

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

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Marriage

Please contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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February 8, 2015 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 15

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Kathy Schneider, &
(Molly Kirschbaum)

Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Megan Pedretti &
(Donna Teynor)

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Katy Welsch & Paige Schneider
John Titlbach & Kylee Weber

Sunday 8:00 am Kendall & Weston Hill
Jonah & Joshua Linder

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

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

Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee, Don
Cipra

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 15

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Dr. Mark Grunwald

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm (Deanne Hromadka)

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Karen Hertrampf,
(Doris Krogman)

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Austin & Ashley Mezera
Brandon Hanger & Kierstyn Rogers

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

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

Sunday 10:00 am Chris & Jacob Mara, Tom & Nolan
Stram

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy, 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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 10	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Tom & Karen Cejka 40th Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday, February 11	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Ryan Knight
Thursday, February 12	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Kenneth Tichenor
Friday, February 13	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Don Walters
Saturday, February 14	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Dale Boldt † Terry Cejka
Sunday, February 15	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Clement Wachuta, Sr. For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

LENT 2015

Seems too soon, doesn't it? Didn't we just get the Christmas decorations put away and the Christmas lights down? And every year, things continue to sneak up on us. Whether it is liturgical things like Lent and Advent leading to Easter and Christmas; or other milestones such as graduations, birthdays, anniversaries; there never seems enough time to really prepare, to enter into the season as I really want to or to host the party I really desire for this person.

This Lent, I will invite you to consider a special invitation to examine your relationship with Christ. Where is it at in the present moment? Where would I like it to be? And how do I go about making that a reality? Developing and deepening any relationship is costly in many ways. Our spiritual relationship with our Heavenly Father, with Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit is no different. If we desire a personal relationship with God, we have some hard choices to make. Our ego will have to die a little in order to make room for God. There may be some things that we really enjoy, or at least think we enjoy, that we might have to give up. There are things in life that can lead us away from God, and things that fail to lead us closer to Him; attitudes, possessions, even friendships or possibly family among others may be included in this list. To make the choice to leave these things behind is not an easy decision, and we should make these decisions only after taking them to prayer. Once we have made the decision to have that personal relationship with God, we need to make intelligent choices. Abandoning a relationship with God in favor of a personal autonomy is listening to the lies of Satan, the lies that have plagued mankind since the dawn of time. *Go ahead, take the apple, God loves you, he wouldn't let you die.* This lie spoken to Adam and Eve still prevails in our world today, and is the root of all sin. It is the lie that keeps us from growing in our relationship with God, because at the core, it is the demand that the Holy Trinity conform to the unholy trinity of me, myself and I.

Begin your planning. Prepare for the unexpected. If we acknowledge Him, He will acknowledge us in the Father's kingdom. May this be a truly blessed Lent for all.

FAITH

What is meant by faith? It is to feel in good earnest that we are creatures of God; it is a practical perception of the unseen world; it is to understand that this world is not enough for our happiness, to look beyond it on towards God, to realize His presence, to wait upon Him, to endeavor to learn and to do His will, and to seek our good from Him.

It is not a mere temporary strong act or impetuous feeling of the mind, an impression or view coming upon it, but it is a habit, a state of mind, lasting and constant. To have faith in God is to surrender one's self to God, humbly to put one's interests, or to wish to be allowed to put them into His hands who is the Sovereign Giver of all good.

Blessed John Henry Newman (+1890)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.... Thank you to all who took some time out of their day to come and join us for family night on Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week. We had a great turnout, serving 400 people at our Burgers and Fries event, and many stayed for the magic show that followed, as well as taking part in the annual Book Fair. The money barrel winners were: Art Conley & Scout Hall. (\$90.00 each)

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, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, 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, Jennifer Gilman, Christine Alioto, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller Tracy Pedretti, Bob Burr and Bonnie Boland.

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

ADORATION

We will again offer adoration after the Friday morning Mass until Saturday morning. If you would be interested, please sign up in the front vestibule of each church. This year adoration will be held at St John's church. **Please note the sign up is for all Fridays during Lent.** There is also a need for volunteers to serve as replacement spots for emergencies. Thank you.

Many thanks to the family of Roberta Marfilius for the donation to our parish and school in her memory. We are very grateful for this generous donation.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for February 1st	\$6,309.00	\$10,287.05
Plate for February 1st	322.68	710.86
Heat & Utilities	<u>40.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
Total	\$6,671.68	\$11,122.91

The second collection came to **\$377.55** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program Expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BINGO

Bingo Winner from Monday, Feb. 2nd were: \$50.00 - Lois Pollach, Shirley Leamy, Pam Stevenson, Ellen Winkleski; \$45.00 - Ed Gobin; \$100.00 - Barb Nebendahl; Progressive Consolation (\$100.00) - Marilee Millin; 50/50 Winner (\$62.50) - Brandi Weber

Bingo Workers for Monday, Feb. 9th: Check Writer: Deb Schultz; Caller: Aaron Kramer; Floor Worker: Becky Rooney; Food Preparation: Kati Forsythe; Lunch Stand Workers: Parents of Joshua Linder, Weston Hill

Lottery Calendar Winners

\$100.00: Linda Naunan, Sherrill, Iowa; Rachel Morrissey, McGregor, IA; Robert Formanek, Cape Coral, FL.; Rachael George, Gays Mills; Scott & Katy McIntyre, Greendale, WI

\$50.00: Stan & Connie Mac, Omaha, Neb.; Geraldine Kluesner, PdC; Lora Chamberlain, PdC; Terri Martin, PdC; Nate & Heidi Balk, Cashton, W

\$25.00: Ruth Moris, PdC; Mark Gokey, Salisbury, N. C.; Natalie Schultz, Sun Prairie, WI; Hilda Hendren, Wauzeka, WI; Makenzie Knapp, PdC; Sarah Miles, LaCrosse; Angela Tippery, PdC; Darin Kit Bader, Merrimac, WI; Betty Fischer, PdC; Mary Wilkinson, Duncan, Ok; Steve Henry, PdC; Maria Becwar, LaCrosse, WI; Helen Wachuta, Sparta, WI; Brent Swiggum, Soldiers Grove; Evelyn Waller, PdC; Joshua Dyer, Eastman; James Thompson, PdC; Ellie Dixon, LaCrosse; Emma Schultz, Steuben; Tim Senesac, PdC

The JWalkers would like to invite ALL High School students and their families to a special day of Skiing on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Mt. LaCrosse. We have a special group rate and will be leaving St. John's School parking lot at 11:30 am. If interested please contact Mary Stoeffler at 326-0033 to get forms & details. Please join the JWalkers for a day of fun and see what we are all about.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will list a few names and run them for a few weeks and then list more names. Anthony Bakken, JoAnn Blodgett, Art & Carolyn Conley, Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Nancy DuCharme, Henry & Connie Esser, Margaret Fischer, Delores Fischer, Elaine Gillitzer, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Edward Linder, Cletus Mezera, Elaine Moris, David & Karen Nelson, Marilyn Ocnosak, Tracy & Laurie Pedretti, Don & Charlene Roh, Wilbur Rupp, Mary Rupp, Vicki Taylor, Thomas Whetston.

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 4b

Sunday, February 8

3:30 pm JWalkers meeting - please make every effort to attend so we can get all the proper forms for our trips coming up

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

Saturday, February 14

Sunday, February 15

Our Car & Cash Raffle is now underway.

For only \$20.00 or 6 tickets for \$100.00 you will have a chance to win a 2013 Ford Focus Hatchback program car. Other prizes include: First Place Prize - \$2,000.00; Second Place Prize - \$500.00 or 10 - 3rd place prizes at \$250.00 each. Tickets are available at both rectories and at Prairie Catholic School Office, Peoples State Bank, Piggly Wiggly, Kusmaul Ins. & Prairie View Ins.

If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year and would like to attend a celebration at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse with Bishop William Callahan on June 14th please inform your rectory office so we can forward your name & address to the Diocese. Thank you.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **ESTHER M. HAMANN** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's of the Holy Family Parish on Tuesday, February 3rd. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

SCHOOL NEWS.....

The 2nd graders at Prairie Catholic recently spent some time spreading joy among the elderly at the nursing homes in town. Before Christmas we visited Prairie Maison and the Walter Schmidt Home to sing Christmas carols. This is one way that we provide service to others. On January 28th, the 2nd graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. In April they will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for our 2nd graders as they continue on their journey to become closer to Jesus through the sacraments and their service to others.

Mrs. Jennifer Wachuta