

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

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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.

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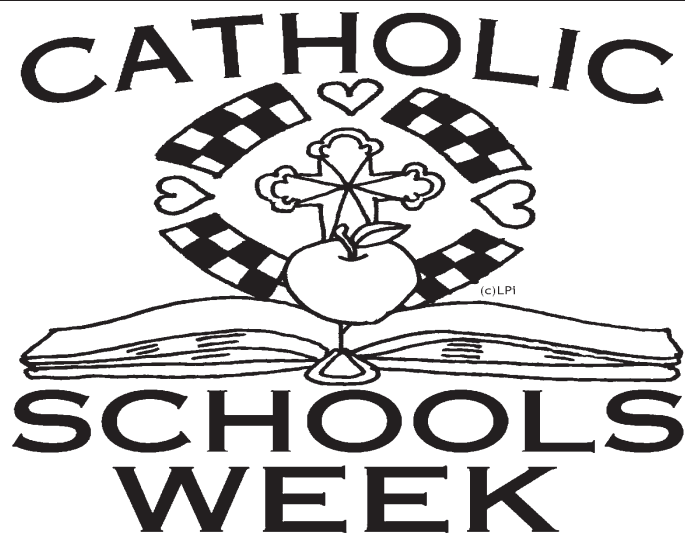
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January 31, 2016 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



January 31, 2016 - February 6, 2016

Is it a school with a parish, or is it a parish with a school? It is a question I always consider when people ask me about Catholic Schools Week, though you might look at that opening question and ask, "What?"

It is a good question, because our parish communities have a mandate from the Gospel to preach the good news. Moreover, that is exactly what a good Catholic school does. It is another one of the ministries of a parish: to educate well-rounded individuals in Gospel values, preparing those young individuals to take their eventual place in the larger secular community. All the educational efforts of the parish school are focused on the life of faith. That faith is formed in knowledge of the teachings of the Church and of the Gospel, and those qualities are demonstrated through a life of service to the community.

**A Catholic school is a community of faith, knowledge, and service, as a ministry of the parish community; and Catholic Schools week provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on whether we have "a school with a parish, or a parish with a school," and make sure our parish school is living its mandate from the Church.**

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FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE,  
AS A MINISTRY OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY.**



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 7TH

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

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

Sunday 10:00 am Jeri Kluesner, Megan Pedretti & Rhonda Stubbe

### SERVERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Shawn Egstad & John Titlbach  
Katie Welsch & Hailey Bedward

Sunday 10:00 am J Walkers

### LECTORS-FEBRUARY 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

### USHERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

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

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

### SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 10:00 am Jeff & Jill Mara



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 7TH

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, Merle & Barb Frommelt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Molly Kirschbaum, Doris Krogman & Lucy Cornford

### SERVERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Garett Young & Brandon Hanger  
Kori & Karly Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Kennedy Kirschbaum, & Allison Lindner  
Chase & Madilyn Fisher

### LECTORS-FEBRUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 8:00 am Dan Schickert

### USHERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dennis Mezera, Mike Mara & Mark Mara

### SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott & Sheri Kennedy

Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenni Campbell

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  
THE MASS LOCATIONS ARE  
SWITCHED ONLY FOR THE  
SWISS STEAK DINNER**



Tuesday, February 2	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Frank Nolan
Wednesday, February 3	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mary Ellen McNamara
Thursday, February 4	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Sharon Ann Key
Friday, February 5	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bob Boland
Saturday, February 6	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lawrence Novey
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Janet Tollefon
Sunday, February 7	8:00 am	**St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	**St. Gabriel's Church	† Joe Rod

### 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.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This coming week we celebrate Catholic education in the diocese of La Crosse and throughout our entire country. Catholic Schools Week is a time to showcase our school and our children, but our Catholic school is something we can be proud of all year. It is something we all should pay close attention to, as the education of our children is the primary mission of our parish. So whether you have a child or grandchild in school or not, you are supporting our Catholic school and your input is important. I think it is good to occasionally look at what it is that makes this such an important mission in the Catholic Church.

Any school can provide quality education in the sciences, mathematics and languages. What is offered over and above this is what sets a particular school apart. For Catholic schools, it is our ability not only to witness Christian values, but to have this as part of the curriculum. Daily religion classes alongside the opportunity to attend Mass during the week are invaluable in the faith formation of our children as they develop into the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

If Catholic education is to continue to be a strong influence in our community, we as Catholics have to stand up for our beliefs. Yes, it is a sacrifice to place your children in a Catholic school, especially in difficult economic times. However, it is a sacrifice that I believe is blessed over the years. The top priority each year is future enrollment, as this is the primary factor that will ensure Catholic education will remain here in Prairie du Chien. In the coming weeks, we will hold registration for next year's classes. On Wednesday evening we will be celebrating family night with activities showcasing many of the talents of our children. There will be a book fair and we will be serving burgers and fries, so bring the family for dinner. (Free-will offering) If you are parents of pre-school or grade school children come and see what Prairie Catholic Schools can offer. It truly is your school. God bless

Fr James

### SPECIAL INVITATION TO TOUR THE SCHOOL ADDITION

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, the school addition will be open for tours. The building will be open from 4:00 to 6:00. If you are coming for the burgers and fries dinner, plan to take a few minutes to walk around the new facility. Hope to see you there.

### LENTEN FRIDAY/ SATURDAY ADORATION

As we have done the past few years, we hope to offer adoration on Fridays of Lent following morning Mass with benediction and Mass on Saturday morning. In order to offer this, we need to ensure our Lord is accompanied during these hours. You will find sign-up sheets in the churches this weekend and next weekend. We ask that if you are signing up, remember it is for all Fridays of Lent.

## PRAYER CORNER

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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 Konicheck, 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, 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, David LaBonne, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Ed Stubbe, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, and Shirley Ambrose.

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

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

The deanery priests and deanery pastoral council were pleased with our turnout for the Christmas confession service at Sacred Heart in Wauzeka, and would like to offer another opportunity for our local parishioners to take advantage of the *Year of Mercy Pilgrimage* to Sacred Heart church in Wauzeka. We will offer this on Sunday February 21, beginning at 3:00 P.M. We will also offer extra hours on Friday's during Lent for confessions here at Holy Family. See future bulletins for details.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **BRAYDEN JAMES TRAUTSCH**, son of Brian D. & Ashley J. (Wagner) Trautsch through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Brayden James** and his family.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Jan. 24th	\$6,952.00	\$6,810.00
Plate for Jan. 24th	581.05	801.52
Heat Envelopes	<u>208.00</u>	<u>246.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,741.05</b>	<b>\$7,857.52</b>

The second collection came to \$454.07 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KNOWLEDGE CONTEST**  
The Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1840, invites all boys and girls enrolled in grades 5,6,7 and 8 to compete in our annual mathematics and spelling contest to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 4:00 pm at Prairie Catholic School. All students enrolled in grades 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 are eligible. Both parochial and public schools are encouraged to participate. All winners are eligible to compete in the next level of competition to be held in late February.

**PRAIRIE CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SECOND TERM HONOR ROLL**

**6th Grade High Honors:** Sadie Koresh

**6th Grade Honors:** Matthias Gerhards, Kori Jaynes, Allison Kennedy, Katelyne Lutz, Nicholas Mara, Nicole Rickleff

**7th Grade High Honors:** Makenzie Knapp, Paige Schneider, Clare Teynor

**7th Grade Honors:** Rebekah Champion, Macey Banasik, Chase Fisher, Ella Hager, Kendall Hill, Kennedy Kirschbaum, Jonah Linder, Jonathan Nicholson, Kyle Quick, Dominique Reilly, Kathryn Welsch

**8th Grade High Honors:** Elizabeth Carlson, Jenna Holler, Ellie Mara, Zachary Mara, Elizabeth Tesar

**8th Grade Honors:** Joshua Dyer, Madelyn Gerhards, Karly Jaynes, Sophia Miller, Jack Peterson, Kierstyn Rogers, Gina Sebastian, Breanna Teynor

**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 future bulletins.

Michael & Zita Balk, Donald & Shirley Cipra, Art & Carolyn Conley, Michael & Patricia DeMuth, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Donald & Joan Draka, Janice Duve, Henry & Connie Esser, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, Dr. Michael & Mary Ann Garrity, William & Rita Hamann, Robert Heilmann, Jean Heiring, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Sheri Jackson, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Joanne Jones, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Gary & Arleen Kozelka, Lucien & Rita Krahn, Aaron & Sarah Kramer, Daniel & Sheila Linder.

John Mulrooney, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, Maurice & Loretta Oehler, Wilbur Rupp, Mary Rupp, Vicki Sebastian, Ronald Shipley, Russell & Mary Steiner, Michael & Melissa Stram, Gerald Wachuta, Steven & Jennifer Wachuta, Joshua & Angela Wagner, Evelyn Waller, Lucille Walters, James & Margaret Walz, Martin & Judy Warpinski, James & Barbara Welsch, Thomas Whetston, Mary White, Sally White, Ronald & Karen White, Gerald & Rose Wright, Phyllis Yeomans, David & Amy Young, Robert & Rose Ziel.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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**Sunday, January 31**

Beginning of Catholic School's Week  
8:00 am to Noon - Dad's Belgium Waffles will be served by our 7th grade class. Waffles, sausage, milk & coffee; all are invited.

Knights of Columbus Council 1840 will be sponsoring a Free Throw Contest at the PDC High School Gym for boys & girls ages 9 to 14, Warm ups begin at Noon and contest begins at 1:00 pm

**Tuesday, February 2**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison  
4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest at St. Gabriel's School

**Wednesday, February 3**

4:30 to 6:00 pm Family Night for Catholic School's Week - Burgers & Fries Supper in St. Gabriel's Hall; All are invited; free will offering

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

**Thursday, February 4**

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

**Saturday, February 6**

**Sunday, February 7**

10:45 am to 1:00 pm Swiss Steak Dinner in St. Gabriel's Hall

Please Note: Next Sunday, Feb. 7 Mass at 8:00 am at St. John's and Mass at 10:00 am at St. Gabriel followed by the Swiss Steak Dinner

**WE NEED PIES FOR OUR SWISS STEAK DINNER NEXT SUNDAY. PIE TINS ARE IN THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

**The Prairie Catholic School Library is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week.** The book fair will be set up from January 29th through noon, February 4th. The book fair is open during regular school hours as well as Wednesday evening, February 3rd, for Family Night (4:00—7:00 pm.) Please stop by the library to view a great selection of books to purchase. All proceeds directly benefit our library.

**CALANDER AND CASH RAFFLES**

Both our Yearly Calendar raffle and our Cash Raffle tickets are available. They can be purchased at either rectory and the school office. The Calendar raffles are available until the Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 7th at which time the first drawing will take place. The Cash raffle tickets will be available through April 9th, when the drawing will take place during a Burgers and Fries meal.