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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30 am-2:30 pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday:

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation in Dundee

4:00 p.m. Mass in Dundee

6:00 p.m. Mass in Ida

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Mass in Ida

10:30 a.m. Mass in Dundee

Holyday/Weekday:

Please see "Worship This Week"
inside this bulletin.

Reconciliation in Ida following the
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Mass

STAFF

Rev. Gerard Cupple, Pastor

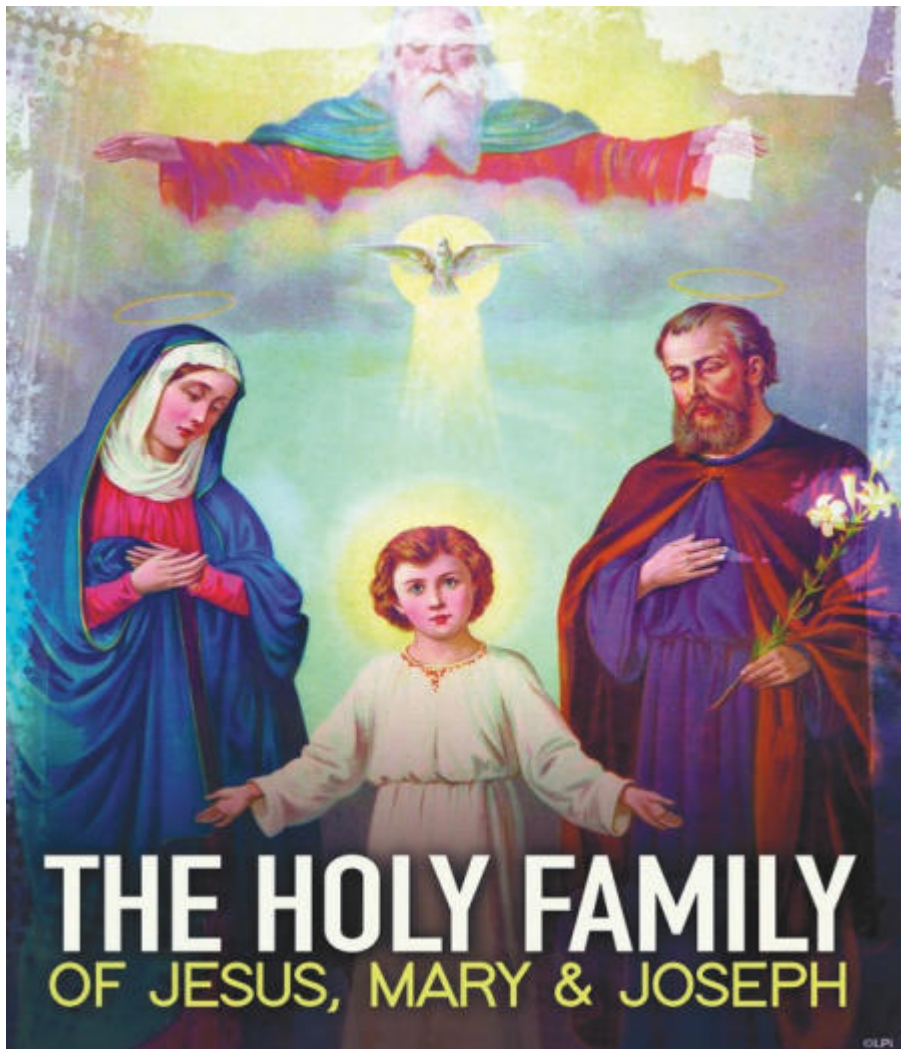
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Our Mission Statement:

"In living the commitment of our Baptism, the family of St. Gabriel Catholic Parish strives to proclaim the Gospel, share our faith in Christ, and by our love and service enrich every life we touch."



THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Worship This Week

Monday, Dec. 27

No Mass

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 28

7:00 p.m. Mass, Ida

+Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Dec. 29

9:00 a.m. Mass, Dundee

Vocations to the Priesthood,
Permanent Deacons, & Religious
Life

Thursday, Dec. 30

No Mass

Friday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

No 9:00 am Mass, Dundee

4:00 p.m. Mass, Ida

Parishioners of St. Gabriel

Parish Offices Closed

**Saturday, Jan. 1 Octave Day of
the Nativity of the Lord**

**Solemnity of Mary (New Year's
Day)**

10:00 a.m. Mass, Dundee

Parishioners of St. Gabriel

No 4:00 p.m. Mass, Dundee

No 6:00 p.m. Mass, Ida

**Sunday, Jan. 2 Epiphany of the
Lord**

8:30 a.m. Mass, Ida

+Mary Nadeau req. by Aunt Pat
& Family

10:30 a.m. Mass, Dundee

Parishioners of St. Gabriel

Our Weekly Giving

December 12, 2021

Envelopes	\$3,282.00
Loose.....	\$ 557.00
Total	\$ 3,839.00
Christmas	\$ 250.00
Christmas Flowers...\$	95.00
Holy Day 12/8.....\$	1,029.00
Rel. Retirement.....\$	616.00

Thank you for your Support

Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

Envelopes Used	76
Envelope Amt.....\$	3,282.00
Loose Amt.	\$ 557.00
Weekly Budget.....\$	4,423.00
Collections YTD	\$114,128.87
Budget YTD	\$106,152.00
Surplus/Deficit.....\$	7,976.87

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2021

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed. ©LPi

Private Prayer

Our churches **will not** be open for private prayer this coming week, December 27th through December 31st.



Thank you for your continued support.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Live the Liturgy

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 26, 2021

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

Pray For Our Sick

John Balcerzak, Mary Ball, Lillian Binder, Dolores Bodine, Peter Bonfiglio, Darlene Bowles, Steve Brannan, Mary Brown, Beatrice Burgard, Kaleb Campbell, Dave Capaul, Blake Lillian Clancy, Deacon Cousino, Gerald DeBuck, Catherine Dusseau, Elaine Esper, Jeff Fitch, Bill Geyman, Brian Geyman, Drita Gjokaj, Dale Hoffman, Ron Iott, Daniel Jambor, Gayle Jewell, Bob Kalb, Patty Keese, Juliette Kessler, Leona Kolakowski, Michelle Kropaczewski, Joe Labert, Natalie Lewis, Janice Loar, Norma Longnecker, George Manders, Hudson Mata, Brynlee McDonald, Suzanne McKee, Ruth Meiring, Jennifer Meisner, Suzie Mignogna, Myrna Montri, James Moore, Art & Josephine Moreno, Karl Nagley, Olivia Nitz, Alicia Opfermann, Chase Reaume, Kody Reisig, Parker Reau, Sarah, David Schwartz, Leona Schwalm, Brandon Stowell, Charles Sedlar, Jean Siemik, Thelma Smith, Kevin Sproles, Alyssa Stadler, Kevin Tatar, Mary Ann VanDyke, Gary Wilmoth, Karson Worden and the Zagava Family

Military Honor Roll

Josiah Burke, Thomas Burke, Rodney Cobb, Austin Gorzkiewicz, Andrew Larrison, Paul Lefere, Tim Okkerse, Kenneth Parks, Thomas Piotrowski, Chris Rigginn, Mike Seery, Jason Spotts, Austin Strain, Brad Stiner, David Way, and Joseph Way.



Thank You


St. Gabriel Parish & The Christian Women's Group, we thank you for your generous gift of money. It sure helped with all we needed for our family. We will never forget how you've helped us.

*God Bless,
The Mominee Family*




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The Christian Women's Group will be sponsoring a Bingo Party for the residents at the Marian Place. Everyone is asked to use the designated bins located at each campus to leave your donations. Donation suggestions are: Healthy snacks, envelopes w/4 quarters & personal care items. Thank you.



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