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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —

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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BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME

Here at St. Gabriel, we strive to embrace these values:

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.

FROM FR. FRANK

77 Times.

In today's Gospel, Peter (my man!) asks Jesus a question we've probably all asked at one point or another: *"How many times do I have to forgive this person?"* Peter suggests seven times, which he probably thought was pretty generous. Jesus answers, essentially, *Stop counting.*

Forgiveness is difficult. It doesn't mean pretending we weren't hurt or that trust is automatically restored, or that we remain in an unhealthy situation. Forgiveness means refusing to let another person's sin against us have the last word for us.

Is there someone I'm still keeping count with? Maybe this week, we can ask Christ for the grace to stop counting. And my three little paragraphs won't convince us or me of this. Hopefully, I can make sense and unpack this in the homily today. Pray for me. Because if there's anything I'm (yes, the priest!) challenged MOST on in the Christian walk – it's this: forgiveness. I promise I won't give you any platitudes. Mostly, I'll be preaching to myself today.

Wish-List Continued: Children's Experience of Christ and his Church

I've heard a few times, *"There aren't any young families at St. Gabriel's."* That's simply not true! Last weekend, at every Mass, when we invited our students (and anyone involved in education) to come forward for a blessing, I couldn't believe how many young people came up! They're here! And I want St. Gabriel's to become an even more vibrant place for them.

We already have *Children's Church*, which resumes today at the 10am Mass. (Kids ages 4-10). The *Children's Church* room is being renovated so that it can become a warm and welcoming place where our children can hear God's Word at their level. (We are still looking for volunteers for this. Reach out to Frances Ferraro!)

We're also beginning another year of religious education this week. Our catechists are there to help open the minds and hearts of our young people – to show them that our faith isn't just about rules and regulations. It's about a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We know how many young people disappear after Confirmation. I don't blame them. I said it. If Confirmation feels like graduation – if the religious education sessions they experienced since 1st grade are only about completing requirements and memorizing information – or "cool" facts on faith and the church (so what), why *wouldn't* they leave when they're finished?

What we're after is something deeper. We want our young people to really know Christ – not just know things *about* him. And we want them to internalize that the Catholic Church was Jesus' grand idea: not ours. But mostly, I want them to discover that he knows them, loves them, and has a purpose for their lives.

And I pray desperately that their parents become more involved, encouraged, and supported here. **I'm inviting any parent to come for a Wine & Cheese night on Thursday, October 22 at 7pm in the Kavin Center.** I just want to meet you (if I haven't already) and support you. You should have already received a save-the-date from Amanda. No guilt trips or anything of that sort when you come. Maybe I'll cast a vision of what I'd like you and your children to experience here.

Now, I also wish that all 200+ of our religious education students and their parents were here regularly on Sundays. I gotta say...I think something special's going on here...something that won't be a waste of your time if you're the one who struggles getting here.

And I guess I could bemoan Sunday sports and everything else that makes the decision to come to Mass more difficult. But guilt trips don't work, and blaming families doesn't get us anywhere. Parents wake up every day making the best decisions for their kids. I think the better question is: *Why would a family choose to be "there" instead of "here"?* That's a great question. What's the outside world offering that we're not? Those other programs clearly feel worthwhile. Kids are learning, growing, building friendships, and becoming part of a team. Parents can see the benefit. It doesn't feel like wasted time. Can they see the benefit of what happens here?

Of course, Mass isn't just another program competing for customers. We come because we need Christ, weekly – we need him daily – but you get what I'm saying. Have we helped our families discover that? Do our young people feel known here? Do their parents feel supported? Does Sunday connect with what they're actually carrying into church – their worries, questions, hopes, and lives? Are they anonymous spectators if/when they come, or are we offering to help build community for them, with each other? They know other parents with children on the "field." It's a great social thing as well. That's a very important way, that's often overlooked, concerning recurring Sunday Mass celebration.

In all this, I try to remind myself that I'm not a parent, and I'll never pretend to understand all the pressures that come with raising children. I'm also not a child or a teenager...and I wouldn't want to go back! (Although the '80's and '90s were a great time, with great music...so maybe I'd consider a redo.)

Sure, parents have a responsibility. Children learn what matters by watching what their parents make room for. But we as a parish have a responsibility, too: to help them encounter Jesus Christ and discover a community where they genuinely belong.

I wish and pray, that eventually, every family and really, every one of us, will be able to say: *"I can't live without Christ (and my children can't either)."* Without that conviction, Sunday Mass will always feel like one more obligation competing with everything else.

I don't know...just think about how much Christ *thirsts* for us to be here. Think about how much he desires a relationship with us (and with our children)! So, what are we doing – or not doing – that might help change hearts and minds? Another great question that I don't have the complete answer yet. But I think it's one we should start to answer together.

Coming Up at St. Gabriel's

Today: Grandparents and the Elderly Day

Not all grandparents are elderly, I know! And not all elderly people are grandparents! But today the Church asks us to honor both. We'll offer a special blessing after Communion at every Mass.

Next Sunday: Brighton Gardens Fellowship

Brighton Gardens is hosting fellowship after our morning Masses in gratitude for all St. Gabriel's does for its residents. Our Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion there, and we celebrate Mass on the third Monday of each month. Thank you, Brighton Gardens!

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THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Our **first fundraiser** of the year is fast approaching, just in time to decorate your homes and yards for the fall. We will

be selling potted **Chrysanthemums**, from the Bel Fiore Greenhouse, after all Masses on the weekend of **September 19 and 20**. This is the same supplier as last year. Their products are always top notch. As always, your generosity will go towards the Knights' support of local charities. If you have plans to buy Mums this year, please consider doing so at our fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your backing.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly **Men's Mass** on **September 26th at 8:00am**. While these Masses are hosted by the Knights (we provide the coffee and donuts!) they are open to all men of the parish and beyond. At times we have had participants from up to six different parishes.

The Mass is followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as Catholic men. We will start exploring the **"Dignity of Work"** video series. We will look not only at the narrow definition of work as your job or something you do to make money, but **work in the broader sense as "any activity that builds up the common good and respects human dignity"**. Work can include parenting/grand parenting, studying, volunteering, caregiving, etc. Please consider joining us.

Through creative fundraising and a partnership with Devices 4 the Disabled, Knights from Algonquin, Illinois, **collect, repair and distribute donated medical equipment to people in need**. From wheelchairs and walkers to other mobility devices, their efforts help restore mobility, preserve dignity, and bring hope to individuals and families in need in their community.

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

Did you know? September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Also known as the Elevation (or Triumph) of the Holy Cross, Holy Cross Day, or the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross, this feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, around the year 326.

FROM FR. FRANK- CONTINUED

Saturday, September 26: Men's Mass Returns

Our monthly Men's Mass resumes at 8am Mass. All men are welcome.

September 26–27: St. Gabriel Solemnity Weekend

All weekend Masses will be celebrated in honor of the Gabriel and Archangels. (Since this is our parish's great feast day, the 8am Sunday Mass will also have music.)

Sunday, September 27: Installation Mass

Bishop Michael Saporito will formally install me as Pastor at the special 12n Mass. I want you there...

Tuesday, September 29: Solemnity of the Archangels

Our 9am Mass will include music as we celebrate Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

Saturday, October 3: Blessing of Animals

Bring your pets to the lower parking lot at 10am for our annual blessing! MORE CATS THIS YEAR, PLEASE.

Friends, know you are loved!

Fr. Frank

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

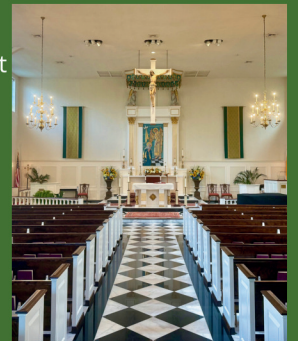
Saturdays 4:00–4:45 PM, or by appointment.

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@stgabrielsr.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielsr.org



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Please join us as we celebrate a special milestone in the life of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish!

On Sunday, September 27, during our celebration of the Solemnity of St. Gabriel the Archangel, Bishop Michael Saporito will celebrate the Mass of Installation of Fr. Frank Fano as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish.

Mass of Installation | 12:00 Noon

Reception | 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for the Mass and reception!

We kindly ask that you **RSVP for the reception by September 20** so that we can prepare for you. To RSVP, please **contact Patti Ross at 201-962-3793**.

We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion together as a parish family!

God's word, Kid-sized Children's Church

Children's Church returns today, September 13, at the 10:00am Mass! Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to join us for a fun and faith-filled experience designed especially for them.

COME SING WITH US ALL ARE WELCOME!

It's not too late to join us! Whether you're an experienced singer or simply enjoy making music, there's a place for you in our Adult Choir.



Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Our first rehearsal was September 10, but **new members are always welcome!**

Interested or have questions? Contact Music Director **Dr. Melody Chen** at Melodychen913@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our September 6th collection totaled \$11,510.75.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. May God bless you and your families!



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Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

HAPPY GRAND PARENTS DAY



THE ARCHANGEL CHOIR



Grades 2 and Up

**Come sing, make friends,
& share your love of music
with our parish family.**
No experience necessary!

We rehearse 2-3 Thursdays each month from 6:10-7:20pm & sing at the 11:30am Mass once a month.

Additional opportunities include our Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve Mass & more!



Confirmation candidates: Participation may count toward service hours.

First Rehearsal: Thursday, Oct. 8

First Mass: Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:30am

Ready to join?

Scan the QR code & complete our *quick* registration form!

Questions? Email Erin at erin.stgabes@gmail.com

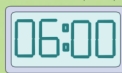
SCAN ME



Sunday NIGHT IS BACK AT ST. GABE'S!

The 6:00pm Sunday Mass returns today, September 13th!

Come celebrate with us on Sunday evenings with contemporary music and a vibrant, welcoming community. Bring your family, bring a friend, and come as you are!



MASS INTENTIONS

September 12, 2026

9:00am Ronald Giancristofaro (living intention) - r/b Teresa and Dan Gallagher
5:00pm Living and Deceased members of the Amorino Family - r/b Susan Taite Malone

September 13, 2026

8:00am † Colleen Murray (Sharon Muscarelle's sister) - r/b Don and Mary McLaughlin
10:00am Al and Mary Tarabocchia 45th Wedding Anniversary
11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b Carol Stefanacci
6:00pm † Anne Warner- 3rd Anniversary of passing - r/b Jack Warner

Monday: September 14, 2026

9:00am † Mercedes Sanchez - r/b Patti Ross and family

Tuesday: September 15, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am Anthony Heafy (living intention) - r/b The Payne Family

Wednesday: September 16, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Brian David Geddes - r/b Marion Geddes

Thursday: September 17, 2026

6:30am Special Intentions for Meghan Ann Summers - r/b Charlie Giles
9:00am † Dolores Reeves - r/b Kristin Malley

Friday: September 18, 2026

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

September 19, 2026

9:00am † Emmanuel Diaz (anniversary of death) - r/b Christopher Diaz
5:00pm † Romelyn Gaddis - r/b Lynn Frieman

September 20, 2026

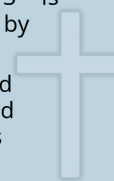
8:00am † Sam Raia - r/b Nina and Kevin Bernhardt
10:00am † Jim Sutliff - r/b Cathy Sutliff
11:30am † Mattea Mattessich - r/b Robert and Janet Zakrzewski
6:00pm † Charles Descarfino - r/b Carol and Michael

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of September 13th is requested for Mercedes Sanchez by Patti Ross and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine for the week are available as memorials for loved ones.

To arrange, contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



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

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
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Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert

Bill Hamilton
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Marilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



FLOCKNOTE: NEVER MISS A PARISH EVENT AGAIN!

Stay connected with St. Gabe's through parish news, events, announcements, reminders, and schedule updates, delivered right to your inbox!



Safe Environment Corner

Gaming Safety Tips for Families

Video games are a popular activity for many children. Since most games connect to the internet, it is important to help children use them safely.

- Check a game's rating before allowing your child to play.
- Use parental controls to manage content and online features.
- Keep gaming systems in a common area of the home.
- Remind children never to share personal information online.

By staying involved, parents can help children enjoy gaming in a safe and responsible way.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3235.



**THE LORD IS
KIND AND MERCIFUL,
SLOW TO ANGER,
RICH IN
COMPASSION.**

PSALM 103

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

September 12-13

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Anthony

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

September 19-20

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Ron

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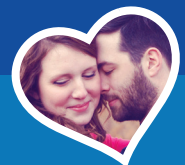
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