

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

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Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 326-2404

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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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August 21, 2016 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Lk 13:29-30



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR AUG. 28TH

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Mary Kirschbaum,
Richard Ambrose

Sunday 10:00 am Ann Lessard, Megan Pedretti, Becky
Henry

SERVERS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Ava & Ella Hager
Jon Nicholson & Ryan Waller

Sunday 10:00 am Lindsey Nolan & Dustin Nolan
Nick & Zach Mara

LECTORS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-AUGUST 27/28

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

Sunday 10:00 am Don Cipra, Mark Hamann, Mark
Mara & Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Megan Coffield



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR AUG. 28TH

Nick Nugent & Peg Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Doris Krogman, &
Windy Mezera

SERVERS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Makenna Forde & Rebekah Champion
Blake Thiry & Matt Rogge

Sunday 8:00 am Kennedy Kirschbaum & Jonah Linder
Chase & Madilyn Fisher

LECTORS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis
Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-AUGUST 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Erich & Meghan Welter

Sunday 8:00 am Roland & Ashley Lindner

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, August 23	5:15 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Albenia Sutton
Wednesday, August 24	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Duane Leard
Thursday, August 25	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Special Intention - For All Cancer Patients
Friday, August 26	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Michael Thompson
Saturday, August 27	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Cletus Steffensmeier For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, August 28	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. John's Church St. Gabriel's Church	† Pat Wachuta † John Bayness

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

A mother just shared a situation with me that recently took place involving her daughter. At a birthday that included a sleepover, one of the gifts received at the party was a Ouija Board. Later in the evening those gathered decided to play the Ouija board for fun. My friend's daughter got so scared in watching what was happening from the doorway that she texted her mother to come and get her right away. Was this girl just being hypersensitive, or are Ouija boards something to be avoided at all costs? Every adult needs to know the answer to this question. The situation that the mother related struck a deep chord with me as I had realized, many years ago, that my life took a turn for the worse in middle school after playing with a Ouija board, not realizing the possible consequences. At that time, I also was at a birthday party and when the "game" was brought out, I agreed to play, mainly out of curiosity because I really knew nothing about it. After only a few minutes, the events became downright freaky. I am sure that the faithful prayers of my parents probably helped to prevent me from playing with the Ouija Board more than twice, but the gateway to the dark side of the spiritual world had already been opened. A Ouija board is a flat board marked with letters, numbers, and pagan-like symbols used to communicate with spirits. It uses a small triangular piece of wood called a planchette to spell out a message communicated by the "spirit." The premise is that those seated around the board will receive messages that will connect them to people who have died and enlighten them as to hidden knowledge like future events and the afterlife.

We need to be clear. The Ouija board is a form of "divination," meaning it seeks to obtain unknown or hidden information from the spirit world. However, the only "spirits" that will be contacted through it are evil ones. Divination differs from prayer in that it goes outside the ways God uses to reveal His will to us. It seeks to take shortcuts around God's plan and obtain answers to our questions without going to God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states the matter succinctly. "All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomenon of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone." (paragraph 2116)

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Ouija boards are on the shelf at book stores and convenient marts between a deck of cards, Monopoly and Twister as an innocent "game" that sells for less than \$20. To entice young girls even more, it can be purchased in pink for \$89.50. Unless we give our children background on this unmarked danger, they will not know, at least initially, of the horrible effects that people often experience even by dabbling in divination, of which the Ouija board is one of the most dangerous forms. It opens a door through which evil spirits and their oppressions and temptations can readily come, as many people can sadly testify. God, who is completely good, loves us and wants to protect us from harm. Let us trust our Heavenly Father and listen to His warnings against such evil things for our safety and the safety of our children.

Ann Lankford

Director for Catechesis and Evangelization

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, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Herb Schneider, Eugene Gillitzer, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Anita Steger, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, James Thompson, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Jack Dahl, Joan Sheckler, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Bernice DuCharme, Alan Bartels, Faye Tesar, Lorraine Rice.

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for August 14th	\$6,995.00	\$7,279.00
Plate for August 14th	917.50	897.42
Heat Envelopes	<u>636.00</u>	<u>1,052.00</u>
Total	\$8,548.50	\$9,228.42

The second collection came to \$512.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

DEACONATE ORDINATION FOR DR. MARK GRUNWALD

Please plan on joining us in La Crosse for the deaconate ordination for Dr. Mark on October 29, 2016 at St Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. We would like to offer a bus for the ordination. If you would be interested in joining us in LaCrosse on October 29th, please contact the rectory and we will make a list on a first come basis. Cost is \$25.00. The trip will include attendance at the ordination of Dr. Mark and his classmates and a reception to follow. Please call the rectory office at 326-6511 if you would like to attend.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **Lauren Isabella First & Richard Alan First**, children of Alan & Sandra (Chavez) First, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Lauren Isabella & Richard Alan** and their family.

WEDDING BANNERS

Austin G. Nolden & Emma K. Schultz (II)

HOLY NAME RAFFLE WINNERS FOR AUGUST

\$10.00 Winners: Mary Hedstrom, Reads Landing, MN; Denny McCullick, Mt. Hope; Isaiah Wimmer, St. Charles, MN; Butch & Bonnie Boland, PdC; Jeff Bowar, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: Ruth Moris, PdC; Ruth Moris PdC

\$100.00 Winner: Dave Bauer, Baraboo, WI

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.

RCIA

We are getting close to our fall RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes. If you are interested in these classes, or might know of anyone interested in attending these classes, please contact the rectory. The classes will begin in September, with time, location of classes and dates TBD. These classes are great for converts to the faith, for those that might want to know a bit more about the Catholic faith and for Catholics desiring a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH 4b

Sunday, August 21

High School students going to Wisconsin Dells; we will be departing at 8:00 am from St. John's School parking lot

Monday, August 22

5:30 pm 2nd planning meeting for the Fall Bazaar held at Holy Family Fellowship Hall; the unit chairpersons for the Saints should attend (this includes the Units of Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & June) also the chairperson for the dinner & supper hour, etc.

Tuesday, August 23

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, August 24

First day of school at Prairie Catholic

Thursday, August 25

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

Friday, August 26

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28

Congratulations to Maurice & Letty Oehler on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FALL BAZAAR.

The following items are needed for the Dime Toss - glasses & bowls and we also need items for prizes for the Fish Pond. If you have question call Deanne at 326-8185.

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14