



# THE RIVER CATHOLIC

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 05/05/2024

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday, 8am-3pm  
(closed 12- 1pm for lunch)  
Friday, 8am-12pm

**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**

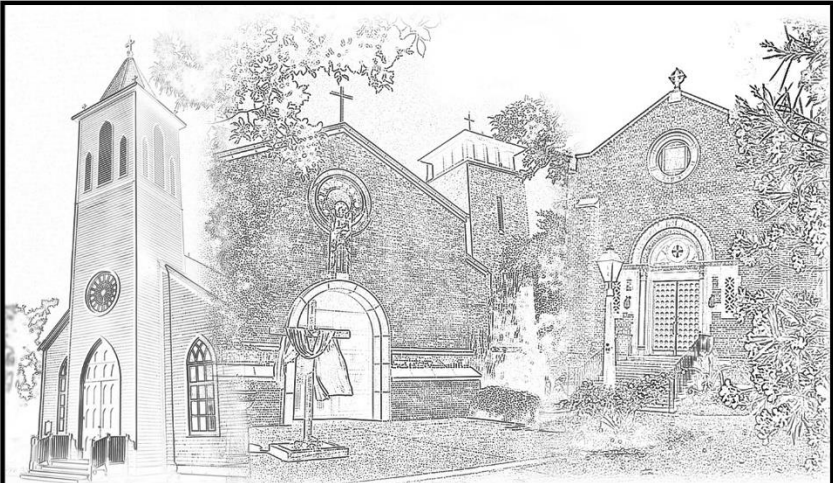
Sunday, 8am & 10am  
Presently no mass @ Carville

**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

\$5,875.00

NUMBER OF DONATIONS

71

Online Collections since 4/1/24

\$6,045.00

There will be two envelopes 5/05, reg. & Special Parish Collection. 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.



To be chosen feels pretty special. God chose apostles who were unqualified; God chose me, and God chooses and appoints you. We feel God's love in choosing us.

Consider the apostles. They were fishermen, a doctor, and a tax collector. They were not from the class of religious leaders of the day. Yet, these are the people Jesus chose early in his ministry to walk with him as he went about teaching and preaching, healing and forgiving God's people. They saw Jesus show compassion and love to sinners and the outcast of society. Jesus spoke God's word of love. He himself was the Word of God made flesh. Jesus is love incarnate.

Yet they fled at the arrest of Jesus. All but John scattered. Peter denied him; Judas betrayed him. They allowed fear to grab their hearts. Except for Judas, the rest of them found their way back to the Upper Room. The Lord inspired them to wait. Finally, Jesus arrived! They were skeptical and terrified. Jesus had a choice. What to do with this group who fled at his death? Jesus could have expelled them from his presence, but he didn't. Instead, Jesus was compassionate and forgiving, inviting them to feel his wounds. They embraced him in love. Thus they believed in the resurrection of Jesus, key to their future as disciples.

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus says "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain" (John 15:16). Jesus chose this unqualified group of people to lead his church. He knew their shortcomings and sins yet chose them. He knew what they could accomplish, and so sent them the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to inspire their ministry. And did they deliver! They baptized, preached, taught, and healed, showing God's love. Many of them met a martyr's death for doing so.

You have a vocation, a calling to love in your particular life, to bear fruit among the people God has placed in your life. God has called you in spite of your imperfections. All of us are chosen and appointed. That's how much God loves us! Let's go forth and bring God's love, care, and compassion to all whom we meet. Fortified and strengthened by the Eucharist, Christ's body and blood, God sends us to show people through our actions that God loves them. How blessed we are that God would send us on this incredible journey of bearing fruit in God's name.

Bernard W. Bourgeois



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](http://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 at-home only spiritual 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.



Pray for all the souls in Purgatory.



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



Over the last few days, we have learned that parishioners are receiving text messages from Fr Charlie requesting Gift Cards. Please note THIS IS A SCAM. Do not reply. Fr. Charlie will never ask for gifts cards etc. thru email or text messages.



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.



Don't forget Fr. Jon Koehler's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood here, Saturday, May 25, at 4 p.m. Mass with a reception following.

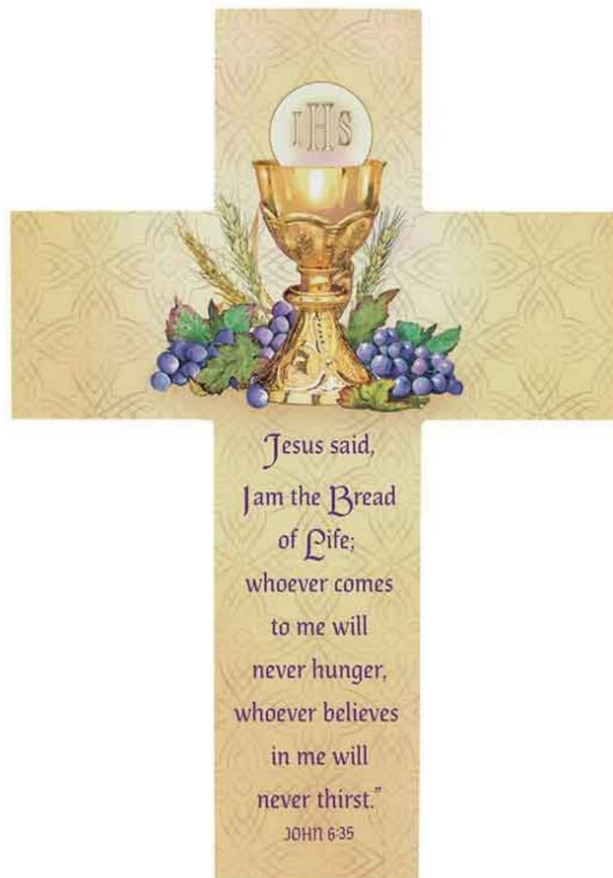


Correction to Easter Flowers: please add Leon Ambeau.





**Izabel Crochet**  
**Alex Crow**  
**Weldom Dencausse**  
**Zaylen Haydel**  
**Julianne Hymel**  
**Marguerite Mastrantonio**  
**Bethany White**





**Fellow Parishioners**



**Another week has arrived. I missed you this past weekend,**

**but I must say that I had a good relaxing weekend. I was in the Zachary area visiting with my good friend, Fr. Lamar Parton and former parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jackson. I also spent time visiting friends in Clinton.**

**You all know how much we are devoted to the St. Vincent de Paul ministry and how it**



**provides for the needs of those who are poor. Through our generosity, we have provided necessary clothing items and basic hygiene needs throughout the year and are continuing to do so. In our Lenten outreach to the society's, Fill-A-Pill program, we sent a check in the amount of \$1668.00. What a beautiful gift from the heart.**

**This past Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> was the final Parish School of Religion class until September. From all reports, it was a good one. I offer a big thank you to: all parents, students, teachers, aides and to Myra, our DRE. A team commitment gets the job done. Enjoy the summer and we look forward to beginning again in the Fall.**



**If anyone feels that God is calling them to a ministry in our parish, please contact me. We are all called to use the gifts and talents that God has given to us to continue the growth of God's kingdom. I look forward to hearing from you. We can surely add to the lists of altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers of God's word and greeters, ushers & usherettes as well as to our buildings and ground needs.**

**Have a blessed week.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	04	9:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Class & Practice Reconciliation <b>VIGIL MASS</b>
Sun.	05	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  3:00 p.m.	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>MASS</b> ; No coffee & doughnuts <b>MASS, Children's Church</b> <b>Sacrament of First Eucharist</b> Reception following Rosary in Church
Mon.	06	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Father's day off Rel Ed Grades Teacher Eval.
Tues.	07	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration
Wed.	08	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Daily Mass Fr. Charlie Support Group
Thurs.	09	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service Fr. Charlie Support Group
Fri.	10	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service Fr. Charlie Support Group



Sat.	11	4:00 p.m.	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> <b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Readings & Gospel are for the Ascension
Sun.	12	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b> <b>MASS, Children's Church</b>
Mon.	13	8:00 a.m.	Father's day off
Tues.	14	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Men's Reflection Group Daily Mass Adoration
Wed.	15	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Mass Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs.	16	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri.	17	8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass



## DAILY READINGS

### 6<sup>th</sup> SUN. OF EASTER

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17*  
**Monday, May 06 Daily Readings**  
*Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a*  
**Tuesday, May 07 Daily Readings**  
*Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11*  
**Wednesday, May 08 Daily Readings**  
*Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15*  
**Thursday, May 09 Daily Readings**  
*Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20*  
**Friday, May 10 Daily Readings**  
*Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23*  
**Saturday, May 11 Daily Readings**  
*Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28*



### 7<sup>th</sup> SUN. OF EASTER

*Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19*

**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, Catherine Sharp, 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

- 05/06 8:00 a.m. No Mass
- 05/07 8:00 a.m. Carville-Olivier Family; Special Friends Amato-Chenove Families
- 05/08 8:00 a.m. Amedee & Crochet Families; C.J. & Linda Gueho & Gueho Families
- 05/09 8:00 a.m. LeBlanc-Hymel-Callegan-Ramagos Families; LaPlace Family
- 05/10 8:00 a.m. Raymond Landry; Oneil & Peltier Families
- 05/11 4:00 p.m. For the Parish
- 5/12 8:00 a.m. Our Deceased Mothers  
10:00 a.m. Landry Bonnette; Special Intentions; Lois & Glynn Hernandez, Sr. & Jr.
- 05/13 8:00 a.m. No Mass

