

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.

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Rectory Office Hours

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.

Principal

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September 13, 2015 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR SEPT. 20

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Richard Ambrose, &
Tom Steiner,

Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Mary Osterhaus

SERVERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Teagan Radloff & Allison Lindner
Paige & Max Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Brown & Kennedy Kirschbaum
Dominique & James Reilly

LECTORS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Jeanette Steiner

USHERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Gene Kirschbaum, Bob
Ziel, Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Mara, Chad Mara, Nathan
Mezera & John Gillitzer

SCRIP WORKERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR SEPT. 20

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Patty Schauf-Yager
Doris Krogman

SERVERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Zach Mara

Makayla Steger & Kylie Kramer

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer, Tyler
Rochleau, Tim Looney

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-SEPTEMBER 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Sheri Kennedy, Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

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!

*Please note next Sunday, Sept. 20

Mass times are:

8:00 am at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am at St. John's



Tuesday, September 15	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lawrence Shedivy
Wednesday, September 16	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mary Ellen McNamara
Thursday, September 17	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Phyllis Gokey
Friday, September 18	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Jonathan Steger
Saturday, September 19	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Cathy Vondrum † Edith Jelinek
Sunday, September 20	*8:00 am *10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Florence Erickson

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.

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, 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, Ann Rowe, 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, Albenia 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, 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, Austin Mezera, John Luster, Sr., Eugene Gillitzer, Joshua Warpinski, and Barbara Schwant.

The following articles on vocations are from *Growing in Faith*. They speak to all aspects of life, whether one is beginning to discern a vocation, or striving to deepen the vocation you are living. How they speak to your heart.

DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN OF LOVE FOR YOU

A vocation is a call from God to love him throughout your life. Whether you are called to be married, a priest or deacon, a religious brother or sister, or committed to staying single, your vocation will bring you the most joy you can experience on Earth. It will help you and others to grow closer to God. Here are some ways you can better discern God's plan for you. Personally meet him. The Church's sacraments are opportunities to meet God personally and receive his grace. We can meet him often in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sacred Scripture is another opportunity for personal encounter. The more we open ourselves up to Our Lord, the more easily we can discern his voice. Follow in another's footsteps. Find role models in the different vocations. See if you can picture yourself doing what he or she does each day. Ask for details of their vocation stories to see how God chose them. That will give you clues to how you are being called. Keep in touch. Keeping a prayer journal is a good way to spot patterns that may show God is working in your life. Pick a prayer buddy and pray for each other's vocations. Spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament when you can.

LET GO OF THE DREAM

Who wouldn't want to live the "good life?" Imagine having all the money you need, going on exotic vacations, and owning your dream home. Yet, people who have all the world can offer still say they don't have all they want. That's because the good life isn't here on Earth. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

POLISH YOUR CATHOLIC COMPASS

Our Catholic faith is like a compass that can point us to a clear path to Heaven. If we aren't careful to keep our compass in working order, however, we can get pulled off course and lose our way. Keep a sharp lookout. God made us in his image and likeness and we will be happiest when we avoid temptation and do what is good and loving in his eyes. The Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments are roadmaps we can follow. Follow the well-worn path. We don't have to forge our own path. We have the Catholic Church to guide us. For example, an excellent source of answers to puzzling questions is the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is a summary of what Catholics throughout the world believe in common. The Church also offers us thousands of saints as models. Pack for the trip. Jesus knew we would need extra strength so he gave us the Sacraments. They are encounters with God and provide sanctifying grace. Fortify your traveler's spirit with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as often as possible. Journey toward God's voice: while God speaks to us in many ways, his voice is most clearly discerned in Scripture. A daily dose of the Word of God is a sure way to stay on the path to Heaven.

Holy Name Raffle Winners for September 2015

\$10.00 - Devin Flansburgh, PdC; Kaliann Bauer, PdC; Carol Davis, Harpers Ferry; Carol Davis, Harpers Ferry; Carter Steger, PdC; **\$25.00** - Sue Tiller, PdC; Don Cipra, PdC

\$100.00 - Pat Eulgem, PdC

Calendar Sweepstake Lottery Winners for, Sept. 2015

100.00 - Dale Check, Eastman; David & Renee Martin, PdC; Ceil Benda, PdC; Mathias Kieser, Yorktown, VA; Cheryl Kramer, Eastman; **\$50.00** - Clare Peterson, PdC; Zita Balk, PdC; Chad Ihde, PdC; Peter Prew, PdC; Pra. Cath. School (in memory of M.E. McNamara), PdC; **\$25.00** - Jim Hutchison, PdC; Ashley Simon, McGregor; Mike & Linda Heal, PdC; Tyler Erdenberger, Seneca; Arleen Kozelka, PdC; Betty Wall, Largo, FL; Ruth Moris, PdC; Orville Aspenson, Holmen; Bob & Carol Mullikin; PdC; Kevin Rogers & Matt Brunscheen, West Branch, IA; Betty Fischer, PdC; Chris Landes, Dane; Steve Bauer, La-Crosse; John Gillitzer, PdC; Diane & Dave Sutton, Waunakee; Bruce Welsch, PdC; Lizzie Tesar, Eastman; Dianne Cody, Cottage Grove; Weber Chiropractic, PdC; Paul J. Welsh, Wauzeka

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Sept. 6th	\$7,909.00	\$9,630.50
Plate for Sept. 6th	1,005.65	829.80
Heat	_____00	_____100.00
Total	\$8,914.65	\$10,560.30

The second collection came to **\$1,094.27** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

AN INVITATION FROM FR. PAUL FAGAN.....

A reminder to all that everyone is welcome to give prayerful and joyful thanks with me as I celebrate my 55th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. The celebration on Sunday, September 13th will begin with a Mass at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish here in Prairie du Chien at 12:30 pm. It will be followed by food, drink, conversation and fun at Huckleberry's Banquet Hall at 2:00 pm and will continue until the last thank you and good-bye is said. Whatever time you can make it, come and celebrate with us.

BAZAAR NOTES

Items wanted for Parcel Post Stand at the Fall Bazaar. This is the stand where you buy a wrapped package and open it up, with no idea what is inside. Everyone is a winner! Please mark items "Boy" or "Girl" and write an age range. For example, "Girl Age 6-8." Items can be wrapped in old newspapers, doesn't need to be gift wrap. Thank you. Any questions call Debbie at 608-326-4737.

Help is still needed for clean up at the fall bazaar on Sunday, Sept. 20th. Please call the following people if you are able to help out. Wendy Mezera, Dining Room for Dinner 326-4951; Linda Moser, Kitchen for Dinner 874-4682; Elaine Gillitzer Dining Room for Supper 326-4250 and Lucy Cornford, Kitchen for Supper 326-2174.

REMINDER OF THE BAZAAR MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5:30 PM IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL. (Unit chairpersons July - Dec.)

RURAL LIFE DAY.....35th Annual LaCrosse Diocesan Rural Life Day will be hosted by St. Wenceslaus Parish of Eastman on the farm of Lonnie & Jane Achenbach, 60003 DuCharme Ridge Rd., Eastman. 2 miles South of Eastman on Hwy 27. It will be held on Monday, September 21st beginning with a 10 am Mass celebrated by Bishop William P. Callahan followed by Strangers & Guests Award, Friends of Rural Life Award, Century Farm Recognitions, Blessing of the Harvest, Delicious Dinner, Door Prizes, Farm Equipment Display and concludes about 1 pm. Please bring nonperishable food items for our local Food Pantry.

VOTIVE CANDLE PRICE INCREASE

We have tried to keep the price of the votive candles as reasonable as possible, but the latest price increase from \$2.10 to \$2.25 demands that we increase the offering. We will ask for a \$3.00 donation going forward for all votive candles. PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you not use PCS Scrip for votive candles, as this is already discounted by the parish. Thank you for your understanding. God Bless.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, Sept. 13

12:30 pm Mass at St. John's celebrating Fr. Paul Fagan's 55th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood
4:00 to 5:30 pm JWalkers Social at St. John's parking lot
5:30 pm Meeting for those going on the Pope trip and their parents at St. John's School
5:30 pm Bazaar planning meeting for all unit chairpersons (July - Dec. Units) in St. John's Church Hall

Monday, Sept. 14

Tuesday, Sept. 15

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, Sept. 16

6:15 pm First night of CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, Sept. 17

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

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

Friday, Sept. 18

Saturday, Sept. 19

6:00 am Need volunteers to help debone chicken in St. John's Hall

9:00 am Need volunteers to help peel potatoes in St. John's Hall

Sunday, Sept. 20 - FALL BAZAAR

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Mass at John's

11:00 AM Holy Family Fall Bazaar - serving our delicious Charcoal Broiled Chicken Dinner until 1:30 pm. Supper hour starts at 5:00 pm featuring our famous Chicken Noodle soup

NEXT WEEKEND: Collection of nonperishable foods for our local Food Pantry.

Blood Drive on Monday, September 14th at the National Guard Armory from noon to 6:00 pm. GIVE BLOOD! SAVE A LIFE!

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Elaine R. Shedivy** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, September 9th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant Elaine eternal life and comfort to her family.

SCHOOL NEWS

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time in music class at Prairie Catholic School. This year we are reviewing the songs and activities we learned last year, and have already learned and sung two new songs in Mass. We are looking forward to more achievements and to using our talents in worship and praise. God's gift of music is a blessing to us and a means of blessing others. "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation." -Isaiah 12:2 -Mrs. Steimke