

HOLY FAMILY 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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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

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Nov . 16, 2014 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’
His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you
great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” - Mt 25:20b-21



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 23RD

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOV. 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Laura Meyer, Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Sharon Atkins, Jeri Kluesner, Mary Osterhaus

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Ryan & Kaitlyn Waller
Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp

Sunday 8:00 am Thomas & Nick & Zack Mara & Matthew Chase

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

USHERS-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim Welsch, Bob Ziel

Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar, Butch Boland

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 23RD

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Patty Schauf-Yager, Karen Hertrampf

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Dominique & James Reilly
Garett Young & Rebekah Champion

Sunday 10:00 am Logan Higgins & Faith Dillman
Ella Hager & Kennedy Kirschbaum

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-NOVEMBER 22/23

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-NOVEMBER 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am 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!



Tuesday, November 18	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Fagan
Wednesday, November 19	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Robert Check
Thursday, November 20	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Roger Pellock
Friday, November 21	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bob Boland
Saturday, November 22	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Robert & Dorothy Jelinek † Mary Nash
Sunday, November 23	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Vi Atkins For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

CONFESSIONS

St. Gabriel's
St. John's

3:00 pm to 3:45 pm on Saturday
6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on Saturday

No schedule confessions on days with wedding or funerals.

How real is Jesus to You?

(Diocese of La Crosse Office of Catechesis)

Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus? We Catholics tend to dismiss that as a Protestant question, if we answer it at all. We have learned to say that of course we have a personal relationship with Jesus, because we receive His grace through the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism. And we receive Jesus Himself most profoundly in Holy Communion. We know this by faith. That is all true, but the question wants to know if we have a sense of personal connection, of familiarity, with Jesus, similar to the feeling of connection we have with a spouse, a family member or a really close friend. Because unfortunately it is possible to experience our sacramental encounters with Jesus in a way that is mechanical, impersonal, detached from the heart.

Of course it is clear that we can see and touch and speak with family members and friends in an immediate and obvious way, while God is invisible to us, or hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. But that handicap doesn't get us off the hook, because God has a key to our hearts that is more powerful and available than anyone else. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us that He is the Vine and we must be joined to Him as branches. In fact He tells us that this is the only way our lives can bear fruit. Listen to the intimate language He uses: "*Remain in me, as I remain in you.... Remain in my love*" (15:4,9). Then consider the invitation in the Book of Revelation: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me*" (3:20).

It really is mind-boggling – Jesus, the Only-Begotten Son of God, is knocking on the door of our lives, inviting us to the most profound friendship. But He will not force His way in. It is up to us. If we open, He is sure to respond. Many men and women in the history of the Church have opened the door to Jesus and chosen to remain in His love. Their relationship with Him has been the center of their lives every single day, and they have experienced the joy and fulfillment our hearts were made for. Think of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina – the list goes on and on. Have they experienced also times of spiritual dryness and suffering? Of course, but Jesus never stopped being the love of their lives and the source of all meaning and fulfillment.

It is false modesty to say that their path is not our path, that we are just 'ordinary' people. There is only one real path in life, and it is that of a living, breathing, close friendship with Jesus, who told us, "*I am the Way and the Truth and the Life*" (Jn 14:6). After much searching along false paths, St. Augustine finally discovered this truth and cried out with joy, "*O Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you.*" How to get there? Is it too much for us? Just ask. "*Jesus, please help me to know you better. I don't want to just know about you, I want to know you.*" Talk to Him often during the day; tell Him your joys, your troubles, your hopes.

Read slowly from the Gospels, meditating on the words and deeds of Jesus, asking Him to help you to see how they apply to you. Then rest in silence and listen. Do this for a few minutes each day. Visit Jesus in Eucharistic adoration, awakening your devotion with prayer, Scripture and silent contemplation. Find inspiration in reading about the saints. Ask Jesus to help you see and touch Him in works of mercy toward the poor, the homeless, the lonely. (continued on next column)

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Ask His forgiveness in Confession. Make your heart ready each time you receive Him in Communion. Begin and end your day by giving yourself to Jesus. Ask Mary to help you.

In all this, you will not be perfect, you will stumble. Keep going. Yes, you are busy, but set aside some time each day. Because He is EVERYTHING, and in your heart of hearts you know that remaining in His love is exactly what your life should be about. God bless.

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, Albenia Sutton, Patricia McCoy, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Jason Bierman, John Gillitzer, Dana Kahler, Nancy Aschom, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, John Fischer.

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

Catholic Charities in Prairie du Chien is very excited to announce that they will be assuming the coordinating role of the former Faith in Action program, now known as Hands of Hope. We are looking forward to coordinating and providing services by offering a helping hand, a compassionate ear, and a helpful connection to our community residents. We are thrilled to be able to offer an avenue for these service to continue. To kick off this program, we are selling Christmas wreaths and garland. To order your wreath or garland call Catholic Charities office at 608-326-1616. These items will be available on November 24th for pick up.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 9	\$8,772.00	\$7,653.50
Plate for Nov. 9	<u>780.16</u>	<u>770.05</u>
Total	\$9,552.16	\$8,423.55

The second collection came to \$2,862.72 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2014 WINNERS FROM HOLY FAMILY FALL FEST

\$1,500.00 donated from parishioners - Phil Barrette; \$500.00 - donated by parishioners - Arleen Kozelka; \$500.00 in Scrip donated by parishioners - Phyllis Tichenor; Writing Desk from Tiller's Furniture - Sylvia Gilberts; Clock from Elliott Jewelers - Paul O. White; \$250.00 donated by Peoples State - Helen Schneider; \$200.00 donated by Steger Farms - Jack Leake; \$200.00 from Garrity Funeral Home - Dr. & Mrs. John Kurt; 1 Nights Stay at Americinn—Gerald Stram; \$150.00 Scrip donated by John & Norma Gillitzer - Joyce Kozelka; 1 nights stay at Country Inn & Suites - Laverne Steiner; \$100.00 donated by Butch & Bonnie Boland - Faith Dillman; \$100.00 donated by Mrs. Richard DuCharme - Patricia Wachuta; \$100.00 donated by Check's Antiques - Leo Zimmerman; \$100.00 donated by Frank Nolan - Sam Stoeffler; \$100.00 donated by Paul Flansburgh - Dorothy Gilkes; \$100.00 donated by Sunburst Memorials (John & Joyce Luster) - Sylvia Gilberts; \$100.00 donated by Sut Hill - Paul Lochner; \$100.00 donated by Kussmaul Ins. - Evan Teynor; \$100.00 donated by Thornburg Grau Funeral Home - Nancy DuCharme; \$50.00 donated by Pedretti Farms - Megan Pedretti; \$50.00 donated by Pedretti Farms - Sylvia Gilberts; \$100.00 donated by Hess Auto - Richard Panka; \$50.00 donated by Adams Auction - Gerald Stram; \$50.00 Chamber Bucks donated by Anchor Bank - Rosemary Novey; 3 \$50.00 Kwik Trip Cards donated by Fr. Weighner; - Steve & Judy Sagedahl; Madonna Kapinus, Larry & Ann Dohse; 2 \$50.00 cert. from Halpin Tire - Mark Pedretti & Sandy White; 4 \$25.00 gift cert. from Kozelka's Men's Wear - Scott Reilly, Dan Brandes, Ed Steger, Jacqueline Stram; \$50.00 gift cert. from Jones Black Angus - Joyce Kozelka; Money Barrel Winners: Marilyn Palmer & Sally White (\$210.00 each)

Turkey Winners: Norma Gillitzer, Mary Stoeffler, Marlene Check, **Ham Winners:** Bill Check, Ed Steger, Sheila Gillitzer

Thank you to the following who donated baskets for our Basket Raffle: Ken & Mary Stoeffler & Family (5 baskets), Deb Walz (5 baskets), Donna Teynor, True Value, Gayle Aspenson & Jan Rutter, Pat Prew, Char Steger, Tammy Cram (2 baskets), Howard Gillitzer, Norma Gillitzer, Claire Stoeffler, Kay Lorenz, David & Renee Martin, Bonnie Boland (2 baskets), John & Betty Fischer, Rochelle Neisius, Renee Ingle & Karen Gilkes.

The Basket Raffle Winners are: Brian Heal, Melody Igou, Mark Eulgem, Tammy Cram, Nick Horihan, Ed Steger, Julia Wachuta, Terry Steger, Jen Eulgem, Nancy Sutton, Alex Gilberts, Gina Wimmer, Sheila Gillitzer, Terry Steger, Kaitlyn Steger, Betty Ronnfeldt, Pat Eulgem, Jacob Mara, Claire Kennedy, Deanne Hromadka, Jessi Steger, Kennedy Kirschbaum, Molly K. and RaeAnn Cooley

Packer Pool Winners: \$25.00 - Pete Prew & \$75.00 - Ed Steger

THANK YOU to all who worked at the Fall Fest and to all who attended. When all bills are paid we will publish the profit.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, November 16

JWalkers will meet after the 10:00 am Mass at St. John's
4:30 pm NO Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, November 19

4:30 to 6:45 pm Soup & Chili Supper in St. Gabriel's School Hall; also serving Grilled Cheese, Bars & Cookies; all are invited - 6th grade fundraiser for D.C. trip
6:45 pm CCD classes at St. John's School

Thursday, November 20

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm
7:00 pm Parish Council meeting at St. John's School

Friday, November 21

Saturday, November 22

Sunday, November 23

4:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Lottery Calendar Winners for November, 2014

\$100.00: Steve & Judy Sagedahl & Family; Bob & Carol Mullikin; Matthias Kieser, Yorktown, VA; Mark Forsythe; Nate & Heidi Balk, Cashton

\$50.00: Molly Farrell Kirschbaum; Pat Erdenberger; Liam Kieser, O'Fallon, IL; Rick & Deb Bowar, Fort Atkinson, WI; Butch & Mary Pedretti

\$25.00: Tom Brown, LaCrosse; Weber Chiropractic; Dave Hemmer; Quick Family; Rachael George, Seneca; Ted Obler, Madison; David Check; Mary Kay Lange; Cindy Jelinek; Anita Steger, Lewis Marfilius; Kay Delaneo; Ana Martin; JoAnn Shea, Bellaire Bluffs, FL; Margaret Stoeffler; Jan Rutter; Karen Welter; Adam Marthaler; Janice Duve; John Luster



Bingo Winners from Monday, November 10th: \$25.00 - Ann Tippery, Teagan Stine; \$100.00 - Sandy McCoy; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Lois Pollock; **50/50 Winner (\$49.50)** - Sandy McCoy

The Progressive Jackpot will be \$877.00 plus 50% of the bingo progressive jackpot card sales in 54 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, November 17th - Check Writer: Sarah Holler; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman & Ruth Klang; **Caller:** Michael Higgins; **Lunch Prepared by:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Kyle MacEachern & Ellie Mara