PASTORAL TEAM:
Pastor: Rev. Douglas A. Doussan
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Kathleen Pittman, C.S.J.
Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Michele Bergeron
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Caroline Register

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Daily: 8:30 a.m. - Mon. - Thurs. in Daily Chapel

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please fill out a Registration Form in church or on the webpage. Also, all parishioners please complete the form to notify us of your change of address, telephone number, or email. The form can be placed in the collection basket, given to an usher, or sent to the office.

CONFESSION (Reconciliation): Saturday 3:30 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. or any time by appointment.

BAPTISM: Parents must call the parish office at least 3 months prior to the Baptism. Baptism is ordinarily celebrated on the second Sunday of the month.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): provides religious formation for youth Pre-K through high school. PSR meets Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., September thru May.

MARRIAGE: As soon as a decision to marry is reached, an appointment should be arranged by the couple with the priest to begin the process of marriage preparation. This should be at least 1 year in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Reservations should not be made with a reception hall before setting the date and time of the wedding with the church.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please inform the parish office when someone is sick, shut-in, or hospitalized, and unable to attend mass.

FUNERAL: When a member of the family dies, please notify the priest as soon as possible, before making arrangements with the funeral home.
ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH BULLETIN
July 28, 2013

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Planning for the Future of St. Gabriel Parish

Three years ago, in the fall of 2010, the congregation entered into the first full goal setting process for the parish since Hurricane Katrina. Four goals were set to be achieved in three years, 2011 – 2013. The parish has been working on the achievement of these goals since January 1, 2011. In the past few months the Pastoral Council has been evaluating the achievement of the goals and will present the results of this evaluation in late August as the first step in our new goal setting process.

One of the goals was: A PLAN IS IN PLACE FOR AN EFFECTIVE TRANSITION TO A NEW PASTOR OR LAY PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE PARISH TO ASSURE THAT ALL OUR HARD WORK AND GROWTH WILL NOT BE LOST. One of the objectives for this goal was: The Parish leadership and staff have developed a statement of specific principles and values that we deem essential to the life and continuing growth of St. Gabriel Parish, a commitment to which we would expect of any future pastor. After much discussion and discernment The Pastoral Council developed a set of 12 values that they feel best meet these criteria. These values will be presented to the congregation this weekend, July 27-28, for your approval.

Scripture for the Seventeenth Sunday

The Gospel for this weekend is about prayer. The apostles ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. He gives them the prayer that we all say so many times in our lives, the “Our Father”. He also encourages them to have faith that their prayers will be answered, “Knock and it will open, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find…” God, our loving Father, who loves us unconditionally always wants what is good for us and we must trust that he will give it to us.

Next week we will begin an occasional series of reflections on prayer: what it is, how we are to pray, etc. The reflections will be taken primarily from “Praying Our Lives” edited by Sister Eleanor Bernstein, CSJ

The grace, peace and love of Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you,

Father Doug  Sister Kathleen  Michele Bergeron

Terrell Allen  St. Augustine High School  Taylor Scholar Award and Band Award recipient
Dasia Garfield  Maumelle Middle School  B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Behavior
Achante LeBeouf  Twin Oaks Elementary  B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance
Marcus Dupart, Jr.  Indian Springs Elementary  B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, NFL Play 60 -20 mi Run
Sydney Dupart  Pre-K graduate & accepted to bi-lingual program in San Antonio
Donovan Dupart  Pre-K graduate

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 11:19-27
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
**Weekly Report**

**Mass Attendance:**  
July 20, Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil  76  
July 21, Sunday, 10:30 am  205  
Total attendance: July 20 & 21  281  
**Collection:** $5,851.00  
Capital Campaign: $1.00  

The Financial Council has determined the weekly offering needed from July 2013 through June 2014 is $10,200.00 to meet this year’s Budget. The Financial Council plans to present a Financial Report to the congregation for last year and this current year in the next couple of weeks.

*Mass Intentions*

4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27, 2013  
Herbert Baudy Jr.  
10:30 a.m., Sunday, July 28, 2013  
Wendell Sr. & Mercedes Pepin, Ulysses J. Daresbourg, Margaret Schnyder  
After 8:30 a.m. Mass, Monday – Thursday  
Recitation of the Rosary  
8:15 a.m., Tuesday  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  
Sanctuary Light  
For the week of July 28  
Burns for Clara Carey

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special request, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, the request must be in the office no later than the Monday before the weekend you wish the Mass offered. Our book is now open for intentions through 2014.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY**  
Saturday, August 3, 2013  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Parish Hall  
Every child has the potential to learn, and some need help with the tools for success. If you know of families with children in our parish area that could use a little help with obtaining needed school supplies let them know about the upcoming event. **Sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society**

**LIVING THE GOSPEL**

One of the first prayers we learned as children was the one we know as the 'Our Father' or 'The Lord's Prayer.' Has this prayer just become a formula for you that you just rattle off? Or is it a prayer of warmth and tenderness to a loving God? Try praying one line of the Our Father each day, at various times all during the day. The first day, pray, "Father, hallowed be your name." The second day, pray, "Father, hallowed be your name." The second day, pray, "Father, your kingdom come." And so on. Then ask yourself: How can you hallow (make holy) God's name? How can you help God's kingdom to come? How can you appreciate and share daily bread and all the gifts you receive from the Father each day? How can you ask for forgiveness and give forgiveness to others?

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs throughout the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn’t the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality. **—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.**
“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matt 19:13-15)

The Parish School of Religion assists parents in handing-on the Catholic faith to their children. Volunteer catechists meet with children in a classroom setting and promote knowledge of our beliefs, full and active participation in the liturgy, moral formation, and prayer life. Classes begin in September and end in May. Registration will occur in August. More information in next week’s bulletin.

Sunday, August 4, 2013
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Parish Hall
Dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, cake, and a soft drink for the low price of $8.00!
Tickets will be sold after masses this weekend.
Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry.
(Monetary donations to help with expenses are welcomed)

Insurance Rebate & Tax and Insurance Savings Second Chance
All property insurance policyholders pay the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation assessment as part of their property insurance bills each year. This assessment is refundable and property owners are eligible for a state rebate. If you missed out last week, this weekend, July 27 & 28 after masses, parishioner Barbara Hornsby will help those needing assistance in completing the necessary form to obtain the rebate. You must meet the following:
- You must be a home owner
- You must have paid home owner insurance
- You must not have entered the La Citizens amount on the LA state income tax return OR
- You are no longer required to send in LA State income tax returns
Please bring a copy of the home owner insurance declaration page that has the LA Citizens Amount disclosed on it and your policy number, and insurance company information.

Thank you….St. Vincent De Paul’s Ministry. We were overwhelmed by parishioners’ generosity in donating shoes and purses for our project. Your assistance with the U-Haul truck is appreciated.
Sr. M. Nancy Vance, SND & Sr. Mary Ellen Schroeder, SND
If any parishioner would like to list the names of their deceased loved ones, please complete an *In Memory Of* envelope, which are on the entrance tables or call the parish office to make arrangements.

**ACCESS DIAPER DRIVE**

Catholic Charities ACCESS Pregnancy and Referral Centers are in desperate need of diapers and wipes. ACCESS relies on donations to keep their diaper supply stocked. Unfortunately, the current stock is so low they haven’t been able to meet recent requests. Please donate to the ACCESSS diaper drive! You can donate online through the ACCESS Walmart.com baby registry – enter ACCESS in the first and last name sections under the baby registry or enter registry number 86182949302 OR drop off donations at 921 Aris Ave, in Metairie (504-832-1503). Diapers sizes 3, 4 and 5 (and wipes) are especially needed!

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