

# St. Gabriel

the Archangel



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

*February 19, 2012*

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Rev. Larry J. Seidl  
722-4914

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Ray DuBois  
727-9913

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725-4161

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725-0660

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727-3063

## *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, FEBRUARY 19**

10:00 a.m.- Liturgy of the Word for Children  
5:00 p.m. - IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary  
6:30 p.m. - Theology of the Body Bible Study

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

6:30 p.m. - Rosary

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

2:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

1:15 p.m. - Grief Gathering  
7:00 a.m., 12:15 & 6:30 p.m. - Mass

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

4:30 p.m. - Fish Fry  
6:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross and Benediction  
6:30 p.m.- Bingo

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Confessions 3:30 to 4:00

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

10:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
No IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary  
6:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer  
6:30 p.m. - Theology of the Body Bible Study

### **CONFESSION – RECONCILIATION – SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

It's been said that a rose by any other name is still a rose. So it is with the sacrament about which I reflect with you this week. The official church book for the sacrament is called "Rite of Penance." It has also become common to refer to the sacrament as Reconciliation, a good name because we think of being reconciled with our God and with one another, the heart of what happens in the sacrament. Confession has been a common name as well, but it refers to only one part of the sacrament, the confession of sins done by the penitent. As I would like to point out here, there is much more to the celebration of the sacrament.

Quite awhile ago, in 1975, the Rite of Penance was revised. Unfortunately, the full use of the Rite for Reconciliation of Individual Penitents never completely caught on. I say that it is unfortunate because there is a beauty and power that unfolds in this celebration. For that reason, I would like to reacquaint everyone with the parts of the rite and their meaning, in the hope that we can move toward the complete practice that the Church envisioned.

- Reception of the Penitent – This begins with the Sign of the Cross. Then, the priest invites the penitent to have trust in God through a greeting, such as, "May God, who has enlightened every heart, help you to know your sins and trust in his mercy." This should be a reassurance to the penitent; there is nothing to fear. Our God is a God of mercy.

- Reading of the Word of God – The good news of God's forgiveness is proclaimed in a scripture reading. The source of the Church's ministry of reconciliation is found in the Word of God. In the sacrament, we carry on Jesus' ministry of forgiveness. Scripture is included in all the sacraments, so it is part of this one as well.

- Confession of Sins – The penitent confesses his/her sins. The priest offers suitable counsel, urges the penitent to be sorry for his/her sins, and proposes an act of penance, which the penitent accepts to make satisfaction for sin and to amend his/her life. **NOTE WELL:** It is not necessary for the penitent to begin this part with the words, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." The priest already blessed the penitent at the beginning with the Sign of the Cross. Thus, this formula, as familiar as it is, asks the priest to do something that has already been done.

- Prayer of the Penitent – The priest asks the penitent to express his/her sorrow through a prayer. This can be a memorized prayer like the traditional act of contrition. It can be a spontaneous prayer done by the penitent. The rite itself offers ten different texts of prayers that can be used. Some of these have beautiful scriptural references. There is no requirement to memorize any of these. They can be read by the penitent. The prayer should be said out loud, not whispered.

- Absolution – The priest then imposes hands on the penitent and prays the prayer of absolution. He does this either by actually placing his hands on the head of the penitent or by extending his hands in the penitent's direction. The imposition of hands is a strong sacramental sign, one used in three other sacraments (Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders). Through the sign of absolution God grants pardon to the sinner who in sacramental confession manifests a change of heart to the Church's minister.

- Proclamation of Praise of God and Dismissal – This is perhaps the most often forgotten part of the rite, but one that is very important. God has given us a wonderful gift in the sacrament, and it is only fitting that we take a moment to offer our thanks. It's short and simple. The priest says: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." The penitent responds, "His mercy endures for ever." Then the priest dismisses the penitent who has been reconciled, using one of five formulas. The first one goes, "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." What a great send-off!

There you have it: the ideal, to be sure, but an ideal for which we should strive. I know that some may read this and think, "**I'll never remember all that.**" Here's the good news - **you don't have to.** Just let the priest guide you through it. Especially if you haven't celebrated the sacrament for some time, just say, "I don't know what to do. Could you help me?" Your question can open the door to a more meaningful, powerful experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*Fr. Larry*

**CFC NEWS**

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

NO Regular classes for grades 1-8 this week

Ash Wednesday Family Lenten Activity at 5:30 p.m. in Stingle Hall with Mass following at 6:30 p.m.

**Future Dates:**

- February 27/29 Regular classes for grades 1-6 this week
- February 29 R.O.C.-Gr. 8 meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- March 5/7 Regular classes for Grades 1-6
- March 5/7 R.O.C.-Gr. 7 meets in School Library on Monday and in Stingle Hall on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- March 11 L.I.F.E.-Gr. 9 meets from 4:00-5:45 p.m.
- March 11 L.I.F.E.-Gr. 10 meets from 6:00-7:45 p.m.
- March 12/14 Regular classes for Grades 1-6
- March 14 R.O.C.-Gr. 8 meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Attention: The CFC Office is looking for approximately 25 scapulars. If you have one or several at home that you'd like to donate, there is a basket on the bookshelf in Stingle Hall and you could leave them there. Thank you!**

**Please join us for evening prayers during Lent.** They will be each Sunday night during Lent starting February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, I have a conflict and we will not be able to hold prayers on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The prayers will start at 6:00 p.m. in church. All are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Tom Gritton at [thomas.gritton@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas.gritton@yahoo.com).

Another presentation of the St. Gabriel Adult Enrichment Committee

**Lenten Presiders/Speakers for 2012**



**Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012** – Rev. Larry Seidl, pastor of St. Gabriel, will preside at the Ash Wednesday liturgy and will give the homily.

**February 29, 2012** – Our long-time previous pastor Richard Allen will be with us this evening, with the reflection being given by our new Pastoral Associate Pam Mullins.

**March 7, 2012** – Fr. Larry Abler, OFM Cap, currently serving as pastor of St. Patrick's parish in Menasha.

**March 14, 2012** – Fr. Keith Clark, OFM Cap, current director of the Monte Alverno Retreat and Spirituality Center in Appleton will join us once again. He has been a Capuchin since 1958 and a priest since 1965. He came to Monte Alverno as director in 2005.

**March 21, 2012** – Back for another visit is Rev. Tim Shillcox, a Norbertine priest who is a native of Appleton and currently serves as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in DePere. He's an artist who has taught at various levels, including the Commissioned Ministries Program of the Green Bay Diocese.

**March 28, 2012** – Pastor Emeritus Richard Allen will return again to join us for the final Wednesday evening Mass.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

MON., FEB. 20	7:00 A.M.	Communion Service
TUES., FEB. 21	7:00 A.M.	Benny Hahn
WED., FEB. 22	7:00 A.M.	Bailey Wilson
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	12:15 P.M.	Alice Kosmerchok
	6:30 P.M.	Mabel Sendzik
THU., FEB. 23	7:00 A.M.	Tillie Willing
FRI., FEB. 24	7:00 A.M.	Martin Waskiewicz
SAT., FEB. 25	4:30 P.M.	Margaret Tuchscherer
SUN., FEB. 26	8:00 A.M.	Parish
	10:00 A.M.	Cele Brass



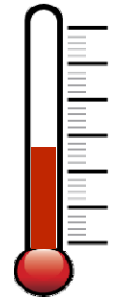
**Adult Envelopes**  
February 12, 2012

Envelope Giving (313).....	\$10,562
Electronic Giving.....	8,933
Loose Offertory.....	552
<b>Total Sharing.....</b>	<b>\$20,047</b>

Last week's Debt Reduction \$391

YTD Income	\$650,902
YTD Expenses	\$647,869

\$348,000



\$163,587

*Please prayerfully consider a gift from the heart to the Bishop's Appeal 2012.*

**Faith Direction from The Compass**

More than 20,000 Catholics are practicing their faith with the aid of The Compass. The diocesan newspaper helps guide them on their faith journey. The inspirational stories from The Compass are bringing Christ to thousands throughout the Diocese.

"With help from the Bishop's Appeal, The Compass exists to serve the Catholic community as a reliable source of news, information and inspiration. Each week, stories and columns help inform and educate our readers about the Catholic faith," said Sam Lucero, editor of The Compass. These stories provide more than just news; they challenge readers to think about their Christian values in the world today.

The Compass is made possible by the Bishop's Appeal. If you have not made a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, please prayerfully consider the impact it has on our parishes, Catholic schools and communities and make a gift today at [www.Catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.Catholicfoundationgb.org/give).

For more information, contact your parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.Catholicfoundationgb.org](http://www.Catholicfoundationgb.org), or call Debbie toll-free at [877-500-3580, ext. 8184](tel:877-500-3580).

## Mass Servers

**6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday**

B. Matthews, R. Gandee

**4:30 p.m., Saturday, February 25**

M. Srnka, N. Heimerman

**8:00 a.m., Sunday, February 26**

A. & T. Wolf

**10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 26**

H. Long, T. Kamer

## Eucharistic Ministers

**Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday**

**7:00 a.m.** - B. Yost, B. & J. Bestler

**6:30 p.m.** - B. & D. Koller, D. Meyer, C. & M. Jurasewicz

**4:30 p.m., Saturday, February 25**

D. Allcox, R. Hilliker, L. Stuck, M. Fishel, P. Makovec,  
K. Olson, D. Doty, G. & J. Heath

**8:00 a.m., Sunday, February 26**

A. Shelley, P. Wolters, K. Rappl, D. Matthews, S. Zimmer,  
N. Handevitdt, B. & D. Koller, B. DeGrace

**10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 26**

T. Lehrer, D. Tews, J. Zwicky, C. & S. Dixon, D. Potratz  
L. Lindstrom, L. & T. Gritton

## Lectors & Musicians

**Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday**

**7:00 a.m.** - Laux **6:30 p.m.** - M. Allen / Choir

**4:30 p.m., Saturday, February 25**

Zolkowski / Albrecht / Yost

**8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 26**

V. Reiter / Choir

**10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 6**

Knapinski / 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. Next class is March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

**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

**FREE ministry to traveling Catholics. For nationwide Mass times and locations visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**

## Courtesy Announcements

**“COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC”:** The Esto-Vir Annual Men’s Conference is coming soon, March 10, to St. Pius X parish in Appleton, WI. This year’s featured guests will include The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Francis Hoffman “Father Rocky”, and Mr. Alan Keyes – former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Mass with Bishop Ricken will follow at 4PM. Registration is open now online at [www.estovir.com](http://www.estovir.com). \$40 early registration ends March 5th. Registration at the door is \$50.

“KNOW YOUR FAITH” with Father John Girotti is a presentation on how we as Catholics can charitably explain and defend our faith to others. **When?** February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at St Margaret Mary Parish in Neenah from 6:30– 9:00 pm. **To Register** by e-mail [sschaut@gbdioc.org](mailto:sschaut@gbdioc.org) or call toll free 1-877-500-3580 ext 8276. Sponsored by the Department of Education and provided through the generosity of the Bishop’s Appeal, there is NO FEE to attend.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** - A Cancer Support Group meets on the 2nd/4th Mondays, the next session will be on Feb. 27 at 10:30 am in the Small Group Room. Call John Bedore if you would like to talk with the leader at 739-1760. This group meets at St. Bernard Parish in Appleton and provides encouragement/ prayers. If you have any questions, please call Pam Mullins at the St. Gabriel office, 722-4919.

Come join us for **Lenten Preparation** at St. Patrick's in Menasha at 11:45 am February 19 in Geenen Hall. This program will present a different way of looking at "fasting" according Isaiah chapter 58.

### NEW VESTMENTS



This week the new vestments we had ordered came in. You will see the winter green chasuble (priest’s outer vestment) and the winter green dalmatic (deacon’s outer vestment) this weekend, because it is still Ordinary Time.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, you will see the Lenten purple chasuble and the Lenten purple dalmatic. You will recall that we had placed a new set of vestments on our Christmas wish list. We thank all of those who responded to this invitation and donated for the beautiful vestments we now have.

We still have several vestments from this set that we do not have. Sometimes people wish to donate “something for church” as a memorial for a loved one. This would be a perfect tribute to a special member of your family, something that would be used in church for years to come.

**The vestments we still need are the following:**

Advent purple chasuble; Advent purple & Summer green dalmatics.

We invite parish members to consider donating one of these vestments to complete the rest of the set.



## Yell to the Youth

**Lent begins this Wednesday!** Are you ready? It's more than just fish and fasting, prayer and penance, ashes and almsgiving!

During this season, we commit to examining our lives in a new light. Together with Jesus, we venture into the wilderness, and look for ways that we might experience a deeper conversion, a transformation into the people God calls us to be.

Ash Wednesday is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and there will be Mass here at St. Gabriel at 7:00 that morning, 12:15, or 6:30 that evening. When I was growing up (which was not that long ago, despite what you may think), you were excused from school long enough to get to morning Mass for Ash Wednesday and other Holy Days. You may want to check with your parents, school, coaches, bosses, etc. to see how you can work one of these Masses into your schedule for that day. You'll be glad you did!

Remember that many of us are expected to abstain from meat that day, if you are age 14 and over. At age 18 and over, we are to fast with regard to our meals (one main meal and perhaps two smaller ones if needed, with no snacks between). These are just a few of the traditions we keep as Catholics, to set this time aside as something special for God and for our spiritual growth.

During Lent we take on practices like personal and community prayer, fasting, and giving alms to those in need. Some of our Lenten promises may be literal, like fasting from food or giving of money to worthy causes. But others may be more of a spiritual nature. Maybe I ought to be fasting from bad habits, or impatience, distractions? What would happen if I gave up my iPod, or sent only texts that were necessary, or spent less time online and more time in quiet? Perhaps our "almsgiving" will be more in outreach to those in a different type of poverty: befriending someone who is unpopular, sending a note of encouragement to someone who has been depressed or has lost a loved one. Ultimately we tie these things together by working on our own personal relationship and conversation with God.

So do yourself a big Lenten favor—take advantage of one of the opportunities for learning and spiritual growth here at St. Gabriel or elsewhere in the Fox Valley.

- Ash Wednesday- CFC Family Lenten Activity at 5:30, followed by 6:30 Ash Wednesday Mass
- Every Wednesday in Lent- special Lenten Masses with guest speakers
- Fridays—Fish Fry here at St. Gabriel, Stations of the Cross at 6:30, and Bingo after!

**High School Students!** Get information about **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 at [spable@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:spable@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 725-0660.

## St. Gabriel's Elizabeth Ministry

**Introduction Gathering February 29 at 10 am or 6:30 pm**



Great News! We have a Ministry Coordinator for Elizabeth Ministry. We have planned a short gathering for anyone interested in Elizabeth Ministry for all areas of interest. We have chosen the date of February 29, 2012 at either 10:00 am or 6:30 pm and will meet in the parish conference room.

More amazing news...we have 20 women who have committed to learning about Elizabeth Ministry and making visits to news moms!! We can always use more, if you have an interest! Now we have some needs for what we want to be able to take to the new mom on the Elizabeth Ministry visit:

**Needed New or Gently Used Gift Bags:** Have you noticed all the pregnant moms and new babies in the parish? The Elizabeth Ministry area certainly has! We are in need of **gift** bags or bags that have a design appropriate for a new mom. Size 10 1/2 inches by 13 inches or larger would be perfect.

**Baby Afghans:** We would like to give a homemade baby afghan to the new baby. The afghans can be knit, crocheted, quilted, hand tied or any other creative method. They just need to be machine washable and safe for babies. Not many people receive this type of gift anymore, so it is very special!

If you have any questions about our gathering, please call Leah Wilson at 209-4224 or Pam Mullins at 722-4914. Thank you, for considering this ministry for young families in our Parish.

### Areas of Ministry:

<i>Pregnancy/Birth</i>	<i>Infertility</i>	<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Miscarriage</i>	<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Behind the scenes</i>
<i>Grandparent</i>	<i>Family/Child Crisis or Loss</i>	

## You're invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl

This Lent, St. Gabriel Parish will again be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for additional resources, and watch the bulletin for parish events supporting Operation Rice Bowl.

*Social Concerns Committee*



St. Gabriel Parish invites you to a **free** showing of the movie *Courageous* on, **Sunday, March 11 at 6:00 pm.** After the movie we will have popcorn and other refreshments. Feel free to invite family and friends. We will show the movie in Church, so we have lots of seating.

*Courageous* will turn our attention to the important influence fathers have on their children's lives. The same church-based studio that did the movies "Fireproof" and "Facing the Giants" produces *Courageous*. To see a trailer of the movie go to [www.courageousthemovie.com](http://www.courageousthemovie.com) and click on the arrow.

**St. Gabriel's Elizabeth Ministry** sponsors this presentation of *Courageous*.

**Coming next weekend—Feb. 25 / 26!**

A few months ago, we introduced the CD of the Month Club and over 70 families signed up to receive the *latest* CD from **Lighthouse Catholic Media**. We are now proud to expand this educational opportunity to everyone here at St. Gabriel Parish with *past* releases of Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs. They are a practical and effective program to help Catholics know their faith . . . to keep their faith!

On the way into church you will see a display stand offering several different CD titles. These feature some of the most inspiring Catholic speakers in the world. Wherever you have a CD player available to you, in the car or at home, you can deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic faith.

If you are able, we ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD, or a bundle of 7 for a \$20 donation, so that we may continue this program. When these cd titles are gone -- they're gone. And a new set with different titles and speakers will be ordered in. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!



**REMINDER: New Sunday Mass times 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. begin next week.**

**Scrip News! Walmart and Festival Foods Gift Cards Now in Stock!**

Due to popular demand **Walmart \$25 and Festival Foods \$50** gift cards are now available in stock for purchase after Mass or in the parish office during the week! Remember we have **Woodman's \$50 and Roundy's \$25 & \$100** gift cards in stock too. Please use Scrip gift cards to purchase your groceries – it is fundraising that costs you nothing extra!



**Lenten Fish Fry**



**February 24**

**March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Dine-in or call 727-3063 for take-out.

**Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m.**

**Fried Perch**

Regular Portion - \$8      Large Portion - \$10

**Fried Walleye Pike**

Regular Portion - \$7      Large Portion - \$10

**Fried Haddock**

Regular Portion - \$7      Large Portion - \$10

**Fried Shrimp**

Regular Portion - \$6      Large Portion - \$8

**Baked Whitefish**

Regular Portion - \$6      Large Portion - \$8

**Grilled Cheese - \$3**

**Seafood Stir Fry - \$7**

Dinners include bread or roll, choice of coleslaw or applesauce, choice of potato, lemonade or coffee and dessert. Potato choices: french fries, potato salad, potato pancakes, baked potato. Beer and soda are available at an extra cost.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the annual Lenten Fish Fries. If you are a past worker please let us know you are interested again this year. If you are a new worker please consider that this can be a fun way to include some service in your Lenten schedule. Please add your name to the list in Stingle hall or call Ryan & Chrissy Goethel @ 729-7192. Fish fries will be the first six Fridays of Lent.

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**Winter Brake Raffle Winners:**  
 Apple iPad - Carol Pokorny  
 40" Samsung LCD LED TV - Gerald Latham  
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**CAN YOU HELP?**

Family is important, especially at the time of a funeral. Our parish family continues to support those who are grieving by helping at the funeral. We need more people to come and sing at funerals. The music is familiar and no special training is necessary. We also are in need of people who will make a dessert or salad for the funeral luncheons. We have 4 teams who take turns so you won't get called on often. If you are interested or have further questions, please call Jan Lietz at 722-3033. God has no hands or feet (or voice) on this earth unless you give Him one. Thanks a lot.