



St. Gabriel the Archangel

FAMILY OF PARISHES

May 2026

Leadership Report

Synod and Canonical Merger information:

Thank you to all who participated in the local listening session on May 9. Results will be forwarded to you separately from this email. Overall, I found the day to be positive and productive, and heard many positive comments from those who were there. Over the summer, we will take that information and begin building the strategic plan for growth as a parish.

Yes, as a parish with five locations. Our canonical merger is next in line to be completed. It is a long process because the Chancellor needs to redefine the boundaries of the new parish, and finding the sources for all that information is somewhat tedious. But it looks to be a go sometime this summer. If we miss the July 1 hoped for date, I may request Sept. 29, the Feast of the Archangels, as the implementation day.

Of happy note, as well, is that we will be welcoming Fr. David Tran to the staff of the Parish this summer, too. Fr. Tran is three years ordained and has been at St. Ignatius in Cincinnati. It will be an adjustment for him to move from one location to five, but I am quite confident that he is up to the task. He will be living in the rectory at St. Peter's, where his primary office will be is yet to be determined.

With four full-time priests, we will be establishing office hours for each of the four office locations, yes, including Our Lady of the Rosary. Dates and times will be established once Fr. Tran is here.

Capital Projects

The flooring at St. Christopher Church needs to be replaced. We need to add kneelers to make it consistent with the other locations. These cannot be done while Mass is being held in the Church. Unlike at St. John the Baptist, we do not have easy access to a banquet hall where we can relocate Mass during this work. Internally, we discussed using the school

gym during this time. Problems abound: ease of access and step free accessibility; emergency egress; impact to the school as they get back running; etc.

The result is that we have to cancel roughly six weeks of Masses at St. Christopher. The daily Masses will be moved to St. John the Baptist during this time and then be restored to St. Christopher once the work is completed. The Sunday Masses are more complicated. We are tentatively leaning toward adding an early Mass at SJB and a Sunday evening Mass at St. Peter. Your thoughts are greatly appreciated!

Schools

Schools are winding down and finishing up this week. Enrollment is expected to grow, again, next year, but at a smaller pace than previous years as Ed Choice seems to be stabilizing. Enrollment at Rosary is struggling as families are returning to home countries in fear of being deported. We are watching that one closely.

Over the summer, we will be conducting a feasibility study for St. Christopher School expansion, looking to add six school classrooms and completely rebuild the child care center. More information coming soon.

Faith Formation

Confirmation is set for April 2027, right during First Communion Season. We are given those dates and cannot change them.

Summer of Service has six dates to bring the youth of the parishes together for social and service projects, all occurring on Wednesdays, beginning with Mass at St. Christopher.

Campus projects continue on, as well.

St. John the Baptist has small projects that will complete the renovation: wooden baseboard in the gathering space, additional pews, a few additional things in the Gathering Space.

St. Christopher is working on the flooring and pews in the Church, as noted above. Also, there is some ongoing work in the school this summer, completing repairs from the flood. The boilers and controls in the Church are also being replaced and updated.

St. Peter is completing the HVAC rebuild, hopefully soon as the weather has started to warm. There is some work in the school over the summer, as well. There is significant work needed on the plumbing in the school, but it has been difficult to get estimates and bids, as it is a complex situation.

Holy Cross is having the roof replaced after wind damage.

One thing we are looking into is replacing the two current modular units that house the Baby Pantry and the Youth Ministry at St. Peter Campus.