

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
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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.

Principal

Wade Marlow

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December 7, 2014

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 14

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Kathy Schneider
Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Jeri Kluesner
Rhonda Stubbe

SERVERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Breanna Teynor, John Titlbach
Ryan & Kaitlyn Waller

Sunday 8:00 am Clare & Ben Teynor
Logan Higgins, Nicole Rickleff

LECTORS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts

Sunday 8:00 am Richard Ambrose

USHERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth, Russell
Eulgem, Gene Kirschbaum

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

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 14

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Donna Steiner, Verna Panka, & Karen
Hertrampf

SERVERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Elizabeth Carlson, Teagan Radloff
Peggy & Sadie Koresh

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Dan
Schickert

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve or Sarah Holler, Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman, Ramon Gonzalez

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, Dec. 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Check Mass times.



*Monday, December 8	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's	Deceased members of the Vincent & Mary McCauley Family
	12:10 pm	St. John's	Alma Wall
	6:00 pm	St. Gabriel's	Bill & Edith McGrath
Tuesday, December 9	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Frank Svacina
Wednesday, December 10	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Don Walters
Thursday, December 11	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Ann Yager
Friday, December 12	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Fred Becwar
Saturday, December 13	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Bob, Dorothy & Glen Jelinek
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Mary Marcella MacEachern
Sunday, December 14	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Dr. Wm. Nugent

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 Konicheck, 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, Alben 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.

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

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 3:00 PM - ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

The Diocese of LaCrosse audited June 30, 2014 financial statements, along with Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about the financial statements, can be found at www.dioc.org

The audited June 30, 2014 financial statements and Frequently Asked Questions and Answers are also available for St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc. at www.stambrosefinancial.com

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Nov. 30th	\$6,723.00	\$9,935.00
Plate for Nov. 30th	573.71	859.10
Total	\$7,296.71	\$10,794.10

The second collection came to \$685.11 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day we celebrate Mary being conceived without original sin, is celebrated on December 8. This is one of 2 Holy Days of Obligation (Christmas being the other) in the United States that retains its obligatory character each year, no matter which day it falls on. If one of the other Holy Day falls on a Monday or Saturday, the feast is celebrated, but the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. This means that this Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation for all practicing Catholics. I have tried to come up with a Mass schedule that will allow as many as possible to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on that day. The schedule is:

8:15 AM	St. Gabriel's
12:10 PM	St John's
6:00 PM	St Gabriel's

For those attending the 12:10 Mass, every effort will be made to allow you to attend this Mass and get back to work before 1:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

Again this year Msgr. Hundt has agreed to come to Holy Family to help out for our Christmas Masses. For your planning purposes, we will offer 4 Masses for Christmas. 3 will be held on Christmas Eve and one Christmas morning. The Christmas Mass schedule is:

5:00 PM	St John's
5:30 PM	St Gabriel's (children's Mass)
10:00 PM	St John's (Midnight Mass Celebration)
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

RCIA

We will be starting an RCIA / information series in January. This will be for anyone who may be interested in finding out about the Catholic Church and for those interested in becoming Catholic. This will be a new series, and will be a Prairie du Chien Deanery outreach. The meetings will be held in Eastman at St Wenceslaus Msgr Baer Hall at 7:00 PM. Fr Victor Feltes, Fr Zachary Beya, Chris Carstens of the Diocese of La Crosse Sacred Worship Office and I will rotate as presenters. We hope to make this an on-going series that anyone can join as their schedules allow. It will be a great opportunity for Catholics desiring a deeper understanding of their faith as well. If you would like to take part in this program, or know anyone that might be interested in studying the Catholic faith, please have them contact me, or simply show up at St Wenceslaus on Thursday Jan 8th at 7:00 PM. God bless

Fr Jim

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, December 1st: \$25.00 - Peg Stoeffler, Carolyn Weipert; \$50.00 - Arlien Balk, Jeanne Moris; Progressive Consolation (\$100.00) - Linda Lessard; 50/50 winner (\$48.00) - Edward Gobin

The jackpot for December 8th will be \$1076.00 plus 50% of the progressive bingo jackpot card sales in 56 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, December 8th are:

Check Writer: Deb Schultz; Floor Worker: Becky Rooney; Caller: Kyle Teynor; Lunch Provided by: Gayle Aspenson and Jan Rutter; Lunch Stand Workers: Parents of Gina Sebastian & Elizabeth Tesar

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. Michael & Zita Balk, Mary Barrette, Robert & Cecelia Becwar, Mary Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Cecilia Benda, Irene Beneker, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Linda Cherrier, James & Lucy Cornford, Donald & Joan Draka, Irving & Carol DuCharme, Janice Duve, Edgar Eichmann, John & Betty Fischer, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Paul & Matilda Flansburgh, Karen Fritsche, Neil & Yvonne Gillitzer, Gary & Joan Howe, Connie Hudson, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Kurt & Teresa Jaynes, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Michael & Deborah Mara, Audrey Mara, Jeanine Mara, Lyle & Roberta Marfilus, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Terry Meyer, Anne Mezera, Dennis Mezera, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Patrick & Iva Mulhern, John Mulrooney, Elizabeth Munson, Jeffrey & Jennifer Nack, Janet Nelson, David & Marilyn Nies, Lawrence & Joan Novey, Richard & Verna Panka, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Mary Pellock, Joan Poots, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, John & Annette Powers, Terry & Clara Powers, Gregory & Ann Quick.

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 7

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls in St. Gabriel's School Hall plus drawing for the Sweepstake Calendar & Holy Name Raffle

1:00 pm JWalkers will meet in St. John's School and Attorney Lara Czajkowski Higgins will make a presentation on her recent trip to Vietnam

4:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Monday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

12:10 pm Mass at St. John's

6:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

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

Tuesday, December 9

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:00 pm Choir practice at St. Gabriel's

Wednesday, December 10

6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, December 11

Adoration after the 8:15 Mass at St. Gabriel's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

5:15 pm Choir practice at St. John's

6:00 pm Finance Council meeting at St. John's School

Sunday, December 14

10:00 am JWalkers will participate in the Mass at St. John's followed by Christmas Caroling and party

3:00 pm Communal Penance Service at St. John's

Bloodmobile at the National Guard Armory on Monday, December 15th from Noon to 6:00 pm.

Calling all Singers....Students & Adults! Join a choir for the Christmas season! Practices are 6:00 pm Tuesdays at St. Gabriel's and 5:15 pm Thursdays at St. John's. For more information, call Shirley Cipra 326-8553, Terri Connell 326-4240 or Linda Kramer 326-4054.

Christmas Poinsettias for Church....If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays please deposit names & donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at St. John's rectory.

SCHOOL NEWS

Blessings! Here we are already in the 14th week of school and we have learned: in Religion 6 about the commandments and how they apply to our lives; in Religion 7 about God's Revelation, specifically His greatest revelation, Jesus Christ; in Religion 8 about the church and her true purpose; in Reading 8 about types of writing along with reading novels; and lastly in Spanish we are working on conversations. Thank you for all of your prayers!
-Mrs. Ashley Simon