



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 04/21/2024

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 8am–3pm
(closed 12– 1pm for lunch)
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PASTOR:

Reverend Charles R. Landry

DEACON:

Reverend Mr. John Veron

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Myra G. Tircuit
Barbara V. Hornstein

CONFESSION

First Saturday, 3:15pm.&
by appointment

VIGIL MASS

Saturday, 4pm.

SUNDAY MASS

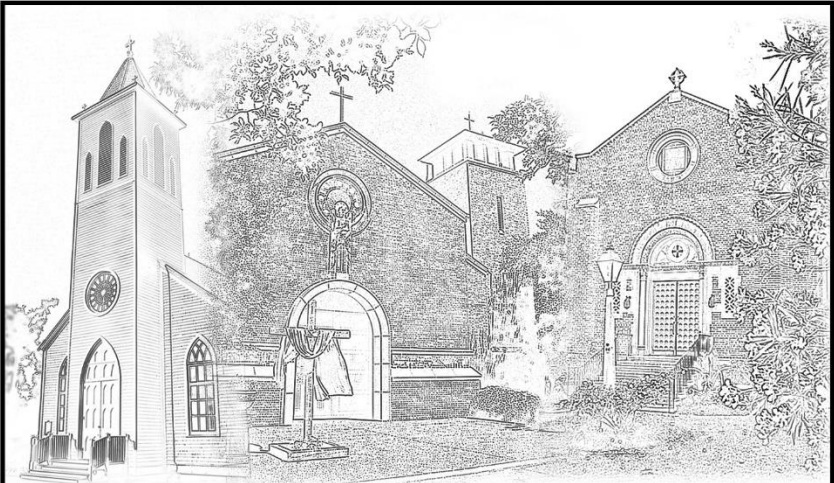
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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 \$5,545.00

NUMBER OF DONATIONS 82

Online Collections since 4/1/24 \$3,680.00

There will be two envelopes 4/28, reg. & Catholic Home Missions. 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.



Because I Am, and You are Mine [Mary M. McGlone](#)

Jesus described himself as the good or model shepherd immediately after an altercation with authorities who criticized him for healing a blind man on the Sabbath. In reply, Jesus asserted that if they were truly blind, they would have no sin, but since they claimed to see correctly, they were guilty of rejecting the truth. Thus, although the discourse about being a good shepherd may seem like an abrupt change of subject, it actually functioned as a commentary on the quality of the leaders or shepherds of Israel in Jesus' day and has become one of Jesus most memorable and most beloved self-descriptions.

When Jesus talks about the shepherd and sheep, he's obviously going far beyond the interactions between the simple souls whose job was one of the lowliest in society and some of the dumbest animals on the ranch. (Pigs, horses and even cows score far better than sheep who are known to blindly follow one another into oncoming traffic or even off a cliff.) Jesus' imagery refers to traditions like that found in Ezekiel 34 where the prophet critiqued the leaders of Israel for being shepherds so unworthy that God had decided to come in person to replace them. From that tradition, we get the image of the good shepherd as the ideal leader.

The first part of Jesus' contrast between shepherds and hired hands focuses on their motivations. After saying that a good shepherd is willing to give his life for his sheep, Jesus denounces the mercenaries for some very basic reasons. First, he points out that the wage earners are neither shepherds nor owners of the flock; they have neither the expertise nor the vested interest necessary to tend the creatures under their care. As a result, they value their own safety over that of the flock — they may put on a good show in public, but when danger comes, they are the first out the door or up the tree, as the case may be.

After saying that, Jesus reminds people that while the mercenaries simply don't care, the wolf's goal is to harm the sheep. After setting uncommitted pastors to flight, the wolf catches some of the sheep and scatters the rest. The image of being caught by the wolf was all too familiar to John's community at the end of the first century — they knew exactly who their martyrs had been and were well aware that the wolf was not far from the door for many among them. The wolf's work of scattering has also been obvious in every situation of persecution the church has known. Those opposed to Christ's cause have always been adept at using threats to disperse less than wholly committed communities. Of course, the statement about scattering the sheep also calls to mind John 16:32 in which Jesus told his table companions that they would all run, leaving him without human companionship when his hour came.

The crux of Jesus' message is twofold: As the shepherd whose sole desire is to care for the sheep, he shares the essence of his life with them and is willing to give all on their behalf. By tying his role as

shepherd to his relationship with the Father, Jesus indicated that his mission as the good shepherd was not simply to care for the sheep, but to make them like himself by bringing them into his relationship with the Father.



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.



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.



Items needed this month for St. Vincent de Paul's: Men's underwear (med. to 2X), Men's deodorant, Men's body wash, and large body cleansing wipes. Place your donations in the basket provided in the vestibule of Church. Thanks.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to the LaPlace family on the death of Lisa's husband, Myron Culberson, who died in Christ.



Mark your calendar -
General Cleaning of Church,
Mon., May 20, 9 a.m. All are
welcome.



Please continue to pray for our Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates. Their sacraments are quickly approaching. The Sacrament of Confirmation is Saturday, April 20 at the 4 p.m. Mass. The Sacrament of 1st Eucharist is Sunday, May 5, at the 10 a.m. Mass.



If you are a junior or senior in fall of 2024, and interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025, contact the parish office.





CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, April 20th we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with three young people of our parish. We thank their parents and sponsors as well as the confirmation team for walking this part of their faith journey with them.

SHYANNE WALDROUP
SAVANNAH WINTZ
CHARLES VARCO



**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.**



LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Ladies Altar Society is hosting their annual Potluck Supper on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Activity Center. All members are invited to attend. Members may bring one guest. The Society will provide the main meat dish, members will provide side dishes. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Ramona Gomez by April 29 – 225-281-2656.

THANKS


The families of Ray McClure, Ellen White and Michael Landaiche would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food and support during their family members' illness and at the time of their deaths. A big thanks to the Ladies Altar Society for providing a meal after the funerals.

FATHER JON KOEHLER ANNIVERSARY MASS

While we are sharing and preparing for upcoming events, kindly mark your calendars on Saturday, May 25, for the Celebration of Fr. Jon Koehler's 50th Anniversary of Priesthood, held here in St. Gabriel, beginning with 4:00 p.m. mass and reception following in PAC.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held the week of July 15-19 in the PAC from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	20	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS; SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
WORLD PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS			
Sun.	21	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS, Children's Church
Mon.	22	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day away thru Apr. 26 Rel Ed Grades 1-12
Tues.	23	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Reflection Group Mass Adoration Finance Comm. Mtg.
Wed.	24	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thurs.	25	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	26	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	27	4:00 p.m.	VIGIL MASS
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sun.	28	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS MASS, Children's Church
Mon.	29	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed Grades 1-12; last class
Tues.	30	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Communion Service Adoration
			
Wed.	01	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion Service Altar Society Potluck supper
Thurs.	02	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Communion Service Staff Meeting
Fri.	03	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Daily Mass Adoration then Benediction Priest Enrichment Day
Sat.	04	9:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	1 st Eucharist Class & Practice Reconciliation VIGIL MASS
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sun.	05	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MASS ; No coffee & doughnuts MASS, Children's Church Sacrament of First Eucharist Reception following

Be on your guard,
stand firm in the faith,
be courageous, be strong.
Do everything in love.

DAILY READINGS

4th SUN. OF EASTER
Act 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18
Monday, April 22 Daily Readings
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday, April 23 Daily Readings
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 24 Daily Readings
Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thursday, April 25 Daily Readings
1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Friday, April 26 Daily Readings
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday, April 27 Daily Readings
Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
5th SUN. OF EASTER
Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8



Pray for our Sick and Homebonds: 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, Bessie Pizzolato, Flory Reynolds, Enith Roy, Mary Joyce Sheldon, Gary & Lisa Switzer, Margie Warthen. 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

- 04/22 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 04/23 8:00 a.m. Alvin Fairchild, Sr.; Mary Nell Sanchez
Lois & Glynn Hernandez, Sr. & Jr.
- 04/24 8:00 a.m. Cambre-Babin-Merino Families & Emily Ramos
Dewey Hymel Family & Betty
- 04/25 8:00 a.m. Cathy Jo Hurston
- 04/26 8:00 a.m. Merlin Joseph "Butch" Marchand
- 04/27 4:00 p.m. For the Parish
- 04/28 8:00 a.m. For the Parish
10:00 a.m. Jesse Lunsford; Brodie Bourgeois
- 04/29 8:00 a.m. No Mass



