

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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**Rectory Office Hours**

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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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*November 1, 2015 - All Saints Day*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## All Saints

"Blessed are you when they insult you  
and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against  
you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven."

- Mt 5:11-12a



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 8TH

Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Trish Hager, Laura Meyer, & Debbie Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am Mary Osterhaus, Megan Pedretti, Eileen Hermesen,

### SERVERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Hailey Bedward, Teagan Radloff  
Seth & Kyle MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am Dominique & James Reilly  
Ramon Gonzalez & Kennedy Kirschbaum

### LECTORS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Dr. Mark Grunwald

### USHERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

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

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Sheila Eastman



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 8TH

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Doris Krogman, & Jean Ann Dillman

### SERVERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Macey Banasik, Allison Kennedy  
Kylie Kramer, Kierstyn Rogers

Sunday 10:00 am Rebekah Champion, Logan Higgins  
Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp

### LECTORS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

### USHERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Dan Schickert

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik, & Ron Trautsch

### SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve or Sarah Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Colleen Teynor

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 location changes on Sunday, Nov. 8th  
8:00 am at St. Gabriel's  
10:00 am at St. John's



Tuesday, November 3 8:15 am

Wednesday, November 4 8:15 am

Thursday, November 5 8:15 am

Friday, November 6 8:15 am

Saturday, November 7 4:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Sunday, November 8 8:00 am  
10:00 am

St. Gabriel's Church

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† Mary McGrath

† Ann Rowe

† Walter Hermesen

† Clara Dale

† Helen Wilkinson

† Jerry Rutter

For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

† Wallace Zins

## 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

## The saints and all of us

www.catholicworldreport.com October 28, 2015 by George Weigel

ROME. Amidst all the *Sturm und Drang* of Synod-2015, something genuinely new in the life of the Church began, and it shouldn't escape our notice. For the first time in two millennia, an entry in the liturgical books will now read, on the appropriate day, "Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, *Spouses*" – a happy addition to "Martyr," "Confessor," "Bishop," "Religious," "Pope," etc, in the pantheon of vocations to sanctity. *Spouses*: a married couple, together on the tapestry that hung from the central loggia of St. Peter's before, during, and after their canonization on October 18; a man and a woman, a dad and a mom, who were the parents of a saint, the Little Flower, and in whose married life mutual sanctification took place by cooperation with God's grace.

Saints-as-spouses. There was something for Synod-2015 to ponder. And if insufficient attention was paid to this during the Synod, that's no reason for the Church, in which millions of spouses are living lives of heroic virtue, not to take notice – and to reflect upon some old truths about the "canonization" of saints.

The Church doesn't canonize saints for their sake. God takes quite good care of his holy ones, we may be sure, and being "raised to the dignity of the altars," as the old phrase had it, does nothing for those so raised. No, the Church canonizes saints for *our* sake, so that we might have models who inspire us to be the holy ones we must be, if we're to fulfill our Christian and human destiny. That's why the Church sings the Litany of the Saints at its most solemn liturgical celebrations: the Litany of the Saints is the Church's family album, the roster of those who form that "great cloud of witnesses" of which the author of the Letter to the Hebrews speaks so eloquently.

Another old truth worth repeating, with the holy spouses of the Martin family in mind, is that the Church doesn't "make saints;" God makes saints, and the task of the Church, through the beatification and canonization process, is to recognize the saints that God has made. The process by which that recognition takes place has changed over time, from something resembling an adversarial legal procedure to something more akin to a doctoral seminar in history. The object of the exercise remains the same, though: to sift through the record of a life in order to find the traces and tracks of grace at work – as it is in all of us.

The lives of the holy spouses of Lisieux are also a great witness to the incredible capacity of the Catholic Church for self-renewal.

Louis Martin was born in 1823; Zélie was born eight years later. In other words, both were born a generation after the utter devastation of the French Church by the French Revolution. After the enforcement by state power of the Religion of Reason and the bloody slaughters of the Reign of Terror (a spasm of lethal Gallic craziness musically evoked by Francois Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites*), who would have predicted that 19<sup>th</sup>-century France would be a seedbed of mission and sanctity, the effects of which would be felt from the hitherto-obscure village of Lourdes in the French Pyrenees to Francophone Africa to Oceania?

Yet it happened. Much of what we think of as "French Catholicism" today grew out from under the rubble of the Terror and the destruction of the Church of the *ancien régime*.

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Louis and Zélie Martin, and their daughter, the Doctor of the Church who gave Catholicism the "Little Way," were all products of that astonishing flourishing of holiness and evangelical zeal that followed immediately after a period of unprecedented destruction. How did that happen? It happened because, life by life, men and women took the risk of fidelity. Ordinary people defied the claims of their putative ecclesiastical betters – too often heard during Synod-2015 – that asking the heroic is just too much.

No, it's not. Summoning us to lives of heroic virtue is asking us to be the saints we – like Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, *Spouses* – were baptized to be.

## 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, Mildred Prew, 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, 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, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Bob Burr, Bonnie Bolland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, LaVonne Laskaskie, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, James Stroscheim, 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, Beth Mezera, Anita Steger, Pat Wachuta, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Ray Martin, Von Denlinger, Christine Alioto 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.**

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for October 25th	\$6,749.00	\$8,034.00
Plate for October 25th	<u>614.00</u>	<u>707.42</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,363.00</b>	<b>\$8,741.42</b>

The second collection came to **\$442.00** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**School News.....**This week in fifth grade we studied genes and inheritance. The students were given a chance to talk with families and discover where some of their inherited traits came from. We also had our first week of Farm to School. We were able to taste pickled beets made right here in Crawford County. It has been a great beginning to the school year!!  
Mrs. Kapfhamer

The fourth grade have had a busy October. First the "Smoke House" from LaCrosse was here with the fire department. The students got to enter the "smoke house" filled with smoke and make an escape. They especially like spraying the water hose. Then we had a Fire Safety Program where the fire chief and his men did skits about fire safety. Later the fourth grade went to Hoffman Hall for a program called "Maritime." The program was about cities located on a water source and how the water affects their everyday life. The class had an enjoyable morning at Hoffman Hall learning about the Mississippi River. The school year has gone fast and we are at the end of our first nine weeks on Friday, October 30th. The class is also looking forward to their Halloween party.

Mrs. Post

**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 list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins.

Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Anthony Bakken, Mary Barrette, Rose Bauer, Robert & Cecelia Becwar, Patricia Boland, Patricia Boldt, William & Wanda Check, Patricia Coorough, James & Lucy Cornford, LeAnn Craig, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Larry & Sharon Dahman, Diane Day, Mary Duffy, Thomas & Jean Farrell, John & Betty Fischer, Elaine Fischer, James & Ruth Gates, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Sylvia Gilberts, Glen & Christa Gillitzer, John & Norma Gillitzer, Howard Gillitzer, Randall Ginsterblum.

Drs. Mark & Ann Grunwald, William & Mary Halpin, Mary Ann Heisz, Charles & Georgia Hutchison, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Robert & Rita Kazda, John & Sheri Kennedy, Dr. Jan & Odean Kieser, Eugene LaPointe, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Timothy & Theresa Looney, Patrick & Catherine Lorenz, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Stephen & Patricia Mercaitis, Anne Mezera, Nathan Mezera, Dennis Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Debra Morovits, Peter & Mary Neisius, Joyce Novey, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Mary Pellock, Joan Poots, and Joe & Joanne Prew.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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### Sunday, November 1

10:45 am Until 1:00 pm Holy Family Fall Fest  
Dinner serving our delicious Chicken & Ham Dinner in St. Gabriel's Hall; Supper hour begins at 4:30 pm  
Drawing for the Holy Name Raffle Winners and the Calendar Sweepstake Winners will take place at the Fall Fest

### Monday, November 2

### Tuesday, November 3

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### Wednesday, November 4

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

### Thursday, November 5

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Education Commission meeting at St. Gabriel's School

### Friday, November 6

### Saturday, November 7

### Sunday, November 8

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Mass at St. John's

5:00 pm Ecumenical choir rehearsal at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church

**PARISH MINISTRIES** We are continually looking for additional help for many parish ministries. The opportunities to serve are many and varied: Extra-ordinary minister of the Eucharist (at Masses, hospital and home ministers) lectors, ushers and music to name a few. Please keep this in prayer over the next couple of weeks. We will have sign-ups and training following the Fall Fest.

God bless.

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Irene Mezera** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, October 27th at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

## RECRUITING COMMUNITY CHOIR MEMBERS FOR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE.....

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 25th at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prairie du Chien. A community choir is being formed to perform at that service under the direction of Lori Frailey. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church at 201 S. Michigan St. The rehearsals will begin Sunday Nov. 8th at 5:00 pm and continue every Sunday leading up to the Service. All are welcome to join.