

Ss. HOLY FAMILY *John & Gabriel* Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

St. Gabriel Archangel

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Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

Please call St. John's Rectory office.

Marriage

Please contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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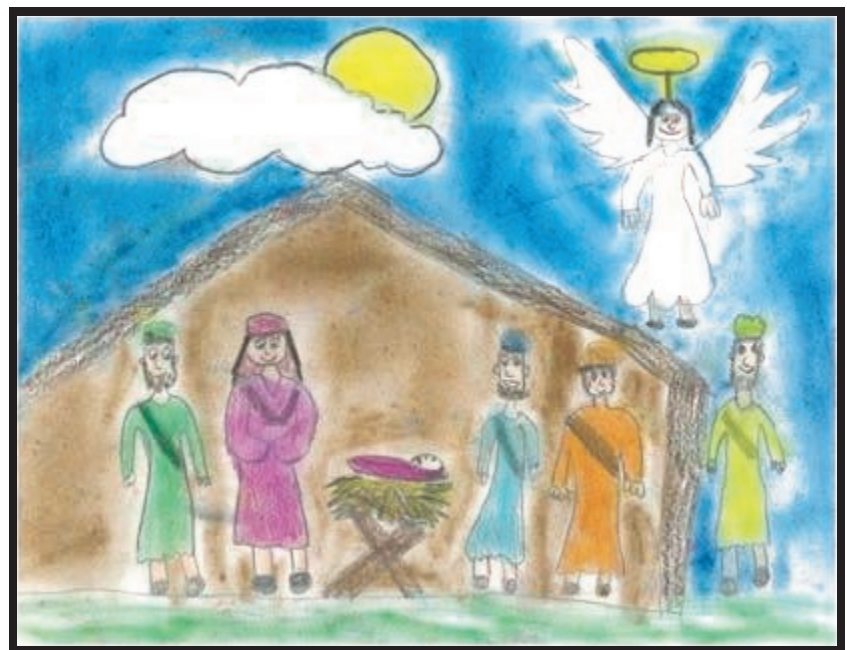
Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra

Please call (357-2000)

December 21, 2014

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



Holy Family Parish congratulates Emma Abram, age 8, daughter of Chad & Lisa Abram on winning the *Catholic Times* Christmas Art and Writing contest for her age group. Congratulations Emma!!!

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

The Christmas Mass schedule is:

Christmas Eve	5:00 PM	St John's
Christmas Eve	5:30 PM	St Gabriel's (children's Mass)
Christmas Eve	10:00 PM	St John's (Midnight Mass Celebration)
Christmas Day	9:00 AM	St Gabriel's

On New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a holy Day of Obligation, the Mass schedule will be as follows:

Wed Dec 31 st	4:00 PM	St Gabriel's
Thursday Jan 1 st	8:00 AM	St Gabriel's
	10:00 AM	St John's



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 28TH

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum, Debbie Morovits,
& Kathy Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Megan Pedretti &
Becky Henry

SERVERS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Bryce & Hayley Bedward
Clayton DuCharme, Jack Peterson

Sunday 8:00 am Jon & Lindsey Nicholson
Chase Fisher, Morgan Kiesau

LECTORS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

USHERS-DECEMBER-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Russell Eulgem, Richard
Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Don Cipra, John Gillitzer, Mark
Hamann

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 28TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Windy Mezera, Doris Krogman,
Karen Hertrampf

SERVERS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Anthony Irvin, Brandon Hanger
Molly Peterson, Emma Bjurquist

Sunday 10:00 am Alexis Nolan, Caitlin Nolan
Faith Dillman, Brytta Sagedahl

LECTORS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis
Mezera & Mark Mara

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Sheri Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Patrick or Tammy Nolan

WEEKEND MASSES: MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY REQUESTING THE MASS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE TO THE ALTAR. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES KNOWN TO THE USHERS AND SIT NEAR THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!



Monday, December 22	8:00 am	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, December 23	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Boland
<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>			
Wednesday, December 24	5:00 pm	St. John's Church	Priest Intention
	5:30 pm	St. Gabriel's (Children's Mass)	Priest Intention
	10:00 pm	St. John's	Priest Intention
<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>			
Thursday, December 25	9:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Priest Intention
Saturday, December 27	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Pat Ertel
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Mary Nash
Sunday, December 28	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Darlene Pedretti
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

And so this is Christmas...

From *The Catholic Times*, Dec 11, 2014

On Dec. 1, 1971, John Lennon and Yoko Ono released their Christmas carol of sorts, "Happy Christmas (War is Over)." While it was released for the Christmas season, its primary purpose was to signal the end of the war in Vietnam. In the language and sentiment of the time, it was a song about peace and no more war. The song itself has endured over the years, being sung by any number of famous and not so famous recording artists; unfortunately, since it was written, we have been involved in many wars.

We, of course, must never lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas – the coming of God's Son. Oh, sure, we get all nostalgic about it every year and maybe we've even become so jaded about it that we just don't care that much. Stores and restaurants, movies and malls attempt to direct our attention away from the reality that cannot be denied and cannot be fully escaped: we are lavishly loved by God.

In our diocese we have many profound ways to look beyond the shopping-center Christmas mentality. I believe we have found ways of making the Incarnation the reality it is meant to be all year long. Even the grumpiest of grumps, the scroogiest of Scrooges, and the most truculent of nonbelievers, would be hard pressed to push aside the sentiments of "peace on earth" when they encounter Catholic Charities, the Chalice of Mercy Catholic mission, or the Father Walijewski Legacy Guild.

These great entities are sources of energy for the drooping spirit and serve as an oasis of refreshment to those who prefer to celebrate Christocentric humanism as opposed to ecclesiastical piety. Either way, the subject is Christmas!

Catholic Charities, throughout the diocese, knows no boundaries to service of Christ in whatever shape, color, sex, tax bracket, or ideology He may choose to manifest. Every day, Christ is welcomed at warming centers in Wausau, Eau Claire, and La Crosse where they make Him feel comfortable, clean, and satisfied. No skimping on Christmas spirit here.

Chalice of Mercy, centered in Chippewa Falls, opens new vistas for those who seek to find the Christmas "spirit" in the midst of deceptive charm and passing beauty (Proverbs 31:30ff). It was started in 2007 by a young hairdresser and convert to Catholicism, Valentyna Pavsyukova, who began her quest for Christmas love in 2002 when she emigrated from her native Ukraine to Wisconsin. She traveled from Medford to Marshfield and finally landed in Chippewa Falls. Filled with a sense of purpose as a new Catholic, she remembered her family and friends back in Ukraine, especially those with special needs lacking medical care; thus, the Christmas spirit brightly shines in efforts for the disabled and those with special needs in this war weary Ukraine.

So, this is Christmas and one of our own priests, Father Joe Walijewski, brought the spirit of Christmas to our brothers and sisters in South America. The Diocese of La Crosse is still sending priests to Bolivia and Peru as part of Father Joe's ongoing legacy. The spirit of the living Christ is present in Santa Cruz Parish, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and at our orphanage, Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, in Lurin (Lima) Peru where many people travel to volunteer their time and talent with the children. The true meaning of Christmas was certainly not lost in the life and the ministry of Father Joe and it continues in the many people who support his legacy and pray for his cause. (continued)

Yes, this is Christmas and I really don't want to think that we have lost the true meaning of Christ's entry into our history simply because we don't get all worked up over Dec. 25. The big battle between believers and non-believers is not going to produce a genuine understanding of the Incarnation in anyone, unless he or she actually begins to see Christ in the world in which we live.

Our diocese is filled with extraordinary ways and genuine opportunities to do just that. I've just offered you three specific ways you can see Christ – every day – in the real world. In each of these instances, you don't have to have a Christmas tree, a manger, or even cocoa and cookies, to experience genuine love. I'll bet that with a little bit of thought, you might even be able to find Christ in your own home.

Bishop William Callahan, Diocese of La Crosse

Prayer Corner

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for:

Steve Moris, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Michael Aschom, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Richard Aschom, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Pam Hamann, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Albena Sutton, Patricia McCoy, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Jason Bierman, Dana Kahler, Nancy Aschom, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Christine Alioto.

If you have a special intention or loved one who is in need of prayers; please let us know so we can include them.

Holy Family Youth Group "The JWalkers" will be hosting a Breakfast fundraiser at Hardees on Saturday, January 10, 2015. The cost is only \$6.00 for the all you can eat breakfast buffet. It will be served from 7:00 to 10:00 am. Tickets will also be available from any JWalkers or Kurt Kravchuk and Mary Stoeffler. Thank you for your support for the JWalkers.

PARISH SUPPORT

Due to the early bulletin deadline, the budget report for this week will be in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Family Fall Fest – November 2014

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Dinner Sales	\$6,814.50		
Carry Outs	1,954.50		
Evening Meal	<u>571.50</u>		
	\$9,340.50	\$5,151.99	\$4,188.51
Raffle	\$17,720.25		
Units	4,872.00		
Paddle Wheel	1,665.56		
Baskets	999.00		
Bake Sale	843.65		
Games, Crafts, & Refreshments	1,074.01		
Money Barrel	<u>853.00</u>		
	<u>\$28,027.47</u>	<u>\$5,818.30</u>	<u>\$22,209.17</u>
TOTAL	\$37,367.97	\$10,970.29	\$26,397.68

The total profit for the Fall Fest came to \$26,397.68. Thank you to all who worked and all who attended.

Sweepstake Calendars are now available from Holy Family Rectory - St. John's location and the school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. These make great Christmas gifts.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will begin with around 50 parishioners and run them for a few weeks and then list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins. Avalo & Lucille Berns, Michael & Patricia DeMuth, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Jeffery & Tammy DuCharme, Michael Garrity, Dr. Michael & Mary Ann Garrity, Glen & Christa Gillitzer, Mavis Godden, Fred Grelle, Irmagard Hogenson, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Thomas & Nancy Koenig, Mary Konichek, Gary & Arleen Kozelka, Patrick & Catherine Lorenz, Thomas Mara, Lewis Marfilus, David & Renee Martin, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Kathleen Novey, Maurice & Loretta Oehler, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Melanie Schneider, Robert & Linda Schneider, Herbert & Helen Schneider, Robert & Ethel Sebastian, Marita Seitz, Millie Senesac, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Monica Shedivy, Ronald Shipley, Scott & Peggy Sklenar, Peggy Smith, Betty Standorf, Anna Mae Steffensmeier, Gregory & Diane Steger, Catherine Steger, Terence Steger, Ed & Donna Steger, Louis & Anita Steger, Tim & Charlene Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Russell & Mary Steiner, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Mary Steiner, Tom & Karen Steiner, Clem & Jacqueline Stram.

CONFESSIONS

St. Gabriel's 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm on Saturday
St. John's 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on Saturday

No scheduled confessions on days with weddings or funerals.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 21

Monday, December 22

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School

Tuesday, December 23

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass at St. John's

5:30 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's (Children's Mass)

10:00 pm Mass at St. John's (Midnight Mass Celebration)

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27

The bulletin had to go to press early so the Bingo winners from Monday, December 15th will be in next weekend's bulletin.

The Bingo workers for Monday, December 22nd are: **Check Writer:** Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Karen Fischer, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch Prepared by:** Denise & Larry Rod & Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Preston Hendrix & Anthony Irvin

Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve & Christmas

Christmas Eve., Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm at St. John's

Eucharistic Ministers: Verna Panka, Peggy Gallagher, Gene Carlson; **Lector:** Jerry Cummings; **Servers:** Jack Peterson, Elizabeth Carlson, Garrett Young, Chase Fisher; **Ushers:** Jim Gallagher, Bernard Mayer, Volunteers

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 5:30 pm (Children's Mass) at St. Gabriel's

Eucharistic Ministers: Molly Kirschbaum, Debbie Morovits, Tom Steiner; **Lectors:** Students; **Servers:** Ben Teynor, Clare Teynor, Josh Dyer, Caitlin Nolan; **Ushers:** Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Nicholas Ziel, & Jim Welsch

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 10:00 pm at St. John's

Eucharistic Ministers: Doris Krogman, Windy Mezera, Mary Osterhaus, **Lectors:** Andy Banasik & Dr. Mark Grunwald, **Servers:** Makayla Steger, Mitchell Luster, Brady Luster, Macey Banasik; **Ushers:** Volunteers

Christmas Day, Dec. 25th at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's

Eucharistic Ministers: Lucy Cornford, Joe & Sharon Atkins, **Lector:** Volunteer; **Servers:** Ethan & Zach Swiggum, Brandon Hanger; **Ushers:** John Chaffee, Dick Tesar, & Jerry Matousek

If these times do not work out for you, please try to get a substitute. Thank you in advance.