

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. Gabriel Archangel

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Rectory Office Hours

Closed until further notice

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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November 23, 2014

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 30

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Howard Gillitzer,
Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Donna Teynor, Becky Henry, Megan
Pedretti

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp
Kori & Karly Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Chase Fisher & Morgan Kiesau
Aaron Neisius & Caitlin Pattison

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

USHERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 30

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Peggy Sklenar

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner, Molly
Kirschbaum

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Lauren & Allison Kennedy
Nick & Matt Rogge

Sunday 10:00 am Josh Dyer & Ryan McGrath
Dalton & Preston Hendrix

LECTORS NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaefer, & Tyler Rochleau

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

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve or Sarah Holler

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!

Thanksgiving Day Mass is at
8:00 am on the 27th at St.
John's.



Tuesday, November 25	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Matejka
Wednesday, November 26	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Darlene Pedretti
Thursday, November 27	8:00 am	St. John's Church	† Don Walters
Friday, November 28	NO MASS		NO MASS
Saturday, November 29	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Ken & Vi Kane Special Intention-Loren & Cathy Vondrum
Sunday, November 30	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Darlene Pedretti For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

BUILDING PROJECT

Although winter has caught us off guard with a vengeance, we were able to get our building project up and running, and so would like to offer an update on where we are. As we stated a few weeks back, the first stages of both projects, including the foundation work and building structures have been approved by the Diocese of La Crosse. However, getting state approval was a bit more complicated. We received the state approved plans on the Fellowship Hall first, and with that in hand were able to begin excavation and foundation work. In the coming weeks, we will be ordering the material for the shell, which we hope to have in place over the winter, so interior work can proceed in the spring.

This has not stopped planning on the St Gabriel project. In fact, this week we were able to get the foundation plans approved as well, and would have started this project if only the weather would have cooperated. It looks like we are in for an early start to winter, and though we could begin digging, how far ahead would we be in the spring? This is the question that has bounced back and forth between various contractors and council members, and the answer is not clear cut. The consensus is that digging now would definitely put a stop to using the playground for the entire winter, and it might be better to spend the time planning so when we are able to start in the spring we can get everything off to a cleaner start. This would include having all the plans drawn up; the building supplies on hand and crews ready to go.

We also would like our community to recall that we have invested quite a bit in getting St Gabriel's school ready for this year. The capital campaign was for improvements in addition to new construction, and \$90,000 has been spent on the new roof, \$110,000 on new windows, over \$12,000 on updating bathrooms and over \$10,000 for upgrades to the computer lab and computer network in addition to adding smart-boards to all classrooms last spring. Although many of these things are not readily seen (such as a big hole in the ground), the investment comes to over \$225,000 in the past year and a half.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I would like to take a minute to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful time to count our blessings in our families and our nation. May God bless all our families, our loved ones and our nation as we strive to build His Kingdom bit by bit here on earth.

Fr Jim

DECEMBER 8, 2014: THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

I know this is a couple weeks away, but just an early reminder that there are 2 Holy Days of Obligation that retain the obligation character no matter which day they fall upon. These two are the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas. This year, Dec. 8 falls on a Monday, and we have scheduled three Masses for this Feast: 8:15 AM, 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM. Locations will be posted in next week's bulletin.

God bless

Fr Jim

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.

BELLRINGERS NEEDED for the Salvation Army on Friday, Dec. 12, Saturday, Dec. 13 & Sunday, Dec. 14. Two hour shifts between the hours of 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly Store. If you can help out please call Pat or Steve Mercaitis at 608-988-4556.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 16th	6,226.00	\$7,312.00
Electronic Transfers	1,610.00	.00
Plate for Nov. 16th	<u>567.75</u>	<u>677.75</u>
Total	\$8,403.75	\$7,989.75

The second collection came to \$856.36 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, November 17th:
\$25.00 - Doris Krogman, Millie Senesac; **\$100.00** -
 Melody Igou, **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** -
 Angela Tippery

**The progressive jackpot for November 24th will
 be \$962.00 plus 50% of the progressive bingo
 jackpot card sales in 55 calls or less.**

Bingo Workers for Monday, November 24th:
Check Writer: Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:**
 Karen Fischer, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:**
 Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Food provided by:** Denise
 & Larry Rod and Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand
 Workers:** Parents of Zachary Mara & Sophie Miller

JWALKERS - Christmas Caroling on Dec. 14th.
**If anyone knows of a shut in or elderly that
 would appreciate a visit, please contact Mary
 Stoeffler at 326-0033.**

**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.**

**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 follow-
 ing bulletins.

Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Joseph & Sharon Atkins, Robert &
 Nancy Becker, Florence Becwar, Timothy & Catherine Betzle,
 Bernard & Bonnie Boland, Patricia Boldt, Arthur & Celine
 Boxrucker, John Chaffee, Lora Chamberlain, Roger & Joan
 Check, William & Wanda Check, Charles & Teresa Connell,
 Gerald & Eldora Coorough, Patricia Coorough, LeAnn Craig,
 Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Von & Jean Denlinger, Loren &
 Ann Dohse, Mary Duffy, Elaine Fischer, James & Ruth Gates,
 Mark Gerhards, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, John & Norma
 Gillitzer, Randal Ginsterblum, Richard Ginsterblum, William
 & Mary Halpin, William & Rita Hamann, Thomas & Jody
 Harris, Donald & Teresa Heal, Theresa Heal, Michael & Lin-
 da Heal, Robert Heilmann, Jean Heiring, Mary Ann Heisz,
 Dennis & Martha Hoeger, Monica Horner, Charles & Geor-
 gia Hutchison, Bryan & Cathy Irvin, Joanne Jones, Jan &
 Odean Kieser, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Bruce & Ruth
 Klang, Geraldine Kluesner, Aaron & Sarah Kramer, Armella
 Kueter, Eugene LaPointe, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Donald
 & Norma Lochner, Paul Lochner, Timothy & Theresa Loon-
 ey, Michael & Shirley MacEachern.

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, November 23

4:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, November 26

CCD will not be held

Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING DAY - Mass at 8:00 am at St. John's

Friday, November 28

NO MASS

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

St. Mary's School, Bloomington will be hosting Break-
 fast with Santa on Sunday, Nov. 30th from 8:00am to
 12:30 pm. Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale & Chil-
 dren's Raffle plus Craft Show with local vendors.

**St. Nicholas Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 is going to be held on Saturday, December 6th.** St. Nicho-
 las enjoys meeting children (and their parents)! The
 schedule for the day is as follows:

12:30 pm Refreshments & Cookies in the Pilgrim Cen-
 ter

1:00 pm Arrival & Greeting

1:30 pm St. Nicholas tells his history & the Nativity
 story

2:15 pm St. Nicholas video in the Orientation Room

.....2:45 pm Coloring activities

3:30 pm Conclusion

St. Nicholas will hand out some little remembrances for
 the children and will be available for photos.

SCHOOL NEWS.....

On Veteran's Day this year, the middle school
 students had the opportunity to meet with a
 group of local veterans. Our students were able
 to hear some great stories and also examine
 Vietnam era communications and grenades! I
 want to thank the veterans who have always
 been willing to meet with us year after year
 when I contact them. The 8th graders are
 beginning a unit on the Lewis and Clark
 expedition in US History class and the 7th
 graders are concluding their study of the
 Constitution in Civics class. It has been a busy
 first 3 months of the school Year. -

Mr. Bill Huser