

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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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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December 13, 2015 - Third Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

SACRED HEART PARISH, WAUZEKA 3:00 TO 4:30 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. John's Church

10:00 pm Midnight Mass at St. John's Church

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

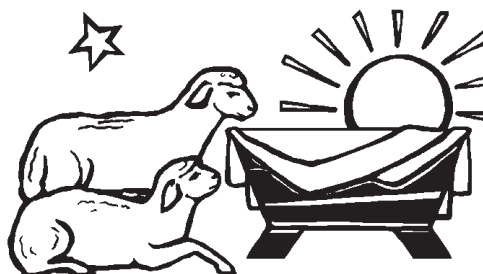
NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

4:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

10:00 am Mass at St. John's Church





St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 20TH

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Debbie Morovits, &
Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Eileen Hermsen, Mary
Osterhaus

SERVERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Jack Peterson & Mitchell Colson
Ava & Ella Hager

Sunday 8:00 am Nick & Zach Mara
Allison Lindner & Scout Hall

LECTORS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am Corey Steger

USHERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Bob Ziel,
Nathan Mezera

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

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 20TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Peg Gallagher, Gene Carlson & Doris
Krogman

SERVERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Kori & Karly Jaynes

Brandon Hanger & Emma Bjurquist

Sunday 10:00 am Dawson Eastman & Kendall Hill

Josh Dyer & Katelyn Lutz

LECTORS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

USHERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaefer, Tim Looney

Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Mark
Mara & Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Maureen Stark

Sunday 10:00 am Veronica 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, December 15	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Dr. Wm. G. Nugent
Wednesday, December 16	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Robert Neuman
Thursday, December 17	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Cathy Vondrum (ann.)
Friday, December 18	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Al Duve
Saturday, December 19	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Herb Baures
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Roger W. Steiner
Sunday, December 20	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Jonathan Steger
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

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.)

One of the most overlooked characters in the Nativity story is St Joseph. This is understandable, as the sum total of the words he spoke that have been recorded for us is zero; he is a quiet man of action. As we enter more deeply into this season of anticipation, let's take a closer look at this role model for all of us.

From an article by Katie Warner on
<http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/2015/12/>

The Characters of the Nativity and Their Lessons for Living— St. Joseph: Humility and Devotion

Oh, St. Joseph. He is such a quiet figure in the Gospels—never speaking a single word, yet his actions speaking loudly about the kind of strong, humble, and devoted man he was. First, St. Joseph teaches us how to be humble.

St. Joseph never thought too highly of himself. Even in Scripture, in Matthew's genealogy at the beginning of the Gospel, while the Gospel writer lists all of the people in the genealogy as the "father of" so-and-so, except for Joseph. When we come to Joseph's introduction into the genealogy, we read that Joseph was not the "father of" but the "*husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ*" (Matt 1:15-16).

To reflect on the rest of St. Joseph's first lesson for living, I'd like to refer to the words of Fr. Steve Grunow from Word on Fire Catholic Ministries:

"Saints are not celebrities, who leverage every detail about their lives as a means to be known and recognized. A saint is someone who in their desire to be like Christ is able and willing to disappear into the mission God gives to them. For some saints, this mission brings with it a great deal of attention. But for most saints, the life of grace involves a much lower profile and a death to self which requires an immersion into the most ordinary of circumstances. These circumstances are accepted by the saint because they know that it is precisely in the experience of what is apparently ordinary that God is accomplishing extraordinary things.

"Therefore, it is all of us, who right now find ourselves immersed in the mission to be the unnoticed saints of ordinary circumstances, who know that the silence of Saint Joseph speaks louder than any words."

Before we move on from St. Joseph, let's briefly discuss the second lesson for living: devotion.

St. Joseph was a man entirely devoted to God and sacrificially devoted to his family. Pope Leo XIII called St. Joseph the "guardian of the Holy Family"—that's how devoted a spouse and father to Jesus he was. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Joseph was a "just man" (Matt 1:19), meaning he was righteous and devoted to following God's laws. I like to say that St. Joseph was devoted to spiritual leadership in his family. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI put it, he was "at the service of life and growth...St. Joseph...gave proof of great devotion. For the sake of Christ he experienced persecution, exile, and the poverty which this entails. He had to settle far from his native town. His only reward was to be with Christ."

St Joseph: Pray for us.

PRAYER CORNER

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

Please pray for: Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Albena Sutton, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Bob Burr, Bonnie Boland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, James Strosheim, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Ed Rocksvold, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Judy Gillitzer, Herb Schneider, Eugene Gillitzer, Joshua Warpinski, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Anita Steger, Pat Wachuta, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Ray Martin, Von Denlinger, Scott Plondke, David LaBonne, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Ed Stubbe and Joe Barrette.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia for Christmas, please place names & donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at either rectory. Thank you!

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 6th	\$7,296.00	\$9,332.00
Plate for Dec. 6th	<u>520.27</u>	<u>457.10</u>
Total	\$7,816.27	\$9,789.10

The second collection came to \$437.41 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Prairie Catholic Sweepstake Calendars are now on sale for the year of 2016-2017 \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. The calendars are available at both rectories or from John Fischer (326-2827). These calendars make great Christmas gifts

St. John's Noodle Makers are back in business. Noodles can be purchased in St. John's Church Hall daily from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Lottery Calendar Sweepstake Winners

\$100.00 - Kris Rogge, Eastman; John & Cheryl Kramer, Eastman; Greenlee Krahn, PdC; Jim & Karen Schilling, PdC; David & Kate Frank, Spring, Texas

\$50.00 - Lindsey Krachey, PdC; Rob & Barb Schwant, Pattersonville, NY; Sebastian Family, PdC; Sut Hill, PdC; Bernice DuCharme, PdC

\$25.00 - Jody Harris, PdC; Deb & Bob Wachter, PdC; Margaret Stoeffler, PdC; Charlotte Gregory, Bath, N.Y.; Acacia Wimmer, St. Charles, MN; Bill Huser, PdC; Brad Steiner, PdC; Linda Nauman, Sherrill, IA; John Gillitzer, PdC; Erich Welter, PdC; Maria Mezera, PdC; Joshua Dyer, PdC; Nick Rogge, Eastman; Pat Dahl, Madison; Tim Redman, Muscoda; Matt Mezera, Bloomington; Brooke Weighner, Harpers Ferry; Justina Koresh, PdC; Jordan Neises; Broomfield, CO; Gene Carlson, PdC

Holy Name Raffle Winners for December, 2015

\$10.00 Winners: Dustin Payne, Eastman; Gloria Seeley, Oshkosh; Barb Novey, PdC; Geraldine Kluesner, PdC; Tom Steger, Zumbrota, MN

\$25.00 Winners: Marilyn Ocenosak, PdC; Florence Becwar, PdC

\$100.00 Winner: Dennis Pozega, PdC

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Lawrence F. Novey** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Thursday, December 10th. May God grant Lawrence eternal life and comfort to his family.

Community Blood Drive on Monday, Dec. 21st at the National Guard Armory from noon to 6:00 pm. Give a meaningful gift this Christmas Season. Donate Blood!

We will continue to list the parishioners who have donated to the Diocesan Appeal next weekend. Thank you to all who have donated.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 13

JWalkers will be Christmas Caroling to the homebound & Nursing Home after the 10:00 am Mass

3:00 to 4:30 pm Communal Penance Service at Sacred Heart, Wauzeka

Monday, December 14

Tuesday, December 15

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. Gabriel's Church

Wednesday, December 16

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church

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

Thursday, December 17

7:00 pm Parish Council meeting at St. John's School

Friday, December 18

Next Weekend - non-perishable food collection for our local food pantry; containers are in the back of both churches. Thank you to all who support this cause.

It's not too late to join a choir for Christmas Eve! Our final practice at St. John's will be Wednesday, December 16th at 5:00 pm - just to rehearse music for carol concerts before the 5:30 and 10:00 pm Masses Christmas Eve.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 13th 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Sacred Heart, Wauzeka

The Deanery of Prairie du Chien will join together to offer a Communal Penance Service in Wauzeka at Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm or until all confessions are heard. This will be the only communal penance service for the PdC deanery for the Advent season. Please plan on taking advantage of this pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Church during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

SCHOOL NEWS

During the month of December you will find the kindergarten room full of learning activities, songs and special Christmas projects. One special resource that was presented to the class was an interactive Kid friendly Nativity called "What God wants for Christmas." There are seven gift boxes and a pop up stable that correspond with the Christmas story. What a beautiful way to lead the children closer to Christ! Merry Christmas from the Kindergarten class.

Mrs. Huser