



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

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Monday-Thursday, 8am-3pm
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Reverend Charles R. Landry

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ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANTS

Myra G. Tircuit
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CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

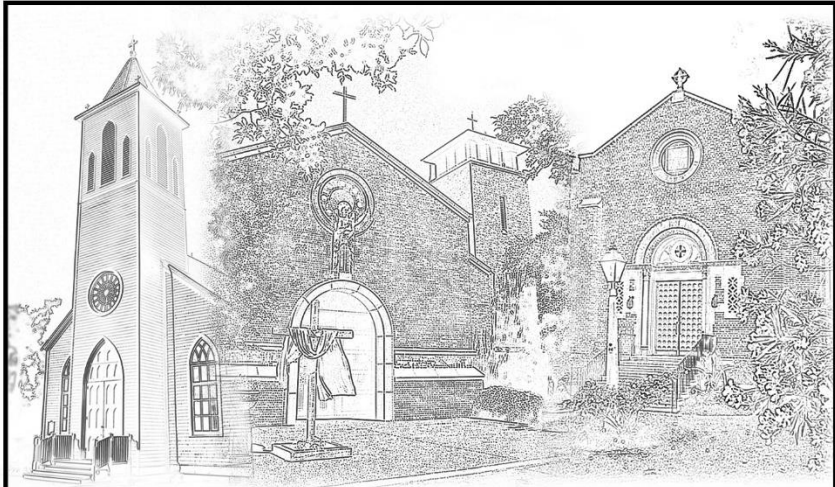
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, 8am

HOLY DAY MASSES

8am & 7pm



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.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

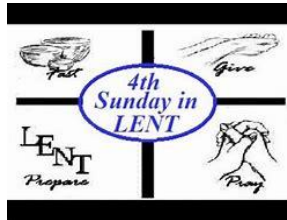
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$7,975.66
AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$6,707.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	67
Online Collections until 3/1/24	\$6,330.00

There will be two envelopes 3/10 reg. & Catholic Relief Services. 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.



At 10 a.m. Mass, the gospel and readings will be for Cycle A, for RCIA Scrutinies. All other masses will use Cycle B, reflected below.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.



Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.



Our Online Giving option is now available. We are also still accepting envelope checks and cash. Thank you. Check out our website: www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.com.



If you are in need of sacramental services, reconciliation or anointing of the sick, please call Fr. Charlie to set up an appointment.



For nearly 50 years, Lenten alms given through CRS Rice Bowl have supported programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world, including the countries featured in the Lenten stories of hope. Seventy-five percent of gifts help support CRS' work in more than 120 countries. [Twenty-five percent of gifts remain in each U.S. diocese](#) where they are given to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities. Each diocese uses this differently. Please be generous.



The Pastoral Council has placed a book share library box at the entrance to church. Please feel free to take books from the box to read. You can keep them if you are so moved or return to share with others. You can also bring some from home to add to the library.



We have resumed our eyeglass collection for the needy. Please put your used eyeglasses in the basket in the back of church and once again give to this worthy cause. Thank you!



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Donna Lee family and friends on the death of her mother, and the family and friends of Mary Ann Sanchez Parker, who died in Christ.



If you wish to have a print out of your donations during 2023, please call the office. These summaries will only be mailed out to those who call. We also cannot email these documents. We appreciate your contributions.



Fill—A-Prescription Program We will be accepting donations for this program until 3/16/24. Kindly give to this needed program.



We are currently accepting donations for Easter Flowers. You may place your donation in an envelope designated "EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS." The envelope may be placed in the offertory basket.



Several items of jewelry and other miscellaneous articles have been left in church. If over the past couple of years you've been missing something, please call the office and we will see if that is one of the items we have.



Fellow parishioners,

My what a difference in the weather. Last week nice sunny spring like days and this week...rainy and gloomy. Hope you are staying dry and just remember if we have another summer like last summer, we may be praying for some of this rain in July and August.

Fr. Charlie is still a little under the weather. He thanks everyone for their outpouring of prayers, food etc. Hopefully he will be back soon.

This week we celebrate the 4th Scrutiny at the 10:00 A.M. Mass with our Elect and candidates. We use the “A” Cycle readings when we celebrate the Scrutiny’s. The second reading challenges us to live as children of the light. It reminds us that Christ will give us light. In the Gospel reading we read about the healing of the blind man.



The Scrutiny challenges each one of us to take a deeper look at our lives. How do we live our lives as children of the light? What keeps us from seeing the light?

Each Friday of Lent at 6:00 P.M. we offer the Way of the Cross. This is a beautiful way to remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection. If you can't make the Stations on Friday evenings, you can find the pictures of the Stations at St. Gabriel on our website...www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.com. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to help with the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening.



Speaking website – we want to thank Chad Babin for his dedication and continuous work on our website. He does a great job keeping up with the site.

Have a great week!

Reflection for Divine Mercy Sunday

by [Isabella R. Moyer](#)



How can anyone argue against Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy is hope wrapped up in a loving God, ever ready to embrace us and forgive even our gravest sins. Believing in God, but not in Divine Mercy, would be a depressing and burdensome faith to bear.

At the core of the Gospel story of the good thief is unconditional love and compassion. Today, you will be with me in paradise. Not, okay your sins are forgiven; now do this and this and this, and you will be saved. But today - now - you will enter into glory with me. Welcome!

Divine Mercy is often associated with the visions and private revelations of St. Faustina. Pope John Paul II had a great devotion to this Polish nun. When he declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday, many took it as a papal decree to promote the devotions described in Faustina's "Diary," such as venerating the Divine Mercy image and praying the Chaplet.

As Catholics, we have a soft spot for devotions and devotionals. It's part of our hands-on, sacramental nature. But, we are also a diverse bunch. What speaks to one, may not speak to another. Devotions and belief in private revelations – even if approved and recommended by the Church – are not mandatory. Offering a special Mass that includes the Divine Mercy devotions for those who wish it is a good thing.

Presenting the devotions as an obligatory form of worship for the Second Sunday of Easter is not. Even [some Divine Mercy websites](#) are careful to stress that this Sunday is not meant to be a "party for devotees." The focus, they say, should be on bringing "hardened sinners" back into the fold.

Perhaps we, as a Church, need to spend less time worrying about bringing back the "hardened sinners," and more time showing mercy to those struggling to stay despite personal hurts and rejection. We need to reach out to those who have one foot out the door, or who have already had the door closed on them.

As we meditate in gratitude for God's gracious mercy shown to us, we should look honestly at the mercy that we show to others. Our God is a God of mercy. Are we a Church of mercy?

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sat.	09	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sun.	10	7:30 a.m.	Blood Drive – till noon
Daylight Savings Time change – spring forward.			
		8:00 a.m.	MASS
		10:00 a.m.	MASS & Children's Church

Mon.	11	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12 in PAC

Tues.	12	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration

Wed.	13	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass Divine Mercy Novena
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Thurs.	14	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA in Ctr.

Fri.	15	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross in church

Sat.	16	9:00 a.m.	1 st Eucharist Class
		4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Patrick's Day

Sun.	17	8:00 a.m.	MASS
		8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
			Sponsors in at 9:15 a.m.
		10:00 a.m.	MASS, Children's Church



Mon.	18	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
		6:30 p.m.	Rel Ed Grades 1-12

Tues.	19	7:00 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group
		8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		8:45 a.m.	Adoration

Wed.	20	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
			Divine Mercy Novena
		6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Mtg.

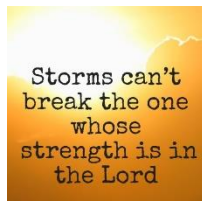
Thurs.	21	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:30 p.m.	RCIA in Ctr.

Fri.	22	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
		6:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross in church

Sat.	23	9:00 a.m.	RCIA Retreat in PAC
		4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS

SIXTH SUNDAY OR PALM SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun.	24	8:00 a.m.	MASS; Outdoor Procession
		10:00 a.m.	MASS, Children's Church
			Outdoor Procession
		6:00 p.m.	1 st Eucharist Seder Meal



DAILY READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10;
John 3:14-21*

Monday, March 11 Daily Readings

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12 Daily Readings

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13 Daily Readings

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14 Daily Readings

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 15 Daily Readings

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16 Daily Readings

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33



Pray for our Sick and Homebounds: Wayne & Carolyn Achee, Frank, Sr. & Dorella Banta, Betty Jean Barbay, Billy and Phyllis Babin, Karen Buhler. Melissa Conrad, Lily Fairchild, Ronald Dauterive, John Guerin, Mary Beth Hanks, John & Lillian Holliday, Michael Landaiche, Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy, Mary Joyce Sheldon, Gary & Lisa Switzer, Margie Warthen, Gretchen White & Ellen White. Include in your prayers all of the sick & suffering of 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 ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THIS LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



03/11	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
03/12	8:00 a.m.	Johnathan Hopkins
03/13	8:00 a.m.	Marlin Joseph "Butch" Marchand
03/14	8:00 a.m.	Alton & Dianne Comeaux; James A. Tubre, Jr.; Betty Aucoin Tubre; Betty B. Dugas
03/15	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Landry; Oneil & Peltier Families C.J. & Linda Gueho and Families Eugene LeBlanc, Jr.
03/16	4:00 p.m.	Amato-chenove Families; Becky Carlin Smith; W. Allen White; White-Crochet Families
03/17	8:00 a.m.	For the Parish
	10:00 a.m.	Peltier-Panepinto-Haydel Families Genie, Jared, Carl & Dolores LaPlace
03/18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass



