

Recently, Sarah Henderson met with me and extended an invitation to the 8th graders and high schoolers of our parish to more actively take part in the activities of the St. Gabriel Youth Group. With All Things New, this seemed like the kind of project that our communities could begin to work together on immediately. We will begin to offer these opportunities in our bulletin in hopes that 8th graders and high school students in our community and their families will be able to take part in these activities.—Fr. John

St. Gabriel Youth Group (SGYG)

SGYG is open to all high school teens. We meet on **Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm (Doors open at 7:15pm)** in the Gabriel House Chapel. No signup necessary! High schoolers can attend on a regular basis or drop in as it fits their schedules!

WEDNESDAY TIME CHANGE FOR MARCH:

"Mini SGYG" | 7:00-8:00pm

Stations of the Cross Practice | 8-9:15pm

SAVE THE DATE!

SGYG & 8th Grade led Silhouette Stations of the Cross: April 5

LUKE 18 | 8th Grade Retreat: May 5 - 7

*Registration is OPEN!

Current 8th graders need to use the QR Code in the flyer or visit the SGA parish website by Wednesday, March 29.

Steubenville STL Mid-America 2023: July 7 - 9

*Only 8 spots remain and are available on a first-come basis! The registration link can be found on the Youth Group page of the SGA parish website.

Stay Connected with SGYG

Follow us on Instagram @stgabesyg

Like our Facebook Group: St. Gabriel Youth Group (SGYG)

Visit the Youth Group page on the SGA parish website

Contact SGYG Youth Minister: Sarah Henderson - hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

Lenten Project Update

Our Lenten project to assist Fr. Philip's School in Malawi has achieved its goal! Last week, we reached our \$5,000 goal to assist Fr. Philip and the young men attending his school. As of Monday, after we counted the weekend collection and online gifts, here is where the Lenten Project stands:

For Malawi	\$5,000
For SRA School	<u>\$1,245</u>
Lenten Project Total	\$6,245

Per the Lenten Project announcement, any money over and above the \$5,000 will be given to our school, unless the donor specifies that the money should go to the school in Malawi. If you gave to

the Lenten Project last weekend or going forward, and would prefer the money s to go to Malawi, please indicate that, and we will add your gift to the \$5,000 going to Fr. Philip.

Your incredible generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need truly shows Christian charity. We often think of charity as being nice to those we know or doing good to our family. While this is good, Jesus challenges us to go beyond this standard to lend and to give, without expecting anything in return. (cf. Luke 6:32-36) Your gift to this Lenten Project is truly giving to those who cannot give anything back to us. May the Lord reward you for your generosity!

This Week at SRA

Fourth Week of Lent

Holy Mass

Due to spring break being over, we will resume 8:00am Mass this week Monday-Thursday.

Prayer Groups

On Monday, Fr. John will hold a prayer group at 2:00pm in church. We will focus on the Gospel for next Sunday and discuss how it still impacts our life still today.

On Tuesday at 9:30am, Pam Hager will facilitate a prayer group focusing on Scripture as well.

All are welcome to attend either or both of these meetings. They do not build on one another so you can come to a meeting and miss as your schedule dictates.

Tuesday Evening

For those looking to attend Mass or the sacraments more often, we will have confessions from 6:15-6:45pm, Mass at 7:00pm, followed by a Rosary with reflections. Our Rosary with reflections means that before each Hail Mary, there will be a short meditation on during that Hail Mary.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will resume Eucharistic Adoration this week: on Monday from 3:00-9:00pm and on Wednesday from 3:00-7:00pm.

South City Men's Group

The South City Men's Recollection Group will meet at 7:30pm in church on Wednesday. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Bother Father

Bother Father will be on Monday from 3:00-5:00pm and on Wednesday from 11:00-1:00pm. Please contact the parish office if you would like to signup for a slot to speak with Father John.

Public Praying of the Rosary

As we continue to focus on the Rosary during this Holy Season of Lent, we will pray the Rosary publicly on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6:30am. These prayers are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel and you can pray with us live or on demand.

Visits from Fr. John or our Pastoral Care Ministry

Sometimes it is hard to celebrate Lent, especially if you are sick or homebound. If you are in need of the sacraments, Holy Communion, or would just like someone to come by and pray with you, please contact the parish office.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed immediately following the 7:00am Mass on Friday. You can also livestream or hear the audio on demand on our YouTube channel.

Family Mass

Next Saturday at the 4:30pm Mass, we will have our last Family Mass of the school year.

Parish Rosary Program

Thank you to those who have turned in intention cards to pray the Rosary. There are now 29 people offering 83 Rosaries and 119 Decades each week for the intention listed in the bulletin.

This week, as we look forward to the Feast of the Annunciation on Saturday, our prayer intention will be for expectant mothers, fathers, and siblings, and couples struggling with infertility.

Would you like to pray with us and see that number of Rosaries increase? If so, please fill out this intention card and return it in the Offertory.

I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John
#SRAstrong

I commit to participating in the Parish Rosary Program

(Name Optional)

I will pray...

_____ Decade(s)

_____ Rosary(ies)

Every:

_____ Day

_____ Week

Holy Week 2023 Schedule

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Tuesday, April 4	Mass 7:00 and 8:00am, Pam Hager's Prayer Group 9:30am, Confessions 6:15-6:45pm, Mass 7:00pm, Rosary with Reflections 7:30pm
Spy Wednesday, April 5	Mass 7:00 and 8:00am, Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-9:00pm, Last Call Confessions 6:00-8:00pm
Holy Thursday, April 6	Morning Prayer 7:00am, Chrism Mass at the New Cathedral 10:00am, Mass of the Lord's Super 7:00pm at SRA, Night Prayer 10:00pm (Church open for prayer from after Mass-12:00am)
Good Friday, April 7	Morning Prayer 7:00am, Traditional Stations of the Cross 12:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm, "Were You There" Stations led by our Choir, 7:00pm (Church open all day from 6:00am for private prayer)
Holy Saturday, April 8	Morning prayer 7:00am, "Last, Last Call" Confessions 11:00-1:00pm, <u>No Confessions 3:45-4:20pm, No 4:30pm Mass</u> , Easter Vigil 8:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 9	Holy Mass 8:00 and 10:00am, Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny after 10:00am Mass

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