



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

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Myra G. Tircuit

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CONFESSION

First Saturday @ 3:15 pm &

By Appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday @ 4 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday @ 7 am & 10:15 am

MASS @ CARVILLE

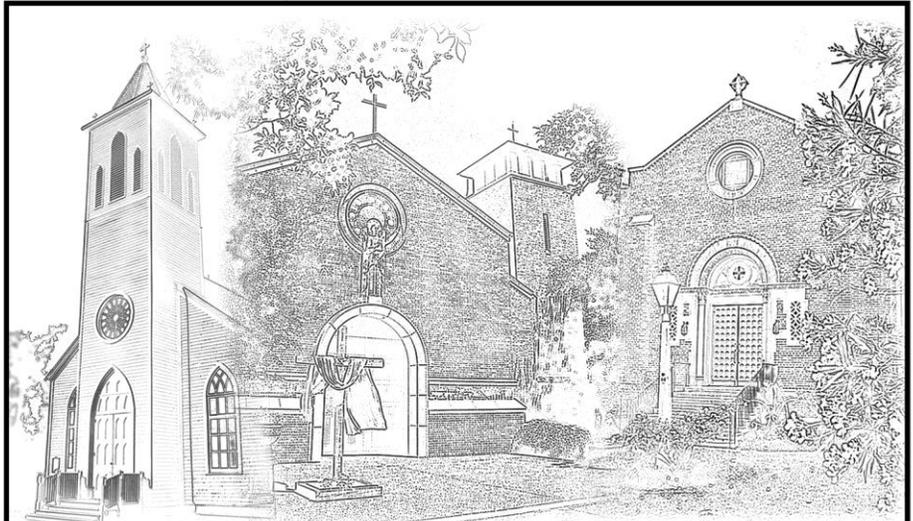
Sunday @ 8:30 am

DAILY MASS

Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., 8 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

8 am & 7 pm



OLD
ST. GABRIEL
CHURCH
(1769)



NEW
ST. GABRIEL
CHURCH
(1953)



SACRED
HEART
CHAPEL
(1935)

We, the St. Gabriel family in Christ, through the teachings of the Catholic Church, commit ourselves to the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. In our church community we make present the spirit of Jesus Christ, proclaim his gospel, and make visible his church. We believe that each of us is called to ministry to be of service to others to encourage participation to bring a spirit of family unity and responsibility to our fellow parishioners, and to show our love through our words and deeds.

BAPTISM: Parents wishing to have their child baptized must be registered parishioners and complete baptismal preparation prior to the date of baptism. Please contact the church office during the early days of pregnancy for details on baptismal preparation.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the date desired to begin the mandatory Preparation program.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are made as soon as the priest is available. If desired, communion may be brought to the homebound each weekend by a Eucharistic Minister. Families are asked to contact the Church Office to make arrangements. Communion Calls to the homebound are the first Friday of the month. Please contact the Church Office in regard to those who are seriously ill or hospitalized, leaving the hospital and room number.

FUNERALS & BURIAL: The family must make arrangements with the Pastor before finalizing arrangements with a funeral home.

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STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE	
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	556 (331 @ 10:15); Carville – 51
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$13,452.95
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	129

There will be 2 envelopes on 02/15-16, reg. & Church in E. Europe. Your weekly donations help meet our immediate needs, repairs and improvements. We thank all who give of their time, talent and treasure to our parish community. We always appreciate your generosity.



Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!



TOGETHER WE CAN!

Are you feeling the need to make a commitment to a liturgical ministry? Listen for God's gentle push to a particular ministry. We know you can do it. Call the office if you need some gentle persuasion.



\$ 2019 tax statements are in the office for pick-up. There are too many statements to mail; it would be too expensive. Also emails are not possible. Thanks.



If you are interested in Adult Confirmation contact Myra at the office. Classes will meet at St. George this spring on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 26, is quickly approaching. Way of the Cross will begin that Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. We need lectors and servers to assist with these services. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of church shortly. Please only sign up for one Friday and allow as many as can be to participate. Thanks.



The Ladies Altar Society would like to thank all those who worked as a team to make our Barbecue Sale a great success. Thanks to the meat trimmers, cooks, those who made sauce and sweets, those who worked on Saturday and Sunday, Elayn Hunt Correctional for the loan of the pit, and all those who bought loaves and those who made donations. **Together we can!**



We offered the Pictorial Directory as a part of our 250th Anniversary Celebration. The Directory came in a couple of weeks ago, but we were unable to pass out. There were quite a few errors, and we are now waiting for the company to reprint. When we get them, so will you.



It is at this time of year we get the most requests for validation of parishioners as registered and identified givers by schools and churches for sacraments. In order for us to answer, we check the census registrations. If you think you are registered, please call to verify. If not, kindly register.





For more info on Youth Ministry,
please contact Deacon Kirk or Mrs. Roz

We don't know how to thank you enough! This parish, the people; have surrounded the youth ministry like no other. Your presence at all of our events, your support through hard work, through sharing of your time, talents and finance, and most of all your prayers have been the result of an amazing conversion for many. Yes, we went to Washington for the March for Life, but it was so much more. It was the hard work of parishioners helping with the fundraisers. It was younger youth who knew from the start that they were too young to make the trip, but unselfishly worked hard for their fellow youth members (not expecting anything in return). It was people who did not have a youth involved handing donation after donation saying, "this is for whatever you need." Well, I can tell you without a doubt. There was no need unmet because of your selfless generosity. All students were completely paid for. All meals were completely covered, including snacks. Our students worked hard, but were so thankful for the generosity of the parish. They were humbled by the fact that they didn't realize just how much they meant to the parish. When I showed them text coming from members of the parish that were following our trip and praying for what we were to learn that day, they sat in awe. Your prayers and your Love were very present to us the entire pilgrimage. We offered our prayers for all of you here at home. Our pilgrimage started with a 24 hour bus ride that took us to Alabama to see the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, then to the mother house of the Dominican sisters in Tennessee (where we picked up a few sisters for the ride). Then straight to Washington, where our tour of monuments began. We did not reach camp till that evening. Our days began between 5:30 - 6am and ended about 11pm. In the following



days, we prayed in front of the white house, we visited the holocaust museum, toured the Smithsonian, and attended the go forth rally with speakers and the Life is very good rally with 8,000 high school youth gathered in song to celebrate life! The rally ended in Eucharistic Adoration. To see 8,000 youth drop and bow to the Eucharist was bone chilling. As we prayed and journeyed, each day began with payer in the form of Lectio Divina (Fr Charlie explained this form of prayer in last week's bulletin). We tried our best to figure out how we could best take what we were learning and bring it back to our day-to-day life. How could we give back to a parish that had given us so much? Some of you have already witnessed it. Those that haven't get ready because they are back and filled with the love of Christ. They are the next generation of Catholics who believe in total dignity of life...all life, from womb to tomb!



Sat.	08	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun.	09	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	MASS MASS @ Carville MASS Youth Group
Mon.	10	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p. m.	No Mass Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	11	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass PAC Event Adoration RCIA KCs Mtg. in PAC
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY			
Wed.	12	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 
Thurs.	13	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 
VALENTINE'S DAY 250 th Founder's Day of St. Gabriel Catholic Church			
Fri.	14	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat.	15	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	1 st Eucharist Class VIGIL Bless Married Couples at all Masses 6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun.	16	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	MASS MASS @ Carville Confirmation Class MASS
President's Day			
Mon.	17	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	No Mass Rel Ed Gr. 1-12 
Tues.	18	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration RCIA
Wed.	19	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Staff Meeting Pastoral Council Mtg.
Thurs.	20	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass

5th Sunday Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16
Monday, February 10 Daily Readings
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 11 Daily Readings
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 12 Daily Readings
1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday, February 13 Daily Readings
1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
Friday, February 14 Daily Readings
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
Saturday, February 15 Daily Readings
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
6th Sunday Ordinary Time
Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37



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Pray for our Sick and Homebonds: Frank Banta, Sr., Betty Jean Barbay, Phyllis Babin, Joan Chapman, Melissa Conrad, Joyce Crochet, Ruby Edmonston, Lily Fairchild, Eunice Fairchild, Carolyn Harelson, John Johnson, Mary Belle Landaiche, Michael & Carolyn (Punkin) Landaiche, Genie LaPlace, Eugene LeBlanc, Sr., Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato, Sheryl Rodeillat, Charles Spedale, and Louise Thibodeaux. Include in your prayers all of the sick & suffering in our families especially those living in nursing homes. Also, pray for peace in the world, & for all men and women in our armed forces.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME REMOVED FROM THIS LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

02/10	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
02/11	8:00 a.m.	Rachael LeBlanc; Harold Waggenspack; Eugene LeBlanc, Jr.; Comeaux-Barbay Families
02/12	8:00 a.m.	Monty & Michael Laurent; Aubrey & Jackie LaPlace M/M John Mire Landry; Marion & Albert Bourgeois, Jr. & III
02/13	8:00 a.m.	Mary Blanche Marchand; M/M L.G. Hoffmann, Sr. & Jr.
02/14	8:00 a.m.	Cambre, Babin, Merino Families; Emily Ramos
02/15	4:00 p.m.	For the Parish
02/16	7:00 a.m.	Alvin Fairchild, Sr.
	10:15 a.m.	Dewey Hymel Family & Betty; Larry & Frances Anne Peltier
		Peltier-Panepinto F
02/17	8:00 a.m.	No Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of Feb. 23-29 in memory of Alvin Fairchild, Sr.

