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September 13, 2020

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Tuesday: 5:45 p.m. Wednesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Confessions Saturday: 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

"You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

Matthew 18:32-33

# **ST. GABRIEL PARISH**

# Welcome to St. Gabriel the Archangel

We are happy that you have gathered with us today to worship at Mass and to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in joining our parish family, please contact the parish office via phone or email (see below). If you are already a member, thank you for helping us bring the joy of the Gospel to the world!

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# Sacramental Life:

Registration of New Members: New members are welcome to the Parish and are asked to call the Office at 722-4914.

Baptisms: A class for those requesting Baptism is held once a month. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Care Ministry: While in-person visits are currently suspended, our volunteers are connecting by phone, sending notes and cards, keeping individuals in prayer, etc. This is a good time for us to be made aware of the changing needs of those in our care.

Hospital Visitation: Visits to the hospitals have been suspended except in the case of Anointing of the Sick by Fr. Bob or another priest. However, we are doing our best to connect with those in the hospital and their families by phone, so please help us to stay up-to-date on the status of your loved ones.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. Prayer Chain: Call Kathleen at 725-7455 to add a name.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15-4:00 p.m., Thursday 5:00-6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

RCIA: Adults interested in becoming Catholic participate in the RCIA Process. Contact Lori, 585-9621 or Roxanne, 257-3921.

St. Vincent de Paul Help line: 727-1766

# 24 hour: Suicide Prevention Crisis Line, 920-233-7707

24 hour help: is available for unplanned pregnancy, call 731 2 -4354

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following much careful consideration, the dispensation for Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted and beginning the weekend of Sept. 19 and 20, all Catholics will once again gather as a community of faith on Sundays. The lifting of the dispensation was announced in a decree issued by Bishop David Ricken on Monday, Sept. 7. (see page 5 or visit www.gbdioc.org/sundayobligationdecree)

With this news, please note there are still occasions when the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply:

- + If individual Catholics struggle with serious health concerns or are physically or morally prevented from worshipping at Mass for a grave reason.
- + If individuals are frail due to illness or age or, in their well-formed consciences believe that going into public places -- including Sunday worship at Mass -- would place their health or the health of their loved ones in serious jeopardy.
- + If individuals are sick, or have been in contact with someone who has been sick.

The faithful who are unable to attend Mass are urged to make holy the Lord's Day and to pray, read the Scriptures, watch a broadcast or livestreamed Mass and take part in acts of charity.

The diocese also issued guidelines for public Masses at www.gbdioc.org/sundayobligationreinstatement. These guidelines make clear that face masks are still required, and that, while restrictions will be lifted on the percentage of people at Mass, the standards of social distancing will still be upheld.

The obligation to attend Mass for Catholics reflects our faith in Jesus Christ, the blessing of the Holy Eucharist and an acknowledgment of His great love for us.

# Fr. Bob

Scrip

Scrip Sales Resume on this Weekend

Scrip sellers are now available to sell Scrip before and after the weekend Masses! We are so grateful to our Scrip sellers for their willingness to serve you and we are also grateful to all the parishioners who have made the extra effort to continue to purchase Scrip by coming to the parish office during the week over the past 5 months! Safety will be a priority as we resume Scrip sales – there will be a plexiglass divider on the Scrip desk, pens will be separated in to "clean" and "used" containers, and of course the use of masks and hand sanitizer will be requested. If you haven't used Scrip for your everyday purchases (gas, grocery, fast food, etc.), we invite you to stop at the Scrip desk and see what is available for you! Your purchase of Scrip gift cards costs you nothing extra, but each purchase generates income for the parish! Buy Scrip today!

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Religious Iducation

# CFC NEWS

Registration for 2020-2021 continues to take place. Registration forms were sent out and emailed out to each family. Confirmation Registration (Grade 11) is now taking place. All qualified students received registration materials in the mail.

# "Daily Discipleship" News and Events for St. Gabriel Youth Ministry

Attention 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> graders! Now is the time to register for classes if you haven't already! These classes will be meeting in person on Wednesday nights at 4:30, 6:00 or 7:00 OR you can choose to meet virtually on Sunday nights. All classes will require registration, as seating is limited due to health and safety restrictions. You will receive a link to sign up for which session you'd like to attend. Even if you have never joined us for a class before, THIS IS THE YEAR! © It's going to be new for everyone, and dare I say.....better than ever?!? I hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Meredith in the CFC Office at 920-725-0660 or mlauer@smcatholicschools.org I hope to see you there!!



**FLOCKNOTE - JOIN OUR FLOCK!** Text JoinGabe to 84576 from your smart phone to stay in touch with us via e-mail and texting. It's free to join, and we promise not to spam you. We will be using Flocknote to communicate important information for the parish and for the Religious Education program.

Meredith Lauer, Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Coordinator

# IN SYMPATHY

Prayers & sympathy are offered for the family of Marilyn Fishel who was called home to the Lord. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace & glory.



# **SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

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SEPT 15		<sup>†</sup> Henry & Estella Fahrbach
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SEPT. 10	8:15 A.IVI.	<sup>+</sup> Howarth & Adeline Rusch
		& Peter & Cornelia Hagers
SEPT. 17	8:15 A.M.	†George Kriz
SEPT. 18	8:15 A.M.	Pete & Cindy Lind
SEPT. 19	4:30 P.M.	Our Parish Family
SEPT. 20	8:00 A.M.	+Bill Bucheger
	10:00 A.M.	+Christ & Petra Van de Ven
	SEPT. 18 SEPT. 19	SEPT. 15 5:45 P.M.   SEPT. 16 8:15 A.M.   SEPT. 17 8:15 A.M.   SEPT. 18 8:15 A.M.   SEPT. 19 4:30 P.M.   SEPT. 20 8:00 A.M.



# Stewardship of Giving

September 5th/6th Envelopes/Loose	\$11,631
YTD Envelope/Loose Giving/Electronic	\$143,330
YTD Budgeted Envelope/Loose/Electronic	\$143,450
Weekly Capital Improvement	\$160

# Year- to- Date Financial Update - as of August 31, 2020

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
YTD Actual	\$ 196,244	\$ 194,271	\$ 1,973
YTD Budgeted	\$ 222,838	\$ 221,299	\$ 1,539
Net	\$ (26,594)	\$ (27,028)	\$ 434

After a meeting with our Parish Council, Finance Council and fundraising chairpersons, Fr. Bob and the committees decided to cancel the craft fair, fall rummage sale and St. Nick Social. We decided that safety is of utmost concern and did not think it appropriate to have crowds of people gathering and walking through our building for these events. Because these three events have been cancelled, we hope that parish members will take advantage of the calendar raffle to help us cover this loss of funding. The calendar raffle was successful its first year and we hope it will be even more successful this year! Calendars should be available in November to purchase as the perfect Christmas gift!

Fundraising chairpersons voiced the hope that in the future we could use the revenue from these events for special needs of the parish, rather than to cover operating expenses. We ask you to consider increasing your weekly giving to not only cover the shortfall we will suffer this year, but also to help us make this wish a reality. We will wait to make a decision about fundraising events in 2021.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13
Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24. 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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# **Pastoral Ponderings**

Why is it we are so quick to notice our neighbor's offense, and so slow to admit our own? Living the entire Christian



to face with the not-so-pleasant parts of our character. If we're honest, we'd much rather overturn tables, like Jesus in the Temple, than offer forgiveness, like Jesus on the cross. Yet countless centuries of wisdom points to the primacy of mercy over anger. The words from the Book of Sirach couldn't be plainer: "Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?"

Jesus illuminates this expectation of his disciples, requiring us to forgive time and again. But how often do I "nourish anger" instead, feeding it my attention and emotional energy? The more we hold on to our bitterness, the more we become enslaved to it. The parable of the unforgiving servant is a lesson for all of us, especially if we forget the magnitude of God's mercy towards us, and the priceless gift of becoming His sons and daughters in baptism. How do we live forgiveness as individuals? As a community? As a society?

For many people, our social and political climate is bringing out the worst in us. Predictably, these conflicts compound the very real health and economic concerns that are at the forefront of our minds. When we are already stressed out and worried, our reserves of understanding and compassion begin to run low, particularly when we can't express affection or re-charge in the ways that we normally would among family and friends.

To make matters worse, there are those who play to our basest instincts. Social media feeds us a customized stream of partial truth, locking us into our pre-conceived biases. News reports jump breathlessly from one crisis to the next, dampening hope for a better tomorrow. Political leaders and even some clergy prey upon our fears, painting our neighbors as enemies to be vanguished. Others exploit our differences to demolish any common ground; even listening to another person's perspective or experience is considered a betraval.

In spite of this broken world – because of this broken world – we have to be better. We are called to bring the light of forgiveness, understanding, reconciliation.

Among other things, Catholics must bring a consistent witness to the sanctity of life into the public square. We examine social issues in the light of the Gospel, not simply our preferred political narrative. We are obliged to attend to our own blind spots, to confront our personal sin, as well as social and institutional injustices. Our faith does not fit neatly into any political party, nor should it.

As we search together for answers - in ending our pandemic, in eliminating racial prejudice, in protecting the dignity of the unborn and the vulnerable, in confronting economic inequity, in caring for creation - we do so with regard for people as uniquely created and loved by God. Even when we disagree, may we banish anger and cultivate goodwill. And may we be always ready to extend mercy, as mercy has been so richly given to us.

Please see page 3 for our daily Mass schedule. You are welcome to pray privately in church before the Blessed Sacrament present in the tabernacle during regular office

or e-mail.

hours. Please call ahead (722-4914). Should you need anything from our team, we stand ready to assist you during this challenging time. May the Lord be with you today and always.

LOOK TO THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday and 9am-3pm on Friday. We ask that you call

ahead if possible. Also, continue to contact us via telephone

Our office hours are 9am-4pm Monday through

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

6:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration (weather permitting) in the East Parking Lot. Remain in your car with the windows up. Father Bob and/or Deacon Tom will go to each individual vehicle for a blessing.

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Confessions

# **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Confessions



The Twin City Perpetual Adoration Chapel has been reopened for 10 weeks and it has been very successful. However, approximately 15 adorers have dropped out of their regular schedule because of COVID-19, which means we now have more open hours. We need your help now more than ever.

Please consider answering the invitation to spend an hour with Jesus. If you can not commit to a specific hour, becoming a substitute adorer is very helpful. We now have an easy and convenient online scheduling system that you can use to check openings, request subs and receive notices. Please visit the site at twincities.weadorehim.com. For more information or questions, please contact Ed Scanlan at 920-284-6851 or escanlan@new.rr.com.



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Most Reverend David Laurin Ricken, DD, JCL



By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See Bishop of Green Bay

# DECREE

# The Return of the Sunday Mass Obligation

With Christian joy and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the time has come for Catholics to return to worship God at Mass on Sundays.

On March 13th, 2020, I granted a dispensation from the obligation to worship at Sunday Mass during the month of March for Catholics living within the Diocese of Green Bay. A few days later, on March 17th, 2020, the public celebration of Mass was suspended throughout the Diocese and the dispensation from the Sunday obligation was extended indefinitely. Since that time, the faithful have not been obligated to worship at Mass on Sundays and even with the resumption of limited public worship, certain restrictions regarding the numbers in attendance have precluded the lifting of this dispensation.

Now, since the dispensation from the obligation to worship at Mass on Sunday is no longer strictly necessary, the faithful will once again be morally obligated to come to Mass on Sundays throughout the Diocese. (Canon 898) Thus, the obligation will resume on the weekend of September 19th and 20th, 2020 – the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Since the Mass is the entering into the one and infinite sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross, and thus a sacred meal by which we are spiritually nourished with His Body and Blood, the obligation to gather together as a Christian community to worship on Sundays is a natural reflection of our faith as His disciples. Worshipping together at Mass as God's people is also beneficial both spiritually and psychologically as we support one another in our Christian lives. Thus, the healthy practice of Sunday worship is a blessing that we must continue.

As has always been the case, if individual Catholics struggle with serious health concerns or are physically or morally prevented from worshipping at Mass for a grave reason, this obligation does not apply. Additionally, if individuals are frail due to illness or age or, in their well-formed consciences believe that going into public places - including Sunday worship at Mass - would place their health or the health of their loved ones in serious jeopardy, they too are not bound by this obligation. Furthermore, if the occupancy limits have already been reached in a given Mass which preclude safe social distancing, the obligation does not apply. However, the faithful who are unable to attend Mass are nevertheless urged to make holy the Lord's Day and to pray, read the Scriptures, and take part in acts of charity.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread come down from Heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) As Catholics, we gladly return to the altar of God to receive the Bread of Life from the one who gives healing and joy to our hearts.

Given at the Chancery on Monday, September 7, 2020.

Mammy C. Barten

Tammy C. Basten, Chancellor

David L. Rickon

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL Bishop of Green Bay

# HOLY MASS & ADORATION FOR THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE





November 1

The Fox Valley Respect Life Committee invites you to join the 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and vigil for the end of abortion in our country.

Please join us at our kick-off event:

# Tuesday, September 22, 2020

5:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:45pm – Holy Mass St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Neenah

In this time of impiety towards God and human life, it becomes necessary to make acts of reparation for sins against innocent human life. Join us in making our stand with God in showing our great love for Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer" - Pope Paul VI

Special Guest Speaker Presentation to follow.

St. Michael the Archangel, Pray for us!



# St. Mary Catholic Schools NEWS

It is kick-off time for our 2020-21 Zephyrs Gold! <sup>se</sup>Mary Proceeds from raffle sales help fund our operational costs, which include staffing, technology, and maintaining clean and safe facilities. Winners will be drawn prior to cocurricular events throughout the school year. Payouts range from \$500 to \$2,500 with eight opportunities to win! Purchase tickets at any school office by Oct. 20. Thank you in advance for supporting SMCS.

September Scrip Bonuses - See shopwithscrip.com for national bonus rebates, changing weekly! SMCS has secured local bonuses good through September 30 with: Scanlan Studios 15%, Kwik Trip 10%. TIP: select the "higher bonus" Kwik Trip at 10%. The national Kwik Trip/ Kwik Star gives back a lower percentage.

**Employment Opportunities** - We are looking for great people to work for SMCS! Check out our current openings at https://smcatholicschools.org/human-resources/

To find out more this week, check out the SMCS website at www.smcatholicschools.org/newsletters or the SMCS Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TCCES">https://www.facebook.com/TCCES</a>

# hip n For Life

September 21, 2020 | Ridgeway Country Club, Neenah

9:30 a.m. - Golf Registration and Shotgun Start 4:30 p.m. - Cash Bar and Silent Auction 6:00 p.m. - Dinner and Live Auction Outdoor seating and other COVID19 health precautions will be in place to ensure a healthy and safe event.

# Support Chip In for Life and the mission of life.

- Hit the links for life. Register to golf at vidamedicalclinic.org/events. - Purchase dinner-only tickets at vidamedicalclinic.org/events or by calling 920.731.4354.

- Bid in the silent and live auction pre-event, at the event, or virtually

from home on items including:

- Seven-Day Sanibel Island (Florida) Getaway

- Party for up to 40 at the Endries' Packer House

- Framed Aaron Rodgers Jersey

- Dozens of other items like gift cards, outdoor grill, golf packages, and more!



Proceeds Benefit:

At Vida Medical Clinic and Support Services in Appleton, we empower individuals to make healthy life-affirming decisions through education and medical services. We provide free pregnancy testing; ultrasound imaging; Pap, pelvic, and breast exams; STD testing and treatment for women and men; support services to pregnant women and parents of young children; and youth outreach sexual integrity program

/ida Medical Clinic and Support Services | 526 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, WI | 920.731.4354 | vidam



# LIFESAVING OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

You or someone you know will probably need a blood transfusion at some point in time. Currently, there is no substitute for blood. It must come from people like us, donating on a regular basis to create an ample blood supply. We can help ensure that blood will be available when needed by family members, friends, or even ourselves.

Many of us know someone who has needed blood. Blood is transfused to a variety of hospital patients, including cancer patients, trauma victims, and burn patients.

With the Neenah Knights of Columbus and St. Gabriel Parish, we have the incredible opportunity to become lifesavers. We would like to host an on-site blood drive with the Community Blood Center, our local blood provider. The Community Blood Center provides 100% of the blood used by patients in our region.

You can make a difference. Please show your interest in becoming (or continuing to be) a blood donor. Once we have a "show of hands," we'll work with the Community Blood Center to make it easy and convenient for you to be a lifesaver! Please email mteska03@gmail.com or ateska@gmail.com with questions and to show your interest.





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