



THE RIVER CATHOLIC

PENTECOST SUNDAY 05/19/2024

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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

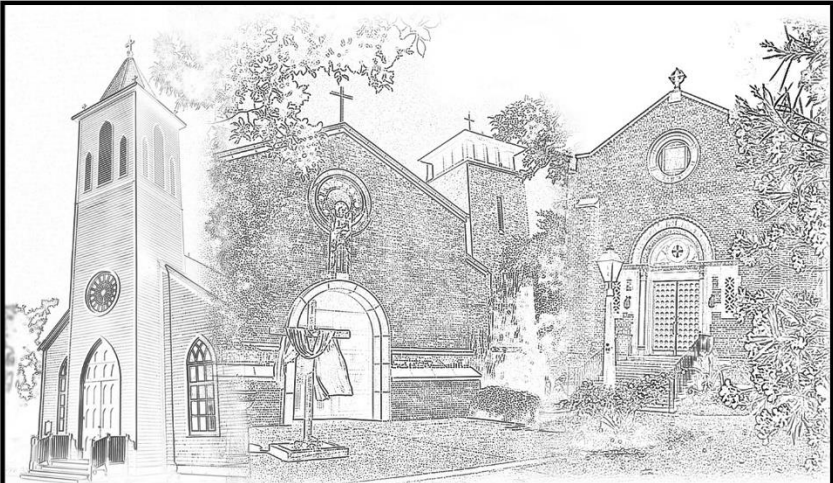
Sunday, 8am & 10am
Presently no mass @ Carville

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	\$3,548.00
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	48
Online Collections since 5/1/24	\$3,680.00

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.



When St. John Paul II was elected to the papacy in 1978 among his first words to the world, spoken during his inaugural homily, were, "Be not afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ..." As a youth, a seminarian, a young priest and bishop, the pope had experienced firsthand the intense fear that gripped his native land of Poland as the Nazis ruthlessly occupied his country during World War II.

Having lived through both the Nazi invasion of Poland and the Communist regime after the war, the pope understood that fear was a powerful weapon used by totalitarian regimes to control and intimidate people. He knew also, in faith, that Jesus conquered fear and sin in the saving mystery of the cross. This was the deep Christian conviction that shaped his saintly life and his papacy.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are in the grip of fear after Jesus' death on the cross. They stayed behind locked doors for fear of being found by the religious authorities. They were expecting the same fate as their lord and master. It is at this moment of deep fear and isolation that Jesus comes to the disciples. And his first words to them are, "Peace be with you." Then the risen Jesus showed them the nail marks in his hands and the wounds in his side, the signs of his self-giving love revealed on the cross.

When Jesus showed his wounded hands and side, the disciples' fear turns to hopeful rejoicing in the presence of the risen Lord. And when Jesus breathes on them, he bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now they are empowered by the divine life flowing in them to abandon the chains of fear and become bold witnesses to faith in Jesus' resurrection. For as St. Paul notes, "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Blessed Trinity, the love of the Father and the Son whose presence sanctifies and enlivens the church in every age. At Pentecost, the church receives the Holy Spirit that Jesus first promised to his disciples. Today, the same gift of the Holy Spirit is offered to every disciple of Jesus to empower all to face and overcome the fears, anxieties and worries of life. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to replace fear with faith and exchange the anxieties and worries of daily life with trust in God.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit who gives strength to leave fear behind and live in the freedom of friendship with Jesus, as we say in faith, "speak to me, Lord."

What do Jesus' words, "Peace be with you," mean to you? 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 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.



General Cleaning of Church, Mon., May 20, 9 a.m. All are welcome.



To all of our graduating seniors from high school, college, and graduate degrees, we wish you the best.



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 50th Anniversary of Priesthood will be held here, Saturday, May 25, at 4 p.m. Mass with a reception following.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. 18 4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**
PENTECOST
 Sun. 19 8:00 a.m. **MASS**
 10:00 a.m. **MASS, Children's Church**



Mon. 20 8:00 a.m. Father's day off
General Cleaning of Church
9 a.m. Please come to help

Tues. 21 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection Group
 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 8:45 a.m. Adoration
 6:30 pm. Finance Committee Mtg.

Wed. 22 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Charlie Support Group

Thurs. 23 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Team Meeting

Fri. 24 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. 25 10:00 a.m. Waguespack Baptism in Church
 4:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**

FATHER JON KOEHLER 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD & RECEPTION
TRINITY SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sun. 26 8:00 a.m. **MASS**
 10:00 a.m. **MASS, Children's Church**

Office Closed – Memorial Day

Mon. 27 8:00 a.m. Father's day off

Tues. 28 7:00 a.m. Men's Reflection Group
 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 8:45 a.m. Adoration

Wed. 29 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Thurs. 30 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri. 31 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass



DAILY READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-114; 1 Corinthians 2:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23; 15,26-27; 16: 12-15

Monday, May 20 Daily Readings

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 21 Daily Readings

James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, May 22 Daily Readings

James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, May 23 Daily Readings

James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

Friday, May 24 Daily Readings

James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, May 25 Daily Readings

James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16

TRINITY SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17;

Matthew 28:16-20

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



5/20 8:00 a.m. No Mass
 5/21 8:00 a.m. Soileau-LaFleur Families; Babin-Ruiz Families; Nezida & Louise Babin W. Allen White; White & Crochet Families
 5/22 8:00 a.m. Irene Landry; Warthen Family
 5/23 8:00 a.m. Dewey Hymel Family & Betty Merlin Joseph "Buddy" Marchand
 5/24 8:00 a.m. Amedee & Crochet Families
 5/25 4:00 p.m. Cambre-Babin-Merino Families & Emily Ramos Leon Ambeau; Fr. Jon's Family; W. Allen White; White-Crochet Families
 5/26 8:00 a.m. Rodney Gomez; Alton & Dianne Comeaux; Mary Nell Sanchez
 10:00 a.m. For the Parish
 5/27 8:00 a.m. No Mass



As you celebrate [graduation](#) day and wish your student good luck, consider the following commencement advice you can share as well as [inspirational quotes](#) for a happy graduation.

You're not going to get very far in life based on what you already know. You're going to advance in life by what you're going to learn after you leave school.

Charlie Munger

[Education](#) doesn't stop after you graduate from college. It doesn't stop after you finish your MBA or PhD either. Munger says, "Wisdom acquisition is a moral duty. It's not just something you do to advance in life." It's a moral duty because it's only through continuous learning that we can add to the vast knowledge of mankind. If we stopped learning, progress in all industries—computers, finance, engineering, biology, stops as well.

You and you alone are the only person who can live the life that writes the story you were meant to tell. Kerry Washington



OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

REAGAN DEDON

KENNEDY HAYDEL

KEVIN CROW