

St. Gabriel

the Archangel



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Please remember St. Gabriel Parish in your will or through a trust. God bless you.

January 8, 2012

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727-9913

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725-4161

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Masses

Saturday Evenings
4:30 p.m.

Sundays
8:30 & 10 a.m.

Weekdays daily
7 a.m.

Prayer Chain
Kathleen Zietlow 725-7455



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Coffee and rolls will be served in Stingle Hall after Mass.
10:00 a.m.- Liturgy of the Word for Children
No IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30 p.m. - Rosary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Meeting for Visitation Ministers
1:00 p.m. - Project Comfort
7:00 p.m. - Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 a.m. - Social Concerns Meeting
1:15 p.m. - Grief Gathering
6:30 p.m. - R.C.I.A.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 a.m.- Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Confessions 3:30 to 4:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Coffee and rolls will be served in Stingle Hall after Mass.
10:00 a.m.- Liturgy of the Word for Children
5:00 p.m. - IMAJN Mass at Margaret Mary.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The last part of the Liturgy of the Word is called the Universal Prayer in the new Roman Missal. Most of us will be more familiar with it under the name by which it has been called since it was included in the liturgy after the Second Vatican Council; i.e. the Prayer of the Faithful or, sometimes, simply the Petitions. As the new name implies, emphasis is being placed on the broad scope that the petitions are to have. This means that care should be taken to be inclusive of all who may have a particular need. In other words, it is fine to pray for a specific member of the parish who is suffering from cancer, but it is important to include all people who may be suffering from the same disease. In addition to this approach being the vision of the Roman Missal, it also makes good sense pastorally. In a parish, there are undoubtedly many people suffering from cancer, so, while there may be a great amount of attention given to a well known member of the community who is sick, there may be some members of the parish who could feel hurt that their loved one (or they themselves) are not included in the prayer. Thus, the ideal way of expressing the petition would be, "For John Jones in his struggle with cancer, and for all who are affected by this disease, that the Lord may give them healing and strength in their need, we pray."

Another implication of the new title is that care should be taken to cover the four different categories of intentions in the prayer. The first category is for the needs of the Church; the second for public authorities and the salvation of the

whole world. The third is for those burdened by any kind of difficulty. The fourth is for the local community. The priest is to call for the prayer in his introductory words, but a minister other than the priest offers the petitions. The community as a whole makes a response to the intercessions. Then the priest concludes with an oration, a summary prayer lifting all of the petitions to the Lord.

A question may arise regarding where the old title, the Prayer of the Faithful, came from. This actually refers to the distinction that used to be made through the old names for the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, namely, the Mass of the Catechumens and the Mass of the Faithful. The catechumens are those under instruction and who have not yet celebrated the initiation sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). The faithful are those who have already been baptized and celebrated the Eucharist. The catechumens in the early Church were dismissed before the Creed was professed because they had not yet received it as their own. This marked the end of the Mass of the Catechumens and the beginning of the Mass of the Faithful. Thus, the catechumens were already absent from the Mass when the petitions were offered. Therefore, the name "Prayer of the Faithful" was given to them.

A final word needs to be said about the practice of "spontaneous" petitions offered by individual members of the assembly (mostly at weekday Masses). Often these are for very specific individuals and catechesis therefore needs to be strengthened on the universal nature of the petitions as described above. There is also a common practice or trend that has developed for members of the assembly to voice prayers for "a special intention." Besides the fact that a series of these can become rather tedious, there is also a contradiction of sorts that appears when this is done. All of the petitions are "special" and not one more than others. In a former parish, one individual I knew took it one step further by praying for "a VERY special intention" with emphasis as indicated on the word "very." It made it sound like the person was saying, "My intention is more special than yours." By keeping the prayers universal in scope (for all with a specifically mentioned need), any embarrassment the speaker might feel about voicing regarding the exact nature of the petition can be taken away. I know this is an uphill battle, because the practice has appeared in every parish I have served, but it is something to work towards.

Fr. Larry

We are collecting empty prescription bottles to send to Jamaica. Please drop them off in the parish office. Thank you.

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism class will be held on Monday, January 16, 6:30 pm. Families who are planning a Baptism in the near future should call or stop by the Parish Office to register for classes. All parents need to attend a preparation session before the celebration. We encourage you to attend even before your child has arrived. If you have any questions about Baptism, please call Pam Mullins at the Parish Office 722-4914. (Next class February 13 at 6:30 pm)

CFC NEWS

Confirmation class after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday

L.I.F.E.-Gr. 9 meets from 4:00-5:45 p.m. on Sunday

L.I.F.E.-Gr. 10 meets from 6:00-7:45 p.m. on Sunday

Regular classes for grades 1-6 this week

First Communion Parent meetings at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and 8:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Chapel

R.O.C.-Gr. 8 meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Future Dates:

- Jan. 16/18 Regular classes for grades 1-6
- Jan. 16/18 R.O.C.-Gr. 7 meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
- Jan. 23/25 Regular classes for grades 1, 2 and 4-6
- Jan. 23/25 Gr. 3 students and parent or adult meet in Church for Church Search. **ALL children must be accompanied by an adult**
- Jan. 25 R.O.C.-Gr. 8 meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

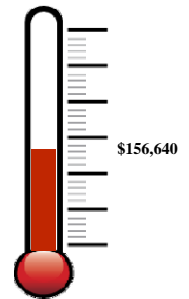
MON., JAN.	9	7:00 A.M.	Communion Service
TUES., JAN.	10	7:00 A.M.	Ruth Wickham
WED., JAN.	11	7:00 A.M.	James Ciske
THU., JAN.	12	7:00 A.M.	Communion Service
		8:15 A.M.	Wayne Sorenson
FRI., JAN.	13	7:00 A.M.	Alvar Johansson
SAT., JAN.	14	4:30 P.M.	Lloyd E. Swaim
SUN., JAN.	15	8:30 A.M.	Lester & Catherine Brennan
		10:00 A.M.	Parish



\$348,000

Adult Envelopes
January 1, 2012

Envelope Giving (151).....	\$ 19,117
Loose Offertory.....	1,590
Total Sharing.....	20,707



Last week's Debt Reduction \$670

YTD Income	\$523,142
YTD Expenses	\$499,403

Grief Gathering - 6 weeks, Starting January 11th

Join us for a six week Bible series focused on scripture passages related to the loss of a spouse on Wednesday's from 1:15- 2:45 pm, beginning January 11 in the Parish Library. Whether your loss has been recent or you have been living as a single person for a number of years, you are welcome! Bring a friend too! This can be a healing time to get to know others who have lost a spouse. Please call the office to register or just come; any questions - contact Pam Mullins at 722-4914. We can help each other on the journey when we share our experiences.

CALLING ALL VISITATION MINISTERS (Current and those interested):

Whether you visit hospitals, homes, and nursing homes or in other ways with our parishioners, we want to invite you to a gathering for all our Visitation Ministers.

January 10, 2012

At either 11:30 am or 6:30 pm

Meeting Rooms A & B

Light snack included!

You are invited to a gathering for all of St. Gabriel's Visitation Ministers. Each of you does so much to reach out to those in the name of Jesus, that we have planned a gathering for you.

Our focus will be on "Praying Back the Story"

After the main session, we will have Eucharistic Ministry training for the homebound. If you have not had this training or would like a refresher, we invite you to attend.

Questions?? Contact Diane at 725-4149 or Pam at 722-4914

If you are interested in the Visitation ministries, you are also welcome to join us!

Preparing for First Holy Communion

Are you a parent of a child in Grade 2, or do you have an older child who has not yet received First Communion? We are honored in the Christian Formation Center (CFC) to share in this big step in your child's faith. Formal preparation for this special Sacrament begins with a Parent Meeting in the Chapel.

Monday, January 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, at 8:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Attendance at one of these meetings is required for all First Communion parents, both CFC and St. Gabriel School. Any questions can be directed to Steve Pable, CFC Director, at spable@tcces.k12.wi.us or 725-0660.



Mark Your Calendar

Please join The Most Reverend David L. Ricken at the **Diocesan Respect Life Mass** at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Appleton.

Fox Valley Annual Pro-Life Rally will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2012 from 1-3:30 pm at St. Joseph Middle School, Appleton. Guest speaker Ryan Scott Bomberger, Co-founder & CCO of the Radiance Foundation will share how his life defies the myth of the "unwanted" child as he was adopted, loved and flourished. To find out more about his life-affirming work at www.theradiancefoundation.org

Respect Life Committee

Mass Servers

4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 14

B. & C. Kalas

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 15

K. & J. Koshollek

10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 15

M. & G. Kegley

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 14

G. & J. Heath, R. Hilliker, P. Makovec, M. Broeren
D. Stunger, M. Fishel, J. Olson, B Yost

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 15

B. & D. Koller, J. Terrell, P. Sprangers, J. Meulemans
B. DeGrace, S. Lange, D. Rothe, A. Shelley

10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 15

L. Malinoski, L. Lindstom, C. & S. Dixon, J. & S. Folts
J. Zwicky, D. Tews, R. DuBois

Lectors & Musicians

4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 14

Laux / Yost

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 15

Varkoly / Choir

10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 15

Lehrer / Folk

Sacramental Life:

Baptisms: Class for those requesting Baptism is held once a month. Please call the Parish office for dates and times and to register.

Reconciliation: Private Saturday 3:30-4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. Contact Pastor.

RCIA: Adults interested in becoming Catholic participate in the RCIA Process. Call the Parish Office for information.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office for individual appointment.

Registration of New Members: New members are welcome to the Parish and are asked to call the Parish Office at 722-4914.

Hospital Visitation: Please notify the office when you or someone you love enters the hospital. Fr. Larry and Pam Mullins make regular visits to the area hospitals.

Twenty-four hour help: is available for unplanned pregnancy. Call 731-4354.

St. Vincent de Paul Help line: 729-4571



For those of you that haven't noticed, the parish now has newly refinished Holy Water Fonts. The Knights of Columbus offered to cover the cost of this effort. Since the fonts are one of the first things you see when you walk into church, it is very generous of them to keep them looking clean and new. **Thank you Knights of Columbus for all you do for St. Gabriel Parish!**

Courtesy Announcements

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR - All who desire a deeper personal relationship with Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ will want to attend the upcoming Life in the Spirit seminar at St. Bernard Parish. The seminar will be conducted in an atmosphere of prayer, praise and openness to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will meet for 8 consecutive Mondays starting Jan. 9 - Feb. 27, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Activity Center. Come to the information session on Jan. 9, 6:30 pm or call St. Bernard Parish, 739-0331, to register or get more information or email jkresal@stbernardappleton.org.

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Monte Alverno Retreat for Men will be held on the weekend of Feb. 17-19, beginning on Friday at 8 pm and ending on Sunday at 1pm. The suggested offering is \$160 per person for room and board. To register, send your name, address, phone number and \$20 down payment to: Tony Ansems, P.O. Box 1027, Neenah, WI 54957-1027. For more information, call 725-5129 or email tansems@new.rr.com

Scripture for the week of January 8, 2012

8	SUN	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
9	Mon	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
10	Tue	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20 /Mk 1:14- 20 and 1:21-28
11	Wed	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
12	Thu	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
13	Fri	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
14	Sat	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
15	SUN	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

St. Gabriel Wish List

Are you looking for a way to support the parish? Why not pray about whether God is calling you to help with an item on the Parish Wish List. The Wish List at St. Gabriel is for items needed that are not covered in the normal parish budget.

- Vestments (coordinated set of vestments with all the liturgical colors) Priest's chasuble: \$1135, Deacon's dalmatic: \$1240 per vestment. (only 2 more needed)
- Copy machine: \$4,000

If you would like to donate toward any of items on our Parish Gift List, please put it in an envelope Attn: Anne Greif. All donations are tax deductible. If you donate an item directly, then please provide a receipt. The donation amount will be included on your year end giving letter.

Ongoing needs that can be dropped off at the Office:

- Rolls of stamps
- Copy Paper (White or Color 20# or heavier)
- Colored Construction Paper

Thank you to those of you who have already donated to the items on our wish list.

Winter Brake Raffle Tickets

What's going on in the back of church from now until February 18? We are starting the pre-event raffles. This year we have:

\$5 per ticket (6 for \$25) unlimited number of tickets sold (drawn at event, need not be present to win):

- Keurig coffee maker & carousel
- Apple iPod Touch
- Coach purse
- Kindle Fire eReader with case & 2 year warranty
- Green Bay Packer football
- Flip Mino HD camcorder

\$10 per ticket (6 for \$50) limited number of tickets sold (drawn when limits are reached, need not be present to win):

- Greg Jennings autographed framed photo (80 tickets)
- Apple iPad 2 with case & 2 yr warranty (120 tickets)
- 40" Samsung LCD LED TV (100 tickets)

We also have bins on tables containing the raffles tickets. This year, we have **name labels on each envelope**. So please stop and pick up your tickets. If you know other parishioners, you can pick up their tickets and deliver them. We have 12 tickets per envelope at \$10 per ticket (a total of \$120 for all 12 tickets). We ask each family to please try to sell all their tickets. You can sell them to co-workers, family and friends. Also as in the past, we cannot mail these to you so **please help the parish by picking up your tickets after Mass**.

We are also seeking donations of items (new) or services from our parishioners. These always do well as auction items and help us keep the costs down (and profits up). You would be surprised how much the bread for 6 months or handmade afghans or theme baskets do as auction items. Please contact Andy Teska (427-0495 or ateska@gmail.com) or see us in the back of church in the coming weeks. Thank you for all who have donated in the past.

Scrip Tips - New Year Resolutions!

- I resolve to exercise more patience.
- I resolve to use Scrip faithfully.**
- I resolve to be on time.
- I resolve to use Scrip faithfully.**
- I resolve to get in shape.
- I resolve to use Scrip faithfully.**
- I resolve to lose 10 pounds.
- I resolve to use Scrip faithfully.**
- I resolve to be a better listener.
- I resolve to use Scrip faithfully.**
- Good luck to us all!
- Happy New Year!**



Yell to the Youth News & Events for St. Gabriel Youth Ministry

Today I offer you two different, but related, reflections on this **Feast of the Epiphany**. How do we see ourselves in those Magi, journeying afar to give honor to the new King? How can I live my life to show forth His glory?

The first is from Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB:

"The word 'epiphany' means 'to show forth.' Epiphanies, both large and small, tend to be private events – yet events with great significance for the public. Trying to share the details with another of an epiphany is fraught with complications. The words are never quite right, and even the most sympathetic listener cannot fully bridge the gap between description and what it was like being there. Most of us keep our personal experiences of the Holy to ourselves. Who would believe it? And who would really understand? The irony is that epiphanies are made for sharing, even as they are impossible to communicate fully.

"Unlike the poor shepherds, the Magi had to travel a long road; they had to face adversity to reach their goal. It was anything but a romantic, sentimental pilgrimage that we often see in our manger scenes!...

"The experience of the magi reminds us that all who make the tedious journey to the truth will finally encounter it and be changed in the process. They can never go back to a 'business as usual' way of life. When we meet Christ and see who he really is, we will never be the same – and only then can we hope to begin to share in his mission...."

And the following from Pope John Paul II's 2001 Epiphany Homily:

"...we are like the 3 Wise Men who journeyed to Jesus. Now, like those Wise Men, we return to the world from which we came, to the everyday life where we will witness to what we have seen.

..."indeed it compels us to start out afresh on a new stage of the journey on which we become proclaimers and heralds....The Wise Men were in a sense the first missionaries. Their encounter with Christ did not keep them in Bethlehem, but made them set out anew on the paths of the world.

"We need to 'set out anew from Christ,' with the zeal of Pentecost, with renewed enthusiasm. To set out from him above all in a daily commitment to holiness, with an attitude of prayer and of listening to his word. To set out from him in order to testify to his Love by living a Christian life marked by communion, charity, and witness before the world." (thanks to www.appleseeds.org)

For any suggestions or questions, contact Steve Pable, CFC Director & Youth Minister, at spable@tcces.k12.wi.us or 725-0660.

[Watch for our future events, including a Lock-in for middle school students this winter, and other events for service, prayer and fun in the weeks and months to come!]



IN SYMPATHY

One of our parishioners, Robert Koser recently died. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



Early Childhood Registration: TCCES is now accepting early childhood registrations for the 2012-13 school year. TCCES Early Childhood Programs provide a Catholic environment that fosters positive values and attitudes. It encompasses the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical developmental needs of each child. We offer:

- Programs for three-year-old children up through elementary.
- Specialized art, computer, gym, music and Spanish classes, full libraries, playgrounds, gymnasiums, secured buildings and hot lunch!
- Flexible scheduling with a choice of 2, 3 or 5 day a week programs.
- Extended Day Early Childhood Programs and Before and After School Care.
- Half and full day Kindergarten options.

Registrations may be found online at www.tcces.org or by contacting Jennifer Miller, at 722-7796 x206.

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Grade & Middle School Students: You are invited to be our guest on Fri., Jan. 13 as the SMC Boys Basketball Team challenges Valders at 7:30 p.m. Come early to watch the SMC Freshmen and Junior Varsity teams with action beginning at 4:30 p.m. Each student will also receive a coupon for a beverage and popcorn and be entered in a drawing for some great prizes. All area grade or middle school students are welcome! Come out to see the excitement of SMC Boys Basketball!

A NOTE FROM THE NUN

A single guy decided that life would be more interesting and fun if he had a pet. So he went down to the local pet store and told the owner that he wanted a pet, a very unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought himself a talking centipede (100 legged critter). The centipede came in a cute little white box.

The guy took his new pet home. He found a good place to put the box. Well, as he thought about it, he wanted to raise his new pet as a good Christian, so he decided to take the pet to church with him. He asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We'll have a good time." There was no answer! This bothered him a bit but he decided to wait a minute or two and ask the centipede again. "Would you like to go to church with me today? We could get a blessing." Again, no answer from the new pet. The young man again waited for a minute or two. Then he put his face right up against the little guy's house and he shouted, "HEY, IN THERE...WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CHURCH WITH ME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD?"

A little voice came from the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!!"

(Now, isn't that one of the more creative excuses for being late to church?)

"WOMEN CELEBRATE"

February 10-12, 2012

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Come join us at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake for this 11th annual weekend that gathers hundreds of women together to celebrate our relationship with God, grow in our faith and love for Him, and encourage and support one another as Catholic women.

Come on your own or bring your mother, daughters, sisters, and friends for a wonderful weekend retreat with inspirational music, worship, motivational speakers, a variety of workshops, wonderful accommodations, delicious meals, and lots of fun!

What difference will it make in your life? Hopefully it can make ALL the difference! Is THIS the weekend that could CHANGE you? Your direction? Your faith? Don't delay! More information and registration are available on the website www.womencelebrate.org or call Karen Rappl at 725-2433. Registration deadline is Friday, January 27th. NOW is the time.....to TAKE THE TIME!



Baptism of our Lord

"After Jesus was baptized, he came from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased'" ([Mt 3:16-17](#)).

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. We know that — since Jesus was born without sin — he did not really need to be Baptized. And yet, Jesus welcomes his own Baptism as an example for the rest of us and as a sign of his true identity. He is God's son, the living presence of God on earth. When we renew our Baptismal promises, we proclaim our belief in the waters of Baptism and our new and ongoing life in Christ.

Take some time this month to talk to your kids about their own Baptism (even if you've told the story before!). Talk about who was there, how their godparents were chosen and the celebration after the ritual. Our kids love to hear fun details — our oldest dropped his pacifier in the font and our youngest howled loudly throughout the blessed event. What a great time to share that Jesus is with us always, even when things don't go as perfectly as planned. The feast is celebrated Monday, January 9 this year.



BIBLE STUDY

Mary Said Yes

During this Christmas season we thank Mary for her yes. Would you like to learn more about Mary? Please join us for a 4 week bible study where we study the many biblical lessons regarding Mary's relationship to Jesus and the Church. Thursday mornings 9-11 am or Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30 pm. Classes begin January 12th. Cost is \$6. Please contact Julie Schmitz at 722-4961 to register or with questions..