

# Saint Gabriel

CATHOLIC PARISH

## MINISTRY GUIDE



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## **WELCOME TO ST GABRIEL PARISH!**

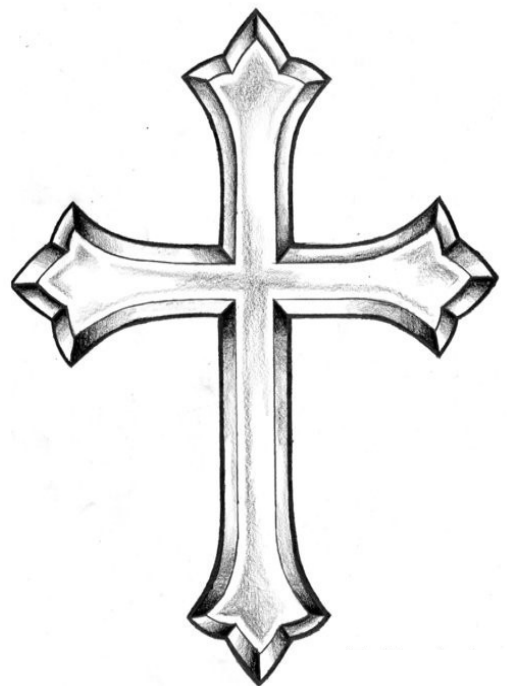
I am very happy that you decided to join our community of faith! Please take some time to determine what areas of ministry to you would like to get involved in at the parish. It is each of our responsibility to participate in the ministry of Christ by sharing our God given gifts and talents with others.

Perhaps you would like to join the choir, greet others at Mass, assist in ushering, proclaim the Word of God as a lector or distribute the Eucharist. You could help with our Human Concern efforts or reaching out to those less fortunate than ourselves. We are always in need of Catechists to pass on the faith to the youth of our parish, so maybe you would consider this as your way of giving back to God.

There are many, many ways in which we rely on the goodness and generosity of our parishioners in order to continue to do the ministry of Christ entrusted to our care. Please feel free to contact the Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council if you have any questions or needs.

God Bless,

*Rev Timothy C Bickel*



St Gabriel Parish came into being in July 2002, as a result of the merging of St Columba, St Hubert and St Mary parishes. These three parishes each brought with them over 150 years of rich Catholic heritage in our community which we proudly carry forward together as St Gabriel.

Our new presence on Hwy 164 reflects a vision for the future, and the generosity and faith of our parishioners. Our new church was dedicated by Archbishop Timothy Dolan in a glorious ceremony in August 2005.

With over 1,200 parish families, we are growing right along with our neighborhood. In the past year we have welcomed many new families, celebrated baptisms, and rejoiced in the confirmation of our youth and RCIA candidates. We are indeed "Alive in Faith".

We are proud of our spiritually and academically vibrant grade school, the involvement of our teens, the opportunity for children and adults to grow in faith through our Religious Education offerings, our parishioners' service to others, and our entire community of faith worshipping in our beautiful new church.

We cordially invite you to join us each week for worship and to become involved in some of the activities - spiritual and social - that St Gabriel has to offer. May you find the blessing of the Father, the presence of His Son, and the fire of the Holy Spirit within our faith community!

### **PARISH MISSION**

We, the people of St. Gabriel Parish, brothers and sisters in Christ, have as our mission

to Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church and

to create an Environment where All can live out this mission.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Grateful for what we have become  
and inspired by our patron St Gabriel,

We, the parish community  
of St Gabriel,  
sent forth by the Eucharist,  
accept the call to be  
*Messengers of the Good News*

We will do this by

Growing closer in  
unity and community  
Nurturing our relationship with the Lord  
in all aspects of our lives

Embracing stewardship of  
our time, talent and resources  
as an expression of our call to discipleship

## **DIRECTIONAL STATEMENTS**

- ✠ We will provide opportunities for parishioners to build community through faith-sharing, parish events and outreach to others.
- ✠ We will take steps toward providing adequate facilities for ministry, education and activities of parish life.
- ✠ We will openly communicate between our Parish Council, committees, staff and parishioners to promote full participation by all members.
- ✠ We will actively support parishioners at every stage of life to grow in holiness; thus, enabling people of every age to understand, become excited about and practice their faith.
- ✠ We will give witness to our discipleship by the practice of stewardship; receiving God's gifts gratefully, tending them in a responsible manner, sharing them in justice with others, and returning them with increase to the Lord.

# ***St Gabriel Catholic Parish***

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## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Weekend:**

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
10:30 am

### **Weekday:**

Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 am  
Wednesday 8:30 am  
(Mass at St Hubert Chapel  
3727 Hubertus Rd when school is in season)

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

2nd Wed of the month 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## **EVENING PRAYER**

Sunday through Friday 6:00 pm

## **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Sunday through Friday 7:30 am

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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION

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St Gabriel's Christian Formation Committee will deepen within the parish community an awareness of the importance of quality, lifelong faith formation and spiritual growth, will advise and support those on the parish staff who have primary responsibility for this work. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** two monthly meetings, 2 hours in length, special projects as needed

## FINANCE COUNCIL

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The Council is comprised of selected members of the parish who meet monthly to provide expertise and consultation through financial analysis, planning and policy development. The Finance Council works with parish leadership in the administration of parish assets in order to accomplish the vision and mission of St Gabriel Parish.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** one monthly meeting, 1 - 2 hours in length, special projects as needed

## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

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Human Concerns Commission meets on a monthly basis to identify the needs of parishioners and the needs of the wider community, especially the poor and coordinates efforts to meet those needs. We accomplish this by enlisting the active cooperation of parish members involving them in accepting the responsibility of their Baptism, that is to be Christ's Light to the world.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** two monthly meetings, 2 hours in length, special projects as needed

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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The Pastoral Council is responsible for all standing commissions of St Gabriel Parish and all standing committees are accountable to the council. The Pastoral Council coordinates the work of the parish commissions; delegates authority to the parish commissions based on their special competence within their areas of responsibility; and ensures the resources and training required for the commissions to be effective. The Pastoral Council establishes priorities and goals which will serve the St Gabriel Community where members serve a three year term and are discerned on a staggered basis.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** two monthly meetings, 2 hours in length, special projects as needed



## SCHOOL COMMISSION

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St Gabriel School Commission is an advisory committee that works with the principal encompassing the workings of the school. We assist our principal on topics that encompass policy and procedure; budget process, fundraising and marketing. All members have unique skill sets that bring a very diverse talent pool to the group. An openness to other's opinions, desire to seek the best for our school and parish. We meet once a month for All Commission meetings; other intermittent meetings occur during the school year. Members are selected through a discernment process and the term is three years.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** two monthly meetings, 2 hours in length, special projects as needed

## STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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The Stewardship's role is to support, promote and coordinate the many ministries of the parish. It seeks to engage and encourage all members of the parish to become active participants of this faith community through prayer, service and sharing. The Stewardship Commission meets on monthly from September through May.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** monthly meetings, 1-2 hours in length, special projects as needed

## WORSHIP COMMISSION

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The Worship Commission assists the Pastor, Associate Pastor, the Liturgist, and volunteers by supporting the worship life of the parish and by fostering its growth. This includes developing, coordinating, promoting and evaluating all the activities by which the parish offers its members opportunities for liturgical and spiritual growth as individuals and as a parish community. The Worship Commission meets monthly from September through May.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** two monthly meetings, 2 hours in length, special projects as needed

## ANOINTING & COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN

If you or your loved one is facing surgery, an illness or end of life issues, the Sacrament of Anointing is a spiritual and prayerful blessing. Anointing is always most effective when you AND your loved one are able to participate in prayer. Contact the pastor to make arrangements for this personal sacrament. Inform the parish office of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass because of illness, surgery or age and would like communion. We will arrange for a St Gabriel Parish Communion Minister to bring the Eucharist after the weekend or daily Mass.

## EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is held at St Gabriel at 6:00PM every night, Sunday through Friday. Please consider joining us whenever you can. It is a wonderful way to close your day!

### ***WHAT IS EVENING PRAYER?***

In the Holy Spirit, Christ carries out through the Church "the work of human redemption and God's perfect glorification," not only when the Eucharist is celebrated and the sacraments are administered but also in other ways, and especially when The Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated. Christ himself is present in the assembled community, in the proclamation of God's word, "in the prayer and song of the Church." The sanctification of human beings is accomplished, and worship offered to God, in The Liturgy of the Hours in an exchange or dialogue between God and human beings in which "God speaks to his people...and his people reply to him in song and prayer."

### ***WHY ATTEND EVENING PRAYER?***

Those taking part in The Liturgy of the Hours have access to holiness of the richest kind through the life giving word of God, to which it gives such great importance. The readings are drawn from Sacred Scripture, God's words in the psalms are sung in His presence, and the intercessions, prayers, and hymns are steeped in the inspired language of Scripture. The Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the entire Church. The Liturgical renewal of Vatican II has endeavored to make it accessible to all Catholics by a simplification of structure. The Church desires that wherever possible at least the celebration of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in public worship services should be encouraged. The Liturgy of the Hours, distributed over various periods of each day, is intended to sanctify time and work. It is also a perfect means for putting into practice the word of Jesus "about the necessity of praying always without growing weary" (Luke 18:1). Contact with the riches of this liturgical prayer, which is pervaded by Sacred Scripture, will give Christians authentic spiritual food, encourage them to do good, and unite them closer to the Church of God throughout the worlds.

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*  
Philippians 4:13

## FUNERAL / RESURRECTION LITURGY PLANNING

The loss of our loved ones is not only a time of immense grief but can also bring overwhelming feelings and great confusion with the necessary decisions of this life process. Your St Gabriel community is here to help you and your family through this struggling time.

St Gabriel Funeral Ministry will help you plan your loved one's funeral service; facilitate the funeral Mass; facilitate a funeral luncheon; and coordinate certain arrangements with the funeral home. Our funeral luncheon ladies will order and serve your luncheon selection. Your St Gabriel community comes together in your family's honor and provides desserts, Jell-O, coffee and milk in a show of support and affirmation of your community.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** 2 hours per funeral

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by actively participating in the liturgy through their actions, singing of hymns, and responses with the people. You can begin to be an altar server once you are in the 5th grade.



### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST**

The role of the Eucharistic minister is to help the priest distribute communion, the Body and the Blood of Christ. To be a Minister you must:

- Be a fully initiated Catholic (Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation)
- Be in good standing with the church
- Be a registered member of St Gabriel Parish
- Be at least 17 years of age

### **LECTORS & SACRISTANS**

Lectors proclaim the word of the Lord to the congregation, drawing the assembly more deeply into the mystery being celebrated. They prepare the readings in advance. They approach the ambo with dignity and reverence, and proclaim the readings in a strong, clear voice.

Sacristans assist the priest in maintaining the Altar, Sanctuary, and Sacristy. This includes cleaning and setting the Altar for Mass and preparing and setting out the gifts for the offertory procession.

## MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

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### ***GREETERS***

Greeters are ministers of hospitality who help to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere when others come to worship. They welcome the people who assemble to worship by greeting them as they enter the church. Greeters also distribute worship aids.

### ***USHERS***

Ushers are also ministers of hospitality. Their contact with the congregation carries through the collection, offertory procession, Eucharist, and distribution of the bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. Ushers serve by keeping good order in the Church, ensure the environment is satisfactory, and assists those with special needs.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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St Gabriel has many opportunities for parishioners to share their time and talents through the ministry of music.

***WHY JOIN?*** It's healthy! It connects you to other people which is a great way to meet other parishioners who share the desire to make music for the Glory of our Lord. It serves the Lord and a great way to take your passion and talents and give them back to the Lord.

### ***8:00 CHOIR***

This Choir leads the singing at the Sunday 8:00 am Mass as well as some holy days. This choir practices on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. The choir also sings for the 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy. This Choir is open to teens and adults.

### ***10:30 CHOIR***

This Choir leads the singing at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass. Practice for this Choir is held one hour prior to mass. The 10:30 am Choir is a contemporary Choir, using guitars and other instruments. This Choir is open to teens and adults.

### ***CANTORS***

Cantors lead the congregation in the responsorial psalm at each Saturday and Sunday Liturgy. An audition with the Director of Music, is required for acceptance in this ministry.

### ***CHILDREN'S CHOIR***

This choir is open to any young St Gabriel parishioner in grades 1-8 who love to sing. The Children's Choir leads the singing at various mass times – usually twice monthly. Practice for this choir is to be determined.

### ***INSTRUMENTALISTS***

If you play or have played guitar, drums, flute, trumpet, or violin and would like to use those talents in Praise of our Lord, please contact the Director of Music. We are always welcome of new musicians who can help us enhance our music program!

## PRAYER CHAIN

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The prayer chain is a means to combine our prayers with those of the parish and community who have a need to reach out to our Lord.

- To pray for a loved one who is ill or deceased;
  - To pray for personal needs: employment, cure for addictions, safe travel, success in school, pregnancy and childbirth, etc.;
  - To offer prayers of thanksgiving for our many blessings;
- To pray in those instances when one just feels a need for prayers.

As a group, we are able to “bombard” Heaven with our needs. Simultaneously, it presents everyone on the prayer chain an opportunity to speak with God on a personal level. Each of us is engaged in prayer not only to help others, but also to help ourselves. The prayer chain is a constant continuous prayer ~ someone is always praying.

**Knowing** people are praying for our intentions brings us great comfort. Sometimes we may feel “unworthy” ~ knowing someone else is helping us along, gives us peace.

## WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT TEAM

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Enriching liturgies through supporting symbolic and non verbal components of liturgy and worship is integral to this ministry. Members of this team should have an awareness and sensitivity to the roles of sight and color, touch and texture, sound, and smell in the worship experience. The team meets once a month for planning and as necessary for work sessions.

### ***PLANT & FLOWER CARE***

A team of volunteers waters, fertilizes, and prunes the live green plants and flowers in the various areas of the facility. Volunteers are placed on a rotating schedule. Instruction is given through the job shadowing and written guidelines. Families are welcome to join in this ministry.

### ***VOTIVE CANDLE CARE***

Ministers on this team care for the votive candles at St Gabriel Parish and St Hubert Chapel. Volunteers check the candles several times during the week, remove and replace spent candles with new ones and clean the glass containers. A weekly rotation schedule is utilized. Families are welcome to share in this ministry.

*“I will give thanks to you. for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:  
wonderful are Your works. and my soul knows it very well.”*

- Psalm 139:14



## ADULTS

### ***BAPTISM PREPARATION & SCHEDULING***

How would you like to welcome baptism couples with sharing your experience of having your own child(ren) baptized and sharing how baptismal godparents were chosen.

While leading a small group discussion and prayer you are showing your readiness to share your faith with the other couples. Everyone benefits by deepening your knowledge of the Catholic faith, the satisfaction of supporting the faith development of young adults and the complete joy of witnessing to faith.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** Once or twice per year for only 1 – 2 hours you can lead discussions about why couples are bringing their children for baptism and what faith hopes they have for the children.



### ***BIBLE STUDY***

Share reflections on selective scripture passages with other parishioners.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** 1 hour per week between Sunday masses

### ***COMMISSION MEMBER***

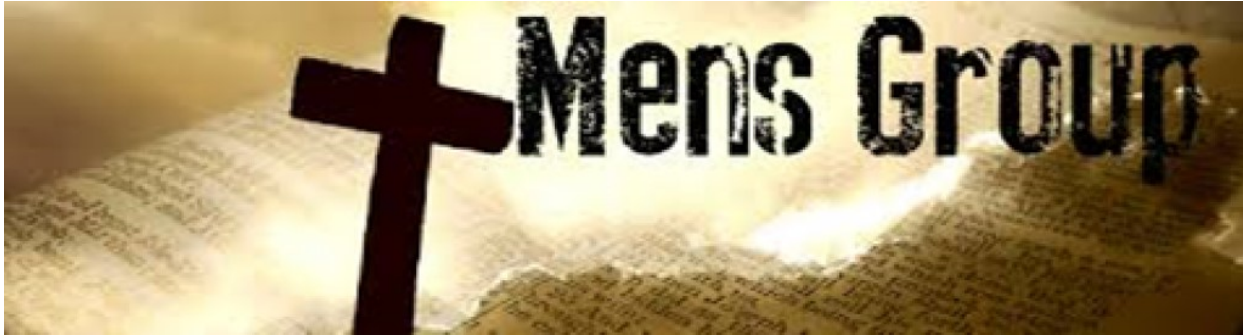
Formation members will have a passion for living and sharing the Gospel, willingness to offer opinions and understandings, openness to studying formational catechetical documents and any educator experience helpful and beneficial.

Member will contribute to the development within the parish awareness. Participate in the development of comprehensive plans to encourage intentional discipleship, assist in identifying parish formation needs, assist in recommendation of policies and assist in defining roles, responsibilities and relationships of educational and formational endeavors.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:00 followed by the participation in the formation commission meeting from 7:00-8:30. Formation commission members help serve doughnuts on Fellowship Sunday twice per year.

### ***MEN'S GROUP***

The men's group meets Wednesday mornings from 5:45am - 7:00am. All men of St Gabriel's, St Boniface, St Mary of the Hill and surrounding area are welcome! We invite you to come any or all Wednesdays for a good breakfast and to grow in grace and faith. This year will begin with a new series called "Truth" and "Unleash the Holy Spirit" followed by Father Larry Richards series called "Surrender". The group starts with a hot breakfast and coffee followed by prayer, a video presentation and a little discussion.



### ***SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION LEADERS***

Interest in spirituality and faith issues, with the ability to encourage others to share their thoughts and feelings and ability to summarize discussions are beneficial. Tasks would include the preview materials, sharing of DVD's or readings, initiate and monitor discussion and set agenda for next meeting. By being a leader you will deepen your own knowledge of the Catholic faith, have satisfaction of supporting the faith development of others, the joy of witnessing to faith and the enjoyment of working as part of a team.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** 1 to 1 1/2 hour session(s) once per week for 6-24 weeks with the occasional planning of meetings before a session with the director.

### ***SOUP, SALAD & SUBSTANCE***

Help plan for this Women's spirituality event twice each year. Help select speakers, prepare gifts bags, set up, prepare food or clean up as your time allows:

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** 1-20 hours in Spring and/or Fall.



## BECOMING CATHOLIC - RCIA

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. It involves weekly gatherings in which the participants learn Catholic doctrine, study the Gospels and share faith experiences.

### ***RCIA CORE TEAM MEMBER***

Passionate about sharing the Catholic faith with other. Interested in unpacking scripture and exploring the Catechism of the Catholic Church with other adults.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** 1 - 2 hours every other week August - Lent, 2 hours per week during Lent and Easter season.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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St Gabriel Parish prides itself on our comprehensive Religious Education Programs. We offer religious education programs for all ages kindergarten through eleventh grade confirmation. These classes are tailored to each age group thereby providing a catholic religious education in an age appropriate environment. We believe our class structures better engage, and therefore better involve, our St Gabriel children.

### ***GRADES K-6: MONDAY NIGHTS***

St Gabriel Parish offers religious education classes for grades one through six grade on Monday nights at St Gabriel School. The sacraments of Eucharist and First Reconciliation are received in second grade – sacrament preparation needs to be completed to enroll in second grade. If you completed first grade religious education, these requirements have been satisfied.

### ***GRADES K-6: SUNDAY MORNINGS***

St Gabriel Parish offers religious education classes using the Sadlier series for grades kindergarten through six on Sunday mornings at St Gabriel School.

The sacraments of Eucharist and First Reconciliation are received in second grade. The sacrament preparation needs to be completed to enroll in second grade. If you completed first grade religious education, these requirements have been satisfied.

## ***7TH & 8TH GRADE "EDGE"***

"EDGE" is the middle school version of our high school program. It gives a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, learn about their faith, and experience God in a profound and personal way.

By beginning the process of discipleship in middle school, we are instilling virtue at a young age and giving them the tools to live out their Catholic faith in high school.

For more info on Lifeteen or Edge visit [www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com)

"EDGE" meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

## ***HIGH SCHOOL "NIGHT LIFE"***

LIFETEEN is a Catholic youth ministry organization that puts out engaging resources to help parishes lead teens closer to Christ. Our high school program is more than just religious education. It is a safe place where young people can be themselves and experience Christian community. It is where disciples build disciples as upper classmen lead their younger peers in prayer. Here our young people learn to be fully alive and rooted in Jesus Christ.

**Requirements:** Besides regularly attending Life Nights throughout the year teens will be required to attend one retreat a year. Please contact Parish office for more information.

"Life Night" meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

## ***JUNIOR CONFIRMATION: "CHOSEN"***

"Chosen" is a small group based program that prepares young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation by presenting them with challenging and inspirational talks from some of the top Catholic speakers in the country while allowing time to share their personal faith and discuss important topics that help teens live out their Catholic Faith.

This program is focused on making young people intentional disciples and works in tandem with our high school program to form them into spiritual leaders and proclaimers of the Gospel.

"Chosen" meets Sundays from 12pm-1:30 pm. This is a sacrament program which includes a mandatory weekend retreat.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHIST**

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***CATECHIST K-6***

Catechist would be an active catholic, person of prayer and have the love of children. Experience with training or teaching helpful. All catechist will be required to fulfill Safeguarding God's Family Training and complete a criminal background check.

Tasks would include to read and select activities from teachers' manual, prepare materials for students (handouts/crafts), participate in formation/training sessions, help plan prayer services/liturgies and participate in parent meetings (beginning of the year/sacramental prep for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade).

You will benefit by growing spiritually, continue to your development of leadership/teaching skills, joy of passing on the faith to youngsters, the satisfaction of knowing you are an evangelist and deepening your own knowledge of the Catholic faith.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** 1 1/4 hours of teaching for 26 weeks, preparation time as needed and Formation/Training 10 hours per year.

***CATECHIST 7-8 GRADES***

Our catechist are person(s) of prayer, share a love for teens and active in their Catholic faith. Some experience with training or teaching helpful, along with the willingness to help plan and engage students in a variety of activities. Required: Safeguarding All God's Family Training and criminal background check

Tasks would include the reading and selecting of activities from teachers' manuals: Bible, morality, prayer, the Church. Also includes working with supervisor to select and carry out a variety of activities, lead students through meaningful outreach activities and participate in formation/training sessions, help plan prayer services/liturgies and in parent meetings (beginning of the year).

You will benefit by personal spiritual growth, the development of leadership/teaching skills, joy of passing on the faith to teens, gratification that comes from outreach/social justice activities, the satisfaction of knowing you are an evangelist and deepening your own knowledge of the Catholic faith.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** One Sunday morning per month and only 10 hours per week for training and formation time.

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make your paths straight.”*

-Proverbs 3:5-6

## SACRAMENTS

### **BAPTISM**

Preparation for Baptism Sacrament can begin before your baby is born and done on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Baptism sessions for parents are offered quarterly in the evening. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements and begin baptism preparation.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Children seeking to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time begin the preparation process in September 2nd grade and receive the sacrament in December. Children need to be enrolled in the elementary religious education program or attend a catholic school. Successful completion of 1st grade formation is required. Older children or adults who have not received the sacrament of Reconciliation are also welcome to enter into the formation process in a customized format.

### **FIRST COMMUNION (EUCHARIST)**

Children seeking to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist begin the preparation in January of 2nd grade and receive the sacrament in Spring. Children need to be enrolled in the elementary religious education program or attend a catholic school. Successful completion of 1st grade formation and the reception of First Reconciliation is required. Older children or adults who have not received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist are welcome to enter into the formation process in a customized format.



### **CONFIRMATION**

Students receive the sacrament of Confirmation in their junior or senior year of high school. Classes begin in September and end in spring, when the bishop is typically available to confer the sacrament. Students need to have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist and must have completed high school faith formation classes prior to being confirmed. Special sessions are held during the year for adults who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation.

### **MARRIAGE**

Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least nine (9) months prior to their intended wedding date, PRIOR TO committing to a date. Engaged couples are required to participate in the FOCCUS program which prepares engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

The St Gabriel Youth program is a new effort of the parish to form young disciples of Jesus Christ. This program will be for 7th - 12th graders and functions as the Religious Education program for the parish. It is based on a relational ministry model that has prayer as its foundation and people as its purpose. By providing opportunities for prayer, help mold our young people into the men and women that God is calling them to be.

Meeting times and schedules can be found on the parish website under the Formation tab.



## YOUTH WORK CAMP

Each year, a group of teens and adult chaperones from our parish travel to one of the many Catholic HEART work camps held throughout the summer in cities across the country. The teens are grouped in small teams with other teens from different parishes around the nation and help residents or charities around the area.





## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) / RICE BOWL

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During Lent, you can participate in CRS Rice Bowl which is Catholic Relief Services Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Rice Bowls and materials are distributed the first week of Lent and gifts are brought to church during Holy Week. For more information, visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).

## GIVING TREE

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Are you interested in assisting families during the Christmas season? Organizing gifts for families is a great way to help. During the first two weeks of December, a tree is set in the gathering space. Ornaments with gift requests trim the tree for parish members to take and return the gift(s) where they are sorted, packed, and distributed to the families in need.

## HEALTH MINISTRIES

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The program is a ministry of Christian service shaped by Christ's concern for all aspects of the human condition and directed to the service of the *whole* person — mind, body, and spirit. The focus of this ministry is health and healing. Health is the continuation of wellness and the life process. Health is not curing, but is the restoration of wholeness in life with Christ.

### ***BAPTISM BLANKETS/ PRAYER SHAWLS***

Are you looking for a ministry or prayer and care for others? Our ministry makes shawls/blankets for anyone hurting in body, mind or spirit and in need of prayers. We also give them as gifts to our newly baptized.

The crafters making these special gifts are generally unaware of the intended recipient. Nonetheless as the shawl/blanket is created, it is filled with prayers for that individual.

If you or someone you know would like to request a prayer shawl or blanket or if you would like to become a crafter for this ministry, please contact the parish office.



## **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Blood Pressure screenings are held in the Annunciation Room (first one on the right as you enter the Gathering) every weekend of the third Sunday of the month after Mass. No appointments necessary.

## **ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

Motherhood is one of the most sacred vocations given by God to women. The Elizabeth Ministry is outreach to women during these special times in motherhood. We affirm, support, encourage and assist other women during this unique time in their lives.

The Elizabeth Ministry is based on the Scripture story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45). This Scripture story presents us with two women who are pregnant in difficult settings. Elizabeth is too old to have children and has been criticized for being barren. Mary is very young and finds herself pregnant although she is not married. The beauty of Mary's encounter with Elizabeth is that both women realize that they had found someone who understood and with whom they could share the marvel of what God was doing for them. As they shared their stories, they helped each other recognize God's will and the sacredness of their lives.

Today, many women feel isolated from other women. In the past, the presence of intimacy and support needed during childbearing years were found in the structures of family, neighborhood and church. Women no longer feel the sense of community that automatically existed years ago.

Additionally, today's parents are faced with a multitude of issues and concerns about childbearing that did not exist a few years ago. Prenatal testing brings up a great deal of moral, legal and social controversy. Possibilities for medical intervention for babies in crisis cause parents to be faced with difficult decisions. And social and medical changes have limited the number of babies available to be placed in adoptive families.

The Elizabeth Ministry "pairs up" with women during these special times of motherhood. We visit as friends and we come as representatives of our parish community. We present a special kit of gifts and resources to the women we are visiting and follow-up with phone calls, cards or additional visits as needed. Our outreach fosters a companionship based on personal experience, formal knowledge and the skills of our participants.

***The Elizabeth Ministry enables women to be mentors for one another in the magnificent adventure of bringing new life into the world.***

## ***THE ELIZABETH MINISTRY ROSE BUD PROGRAM***

This program helps us pray for and support those who are pregnant; celebrating birth or adoption; grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, infant or child death; or wanting to become pregnant or adopt.

The Elizabeth Ministry Rosebud Program has been placed by the Shrine of Mary. You will find silk rosebuds placed in the basket. Each rosebud has a tag attached with a ribbon. The tag has a place to write information about the particular situation. Parishioners are invited to remove a rosebud from the basket, fill in the attached tag and put the rose bud in a vase. Those filling out the tags are invited to take a prayer card for their personal meditation.



### **Pink Rosebud**

honors pregnancy and unborn babies

### **Red Rosebud**

celebrates births and adoptions

### **White Rosebud**

grieves with families suffering a miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, infant or child death

### **Yellow Rosebud**

remembers those waiting to conceive or adopt

In addition to the Elizabeth Ministry Rose Bud Program, the Human Concerns Committee may be expanding the Elizabeth Ministry Program in the future.



## REMINISCE MINISTRY

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While being involved in the Reminisce Ministry you have the opportunity to spread joy to people in a nursing home or assisted living environment. If you enjoy being social, a good speaker and listener please join us.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** approximately 2 hour per month

## ST BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

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Do you have a desire to serve others? To make a difference in others lives? Why not consider serving at St Ben's Meal Program in Milwaukee. Each month a group of St Gabriel parishioners travel to St Ben's in downtown Milwaukee to serve the hungry. We guarantee you it is an experience you will not soon forget, and one that will mean as much to you as it does to those you serve. Watch the bulletins for dates that volunteers are needed. Volunteers (middle-school age on up) carpool to St Ben's, leaving from church at 3:45pm and returning about 7:15pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** as often as you are able or desire

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organization of women and men who join together to grow spiritually and offer person-to-person service to those in need in the tradition of its patron, St Vincent de Paul. Worldwide in scope, our St Gabriel – St Mary of the Hill Conference is geared to the needs of our Parish members and the local community.

Referrals from our pastors, parish nurses, fellow parishioners and other agencies in Washington County are followed by a home visit by two members to determine specific needs. Visitors are sensitive to confidentiality and respect for the dignity of those contacted. Assistance can vary from: basic needs of food, clothing, medical needs and financial counseling; homeless prevention through help with rent/utility bills; or, just being a good listener.

The St Vincent de Paul Ministry is an opportunity for parishioners to answer the call of those less fortunate. The Conference meets on the first and third Mondays of the month and membership is open to all parishioners. Parish members fund the work of St Vincent de Paul through personal contributions and the Mass collections on Holy Thursday and Thanksgiving Day.

**Parishioners may call the Parish Office, 262-628-1141 to seek assistance, refer someone in need or for more details regarding this Ministry. Contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Society are tax exempt and can be sent to the Parish Office.**

## SISTER PARISH MINISTRY

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Wanting to share and reach beyond our parish, St Gabriel has committed financial and prayer support to our sister parish, ***Congregation of the Great Spirit***. Depending upon the needs of the mission, parish volunteers assist in projects such as collecting clothes, donating food for their food pantry and working on construction projects. To stay informed about opportunities, read announcements in the bulletin and gathering space.

## VISITATION MINISTRY

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Would you or someone you know appreciate a visit or someone to talk to? Our visitation ministry provides friendly visits to parishioners in their home, the hospital and to those in nursing homes or hospice care. Our friendly and caring ministers will provide conversation and caring love from your St Gabriel Parish Community. If you are interested in being part of our Visitation Ministry team, please call the parish office. Qualifications include a caring heart, a compassionate smile and a patient presence. Come join our team. All are welcome!

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** as often as you are able or desire



## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

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The building and grounds committee meets every other month and consists of approximately 2 dozen Parish members with interest and knowledge in maintenance of structures and landscaping. This committee advises and assist parish leaders in aspects of heating, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, construction and landscaping. Members provide intellectual guidance on the how to solve an issue and sometimes manage the completion of repairs and maintenance projects.

Members of the building and grounds committee will have skills that are extremely wide ranging from the knowledge side of construction and maintenance issues to also the ability and desire to provide manual labor in implementation of projects felt to be within our capabilities. All levels of expertise are welcome and appreciated.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

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The Holy Dusters honor us with the privilege of cleaning our worship space. Volunteers clean the St Gabriel Church every other Wednesday morning.

## **COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY**

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The Communication Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of our parish website and the promotion of St. Gabriel Parish and supports promotions of extraordinary events within St. Gabriel Parish.

The Communications Committee meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month other than July and August. Our meetings last an hour to an hour and a half. Time outside of meetings is less than an hour a month.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BOARD**

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This ministry invites people who are recently unemployed and underemployed to view possible employment opportunities and may need assistance in seeking employment. Postings can be found in Gathering space on bulletin boards.

## **OFFICE SUPPORT**

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The parish office staff periodically needs assistance with preparing communications to mail to parishioners, such as the weekly bulletin and St Gabriel Messenger.

## **WELCOME / NEW PARISHIONERS INFORMATION**

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The mission of our Evangelization and Welcoming Committee is to share our faith in Jesus with enthusiasm! This committee works toward ensuring that our parish community is shining brightly, an existing presence of God in our broader community and beyond is to be shown to all always.

The responsibilities of this committee include: Welcome New Members, Young Adult Newsletter and Graduation Recognition.

## PARISH / SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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St Gabriel Parish Life is an important form of community in our parish. It represents activities which bring parishioners together and promote a sense of welcoming and belonging to St Gabriel Parish. Activities and events that support our parish mission and enhances our parish community are highly encouraged.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN

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The Confraternity of Christian Women is primarily a spiritual organization, where united as wives and mothers under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows, they pray for one another, their children, and husbands. Through special events, Christian Women promote parish projects, also adding parish needs as requested (i.e. funerals).

Any female parishioner is considered a member and encouraged to join the confraternity in promoting Christmas Cribs in homes; scholarships for college bound students; programs or speakers for needy organizations of the area; and a Craft Fair in the fall to raise funds for the scholarship program.

## QUILTERS

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In 2000, our Director of Religious Education, was approached by some quilters with the idea of sending quilts along with the Youth Group to present to needy families at their Work Camps. Maureen happily accepted this offer and each year since 12-14 quilts have been sent along with the Youth Group. The group meets as needed to complete quilts. The piecing is done at home.

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

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The Senior Group was initially established in 2001 at the request of Eleanore Wiedmeyer, who at the time was 86 years old. The Group meets primarily to socialize, play games (mostly cards) and receive health information (including blood pressure screening). Christmas is celebrated with a party and special dinner. Cards are sent to Seniors for birthdays, illnesses, and sympathy.

This group serves as an outreach for Seniors from our parish as well as the surrounding parishes. Since it is free, it is affordable for all.



## ST GABRIEL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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Our St Gabriel Christmas Craft Fair is held annually on the 2nd Sunday in November. Many hands help plan our event and we are always looking for new individuals to help prior and during. This is a great way to get involved and meet new parishioners all while having fun and do some shopping.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** varies according to your area of expertise

## ST GABRIEL DINNER AUCTION

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The St Gabriel Dinner Auction is held yearly in March and we are always looking for volunteers to continue to make the auction a huge success. Many hands, make small work. We have opportunities in many areas from, acquisitions, decorations, sponsorships, raffles, table setup, table displays, etc. Your time commitment varies depending on your area of expertise. Please consider using your time and talent as this is a great way to meet new parishioners throughout our parish.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** your time commitment varies depending upon your area of expertise

## ST GABRIEL FLEA MARKET

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The St Gabriel Flea Market is one of the primary fundraisers for our parish. However, we are hoping to increase the sense of community within the parish with this event. Organizational skills, managerial, advertising, marketing/promotional, financial skills, painting, electrical, carpentry/construction, computer/IT, kitchen/cooking and driving are talents we are looking for. Your time commitment varies for our committee leaders as it depends on each respective area and specific time frames. Different areas work at different times of the year such as; sponsor work, vendor / booth rental demands are heavier in late spring/summer than something like electrical/construction.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** your time commitment varies depending upon your area of expertise

## SCRIP PROGRAM

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Volunteers are always need to pick up Scrip certificate from our local vendors and to sell Scrip after our weekend masses. You will also sell with another person and training is provided.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME:** 20-30 minutes after weekend masses and data entry of Scrip on Monday mornings



## ST GABRIEL SCHOOL

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At St Gabriel School academic excellence and Christian faith go hand in hand. Our students in grades 4K-8 blossom under the guidance of our award winning teaching staff. Our teachers challenge students academically and engage them spiritually. They personally inspire students to make a difference, equipping them to become leaders in the larger community.

### MISSION OF ST GABRIEL SCHOOL

St Gabriel offers an opportunity to develop a faith relationship with God through prayer, worship, knowledge and service. A comprehensive curriculum is provided to prepare students to become active participants in the Catholic Church and responsible members of society. We strive to foster a family-focused atmosphere. Students participate in the planning of school wide liturgies. Teachers offer tutoring opportunities after school. Older students "buddy" with younger students, enhancing the learners while teaching the older students responsibility.

At St Gabriel's we offer:

- Comprehensive Curriculum
- SMART Boards
- Forensics Programs
- Athletic Programs (Boys & Girls Basketball & Volleyball 5th-8th)
- Community Service Projects
- Tutoring
- Scouting
- After School Care
- Weekly Student Liturgy
- State of the art Computer Lab
- Accelerated Reader Program
- First in Math Program
- Geography & Spelling Bees
- School Library

*"Many parents desire that their children receive the worldview that comes from a faith base perspective. Studies have demonstrated that Catholic education produces citizens that are more concerned with social issues, a responsibility for the common good and are more likely to participate in civic government"*

*-Archbishop ListECKi*

## **CURRICULUM**

Our values based curriculum stresses:

- Reading, Writing, and Math Skills at all levels
- Literature based reading/writing program
- Application of basic math and science
- Social Studies and current event projects
- Sacramental preparation
- Accelerated Math Course
- Computer Technology
- Choral Music
- Instrumental Music by All Saints Music
- Art Instruction
- Spanish

The faculty and staff are committed to providing quality Catholic education in a caring environment. Teachers are certified and remain current in research proven techniques. Class sizes are small to provide more one on one attention for students.

Integration of technology is provided to enhance daily classroom learning. Services opportunities are stressed for students to become caring and productive members of society.

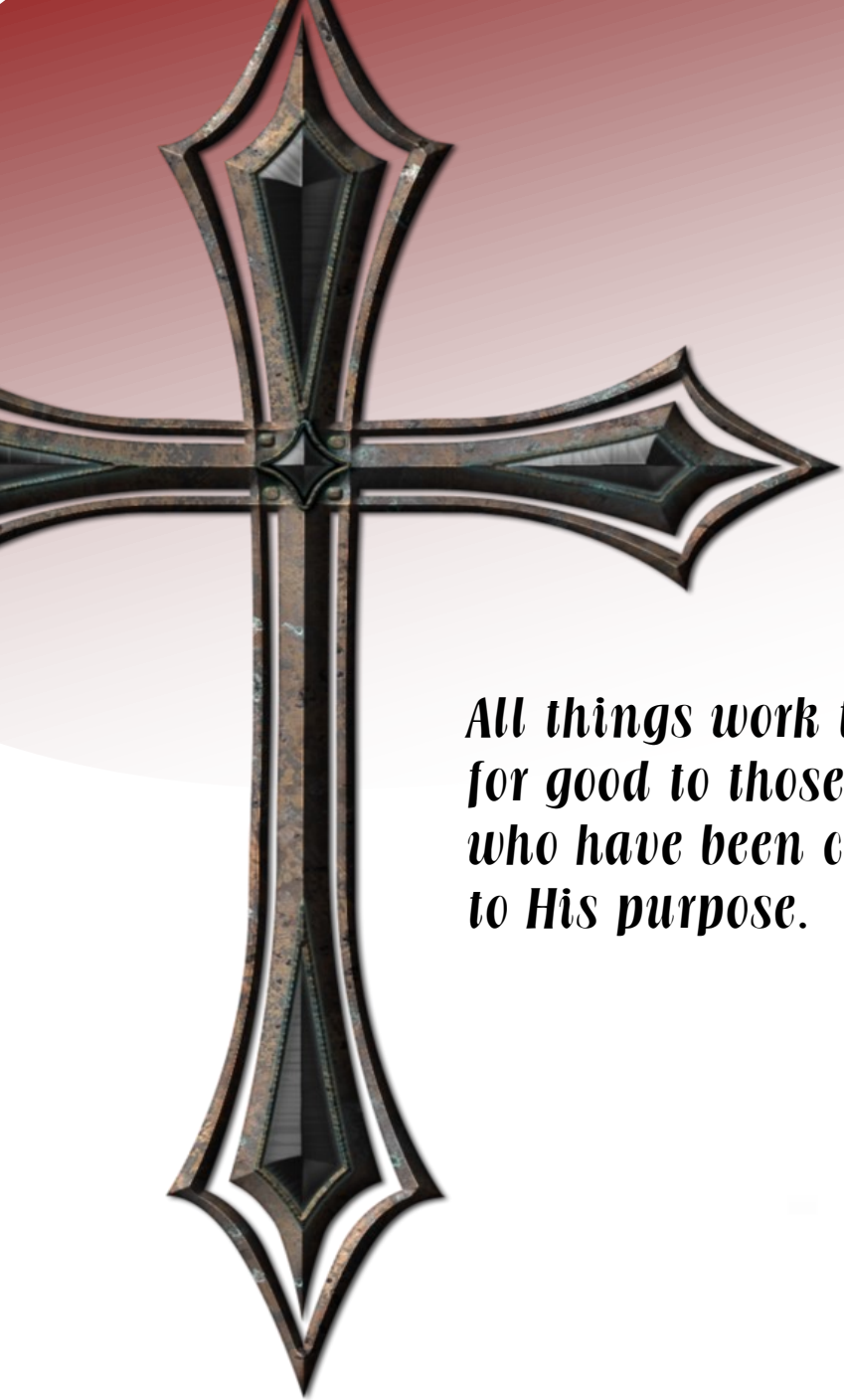
St Gabriel school offers a flexible three or five day 4K program to introduce children to the Catholic school learning environment.



Our athletic and scouting programs are open to students in grades 5th through 8th and are currently enrolled at St Gabriel School or St Gabriel Religious Education Program.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Coaches (Basketball & Volleyball)
- Scouting (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts)
- Playground
- Story Time Readers



*All things work together  
for good to those who love God.  
who have been called according  
to His purpose.*

*- Romans 8:28*

