

St. Gabriel

the Archangel



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January 15, 2012

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Saturday Evenings
4:30 p.m.

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8:30 & 10 a.m.

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7 a.m.

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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 16

6:30 p.m. - Rosary
6:30 p.m. - Baptism Class

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

1:15 p.m. - Grief Gathering

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Worship Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Confessions 3:30 to 4:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

This week I will begin sharing with you reflections on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. You will recall that the Mass is divided into four major parts: The Introductory Rites, The Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of the Eucharist, and The Concluding Rites. The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Universal Prayer (formerly called the Prayer of the Faithful). Now we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Together, these two parts of the Mass speak of two major ways Christ is present at Mass: in Word and in Sacrament.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist starts with the Preparation of the Gifts and ends with the Prayer after Communion. In it the priest in the name of the Church carries out what Jesus himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. Jesus took the bread and the chalice (1), and gave thanks (2); he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Take, eat, and drink: this is my Body; this is the cup of my Blood (3).” Thus, the Liturgy of the Eucharist itself is divided into three parts corresponding to the three acts of Jesus at the Last Supper:

- 1) At the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and the wine are brought to the altar, the same elements he **took** into his hands.
- 2) In the Eucharistic Prayer **thanks** is given to God for the entire work of salvation, and the gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.
- 3) In the Communion Rite, the faithful, though they are many, receive from the one bread the Lord’s Body and from the one chalice the Lord’s Blood in the

same way the Apostles received them from Christ’s own hands. They fulfill the Lord’s command, they **take, eat, and drink**.

The Preparation of the Gifts begins with a collection. With the bread and wine, this collection is the gift of the people for the celebration of the Eucharist. The altar is readied while the collection is being taken. Once the gifts are brought to the altar, the priest prepares them. He does this as he prays two prayers derived from Jewish blessing prayers. These were not in the Missal before the Second Vatican Council. They were added to underline the Jewish roots of Christian worship.

Between the blessing prayer of the bread and that of the wine, a little water is poured into the wine. This action is symbolic of the mingling of humanity and divinity in Christ.

The priest then washes his hands at the side of the altar to express his prayer for inner purification before he prays the Eucharistic Prayer in the name of the entire community.

The last part of the Preparation of the Gifts is now called the Prayer over the Offerings. Before the Second Vatican Council, this prayer was called the Secret, because it was prayed by the priest in a whispered tone. Now it is prayed for all to hear, and its meaning becomes clear. The priest first invites people to pray (Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable). The people respond to the invitation by praying, “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands.” The priest prays the Prayer over the Gifts in response to the prayer of the people.

One last important note on the Preparation of Gifts is this: it is NOT the Offertory. Offertory was an older term, abandoned by the last several editions of the Roman Missal, including the new one. There is a reason for this. The gifts are not offered at this point in the Mass, they are prepared. The gifts are actually offered in the Eucharistic Prayer. Note the language of Eucharistic Prayer III in the paragraph immediately following the consecration, “and, as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.” Only language habits die hard, so we keep hearing many people refer to the Preparation of the Gifts as the Offertory and the music that accompanies the preparation as the Offertory Song, but it is important that we make the effort to correct this mistake so that we appreciate the true meaning of the Eucharistic Prayer, which is to follow.

Fr. Larry

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism class will be held 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

Regular classes for grades 1-6 this week

R.O.C.-Gr. 7 meets in school library on Monday and in Stingle Hall on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Future Dates:

- 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.
- Jan. 29 L.I.F.E.-Grades 9 and 10 meet at St. Margaret Mary from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for the IMAJN Mass and class
- Jan. 30/Feb. 1 Regular classes for grades 1-6
- Jan. 30/Feb. 1 R.O.C.-Gr. 7 meets in the school library on Monday and in Stingle Hall on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Ricken will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 5 L.I.F.E.-Gr. 10 meets in Stingle Hall at 12:45 to attend the Confirmation Mass and host the Reception following the Mass



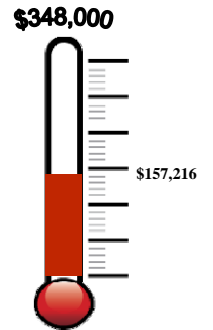
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JAN. 16	7:00 A.M.	Communion Service
TUES., JAN. 17	7:00 A.M.	Grace Carlson
WED., JAN. 18	7:00 A.M.	Teofilo Castillo
THU., JAN. 19	7:00 A.M.	Communion Service
	8:15 A.M.	Mark Kohlbeck
FRI., JAN. 20	7:00 A.M.	Robert Koser
SAT., JAN. 21	4:30 P.M.	For the Marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Stein
SUN., JAN. 22	8:30 A.M.	Evelyn & John McHugh
	10:00 A.M.	Parish



Adult Envelopes
January 8, 2012

Envelope Giving (353).....	\$ 11,595
Electronic Giving.....	7,653
Loose Offertory.....	485
Total Sharing.....	\$19,733



Last week's Debt Reduction \$576

YTD Income	\$550,139
YTD Expenses	\$505,574



Our Quarterly Special Needs collection this weekend is for **Global Outreach**.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the program and students as they work to renew the church and their societies that still bear the scars of the communist years. Global Outreach helps prepare the students to return to their countries and become young Catholic servant leaders. These are amazing students, and your continued prayers for them will help rebuild the church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Social Concerns Committee

“WOMEN CELEBRATE”

February 10-12, 2012

Come join us at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake for this 11th annual weekend where hundreds of women gather to celebrate their relationship with God, grow in 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 is available on the website www.womencelebrate.org or call Karen Rappl at 725-2433. Registration deadline is Friday, January 27. NOW is the time.....to TAKE THE TIME!

Trainer(s) Needed...

Do have background in the healthcare field and have experience or desire to train others?

We are looking at the possibility of having people trained in Care Ministry. These trainers would come back to the parish and run sessions for our visitation ministers. If this sounds interesting, please give Pam Mullins a call at 722-4914.



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 Sunday, January 15, 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

The Respect Life Committee will be in the back of Church the weekend of January 21-22 for the Commemoration of Roe v. Wade. Respect-Life materials will be available..

Respect Life Committee

Mass Servers

4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 21

E. Flottesmesch, T. Zwicky

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 22

A. Boehlen, J. Dunlop

10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 22

P. Knapinski, H. Long

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 21

D. Meyer, C. Deprey, N. Haga, J. & S. Harness, L. Stuck,
D. Allcox, F. & K. Schneider

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 22

A. Shelley, C. & M. Jurasewicz, B. & J. Bestler, J. Meyer,
J. Swoboda, S. Zimmer, D. Matthews

10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 22

T. Lehrer, T. Bemowski, K. Gill, T. & L. Gritton, J. Buhl,
B. & C. Knapinski, J. Manske

Lectors & Musicians

4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 21

Stunger / Ryan / Yost

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 22

Chancellor / Choir

10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 22

Zolkowski / 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

Come join us again for Mass next week!

Next week Jesus tells us the kingdom of God is at hand and invites us to come, follow him. Join us for Mass to reflect more on how Jesus is inviting you to follow him more closely at this point in your life.

**Would you like to reach out to other mom's?
Then why not get involved in the re-start of
our Elizabeth Ministry here at St. Gabriel
Parish?**

What is Elizabeth Ministry?

Elizabeth Ministry is an international movement designed to support women and families during the joys, challenges and sorrows of childbearing years and beyond.

How Does it Work?

Ministers are women sharing their presence, stories, and experience in the hope that these will encourage another woman and her family. Volunteers become ministers in the areas they have experienced. For example, a woman who has twins would visit and mentor a woman expecting twins.

Opportunities for Involvement

Pregnancy

Ministers bring a Gift and Resource Kit to a pregnant woman.

Celebration of Birth

Ministers bring a Celebration of Birth Gift and Resource Kit to a family of a newborn.

Crisis or Special Needs

The joy and celebration of birth can be unrealized when a child is born premature, is in an intensive care nursery, or has special needs such as surgical intervention or a chronic illness. Ministers bring a Gift and Resource Kit.

Family Support

At times a Minister needs to provide help in family living, which may include:

Direct Service – babysitting, running errands or making meals.

Special Friend – Children of our church without extended families in the area benefit from a special “church friend” who acts as grandparent or aunt/uncle. Visits take place in the presence of the parents.

Behind the Scenes

Preparations that take place behind the scenes are precisely those that enhance a particular ministry. People are needed to make items for the Gift and Resource Kits, such as baby afghans.

If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please call Pam Mullins at the parish office – 722-4914 or send an e-

LOST & FOUND

We have a lady's watch in the parish office. If you lost one, please give us a call.

Winter Brake Raffle Tickets

What’s going on in the back of church 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 yr warranty
- Green Bay Packer football
- Flip Mino HD camcorder

\$10 per ticket (6 for \$50) limited number 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)

Dinner tickets are now on sale for \$30. The event is Saturday, Feb 18. MC is Tom Mahoney. We have some new games planned for the event. “Just Drop It” which is played similar to Klinko but for different prizes and uses accumulated scores to determine the winners. Heads & Tails is also a new game which will replace one of the 50/50 raffles. It should be a fun group participation game. We have the ever popular candy raffle plus the dart and drop the dice games.

We are now collecting auction items and most definitely can use parishioner contributions of items, theme baskets and services. Please contact Andy Teska, 427-0495 or ateska@gmail.com) or see us in the back of church in the coming weeks.

Your raffle tickets **with your name on them**, are on a table in a bin. As in the past, we cannot mail these to you so **please help the parish by picking up your tickets after Mass**. If you know other parishioners, you can also 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 parishioner to please try to sell all their tickets. Please stop and see us in the back of church. We can answer your questions about the event. It gets lonely back there if no one stops to talk to us. So please spend a minute before or after Mass and see what we have to offer. Thank you!

Scrip Tips

Thanks to all who purchased Scrip during the holiday season! As you make your New Year’s resolutions our hope is that many of you will resolve to use the Scrip program regularly, and that many of you who have not participated in the Scrip program will give it a try in 2012. Start today by ordering Scrip to pay your holiday charge card bill from **Kohls!**



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

Middle School Students! Come to the **Rockin’ Lock-in**, overnight from Friday, Feb. 17th into Saturday, Feb. 18th. For anyone Grades 6-8, so bring your friends!

The Rockin’ Lock-in is at the Oshkosh YMCA, which is one of the most amazing Y facilities in the United States. If you haven’t been there, it will make your jaw drop. There will be basketball, swimming, ice-skating (with skates included), movies, soccer, games, and a bunch of pizza & pop. *All of this is included in the \$15 admission.* “No way!” you say. “Way,” say I.

Oh—the time: starts at 9:30 PM on Friday, and you get picked up at 6:30 AM on Saturday, Feb. 12. That’s 8 whole hours of fun, games & tomfoolery.

Get yourself a registration form through the CFC Office (Steve Pable, spable@tcces.k12.wi.us or 725-0660) or Seton (Mary Lou Kalas, mkalau@tcces.k12.wi.us or 727-0279). Or go to www.stgabrielparish.com and find the Lock-in Flyer and form under the CFC section. Deadline is February 13!

Responsible Adults - which might even include some of us parents - we need you to chaperone for this awesome youth event. It’s really something you should experience! Contact Steve Pable. Must be 21 or older.

“Here I am. You called me.”

So says Samuel in today’s first reading. We hear in his words our own calling, our own path to which God is inviting us. Just as Jesus entered into his mission with the baptism of John in the Jordan River, so we are to follow in his footsteps, working alongside our Lord.

How will I answer? Jesus invites us in the Gospel, *“Come, and you will see.”* Am I willing to set off after him, like Simon and Andrew, and become his disciple? Paul reminds us that *“your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit....you have been purchased at a price.”* What does it mean for me to respond to the invitation of our Lord? What am I supposed to do?

Well, here is a possibility—look for the ways that you might find out more about yourself, and God’s purpose for your life. Look for ways to love and serve others with joy and humility. And how do I do that?

Consider a service trip or youth conference for this summer!

How about a weekend with **Catholic Youth Expeditions** (www.cyexpeditions.org)

Or come with us to **Notre Dame Vision!** (<http://vision.nd.edu>) Students from St. Gabriel and the Diocese of Green Bay will head to Indiana from June 18 – 22 or July 9 - 13 for a power-packed week of fun, challenge, prayer and growth. Experience the unique blend of faith, friendship and food (!) at the University of Notre Dame.

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



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.

On Following Jesus Today

By: *Kristina M. DeNeve*
Evangelization and Welcoming Director
Diocese of Green Bay

In each gospel, the first words Jesus utters provide the kerygma, the central message, of that gospel. In today's Gospel from John, we hear Jesus' initial words, "What are you looking for?" Pair this with Jesus' first words after the resurrection ("Who are you looking for?") and everything in between falls into place.

Whether we are aware of it or not, we chase after what we are looking for every day of our lives. And, every single day, Jesus is with us, asking us, "What are you looking for?" Jesus does not want some other worldly, spiritual sounding answer; he asks to be part of where we are today, this day, each day.

We cannot reflect on this question too often or too deeply. With time, we'll notice our answer slowly changing, going from what to who. "I want to see where you are staying, if you are actually the Lamb of God" eventually becomes "I want to feel close to you Jesus; I want to follow you, staying close by your side."

Scripture for the week of January 15, 2012

15	SUN	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
16	Mon	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
17	Tue	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
18	Wed	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
19	Thu	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
20	Fri	1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
21	Sat	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
22	SUN	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Last weekend my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the Bar Mitzvah for the son of one of our friends. Rabbi Katz does an exceptional job of welcoming visitors from all backgrounds and an even better job of explaining what's going on.

A fabulous learning experience as well as a celebration. My knowledge and understanding of the history and tradition of the Abrahamic religions is improved, and my own faith is that much stronger.

The young man recited a section from the Torah about the last days of Jacob (corresponding to Genesis 47-49). I know that not from understanding Hebrew, but because part of the ceremonial duty is to explain and offer a reflection in English, very much like a homily. The youngster's thesis was that on his deathbed, Jacob was concerned what his legacy would be - not riches or treasure, but what good works he would be remembered for. That was something I had never thought about in my approach to Stewardship - it is something we leave behind for future generations. How perceptive coming from a 13 year old!

Part of the Hebrew tradition in the Bar Mitzvah, as a rite of passage, is that beforehand mitzvot are optional and after they are mandatory. "Mitzvot" has two complementary meanings; one, they are commandments to live by (603 more besides the ten of Moses), and second, they are the good deeds themselves. Another aspect of the rite of passage is that before, the child's deeds (both good and bad) are recorded on the parents' page in the ledger book and then after, the offspring gets their own page. The custom, and I am sure this has quite a bit of Yiddish culture involved, is for the parents to say a prayer of thanks along the lines of "...and thank you Lord that I am no longer responsible for THIS ONE."

In this case I would say the parents have good reason to be proud, and might want to keep him on their "ledger page". As a parent myself, my greatest achievement is inspiring a sense of service in our children. A while back I realized that I am not going to be able to do all the Stewardship activities I would like to - two jobs, home repairs, bills to pay: so as a Dad I recognized that my role is to make it easier for the other family members to do service. And watching my wife and sons choose and accomplish service activities is often more rewarding than doing it myself.

To offer a full range of witness talks about Stewardship, we'd like to hear from the young people of St. Gabriel as well.

Very often the same leadership traits that makes a youngster take on incredible unselfish tasks also makes them very willing to speak publicly about it. If that's you, contact me (Tom Knott) at der8110@aol.com.



On Sunday, January 29, the St. Gabriel School PTO will sponsor a Pancake/Porkie Breakfast from 9-11:30 in Stingle Hall. Menu: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, muffins, milk, juice and coffee. Adults: \$6, Seniors: \$5, Children (3-5) \$3.