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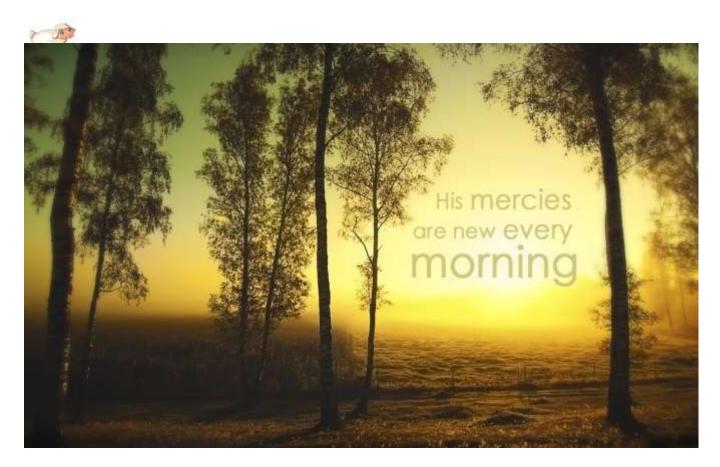
ST. MARY'S CHURCH - ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH



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Weekend of September 26th & 27th, 2020





Saturday - 3:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary's

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: You say, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from



the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

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Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

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Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

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SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in



God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ







Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead: he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus.

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Live the Gospel of Life **Respect Life Reflection**

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *everv* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

"to imitate Christ" and follow in his footsteps"

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Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single* and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

Live the Gospel of

> RESPECT LIFE MONTH October 2020



St. John Vianney's Parish Support for Sept 19th & 20th

Attendance	136
Weekly Offertory Income	\$ 5,376.00
Weekly Secondary Income	\$ 368.00
Year to Date	
Offertory Income	\$44,904.00
Secondary Income	\$ 4,302.00
	\$49,206.00
Sincere thanks for your support of the pa	rish and its ministries!

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM

St. John Vianney's is pleased to offer this safe and convenient option for you to make your offering to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account Please contact the business office at CONT MINISTER



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The Rosary



During the month of October, we will pray the rosary together prior to the start of all our masses. Rosaries will be available in each church for those who need a set.

Thanks to all who helped and supported our drive thru chicken and biscuit dinner. More drive-thru dinners to come.



Collection for Turning Point Ministry For the month of September Canned Vegetables Please drop off at the parish office





There are <u>Mass Intentions</u> available at St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's .

Envelopes are available in the tray in the offertory box in the back of both churches



We are still in need of volunteers for counting. If you are available Mondays and would like to help, please contact the parish office at (607)776-3327.



Rest in Peace, Father Lew Brown

Father Lewis Brown, died September 5, 2020 of cancer at age 79. He was born June 1, 1941 and was ordained a priest of our Rochester diocese on June 3, 1967. **"Father Lew enlisted in the** U.S. NAVY RESERVES on June 30, 1985 as a Supervisory Chaplain and was discharged on June 30, 2007 attaining the Rank of Captain. He was the Chaplain of The Ancient

Order of Hiberians in Elmira, a member of The Knights of Columbus, actively involved with Catholic Charities, and Bath VA Medical Center. He will be greatly missed here at **St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's churches, as well as all of the other** churches in our surrounding area.

Someone so special can never be forgotten. May his soul rest in peace

<u>Up Coming Events!!!</u> Blessing at home animal prayer

Poinsettia sale starting in October more details to come

Faith Formation watch for upcoming details! Operation Christmas Child

