

Good morning families!

I pray that you are all doing well and growing closer to God during this holy season!

<u>Thank you</u> for the tremendous response to help with the spiritual bouquet for the Balint family! It turned out beautifully! (photo attached) I included a message from everyone that said:

I prayed...

So many silent prayers for your intentions and for the repose of the soul of Michelle

...for you.

Much love and sympathy, the Catholic Community of St. Gabriel

<u>Thank you</u> also for the great response to join teams to plan a St. Gabriel Family Skate Night and Mother-Daughter Pajama Party! Details to attend are below!

Join us for fellowship, faith and fun!

The full St. Gabriel calendar of Lenten & Easter activities is below.

Family Prayer Nights during Lent are Thursday









Families are invited to attend and participate in the Thursday, 7pm Masses and stay to pray a rosary after at ~7:30pm. Opportunities are available to sign up as greeters, lectors, and/or gift bearers.



22nd!

Help is still needed on both nights to bus tables and empty trash cans, especially March 22nd. One adult must volunteer with every three children volunteering. My husband, Jim, could also use a buddy's help in the Fry Room on the 22nd! This year the fish fry is donating funds to the St. Gabriel Youth Ministry.

Details and sign up: Fish Fry - St. Gabriel Church - Concord TWP, OH (st-gabriel.org)

Auxiliary Bishop Woost is visiting St. Gabriel! Monday, March 18th, 7 -



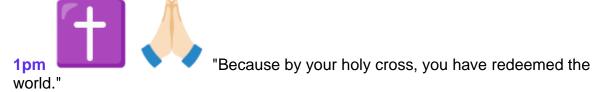
Our Bishop presents: Real Presence & Eucharistic Living – Insights from the Church's Saints & Mystics.

I am planning to attend! If you would like to sit together, please send me a message!

Sunday, March 24th: Palm Sunday - Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship after all



Living Stations of the Cross by the St. Gabriel youth at



Other performance times: March 27 (before Tenebrae at 6pm) or March 29 (Good Friday, 12pm) - Family friendly dramatization

We are helping with donuts but we'll try to make it up in time to sit toward the front! Look for us there!

St. Gabriel Family Skate Night, Sunday, April 7th, 5 - 7pm, City Skate



Due to a generous donation from the Diocese Office of Marriage and Family ministry, admission is FREE! Skate rental is \$4, if needed, and concessions are available!

Flyer attached, sign up here: HERE

Infant & Toddler Playgroup meeting Thursdays 10am to



Kim and Angelo welcomed baby Lorenzo on February 18th! He's so sweet and has a full head of hair! They are doing well! Thank you to Connie who helped while she takes some maternity leave! Prayers for Connie now while she recovers from shoulder surgery. Playgroup is taking a break for the rest of March and hoping to begin meeting again in April after St. Gabriel's Easter break!



Save the Date! Friday, May 17th, Mother-Daughter Pajama Party, 6 -



Save the Date! Sunday, October 27th, Orchard Hills Park Shelter has been reserved for a Fall Family Gathering! This is down the hill from Patter n's

Farm. I will need a planning team later this year!

New article: Raising Catholic kids: New study suggests what successful parents have in common | Catholic News Agency

Did you know? You can vacation nearby with your family at a place called Catholic Familyland!

JUNE 8 – 14 | JUNE 15 – 21 | JUNE 29 - JULY 5 | JULY 6 - 12 | JULY 13-19 | JULY 27 - AUG. 2 | AUGUST 3 - 9

Located about 2 hours South of us is the beautiful campus where you can attend a week-long Catholic family camp! Cottages are waitlisted but cabins and other options are available!

Promo video: Catholic Family Camp Vacation in Ohio (Holy Family Fests) - YouTube

Testimonies: A God-Centered Family Vacation in Ohio: "Catholic Familyland" (voutube.com)

All the details: Holy Family Fests - AFC

Have a blessed week! I hope to see you soon!
Your sister in Christ,
Sarah Smith
Cell - call/text (513) 600 - 3134
Family Connections - St. Gabriel Church - Concord TWP, OH (st-gabriel.org)



Lenten gatherings

There are many opportunities for prayer, fasting, giving, and heart felt faith formation~Join us!

Ash Wednesday Feb 14: 7a, 10a, 12n, 5p, 7p

Lenten Family **Prayer Evenings** Thursdays during Lent, Feb 15-March 21, Starts with 7p Mass

Fish Fry Fridays Feb 16-March 22, 5-7p

Stations of the Cross during Lent Mondays at 11a Fridays at 7p

Eucharistic Adoration & Sunday Night Prayer Feb 18, Mar 3, 10, 17, 7-8:15p (not on 2/25)

Bishop Woost: The Eucharist March 18, 7-9p

Bible Study Feb 19, 26, Mar 4

Confirmation Feb 25, 2p & 5p

Diocesan Evening of Reconciliation Feb 28, 5-8p

Communal Penance March 11, 7p

Palm Sunday

March 23, 5p,Vigil March 24, 7:30a, 9:30a, Living Stations of the Cross, 1p

Reconciliation March 25, 7p March 26, 11a

Living Stations of the Cross March 27, 6p

Tenebrae

March 27, 8p Reconciliation March 27, 8:45p

Holy Thursday March 28

Morning Prayer, 9a Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7p

Good Friday March 29 Morning Prayer, 9a

Living Stations of the Cross, noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3p

Holy Saturday March 30

Morning Prayer, 9a Blessing of Food March 30, 1:30p

Please note: No Reconciliation on Sat, March 30

Easter Vigil March 30, 9p

Easter Sunday Easter Mass

Celebrations March 31, 7:30a, 9:30a, 11:30a

Easter Monday Mass, 9a

For Updates & Details: St-Gabriel.org