

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

506 N. BEAUMONT ROAD & 710 S. WACOUTA AVENUE, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 53821

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Website: [www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org)

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### St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.

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

### 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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February 28, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## 3rd Sunday of Lent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Lk 13:2-3



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 6

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits, Laura Meyer, Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Lucy Cornford, Becky Henry

### SERVERS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Gina Sebastian & Shawn Egstad  
Owen & Breanna Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Chase & Madilyn Fisher  
Allison Lindner, Ramon Gonzalez

### LECTORS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

### USHERS-MARCH 5/6

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-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenni Campbell



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 6

Ceil Benda, Volunteers

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Windy Mezera, Doris Krogman, & Gene Carlson

### SERVERS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler  
Garett Young & Brandon Hanger

Sunday 10:00 am Gabriel Munson-Fishler & Lindsey Nolan  
Nick & Zach Mara

### LECTORS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

### USHERS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Kurt & Gunner Kravchuk, & Dennis Mezera

### SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron & Sarah Kramer

Sunday 10:00 am Molly Kirschbaum

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 1	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Frank Nolan
Wednesday, March 2	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Ann Rowe
Thursday, March 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Cathy Vondrum
Friday, March 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Wendy Garrity
Saturday, March 5	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Anna McGuire † Arlene Stoeffler
Sunday, March 6	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Ed & Martha Wachter For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

### 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.)

**GREETING/BENEDICTION:** Continuing our examination of the Mass, there is the greeting. The priest begins by saying: 'The Lord be with You'. The response follows: 'and with your Spirit'. These greetings and responses are rooted in Sacred Scripture, and are not just a 'churchy' way of saying 'hey' or 'good day'. This is a reminder that we are entering a special time, and God is in our midst. This greeting is always between an ordained deacon or priest and the laity, and it has different aspects to be explained. First, it is more faithful to the Latin, *et cum spiritu tuo.*, but there is more to it than this. It also reminds us that this part of the Mass is a dialogue, and has roots deep in our faith lives, both East and West. This greeting expresses the priest's desire that the dynamic activity of God's Spirit be given to the people of God, so they may be strengthened in doing the work of transforming the world that is entrusted to them. With their response, the people of God assure the priest of the same divine assistance of God's spirit that he may use the charismatic gift given at ordination in order to fulfill the prophetic role in the church.

**THE PENITENTIAL ACT:** this takes place at the beginning of the Mass to help us acknowledge that there are things that need to be set right with God before we begin the Mass. Things happen in all our lives that demand mercy be given and received. It is more than a clearing of the air, it is a humble admission of our faults. The striking of the fist over the breast is not about beating ourselves up over our sin, but a bodily action that calls to mind our repentance. We admit our failings, we state our need for God's grace and mercy and ask for the prayers of our community.

**GLORIA:** (Not during Advent or Lent). This is what the shepherds heard the angels sing when they announced the birth of Christ. It is a reminder that the angels are ever present, especially with us in the celebration of the liturgy, worshipping alongside us.

**COLLECT OR THE OPENING PRAYER:** This prayer is offered to help us unite our hearts in order to prepare for the Mass. This is begun with these words: *Let us Pray.* When we hear these words, if our minds have been wandering or distracted, this is an invitation to focus, to bring them back to the present, to enter into His *presence.* With this we are prepared to hear God's Word in Sacred Scripture.

Next week we will look at the second part of the Mass, The Liturgy of the Word.

### **WHY NO MEAT ON FRIDAY'S OF LENT?**

This question was brought forward in the past week, and so I thought if one is wondering, many more may be wondering as well. For Catholics old enough to remember before the Second Vatican Council, the Church prescribed that we not eat meat on Fridays throughout the year. Now it seems there is no call to abstain except these weeks of Lent. So what is the reason behind this? Good Friday is the day Christ died for our sins, and the Church has a long tradition of calling us to some form of penance in recognition of this fact every Friday. Some call each Friday a 'little good Friday' as a day to remember what was done for us on that Friday afternoon so long ago. In the past, the Church prescribed that the penance would be to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year. *(continued on next column)*

(cont. from previous column) At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, this requirement was set aside, except for Ash Wednesday and the Friday's of Lent. However, the call to offer some sort of penance is still in effect. Many Catholics still abstain from meat each Friday during the year. Others may offer a special prayer or a special service such as visiting the nursing home or hospital on Fridays. The alternatives to abstaining is almost limitless. However, there are many Catholics who are not aware that the call to offer some sort of penance on each Friday during the year is still in effect. The only change is what used to be prescribed is now voluntary. Hope this helps bring us to a deeper appreciation and understanding of why we do some of the things we do as Catholics. God bless

## **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, Albena 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, Rosemary Casberg and Victoria Samples.

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Envelopes for Feb. 21st	\$6,984.00	\$7,521.00
Plate for Feb. 21st	520.50	1,598.26
Electronic Transfers	1,347.00	1,610.00
Unit Dues	<u>550.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,401.50</b>	<b>\$10,729.26</b>

The second collection came to \$810.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**Thank you to all who purchased Sweepstake Calendars and to all who helped sell them. Our total profit came to \$11,000.00.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
ANNOUNCES**

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AND OPEN HOUSE  
PRE-K PACKET PICK-UP  
GRADE 1-8 REGISTRATION**

**Kindergarten Screening** will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016. Please call the school office at (608) 326-8624 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm by Friday, March 4th to set up a screening time for your child. Please have the following information when you call the school: Child's full name, date of birth, address & phone and a preferred time between 8:30 am - 3:00 pm for the screening day.

**Pre-K Packet Pick-up** will be available beginning April 1st through April 14th. Please stop in at St. Gabriel's School Office Monday -Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Accepting registration for Grades 1-8 for the school year 2016-2017.**

Please check our website often for exciting changes coming for the 2016-2017 school year! If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 326-8624.

**SCHOOL NOTES**

The 6th graders are starting the unit, "Geometry of Polygons." They will be classifying lines, and exploring sides and angles of a triangle

Our 7th graders are beginning a unit on "Percent's." The unit kicks off with linking fractions, decimals, and percent's, and closes with problem solving using percent increase and decrease.

The 8th graders are finishing a chapter on "Geometry." Next they will be working on perimeter, area, and surface area. Formulas and calculators!

Our last Math Counts competition was held at Huckleberry's, on Feb. 17th. I would like to thank 3M, the 3M volunteers, and our students for their time and talent.

-Mrs. Igou

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

Sunday, February 28

Monday, February 29

Tuesday, March 1

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 2

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

5:30 pm Education Committee will meet at St. Gabriel's School

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

Thursday, March 3

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

8:00 am Mass at St. John's

Sunday, March 6

JWalkers Bucks trip

**Mark your calendar:** Our Youth Group will be presenting "Live Stations of the Cross" on Wed., March 23rd at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church

**If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year** and would like to attend a celebration at Christ the King Chapel in La-Crosse 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.**

**Easter Flower Fund.....If you would like to make a donation to the "Easter Flower Fund" at the parishes 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 or mail to Holy Family Parish, 710 S. Wacouta Ave, PdC, WI 53821**