground and paved trail
- 10/14 – Marine Park playground and paved trail
- 10/21 – Garfield Park playground

Please contact Sarah for more information and to be notified of any changes due to weather conditions! [familyconnect@st-gabriel.org](mailto:familyconnect@st-gabriel.org)



GET READY FOR YOUR...

**SCOUTING  
ADVENTURE**

ATTEND OUR JOIN NIGHT

Whether it's building rockets, racing cars, participating in outdoor adventures, or learning any number of skills. **CUB SCOUTS ALWAYS HAVE FUN!**

**YOU'LL ENJOY A LOT OF ACTIVITIES**

- Campouts and campfires
- Water rockets and race cars
- Adventure day camps
- Professional sporting events
- Educational enrichment and character development
- And many other exciting activities throughout the year

**COME LEARN ABOUT  
CUB SCOUT PACK 383!**

What: Pack 383 Open House – Fun Games, Activities, and Information!

When: September 8th, 2021, 6:30- 8:00PM

Where: St. Bede The Venerable Church  
Father Tulley Center  
9114 Lake Shore Blvd, Mentor, OH

More information about our Pack is available at [www.cubscouts.com](http://www.cubscouts.com), or e-mail us at [Pack383@scoutmaster.com](mailto:Pack383@scoutmaster.com).

**SEE YOU AT OUR JOIN NIGHT!**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
LAKE ERIE COUNCIL

RSVP for playgroup at st-gabriel.org! Join us!

## Music Notes



The deaf hear and the mute speak. Is this weekend's Gospel only about Jesus healing the man who was deaf and mute? What does it mean for us today? While Jesus' miraculous healing of the man in the Gospel is a continuing example of how Jesus revealed Himself in healing ways, it can speak to us. The Lord is always ready to respond to our needs, if we invite Him. The people brought the deaf man to Jesus because they believed He could restore his hearing and speech. Whatever we need today, Jesus is ready to enter into our lives if we ask Him. "Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face..."

August 29, 2021

SUNDAY

### YOUR GIFT TO THE PARISH

	Last Sunday	Year To Date
Electronic Giving	6,026	105,627
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<u>23,839</u>	<u>269,882</u>
Operating Budget	34,231	308,079
Collection Over/(Under) Budgets	(10,392)	(38,197)
	Number	Amount
Children's Envelopes	1	1.00

### COLLECTION FOR PEOPLE OF HAITI

Our Second Collection for the people of Haiti is this weekend, Sept. 4/5. Please mark, "Haiti" in the memo line on your check.

## Readings Week of the

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



ALPHA SESSIONS  
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7TH  
OFFERING BOTH MORNING &  
EVENING SESSIONS!

**NEW FALL  
SESSION STARTS  
SEPT 7TH**

REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.st-gabriel.org](http://www.st-gabriel.org)  
**Hospitality help is needed**—see Alpha webpage for ways to help



See Sign Up Genius at [www.st-gabriel.org](http://www.st-gabriel.org) for days and Locations!!!

## From the Parish Council



**Council Meetings:** Our Pastoral Council began a new year on 24 August. Council meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Office conference room. There is no meeting in June, July, and December.

**Welcoming New Members:** After an opening prayer by Tom Cahill, new members, Mary Durra, Tom Mooney, and Chris Palsa, were welcomed to the Council. They will initially serve a two-year term. Induction of all Council members will take place at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, 26 September.

**Guest Speakers:** The Council has made it a practice of having monthly ministry speakers at its meetings. Here is a list of those ministries to be invited: Bereavement; Healing; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Finance Council/Business Manager; Respect Life Committee; Music; Mission Circle.

**Pastor's Report:** We're off and running after the summer break. Things are going well. Father Eric is a new addition to our pastoral team. It's hard to believe that two months have already passed. Jenny Lee is doing a great job with our Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

School started on 23 August. There are 10 new faculty members. They are really good people with an amazing spirit and joy.

All areas of our faith formation endeavors are going well. The Confirmation team is off and running. Our fall Alpha is starting up again. More on Alpha will be recapped later by Rio DeGennaro. Women's Night Out has started up again.

The parish is still dealing with some unknowns with regard to COVID. We're taking our direction from the County Health Department, the State, and the Diocese. It seems like it's a day to day proposition. More parishioners have been vaccinated which is a good thing. We continue to sanitize in the church after all Masses and events and have hand sanitizer stations positioned in key locations.

We're moving along with the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey results. The data analysis is in the hands of 11 key parish leaders. The data will help us to form a clearer vision of where we will go as a parish community and it will bear fruit. DMI replaces the Pastoral Planning Process we were considering earlier. The timetable for the release of the findings is a rough guess right now and not set in stone. We're also contemplating holding listening sessions with our young adults and other groups as appropriate.

As mentioned in a June 2021 bulletin write up from the Pastoral Council, the parish will be embarking on the Heart of the Shepherd campaign in late fall. This Diocesan-wide campaign, already completed at many parishes, has a \$30 million fund-raising goal and is structured to address the significant renovation needs of Borromeo and St Mary Seminaries in Wickliffe, funding the retirement needs of our Diocesan priests and helping defray the large education loans carried by our seminarians. There are several donation options at the parish level that have yet to be decided. A portion of our donation/pledges will come back to the parish. Father Eric was involved in this campaign at St. Raphael and will provide us with his expertise. More information on this campaign will surface in the coming weeks.

**Leader's Meetings:** Twice a year, the parish holds a Leader's Meeting for all ministry leaders. Council members attend the meetings and help in facilitating it. Three council members will work with three staff members to plan the meetings. This fall's Leader's Meeting will be held on Monday, 25 October. Margaret Lanese, Chris Palsa and Rio DeGennaro will assist parish staff in planning and executing this meeting.

**Greeter Weekends:** Council members greet before and after all Masses the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month. As greeters, council members serve as the "eyes and ears" of the parish. Any feedback received is shared at the monthly meeting that follows.

**Greeter Weekend Feedback:** Note that this feedback is from the months of June, July and August.

- \* Eucharistic Ministers will be reminded to sanitize their hands after receiving their own Communion.
- \* It was suggested to have TV's or screens that would project song words, readings and prayers near the front of the church. This was not considered feasible due to the cost and logistics.
- \* It was suggested that the offertory baskets used when there is a special/second collection be designated differently from the main collection baskets, especially when there is loose money involved. It was discussed and suggested that having a colored ribbon affixed to the second collection basket or even having a completely different colored basket might be possible solutions. This suggestion will be considered for implementation on second collection weeks.
- \* It was suggested that the Divine Mercy picture be displayed all the time in the church. Although such suggestions are appreciated, it was decided that we will not add to our current displays.
- \* On two occasions it was mentioned that the noise and conversation level in the back of the church (not the Gathering Area) was bothersome to those wanting to pray before Mass. It was suggested that a reminder to engage in such conversation elsewhere will be addressed in a pulpit and/or a pre-Mass announcement.
- \* It was suggested that there could be intentions at Mass to address abortion. St. Gabriel consistently prays for all life issues from conception to natural death during the intentions.
- \* It was suggested that St. Gabriel mention the name of the person for whom the Mass is being said. This is always done during the general intercessions at every Mass. During weekend Masses, when a list of names is announced, the last name mentioned is for whom the Mass is being offered. The name may also be mentioned during the liturgy of the Eucharist.
- \* There was an inquiry as to whether there is a dress code for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the weekend Masses. There is no formal dress code. Mass ministers are to use common sense in the appropriateness of their attire.
- \* Is there a designated cry room for fussy infants or toddlers? The answer is no, but all babies, fussy or otherwise, are welcome at all Masses. Some parents have used the chapel, but that might be problematic when Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the homily starts up soon. There would be no problem after CLOW vacates the chapel. Other parents have also used the Gathering Area as the place to calm down their child.
- \* It was asked if a blessing could be bestowed on the gift bearers just after they hand off the gifts to the priest and/or the deacon. Frankly, this function is about the gifts to be consecrated rather than the gift bearers. All those in attendance are blessed at the end of the Mass.
- \* There was an inquiry about the Elizabeth Ministry that used to be at St Gabriel. This ministry focuses on issues related to relationships, sexuality and childbearing by offering hope, help and healing. Discussions about restarting this ministry have been occurring while the pastoral staff is currently determining which parish commission it will fall under.

**Liaison to Commission:** Council member(s) are assigned to a commission in a liaison role. They act as ambassadors to the Worship & Prayer, Faith Formation, Servant Leadership & Administration, Community Life, and Outreach & Care Commissions, offering support and sharing information. This is done by attending their meetings and/or meeting with the commission head.

### Commission Updates

**Worship and Prayer:** Margaret Lanese reported that Mass attendance has been progressively increasing since June. Parishioners and staff were asked to be mindful of potential copyright infringements in the items they copy, communicate and share with others. Margaret reviewed several upcoming liturgical events with the expectation that they will foster more parishioner and guest involvement.

**Faith Formation:** No report was given. However, Chris Palsa volunteered to serve as the Council's liaison.

**Servant Leadership & Administration:** No report was given. This commission centers on the bi-annual Leader's Meeting preparation and execution. Father Fred suggested that a liaison is no longer necessary since the Council is integrally involved with the pastoral staff with the handling of this event.

**Community Life:** Al Rubino recapped the successes of the one day Festival in June, the Sprint race in August and the various summer Holy Hiking excursions.

**Outreach and Care:** Tom Cahill reported that the Food Pantry returned to in-person/choice shopping in mid-July and also received a new refrigerator via a grant. The Community Day of Service is a go for 6 November. So far 22 sites have been selected with the possibility of more. Volunteer commitments are forthcoming.

**Alpha:** Rio DeGennaro reports that Alpha is going very well. People are on fire with their faith and seeking a closer personal relationship with Jesus. Past Alpha attendees are becoming involved in other ministries at church. There were 37 actual attendees and 11 virtual ones in the just concluded summer session. Over 500 people have gone through Alpha in the last 2.5 years. The fall Alpha begins on 7 September with morning and evening sessions. St. Gabriel has been helping other churches like Divine Word in Kirtland to launch their own Alpha program. The Alpha program needs more volunteers to sustain this wonderful program. The meeting adjourned about 9:25 pm after a closing prayer by Father Eric.



Substance Use Disorders are an on-going issue in our society and that problem has become even worse during the pandemic. The United States experienced 93,331 deaths from drug overdoses in 2020, a 29.4% increase from 2019. Substance use disorder occurs when repeated use of drugs and/or alcohol causes longer lasting symptoms of distorted thinking, changes in personality, abnormal movements, and other behaviors. This can impact judgment, decision making, learning, memory, and behavioral control. The Lake County ADAMHS Board's Sandra Tenkku will be offering a presentation 1-3pm Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Morley Library, 184 Phelps St., Painesville, explaining what we need to know about substance abuse and substance-use disorders (addiction) in adolescents and adults. The presentation will cover warning signs, symptoms, and how to access available recovery and family support resources. This is a FREE presentation open to all in the public and requires no registration. Questions can be directed to Louise Kloss at 440.352.3383. *Here's to our health! Pam Lewis, Parish Nurse*



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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.

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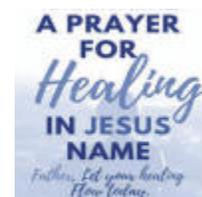
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