



ST. GABRIEL

Centered in Jesus, St. Gabriel Catholic School is committed to excellence in developing our faith, academics and service.

NEWSLETTER

On Monday as a country we recognized Martin Luther King Jr. and remembered his courage and compassion in seeking equality for all. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

– Martin Luther King Jr.

The fifth commandment reminds us that all human life is sacred. Throughout the years there have been many people, some famous and some unknown that have worked for the dignity of all human life. Several have even put themselves at risk by putting the needs of others before themselves. We can look to the examples of the saints in how they lived their lives for God.

In our diocese, Bishop David L. Ricken will preside at the annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass at 7 PM

- *Wednesday, January 18, at St. Pius X Church, Appleton ([click here](#) for map/directions)*
- *Friday, Jan. 20, at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Green Bay ([click here](#) for map/directions)*

The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass promotes the sanctity and dignity of every human life as a gift from God that must be celebrated, defended, and loved from fertilization until natural death.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Mother Teresa



FAITH
ACADEMICS
SERVICE

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Thursday 1-19-12
Liturgy at 8:15 (gr. 3)

Friday 1-20-12
End of Second Quarter
Early Dismissal Day 11:30
NO Extended Care
NO After School Care

Monday 1-23-12
State of the Schools Address
St. Margaret Mary Gym 6:30

Tuesday 1-24-12
State of the Schools Address
St. Gabriel Cafeteria 6:30

Wednesday 1-25-12
Progress Reports are sent home
State of the Schools Address
St. Mary Elementary Gym 6:30

Thursday 1-26-12
Liturgy at 8:15 (gr. 2)

Sunday 1-29-12
PTO Pancake Breakfast 9:00-11:30
Open House 9:00-12:00

Monday 1-30-12
K-5 to Seton for Concert in PM

Tuesday 1-31-12
Family Lunch 11:45-12:45
Talent Show 1:00

Preschool News

Our Tuesday/Thursday morning Preschool class is growing! We would like to welcome Mrs. Kim Vicente as our new Preschool Aide on those mornings beginning next week. With the addition of an aide to this class, we have a few openings for new students this year. If you or someone you know is interested in Tuesday/Thursday Preschool please call the school office for more information.

Winter Brake

If you cannot make it to Winter Brake on February 18, please consider showing your support to St. Gabriel Parish by donating to your child's classroom basket. If you don't know what to buy, gift cards are always appreciated. Thank you for the basket contributions that we have received.

Preschool & PreKindergarten = Outdoor Fun
Kindergarten/Olsen = Green Bay Packers
Kindergarten/Rothe = Family Game Night
First Grade = Green Thumb/Gardening
Second Grade = What's Cookin'/Baker's
Third Grade = Scrapbooking & Crafts
Fourth Grade = Time for a Good Book
Fifth Grade = Wisconsin Badgers

The parish bulletin has detailed information on raffle prizes including an Apple iPod Touch, Coach Purse, Kindle Fire, Green Bay Packer Football, Flip Mini HD Camcorder, 40" TV, Greg Jennings autographed picture, and an iPad 2!

Band Concert



Our band concert was rescheduled due to weather. We are looking forward to enjoying the band concert tomorrow, January 19 at 6:30. Band students need to be at school by 4:45 for rehearsal. Remember to dress your best and bring a closed drink (not soda) and \$2 for pizza.

Registration 2012-2013

Registration materials for next year are being mailed to your home this week. Please check your mail. If you do not receive something by Monday please call the school office. Registrations are due February 10.

Those that enrolled early for Kindergarten, Sixth Grade or Ninth Grade still need to complete the registration forms. Any questions, please call us!

TCCES State of the Schools

All parents are encouraged to attend one of the three TCCES State of the Schools addresses. TCCES President, Mr. Michael Sullivan will discuss the current and future plans for our five TCCES schools along with sharing important information about curriculum, registration and enrollment. In addition, administrators and TCCES Board Members will be available. Please mark your calendars to attend one of the following sessions:

- Monday, January 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary in the gym
- Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel in Stingle Hall
- Wednesday, January 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Elementary in the gym

As an added incentive for parents to attend and keep them informed about our schools one \$500 tuition voucher will be awarded to a lucky attendee at each of the presentations.

January 20 Reminder

Friday, January 20 is an early dismissal. This means that we will not have Extended Care (11:00-3:00) or After School Care (3:00-5:30).

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Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is one of the highlights of the year for our schools. We've planned a variety of activities for students, families and community members. The attached schedule provides details on the week's festivities.

You will see that our celebrating begins the weekend of January 28/29 and continues through February 4. Each day is marked in a special way. Throughout the week we will collect cans of soup for our 7th annual "Soup-er Bowl". Our goal is 500 cans to earn an all school out of dress code day!

Lost and Found

We have a few newer items added to our Lost and Found. Adding a picture to our newsletter seems to be working. In addition to the items shown below we still have the tool case shown last week.



Market Day

Thank you for participating in Market Day this month. The profit earned was \$153.00 which is applied to tuition for those that participated.



Merry Christmas CD

We still have a few copies of the Three Jacks & a Jill Christmas CD for sale in the office. CD's are \$10 each with all proceeds benefiting the new TCCES Fine Arts Center. Checks payable to TCCES with "FAC" in the memo line.

New Incoming Student Course Selection Night

SMC is holding Course Selection Night on February 8 at 6:30 P.M. in the SMC Commons. Incoming freshmen and transfer students along with their parents will have the opportunity to register for 2012-2013 classes and meet with SMC Faculty, Administration and Guidance Professionals. Please contact Jennifer Miller at 722-7796 x 206 with questions.

NEENAH PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

Upcoming Activities

Karate Fun Course – Beginner course for ages 4 – 12. Held at Neenah Karate America. Begins Feb. 4th.

Quickstart Tennis Lessons – Ages 5- 10. Begins the week of Feb. 6th. **Friday Flicks** – Grades 1 – 6. Join us for a kid friendly movie and games. Held on Feb. 10th.

Icing Fun for Kids Workshop – Grades K – 5. Learn basic skills of cake decorating!

For registration information visit www.neenahgov.org, email: parkrec@ci.neenah.wi.us or call our office (920) 886-6060.

TCCES St. Gabriel
Catholic Schools Week 2012

- Sunday**
January 29
Faith, Academics, Service: In Our Parish
★TCCES students participate in all weekend liturgies at St. Gabriel Parish
★PTO Sponsored Pancake Breakfast in Stingle Hall 9:00-11:30
★Open House 9:00-12:00
- Monday**
January 30
Faith, Academics, Service: In Our Community
Father in Heaven, when the Spirit came down upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved son. Keep me, your child, born of the water and the Spirit, faithful to my calling.
(www.catholic.org)
★Field trip to Seton Catholic Middle School for Buddy Visit and Concert
- Tuesday**
January 31
Faith, Academics, Service: In Our Students
Most blessed Lord, send the grace of your Holy Spirit on me to strengthen me that I may learn well the subject I am about to study and by it become a better person for your glory, the comfort of my family and the benefit of your church and our nation. Amen. (www.catholic.org)
★Family Lunch and activities 11:45-12:45
★Annual Student Talent Show 1:00
- Wednesday**
February 1
Faith, Academics, Service: In Our Nation
Loving God, Catholic schools are communities that inspire by teaching your word, living your message and loving your children. Grant that we will grow and flourish in this mission. Give us strong wills and generous hearts to build values for a lifetime in our school communities of today. (www.smmrs.org)
★All TCCES School Liturgy at St. Gabriel at 1:15
★PTO sponsored Roller Skating Party after school 3:30-5:30
- Thursday**
February 2
Faith, Academics, Service: In Our Vocations
Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call many members of our community to be generous workers for your people and to gather in your harvest. Send them to share the good news of Jesus with all the people on Earth. (www.catholicdoors.com)
★Students write letters/draw pictures for our 24 Green Bay Diocesan Seminarians
- Friday**
February 3
Faith, Academics, Service: In Our Faculty, Staff & Volunteers
St. Joseph, foster father of Our Lord, guardian and teacher of the young Jesus, help us as we teach our children to grow in the love and truth of Jesus. Guide us so that we will lead them in the right path to acknowledge the truth that Jesus teaches. Amen. (www.catholicdoors.com)
★Out of dress code day for everyone
★Soda Pups performance 2:00-2:45
- Saturday**
February 4
Faith, Academics, Service: Celebrating the Close of Catholic Schools Week
★Fiesta Night in Stingle Hall 5:00-8:00 – Join us for food and fun!
★Fabulous Mexican Cuisine and activities for the children
★Back by popular demand are the classroom raffles

Throughout the week, St. Gabriel School will be collecting soup for the St. Joseph Food Pantry for our 7th Annual Soup-er Bowl. Our goal is 500 cans

St. Gabriel Catholic School PTO
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday , January 29th
Serving 9-11:30 A.M.



Menu

Buttermilk Pancakes
Sausage (delicious Haen's sausage)
Scrambled Eggs
Fruit and Muffins
Milk, Juice and Coffee

Adults : \$6.00

Seniors: \$5.00

Children(3-15 yrs): \$3.00

Extra sausage links are 2 for \$1.00

Tickets available on site day of the event. All proceeds will go directly to the St. Gabriel Catholic School PTO and will be used for enhancements and classroom enrichment at the school.

Volunteers are needed.

Contact Kat Vitale 727-0013

or Ellen Wierzbicki 836-9531



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Catholic Schools

Keeping with tradition at St. Gabriel, we will again have a family lunch and activity day on **Tuesday, January 31**. Because of the numbers, we will need to eat in two shifts. While one group is eating the other group will be in classrooms as a family playing games, reading books, sharing stories etc..

11:45-12:15 Families with the last name beginning with A to K

12:15-12:45 Families with the last name beginning with L to Z

Our menu for January 31st is Rotini/meat sauce, Green Beans, French Bread, Fruit/Salad Bar. In order to prepare for the day, TCCES Food Service would like your response in advance. If you use the TCCES Food Service, you will use your child's café account to pay for lunch on that day.

Please return the bottom part of this sheet to the school office by Wednesday, January 25. Cold lunch may also be brought in, but we ask that families do not bring in McDonalds, Domino's pizza, Culvers, etc...

After the lunch time, please plan to stay and enjoy the Annual Student Talent Show at 1:00!

Family Name _____
(please print)

How many for TCCES Food Service, not counting students at St. Gabriel _____

Our family will be eating at _____ 11:45 (last name beginning with A to M)
_____ 12:15 (last name beginning with N to Z)

Please return this portion to the school office by Wednesday, January 25.
Thank you!

*St. Gabriel Roller Skating
followed by a
Fundraising Night at Perkins Restaurant!!*



Wednesday, Feb 1st 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Fox Valley Roller Rink Gillingham Rd., Neenah

\$3.75 per Person (Includes Skate Rental - Roller Blades are \$1.00 extra.)

No fee for non-skaters.

Pay at the door when you arrive.

Bring the family! Strollers may be pushed/parents may walk with small children.

Snacks will be available at your own expense.



Afterwards, eat at Perkins in Neenah from 5:00 - 8:00. Perkins will DONATE 10% of net sales to St. Gabriel Elementary School! Eat In, Take Out, Pick up a Pie for dessert or Muffins for breakfast. Hope to see you there!

KEYBOARD LESSONS FOR YOU

Neenah Music Parents is sponsoring a 10 week series of after school keyboard lessons beginning on February 1st, 2012. More than 2500 students have participated in this program over the past twelve years.

WHAT: 10 weekly ½ hour group keyboard lessons for kids in grades 1 through 6. Classes have 4 to 10 students and are grouped by age and experience.

WHERE: Horace Mann Middle School Choir Room, 1021 Oak Street, Neenah.

WHEN: One day each week, ½ hour lessons are held on Mondays through Friday with classes starting at 4:30, 5:05, etc.

COST: \$40.00 for 10 lessons plus the book cost (under \$10.00).

SIGN UP: Registration forms can be downloaded at www.neenahmusicparentskeyboard.com . Contact Jill Drake at 729-4736 if you have any questions.

NEXT TIME: The next series of lessons begins in September 2012 for new students and continuing students.

ADULTS: One class will be set aside for adult beginners. If you ever thought about piano lessons for yourself, this could be a great way to start.

