

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

Phone: 326-6511

Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 326-2404

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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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February 21, 2016 - Second Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



2nd Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." *Lk 9:34-35*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 28

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Tom Steiner,
Kathy Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Sharon Atkins, Jeri Kluesner, Megan
Pedretti

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Jack Peterson & Mitchell Colson
Ava & Ella Hager

Sunday 8:00 am Jonah Linder & Thomas Mara
Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

USHERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

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

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Joshua Linder, Don Cipra &
John Gillitzer

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 28

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Patty Schauf-Yager, Karen Hertrampf,
& Doris Krogman

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Kierstyn Rogers
Kylie Kramer & Makayla Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Rebekah Champion & Dalton Hendrix
Ellie Mara & Dawson Eastman

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am John Chaffee

USHERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Maureen Stark

Sunday 10:00 am Patrick & Tammy Nolan

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, February 23	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Cathy Vondrum
Wednesday, February 24	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Harold, Esther & Debra Hamann
Thursday, February 25	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Frank Nolan
Friday, February 26	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Ron Cherrier
Saturday, February 27	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Lawrence Novey For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, February 28	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Margaret Wachter † Michael Thompson

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.)

We will continue our reflection during this Lenten season on the Mass and the meaning behind many of the gestures we use as Catholics during a celebration of the Mass. It is my hope that a deeper grasp of these, whether we are a lifelong Catholic or are preparing to enter the Church this Easter will deepen our appreciation for the Mass.

WHY DO WE BOW OR GENUFLECT?

At various times during the Mass, the priest and congregation genuflect or perform a deep bow. What is the significance of this in the liturgy? It is a statement that we are entering into a sacred space. When you enter the church and arrive at your pew, we normally genuflect before the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. When the procession arrives at the entrance to the sanctuary, the same gesture is performed. The sanctuary reflects the Holy of Holies in the Temple; the most sacred place in the entire Temple, where sacrifices were offered by the High Priest once a year. The church itself is a sacred space, and within that space the sanctuary is the holiest space. This is where the sacrifice of the Mass takes place, and is set off from the rest by steps, and historically by a railing. These are visible reminders of the hallowed ground we enter for the Mass.

THE ALTAR KISS

Why does the priest and deacon reverence the altar with a kiss at the beginning and end of the Mass? The altar in our churches is a symbol of Christ himself. We venerate Christ with a kiss before offering the sacrifice of the Mass and at the conclusion of the Mass as we exit the sacred space.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

The sign of the cross is how we as Catholics begin and end our prayers; whether it is a simple daytime prayer, a rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet or the Mass itself. We do not often think of it in this way, but the Sign of the Cross is a prayer itself. We naturally point to the forehead, then the heart and finally move our hand across our lungs. These call to mind the holy Trinity; calling to mind the Father as we raise our hand to our forehead, the love of the Son is recalled when we place our hand over our heart and the breath of God, the Holy Spirit is where our thoughts should go as we cross over our lungs. This prayer also marks us with the sign of the greatest act of love the world has ever witnessed.

The sign of the Cross is the sign of Christ's love. Beginning and ending all our prayer with this simple prayer recalls the centrality of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. Ask yourself; is there a more powerful and at the same time a more simple way to acknowledge who we are than a simple sign of the cross in public?

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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

The heart of our Lenten season is the opportunity to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, this has an added significance. As we did during the Advent season, the priests of the Prairie du Chien Deanery, in consultation with the Deanery pastoral council, will offer a deanery communal penance service at our deanery pilgrimage church, Sacred Heart in Wauzeka. This will take place this Sunday, February 21 from 3:00 until all confessions are heard.

What can you expect at a communal penance service? Normally these begin with a reading from Sacred Scripture centered on God's mercy. Often there follows a short reflection after which the priests go to separate locations. Those wishing to take advantage of this sacrament then go to one of the priests and offer their confession and the priest offers some encouragement or advice followed by a penance. Following this the penitent offers their act of contrition if this has not been done already, and receives absolution.

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, 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, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, 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, Bonnie Boland, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Ed Rocksvold, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Herb Schneider, Eugene Gillitzer, Joshua Warpinski, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Anita Steger, Pat Wachuta, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Von Denlinger, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, and Rosemary Casberg.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

The 7th grade Religion Class are learning about Baptism and Confirmation. They are about the other aspects of the Rite of Baptism. In the Sacrament of Confirmation they will learn how the Sacrament strengthens God's power within them to assist them in living the Christian Faith. In English it's all about participles and infinitives. Look out! Diagraming is coming soon!

-Miss Pelleymounter

BOX TOPS DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28TH... Did you see the 1/25 Courier Press? Prairie Catholic School has earned over \$21,000 in 20 years.. Please cut out those .10 cent labels and send them to school, drop off at my home (328 N. Beaumont) or put in the blue boxes in the back of both churches. They need to be post-marked by **March 1st**. Let's earn another \$1,000+ in more free \$\$\$ for our students.

Rhonda S. Stubbe

Prairie Catholic Box Tops Coordinator

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Brielle Elizabeth Fradette**, daughter of Ryan D. & Rachel E. (Mezera) Fradette through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Brielle Elizabeth** and her family.

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 in future bulletins.

Virginia Konichek, Daniel & Dee Kussmaul, Fred Grelle, Thomas & Nancy Koenig, Earl & Janette Nicholson, Steve & Julie Schwager.

NEED A GIFT FOR A BIRTHDAY OR ANY OCCASION? How about a **SCRIP** gift card? Or you can use **SCRIP** for your weekly shopping. You can purchase **SCRIP** after Mass or from either rectory office.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Feb. 14th	\$6,918.00	\$6,538.00
Plate for Feb. 14th	566.50	486.32
Heat & Util.	80.00	60.00
Unit Dues	<u>625.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$8,189.50	\$7,084.32

The second collection came to **\$446.10** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday, February 21

11:00 am Important JWalker meeting at St. John's School; we will finalize all plans for the Bucks trip; all forms and money has to be turned on this day.

3:00 pm Lenten Penance Service at Sacred Heart Parish, Wauzeka

Monday, February 22

Tuesday, February 23

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 24

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church

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

Thursday, February 25

Friday, February 26

Adoration after the 8:15 AM Mass at St. John's with Benediction followed by Mass on Saturday at 8:00 am

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am Mass at St. John's

Sunday, February 28

5:00 to 7:30 pm Cod Fish Fry in Holy Family's new Fellowship Hall

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 Sunday, August 21st please inform the rectory office at 326-6511. We will need the names submitted to us by March 21, 2016.

Cash Raffle tickets are available. They can be purchased at either rectory and the school office. The Cash raffle tickets will be available through April 9th, when the drawing will take place during a Burgers and Fries meal. Tickets are \$10.00 each or eleven for \$100.00. Grand prize is \$7,500.00; 1st Place is \$5,000.00; 2nd place is \$2,500.00 and (10) 3rd prizes - \$250.00 each.

ALL ARE INVITED TO A COD FISH FRY HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, FEB. 26, 2016

SERVING 5 TO 7:30 PM

Deep Fried or Broiled Cod

Baked Potato or French Fries

Cole Slaw, Beverages, & Bars

\$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 ages 6-12

Under 6 are Free

Grilled Cheese & Fries \$1.00 for Kids 12 & under

Carry-outs available

COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW HALL!!!