

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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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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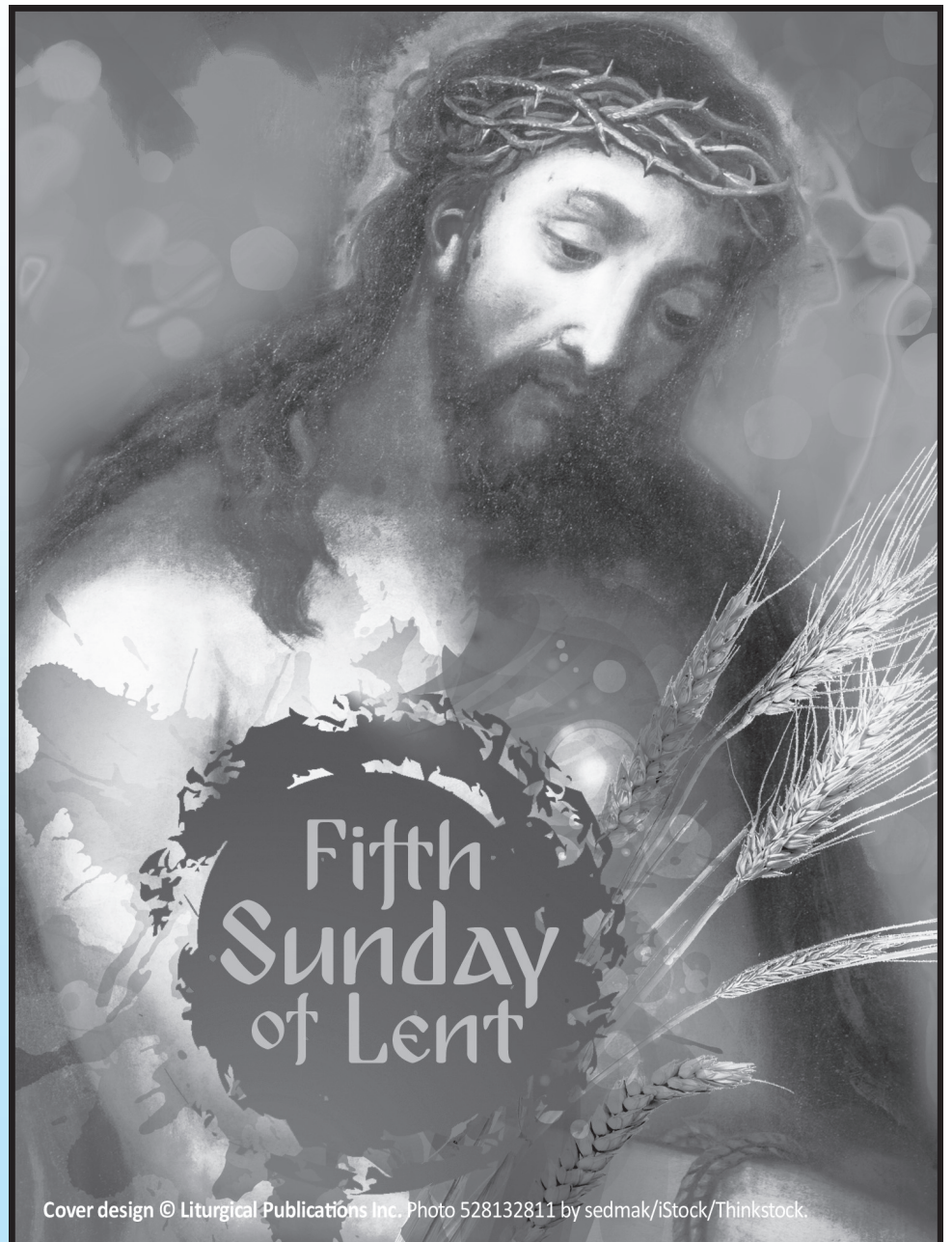
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March 22, 2015 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



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St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 29

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Trish Hager, (Kathy Schneider)

Sunday 8:00 am Mary Osterhaus, Jeri Kluesner, & (Becky Henry)

SERVERS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Katie Welsch & Breanna Teynor
Kori & Karli Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Claire & Ben Teynor
Chase Fisher & Logan Higgins

LECTORS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner & Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Dan Schickert & Mark Gilbert

USHERS-MARCH 28/29

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Ashley Lindner



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 29

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm (Peggy Sklenar)

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Karen Hertrampf,
(Jean Ann Dillman)

SERVERS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler
Sadie & Peggy Koresh

Sunday 10:00 am Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp
Faith Dillman & Elizabeth Tesar

LECTORS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern & Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk & Tom Farrell

USHERS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer, Tyler Rochleau, Mark Forsythe

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

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron or Sarah Kramer

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 24	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Jack Kluesner
Wednesday, March 25	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Richard & Michael Aschom
Thursday, March 26	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Clem Wachuta, Sr.,
Friday, March 27	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Philip Polodna
Saturday, March 28	8:00 am	St. John's Church	Priest Intention
	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Sis Jelinek
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Merv Nimbar
Sunday, March 29	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Terry Cejka

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 funeral)

What's the point of the Bible and why should we be reading it?

The Bible is the revealed Word of God. The main point of the Bible is that God loves each person in a profound and unconditional way. The "proof" of God's love is shown through Christ Jesus. In other words, God created us to be united with Him in a relationship of love. Even though Adam and Eve - our first parents - rejected God and separated themselves from Him, our sins are forgiven and we are brought back into union with God through the horrific suffering and death on the cross that Jesus willingly endured. Following is a look at some of the main topics and persons found in the Bible.

God and Creation: The Bible is a collection of books from various time periods by various human authors inspired by God to write what He revealed to them. In the Bible God reveals to us that He is a communion of Persons: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the book of Genesis we understand that, in an act of love, God created us and He created us to be in relationship with Him, to be united with Himself through sanctifying grace. (Genesis 1:26-27) Sanctifying grace is a participation in God's life; God dwelling within our soul.

Original Sin: In an act of disobedience, Adam and Eve turned away from God, separating themselves from Him and losing His grace. (Genesis 3:1-7) We inherit the transmission of original sin from our first parents and therefore are born without sanctifying grace and in need of redemption. However, from all eternity God knew how we would disobey Him and He had a plan to reunite us with Himself. The Father promised Adam and Eve a Savior. (Genesis 3:15) The Old Testament relates how God's plan gradually unfolds. God chose specific persons to be the leaders in the process of gathering a community, the formation of a Chosen People so that they would receive and accept this Savior.

Abraham: The first of these leaders was Abraham. God called Abraham to leave his father's house and to take his family and travel to the land that He would show him. (Genesis 12:1-3) Abraham believed God and so took his family, walking twelve hundred miles until he reached the land of Canaan. God made three promises or covenants with Abraham that would be fulfilled later through Moses, David and finally in Jesus. The Covenant fulfilled through Jesus was that through Him "all the nations of the earth shall be blessed." It was through the line of Abraham that God would keep His promise and send the Savior to unite all of His children in the family of God, the Catholic Church.

Moses: The Chosen People went down to Egypt because of famines and were there for 400 years. Eventually, the Israelites became slaves and cried out to God for deliverance. After 10 plagues, the Pharaoh finally allowed Moses to lead the people out of Egypt and return to the Promised Land of Israel. (Exodus 7-12) While in the desert, God gave Moses the Ten Words - laws of love to help the people live an ordered life, seeking to protect them from harm and to remain close to Him, the one true God. (Exodus 20:1-17)

David: After many years, David, the shepherd boy who knew the Lord and would write Psalms as songs of praise to Him, was made king. It was King David's desire to build a temple in Jerusalem for the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the Ten Words and manna from their wanderings in the desert. However, God revealed to David through the prophet Nathan that God
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will fulfill His promise by sending the Savior through the line of David. (2 Samuel 7:1-17) The throne of the Kingdom of God as established by Jesus Christ will last forever. David realized that God's second promise was being fulfilled through him.

Jesus: The prophets proclaimed the coming of Christ and how the Savior wanted to be completely united with each person, calling the people to prepare for the Messiah. God kept His Promise. Through the cooperation of Mary, the virgin of Nazareth, He sent His Son who took on a human nature, to accomplish our redemption as both God and man. (Luke 1:26-38) Jesus is the center of the Story. Jesus established the Kingdom of God on earth, the Catholic Church, as the means to be united with Him. Jesus instituted the seven Sacraments and the Church gives us the Sacraments by which we receive sanctifying grace - a participation in God's Life - union with Him in a relationship of love. Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead so that our sins could be forgiven, making it possible that we could be reunited with Him.

The Holy Spirit and the Church: Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit so that the Church could be publicly manifested, which took place on Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4) The Apostles were empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth and celebrate the Sacraments and to teach the Truth given by Christ. It is through knowing the Truth and receiving sanctifying grace and our cooperation with this grace that we are able to be faithful to Christ and live in union with Him, preparing in this life for our destiny to see God face to face. The Story of the Bible continues, as we await with sure hope for Christ to come again and judge the living and the dead. We long for the perfect joy of union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our heavenly homeland. During this important season of Lent, let us take time each day to read God's love letter to us as written in the Bible and truly encounter Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Word made flesh. As St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

**From Office for Catechesis and Evangelization,
Diocese of LaCrosse**

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, 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, Bonnie Boland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, LaVonne Laskaskie, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, James Stroscheim, Art & Celine Boxrucker.

Bingo Workers for Monday, March 23rd: Check Writer: Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Karen Fischer, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch Provided by:** Larry & Denise Rod and Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Jaxson Tesar & Austin Cejka

Bingo Winners from Monday, March 9th: \$25.00 - Amanda Trentin, Peg Stoeffler, Sandy McCoy; \$30.00 - Jan Kemp, Jonathan Gobin; \$35.00 - Pam Ellefson, Doris Krogman; \$40.00 - Amanda Trentin; \$125.00 - Maureen Osterhaus; **Progressive Jackpot (\$1,649.00)** - Cecelia Mara **50/50 Winner (\$100.00)** - Marilee Millin

Bingo Winners from Monday, March 16th: \$25.00 - Ann Tippery, Jeanne Moris; \$50.00 - Renee Ingle, Sandy McCoy; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Ann Tippery, **50/50 winner - (\$45.00)** - Armella Kueter

EASTER FLOWER FUND.....If you would like to make a donation to the **“Easter Flower Fund”** at the parish 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.

Please remove any items that you want saved at Calvary & St. Gabriel’s Cemetery before May 1st. Thank you in advance.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Juanita Tully** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. John’s Church of the Holy Family Parish on Saturday, March 14th. May God grant Juanita eternal life and comfort to her family.

The Sixth Word: It is finished (Jn 19:30)

What is finished? Jesus announces that the once-and-for-all sacrifice for our sins has been completed. This sacrifice of forgiveness and reconciliation is a gift. It comes from both the Father, who so loved the world that he sent His only Begotten Son, and from the Son of God, who so loved us that he offered his life in reparation for our disobedience. This last word that Jesus speaks captures the love and obedience which he enacted throughout his whole life. Death marks the final moment of Jesus’ obedience. Death, however, does not bring his love to an end. The risen and exalted Savior continues to love us: *For you who have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory (Col 3:3-4)*

CLOSING PRAYER

AD JESUM PER Mariam. To Jesus through Mary. To learn well the divine truths that Jesus speaks to us from the cross, join the company of the Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate. Let Mary open your hearts to hear whatever Jesus would tell you. As she herself instructs us: *Do whatever he tells you (Jn 2:5).*

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, March 22

11:00 am Very short parent/student meeting in St. John’s School for all who are interested in the Mission trip and the Holy Father trip

2:30 pm Healing Service at St. Gabriel’s

3:00 pm Penance Service at St. Gabriel’s Church

Monday, March 23

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel’s School Hall

Tuesday, March 24

2:45 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Gabriel’s Church

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. John’s Church

7:00 pm Lenten Study at St. John’s School

Wednesday, March 25

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

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

Thursday, March 26

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel’s

Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, March 27

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John’s with Benediction at 8:00 am Saturday

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am Mass at St. John’s

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

6:00 pm JWalkers practice for the Live Stations in St. John’s Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tues., March 31, 10:30 am Chrism Mass-Cathedral

Wed. April 1 - 7:00 pm Live Stations at St. John’s

Holy Thursday, April 2 7:00 pm St. Gabriel’s

Good Friday, April 3 1:30 pm St. John’s

Fri., Apr 3, Tenebrae Service-8:30 pm at St. John’s

Holy Saturday, April 4.....8:00 pm St. John’s

Easter Sunday, April 5 8:00 am St. Gabriel’s

Easter Sunday, April 5 10:00 am St. John’s

We are looking for Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and ushers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. If you are available for any of these please call the rectory office at 326-6511.

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 15	\$7,128.50	\$7,343.10
Plate for March 15th	1,473.00	644.51
Electronic Transfers	<u>1,535.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$10,136.50	\$7,987.61

The second collection came to \$882.15 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!