

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE EXIST TO BRING EVERY PERSON INTO
INTIMACY WITH CHRIST.

Go, make disciples... Mt. 28:19



Annual Report 2025

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REVIEW FROM FR. CHAD

Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe that I have been your Pastor now for 5 years! I think it doesn't seem that long because I came at the start of the "shut down" of COVID! It also doesn't seem that long because the first 2 years of being here was overseeing the construction of Church and School Buildings, and then Parish Offices/Adult Faith Formation building. On the other hand, I barely remember when Masses and parish offices were in the Hall, so hard to believe it has already been 4 years in the School and Church and 3 years in Parish Offices. This past year we renovated the kitchen in the Hall. There's been a LOT of Construction! It's incredible to be debt free afterwards, a huge THANKS to all who have helped!

Looking ahead, perhaps in the new year, construction will start on the Acanthus Senior Living facility. For those who don't know, it is proposed to be built on our property but not built or managed by St. Gabriel. Yet there will be a strong and mutual relationship with it and the parish, as hopefully many, if not all, residents will be(come) parishioners.

But enough about construction. You've heard me say, "Now that we've built the Church (building), it's time to build the Church (people). That is what I am most excited about! And that is what is most important, as what good is a beautiful Church if the people who frequent it aren't growing closer to God- the purpose for the Church building in the first place!

WE EXIST TO BRING EVERY PERSON INTO INTIMACY WITH CHRIST: Go, Make Disciples (Mt 28:19). That is our Vision Statement and Mission of St. Gabriel. When you read that - what do you think of? Do you have an intimate relationship with Jesus? You know if you do, and probably know if you don't. Do your family members? Do your friends? For so many years growing up Catholic, I did not, nor did my family members. We went to Church on Sundays, and if we prayed, it wasn't as if I had a relationship or friendship with Jesus.. I never even thought about having a friendship with Christ. However, Jesus calls us "friends" (Jn 15:15); but I sure didn't think of Him as a friend whom I was close to. I believed in Him, but I wasn't in a close relationship with Him. Today, that relationship is the purpose of and gives meaning to my life, and is the reason I am a priest. Thankfully, it was for my parents before they passed away, still is for my sister, and she is fostering that in her kids. What about you and your family? If the answer is no; that is why we exist: to help them come to know the intimate love of God for themselves.

As a parish, we have already done and are doing many things to help facilitate this growth of discipleship. This past year we hired Deacon Matt Irish as our new Director of Discipleship and Adult Faith. He has jumped right in and has helped grow our Tuesday Adult Faith Formation and entire OCIA process, which now is forming more adults in the Catholic faith than ever before! Glory to God for what He is doing and wants to do in hearts. Our role is to be available and walk with others to discover God through His Church. We also have Juan Diego, a FOCUS missionary dedicated to our parish, to really assist us in bringing every person into intimacy with Christ, and ultimately to make disciples who can help make disciples of others.

However, we know in reading the Gospels that Discipleship is an intentional process of growth in faith and usually doesn't just happen overnight. But I am excited to intentionally build upon what we have already done and are doing as a parish. Soon we will be ready to communicate the pathway and resources we will use to bring every person into intimacy with Christ. Truly making, as Pope Francis calls, Missionary Disciples, or disciples who help make disciples of others. After all, that is what Jesus calls every person to (Mt 28:19)!

In Christ,

Fr. Chad, Pastor

Liturgical Ministries

Liturgy Ministry Coordinator	2
Extraordinary Ministers	43
Lectors	44
ACS Readers	34
Altar Servers	21
Adult Choir Members	43
Children's Choir Members	4
Ushers/Greeters	44
Mass Captain/Sacristan	22
Church Cleaning Guild	9

Administrative

Priests	2
Deacons	3
Parish Staff	11
ACS School Staff	38
Parish Council	4
Finance Council	5

Parish Ministries

Money Counters	7
Respecting Life Committee	15
Funeral/Bereavement Coordinator	1
Funeral Liaisons	2
Marriage Prep	7
OCIA Leaders	1
That Man is You	35
Participants in Adult Faith Formation	72
WINGS (Women in Gabriel's Spirit)	73
Women's Bible Study	52
Moms Group	40
Widow Warriors	22
Knights of Columbus	43
Vibrant Vinnies	20
St. Vincent de Paul	50
Legion of Mary	35

People & Sacraments

Families in our Parish	1421
Registered Parishioners	3670
ACS Students	243
ACS # on Waitlist	50
Infant Baptisms	24
Adult Baptisms	8
First Holy Communions	22
Confirmations	28
Funeral Masses	20
Marriages	6
Communion Calls	839
# in Middle School Youth Ministry	50
# in High School Youth Ministry	25
# on High School Youth Core Team	6
Masses said	498
Hours of Eucharistic Adoration	1260

St. Vincent de Paul

by the numbers

Goods Collected

- Thanksgiving Food Drive 11/25

Food Donated:

4,104 lbs

- Clothing Drive 2/25

Clothing Collected: 4,600+ Items

- Spring Food Drive 5/25

Food Donated:

3,534 lbs