

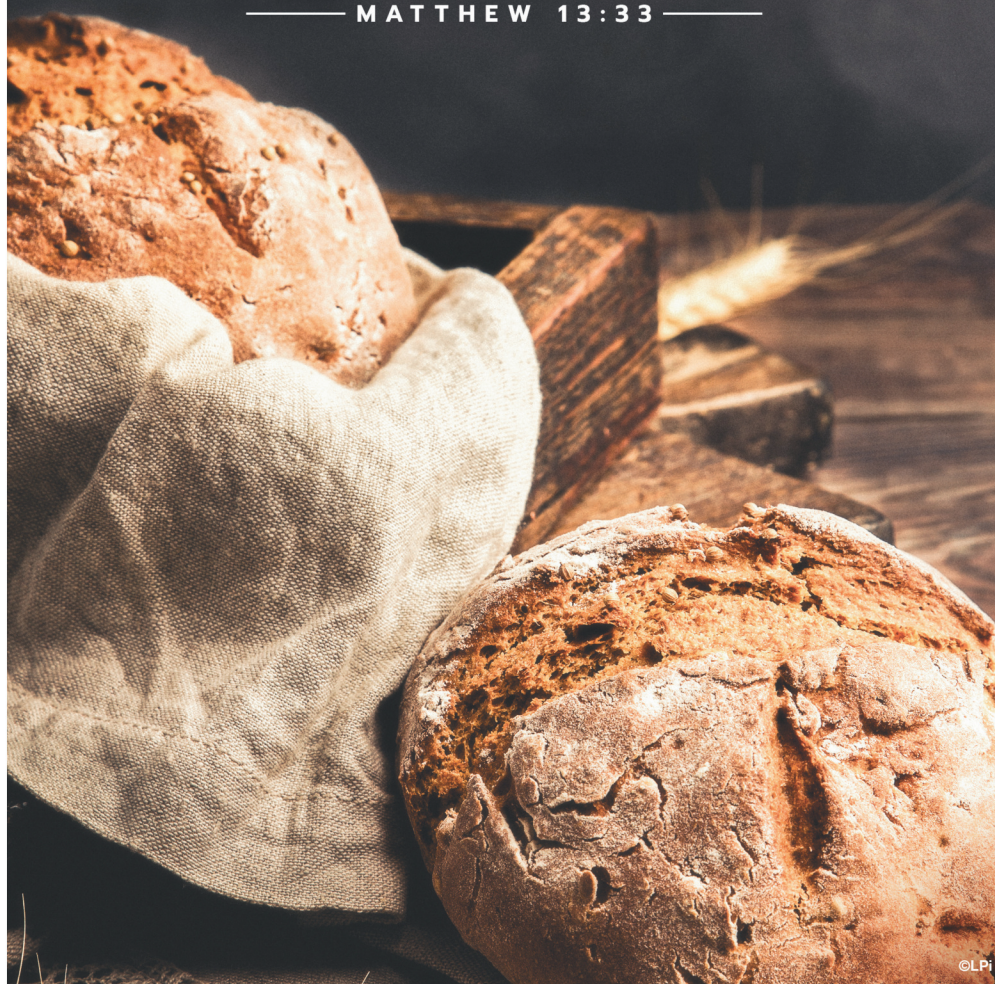
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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

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— MATTHEW 13:33 —



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Belong (You are loved here) *Believe* (Discover Christ with us)

Become (Be transformed)

Whoever you are, wherever you are in faith or life, if church is new to you, or you've been away – you are always welcome here. When you feel called to make this place your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join our parish family by visiting, calling, or emailing the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
11:30am, 6:00pm*

*6:00pm Mass is not celebrated during the summer months

Weekday Masses

Monday | 9:00am

Tuesday | 6:30am*, 9:00am

Wednesday | 6:30am*, 9:00am

Thursday | 6:30am*, 9:00am

Friday | 9:00am

Saturday | 9:00am

Holy Days | See bulletin for schedule

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FROM FR. FRANK

For the next few Sundays, we will hear a series of stories Jesus tells known as the **Parables of the Kingdom**. Each parable answers the same question: **What's the Kingdom of God really like?** In other words: what's God really like? How's he operate in the world, in our lives?

In Jesus' time, many people expected God's Kingdom to arrive all at once – to eliminate evil, reward the good, set everything right overnight. That was their hope.

But Jesus paints a different picture. The Kingdom comes quietly. The Kingdom grows patiently. And, for now, that Kingdom will exist in a world where good (wheat) and evil (weeds) grow side-by-side.

That's the point of today's Parable: The Weeds and the Wheat. A farmer sows good seed. Yet somehow weeds appear among the wheat. The servants immediately ask: *"Do you want us to pull them up? You want us to get rid of them?"* It's a question, I think, we all ask.

When we look at our world: with its craziness, wars, violence, division, cruelty – we're human to wonder, *"God, why don't YOU do something?"* Why doesn't he just get rid of evil once and for all?

Jesus' answer is surprising: *"Don't pull 'em up. Let them grow together until the harvest."* That's strange. Our first impulse would be to exterminate. But what's the parable teach us about God? Not that evil and needless suffering is acceptable, but that he's a patient God. Patient with the world. Patient with the Church. Patient with me. Patient with you, your friends, your foes. Patient.

I think one of the hardest things to accept is that the field isn't just "out there." It's also in "here." There's wheat growing in my own heart, and there's lots of weeds, too. Moments of generosity and moments of selfishness. Times of faith and times of fear. We're ALL a mixed bag. And, like Fr. Ron said in his homily last week, "we're all a work-in-progress."

God never calls the weeds wheat. But he never gives up on the field. He's at work, cultivating the good, calling each of us to deeper conversion. *That's* how the Kingdom grows, through the lovingly steady, faithful work of God's grace.

Later on, in Matthew's Gospel (chapter 25) Jesus tells *another* parable – this time about the Shepherd separating the sheep from the goats. The harvest *will* come. Justice *will* come. Evil *will* not have the last word.

But **right now, it's still harvest time. It's still the day of mercy.** It's still the day to make a 180 from the way I've been going. To forgive, to begin again, to let God keep growing the wheat within us.

We live between the Sower and the Shepherd. And that's a good and hopeful place to be.

Call for Catechists

Last weekend, I invited you to consider becoming a Catechist. Thank you to the couple of people who have already said "yes." Your willingness to share your faith is a gift to our parish family.

We could always use more catechists any year, especially parents. The greatest influence on a child's faith isn't the parish – it's you. Parents are the "first teachers of the faith," and there's no better witness than a mom or dad who is willing to share that faith with the next generation. I've been praying for more parents to step forward. Maybe this is the nudge you've been waiting for.

You don't need a theology degree. You don't need to have all the answers. You simply need a love for God, a love for young people, and a willingness to walk with them as they discover the faith. You can even teach with a friend.

If you've ever thought, *"Maybe God could use me,"* this might be your invitation. It's about Sharing Faith and Shaping Futures here at St. Gabe's.

We provide the lesson plans, materials, training, and support. You simply bring your love of the faith and your desire to make a difference. Please reach out to Amanda Perfetti, our Director of Religious Education, aperfetti@stgabrielsr.org. She will guide you!

Summer Columns

I don't know what direction I should be taking these over the next few weeks. I was thinking that these columns could become something of a "St. Gabriel's Wish List." Not a list of material things – but of spiritual hopes, ministry dreams, ways we can grow together as a parish. Every parish has needs, but more like invitations. Invitations to pray, to serve, to lead, to welcome, and to discover that God may be calling you to something you never expected. Let's see where the Holy Spirit takes us.

Friends, know you are loved!

Fr. Frank

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THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be highlighting some of the **charities that benefit from your support** of the Knights of Columbus. It is important for our parishioners to know what happens with the donations you make when you buy mums, poinsettias, chocolate bars and 50/50 raffle tickets. This week, we highlight the **Sophia Rose Foundation**.

When parents experience the **loss of an infant**, paying for funeral expenses can be overwhelming, sometimes financially and always emotionally. The Sophia Rose Foundation (SRF) helps **cover the costs of funeral expenses**, often 100%, for parents who have lost an infant within the first year of life. They collaborate with hospitals such as Columbia Presbyterian, Holy Name, Valley, University Hospital of Cleveland, and others, as well as funeral homes, to fulfill their mission. No matter the family's financial means, the Sophia Rose Foundation **offers support during the darkest of times**. As stated on their website, "grief doesn't care how much money you have in the bank." Working anonymously so the grieving families feel no sense of obligation, it's the goal of the SRF that the family never sees an invoice. The foundation was founded in 2024 and has **helped over 30 families** since its inception. They also have a strong connection to Saint Gabriel's parish. Our altar bells were donated in memory of Sophia, who passed in 2023 after just one day. The foundation was founded by her family as a way to help others that experience this inexplicable loss.

If you are interested in **joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielstr.org.

Did you know? In 1951, the Knights of Columbus began a campaign to add the words "under God" to the **U.S. Pledge of Allegiance**. "It is a strange fact that the Pledge of Allegiance, which had its origin on Columbus Day in 1892, should have made no reference to the dependence of our nation upon Almighty God," observed then Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Grounded in historical precedent and a grassroots movement, the effort reached Congress and culminated when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill amending the Pledge on Flag Day, June 14, 1954.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We're delighted to welcome your child into the life of Christ. **Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 12:00pm** (not celebrated during Lent, except in cases of serious need). First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.



The Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations! To begin marriage preparation, contact Fr. Frank Fano.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

If you or a loved one would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact the parish office.

Frances Ferraro: fferraro@stgabrielstr.org
Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielstr.org



SHARE YOUR FAITH. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

We are looking for catechists for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year, beginning this September. No experience necessary!

For more information, contact
Amanda Perfetti, Director of
Religious Education at
aperfetti@stgabrielstr.org
or (201) 327-5663.



FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for July 12th was \$12,196.75.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.



Children's Church

God's word, Kid-sized

10:00am Mass



Children's Church is on summer break and will resume after Labor Day. We look forward to welcoming children, ages 4-10, back in September!

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bill Hamilton

Bob Kleinknecht
Thomas Malanka
Joan Massotti
Marco Minuto
Nicole Trotta
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



**OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY HOLDS IN
PRAYER ALL WHO ARE
SICK OR HOMEBOUND.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: July 18, 2026

9:00am † Ruth Celentano - r/b Tara Hamilton

5:00pm † Emilio and Tiffani Alonso - r/b Donna Alonso

Sunday: July 19, 2026

8:00am † Darlene L Marron - r/b Ed Marron

10:00am † Ron Sinkovitz - r/b Ana & Larry Bauerlein

11:30am † Mrs. Krystyna Wojewoda - r/b Jackie Dent

Monday: July 20, 2026

9:00am † Jack Benninger- r/b The Viggiano Family

Tuesday: July 21, 2026

9:00am † Peter O'Keefe - r/b The Brennan's- Jim, Lori, James & Caroline

Wednesday: July 22, 2026

9:00am † David Battini - r/b Dave Stuhr

Thursday: July 23, 2026

9:00am † Giuseppe Parise - r/b The D'Iorio Family

Friday: July 24, 2026

9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Saturday: July 25, 2026

9:00am † Benedict Weston - r/b Claire Hamilton

5:00pm † Rosina Farro - r/b Rae Rinaldi

Sunday: July 26, 2026

8:00am † Dolores Policastro - r/b Mike & Cheryl Betsy

10:00am † Ron Sinkovitz - r/b Lynne & Bruce Massey

11:30am † Catherine Doyle - r/b The Aloni-Cohn Family

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of July 19th for Joan Sirard requested by Nick & Rosemarie Luisi.



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PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

July 18-19

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron

July 25-26

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

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