

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

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - 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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March 30, 2014 • 4th Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



4th Sunday of Lent

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. *Jn 9:35-38*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 6TH

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Trish Hager, Mary Kirschbaum, Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Mary Osterhaus, Megan Pedretti

SERVERS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Sam & Molly Peterson
Kaitlyn Waller & Breanna Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Made & Jack Peterson
Ben & Clare Teynor

LECTORS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

USHERS-APRIL 5/6

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 6TH

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring & Pat McCoy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Donna Steiner & Windy Mezera

SERVERS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Zach Rod & Evan Boisvert
Kierstyn Rogers & Jerrod Osterkamp

Sunday 10:00 am Madelyn & Makennan Gerhards
Liz Mezera & Paige Severson

LECTORS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

USHERS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron & Sarah Kramer, Cathy Irvin

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 1	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Anna McGuire
Wednesday, April 2	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Marcella Zins
Thursday, April 3	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Wesley Heiar
Friday, April 4	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Boland
Saturday, April 5	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	(Funeral Mass takes precedence)
	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Ryan Long
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Ray & Evelyn Sprosty
Sunday, April 6	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Sandra Schumacher
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

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, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, 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, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Michael Aschom, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Rita Lester, Clem Wachuta, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Richard Aschom, Lavonne Laskaskie, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Ann Dohse, Josephine Cipra, Dale LaPointe, Dallas Valley.

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

We will be cleaning up the cemeteries at St. Gabriel's & Calvary. If you have any items (artificial flowers, etc.) that you would like to save, please remove them by Wednesday, April 15th - otherwise they will be thrown away. Thank you for your attention to this.

Volunteers are needed to take communion to the homebound on Sunday morning. If this is something that you would like to do, please call Barb Frommelt at 326-2275 or Nancy DuCharme at 326-2343.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for March 23rd	\$7,417.00	\$7,908.00
Plate for March 23rd	<u>533.64</u>	<u>677.09</u>
Total	\$7,950.64	\$8,585.09

The second collection came to \$601.29 and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The profit this year from our Sweepstake's Calendar Raffle came to \$10,000.00. Thank you to all who purchased the calendars and to all who sold them and a special thank you to John Fischer for all his hard work on this project.

WHAT IS A COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE?

With our penance services coming up at St. Mary's, St. Wenceslaus and St Gabriel in the next couple weeks, the question arises concerning penance services: what are they and how do they work? Honestly, I had these same questions when I was in a parish not that many years ago. I would never attend one, not because there is anything wrong with them but mostly because I did not understand what they were.

They are called penance services because it is the sacrament of reconciliation within a prayer service. While there are variations, they mostly follow the same general outline. We open with a Scripture reading and short reflection. This takes only 2 - 3 minutes and this is sometimes followed by a short Examine of Conscience. These follow various guides, such as the 10 Commandments, social justice, cardinal sins and relationships or other values and virtues. Following an opening prayer, there is time for individual confession. In order to go quickly, we will have at least 3 priests in attendance. You may choose any of the priests and make your confession. Then after completing your penance, you may stay to pray or leave. We will have a closing prayer at 5:00, but all 3 priests will stay until the last penitent is heard.

In conclusion, you may come at any point while confessions are being heard. For a valid confession, it is not required that a person be at the opening and / or closing prayer of the service. These are offered for those that may wish to take part; the important part of the penance service is the sacrament of reconciliation itself.

NOTE ON NOTES

While I do enjoy receiving comments from the congregation, please have the courtesy to sign your name. I have received some notes in the not too distant past that were not signed. When I get these, there is no way I can respond to the person that has a specific concern if they are anonymous. It is my policy to place anonymous notes into the circular file. I know I am not a 'perfect' priest. I do not know if there is such a thing out there, but I am willing to speak with anyone about any concern you may have. All I ask is that we have an open conversation, and that cannot be done if one party desires anonymity. Thank you and God bless.

PRISON MINISTRY

Due to many circumstances there is a need for a Catholic outreach to our local prison. A request has been made for a Catholic Bible Study to be led by lay parishioners. The materials and training will be provided. You do not need to be an expert in Bible studies or have a degree in Theology to take part in this ministry. Simply a desire to help serve a community that is in need and is appreciative of your assistance. If interested, please contact Fr Jim and you will be put into contact with the coordinators.

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. (Heb13:3)

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, March 24th: \$25.00 - Ed Gobin; \$30.00 - Sandy McCoy, Pete Mara; \$35.00 - Christine Gramlich, Millicent Ronnfeldt; \$40.00 - Jodee Bedtka; \$62.50 - Betty Cejka, Carol Walz; **Progressive Consolation \$100.00** - Jane Ronnfeldt; **50/50 winner (\$94.00)** - Shirley Leamey.

The progressive jackpot for next Monday, March 31st will be \$1,536.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 58 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, March 31st are: **Check Writer:** Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Karen Fischer, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Caller:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch Provided by:** Char Steger & Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Karly Jaynes & Ramon Gonzalez

THANK YOU to all who attended our Fish Fry on March 21st and to all who helped with this event. The **money barrel winners** at the Fish Fry were Mary Novey & Gene Burroughs (\$125.00 ea.); **Movie Baskets:** Ann Mezera & Julian Degidio; **Fleece Quilt:** Don Roh; **Badger Pillow:** Sheila Gillitzer & Paul Lochner

LOCAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR EASTER

PENANCE SERVICE:

Sunday, March 30th at St. Wenceslaus, Eastman at 3:00 pm

Monday, March 31st at St. Mary's, Gays Mills at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 6th St. Gabriel's: Healing Service/ Adoration at 2:15 pm; Penance Service at 3:00 pm

LIVE STATIONS

THE JWalkers will be performing live stations on Wednesday April 16. This will be an evening performance; please mark your calendars for this special event.

NEED A GIFT FOR SOMEONE? How about a Scrip Gift Card. We have several to pick from. You can use scrip for all your shopping needs.

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

Sunday, March 30

1:00 pm "Dancing with the Stars" at St. Gabriel's School Hall - All are invited to attend

3:00 pm Penance Service at St. Wenceslaus, Eastman

4:30 pm Bible Study at The Grunwald residence

Monday, March 31

7:00 pm Penance Service at St. Mary's, Gays Mills

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

Tuesday, April 1

VOTE!!!

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's Benediction at 1:00 pm

7:00 pm Education Commission in St. John's Hall

Friday, April 4

Stations of the Cross after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass until 8:00 am on Saturday

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. John's

Saturday, April 5

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's (unless there is a funeral)

Sunday, April 6

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

2:15 pm Healing Service & Adoration at St. Gabriel's

3:00 pm Penance Service at St. Gabriel's

Easter Flower Fund.... If you would like to make a donation to the "Easter Flower Fund" at the parishes in memory of a loved one, you can do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the parish collection or mail to Holy Family Parish, 710 S. Wacouta, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

SCHOOL NEWS

Prairie Catholic Middle School, along with three other middle schools, successfully participated in the regional forensics competition. Forensics is a wonderful opportunity for students to work on their public speaking skills. Springtime brings with it chicks! A new incubator has been purchased and we will soon be setting the eggs. The self-turning incubator will make evenings and weekends much easier. Watching new life emerge is an experience not soon forgotten by the students.

-Mrs. Luanne Atkins