

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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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

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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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*Easter Sunday - March 27, 2016*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## **EASTER SUNDAY**

To many, Christmas is the most holy season of the liturgical calendar. It is the celebration of a birth, a promise, a hope. To others, today is equally or even more joyous; Easter is the celebration of rebirth, of a promise fulfilled, a hope renewed. Where Christmas music is often solemn and reverential, the glorious music of Easter fairly bursts forth, filling us with joy.

Within today's Gospel reading from John, we note once again the description of the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. What is the significance of this? It should be clear that it was not moved to allow Jesus to arise; instead, it was moved to prove that he had. And so it is with us; in order for us to share in the glory of the resurrection, we must remove the hardness - the stones - from our hearts.

Today, we become brethren, related to one another through the gift of grace. Through Christ's death, we were given liberation from sin; through the Resurrection, we have been given a new way of life (CCC 654). In a secular world that has increasingly devalued life itself, we celebrate our new lives. As you leave Mass today, let the music of this celebration play on in your hearts as you give thanks. He is risen!

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## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 3

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 2/3

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

Sunday 10:00 am Laura Meyer, Diane Steger

### SERVERS-APRIL 2/3

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

Sunday 10:00 am Kylie Kramer & Kennedy Kirschbaum  
Max & Paige Schneider

### LECTORS-APRIL 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 10:00 am J. J. Jackson

### USHERS-APRIL 2/3

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

Sunday 10:00 am Jack Hromadka & Mark Hamann, Dan  
Schickert, Jim McGrath

### SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Kevin & Jenni Campbell



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 3

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Doris Krogman, Karen Hertrampf, &  
Jean Ann Dillman

### SERVERS-APRIL 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Kierstyn Rogers  
Garett Young & Makayla Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Jonah Linder & Clare Teynor  
Chase & Madilyn Fisher

### LECTORS-APRIL 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm John Chaffee

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### USHERS-APRIL 2/3

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dennis Mezera, Merle Frommelt,  
Brad & Joshua Linder

### SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Erich & Megan Welter

Sunday 8:00 am Juli & Heath Smith

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!

#### \*\*NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 AM Mass at St. John's

10:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 29	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Boland
Wednesday, March 30	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mary McGrath
Thursday, March 31	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Frank Nolan
Friday, April 1	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Lawrence David
Saturday, April 2	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Ryan Long
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, April 3	**8:00 am	St. John's Church	† John Kasperek, Jr. & Geraldine Wallin
	**10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Jay Svacina

## ***Be Still and Listen***

Can you hear it beating? The heart of the Year of Mercy approaches in Holy Week, Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a wondrous heart; full of love. A heart that on Good Friday's cross was opened by a lance in a sacred gush of blood and water. Raise your eyes above that pierced heart and behold a face, bruised and bloody. Yet even in that pain there is a majesty and serenity that draws us in.

Jesus' eyes are closed, but Easter will see them opened again, full of glorious life. Those eyes have gazed at you. They have been following you from the first moment of your life. His lips, so swollen as he hangs upon the cross, have spoken your name, inviting you to "follow me." Do you believe that? At the end of your life you will meet those eyes and hear that voice in a vivid and definitive way. You will stand face to face with Jesus.

But here and now – today – Jesus offers us an extraordinary Hour of Mercy. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy he calls us with special intensity to fix our minds and hearts on the celebration Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). In this sacred season at the heart of this Jubilee Year, Jesus opens to us a fountain of mercy. Let us drink deeply. Let us listen with fresh ears to the readings at Mass, for each word speaks to us of God's mercy. Let us take the opportunity to confess our sins and gratefully receive forgiveness. Let us embrace the Body of Christ in the Eucharist with greater fervor. If ever there was a time to avoid "sleepwalking", this is it. From his Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem through his Passion, death and Resurrection, enter into the merciful mystery of Jesus' sacrifice of love for you. Along the way, may you be inspired to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, culminating in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3.

**Devotion to the Mercy of God – St. Faustina and Pope St. John Paul II** The Mercy of God was central to the pontificate of St. John Paul II. To understand this, one must see his profound connection with a humble Polish nun – Sr. Faustina Kowalska. In 1931 Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in a vision. She saw Him clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from which shone two large rays, one red and the other white. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You'. I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world.... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My Mercy." Jesus entrusted special prayers to Sr. Faustina to share with the world, including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**A Time of Trial:** Soon the Divine Mercy devotion spread throughout Poland and beyond. But on March 6, 1959, after studying some inaccurate Italian accounts of the visions, the Vatican prohibited spreading the message and devotion. The ban lasted nearly 20 years. A young Polish seminarian in Krakow by the name of Karol Wojtyla had in the 1940s been deeply affected by the story of Sr. Faustina and the Divine Mercy devotion. From the stone quarry in which he worked during the Nazi occupation, he could see the convent cemetery where Sr. Faustina was buried, and he would sometimes visit her grave on the way home.

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**Triumph of Mercy:** By the 1960s, as Archbishop of Krakow, Wojtyla ordered a complete study of the life and virtues of Sr. Faustina. This concluded with such success that her Process of Beatification was begun in 1968. Finally, in April of 1978, at the request of then-Cardinal Wojtyla and many others, the Vatican lifted the ban on spreading the message and devotion. Six months later, he was elected Pope.

**"The Image of My Pontificate"** Pope John Paul II remarked several times that his second encyclical, "Rich in Mercy," (Nov. 30, 1980) was profoundly influenced by insights that came through the experiences of Sr. Faustina. Then in June of 1997, he prayed at her tomb in Lagiewniki, Poland and spoke from the heart to her Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy: "There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy....And it is a message that is clear and understandable for everyone. Anyone can come here, look at this image of the merciful Jesus, His Heart radiating grace, and hear in the depths of his own soul what Blessed Faustina heard: Fear nothing; I am with you always (Diary, 586). "And if this person responds with a sincere heart: 'Jesus, I trust in You,' he will find comfort in all his anxieties and fears. ...

"St. John Paul II and St. Faustina, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." (From the booklet *Embracing the Year of Mercy*, Diocese of La Crosse, 2015)

## **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, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Anita Steger, Pat Wachuta, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Rosemary Casberg, Vickie Samples, James Thompson, Nancy Aschom, and Clem Stram.

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

PLEASE NOTE.....NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD THE MASS LOCATIONS WILL SWITCH.

8:00 am - St. John's  
10:00 am - St. Gabriel's, First Communion

Easter Flowers at the parishes were given in memory of: Loretta Tesar, Jim Coorough, Mary Nash & Courtney Nash, Harold & Veronica Duffy, Charlotte C. Voth, William & Lora Young, Roger W. & Raoul G. & Pamela (Smith) Steiner, Jack & Jean Tesar, Stewart & Alberta Bradley, Herb & Hildegarde Lueck, John & Nettie Stuka, Frank Fischer, Margaret Wachter, Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, Evelyn & Ken Picha, James Looney, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Bill & Virginia Dahman.

Francis & Helen Wall, Ray & Evelyn Sprosty, Gary & Candy Sprosty, Joe & Loretta Jamnik, Linda Vondrum, Cathy Vondrum, Michael "Mick" Kramer, Reginald & Rose Kramer, Marlow & Ann Waller, Terry Waller, Roger Pellock, Virgil & Nellie Leard, Charles & Evelyn Heisz and their living & deceased family members, Bob Boland, Keith Kozelka, Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Bill Fillbach.

As our bulletin had to go to press early we will have more names to add next weekend.

### 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION

For the past several years, at Holy Family Parish we have celebrated 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. This has been done for a variety of reasons, some practical and some theological. On the practical level, this removes the idea that receiving Holy Communion is a 'graduation' from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (both Catholic school and CCD). More importantly, on the theological level, is there a better time than Easter to receive our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time? We need to recall that Easter Sunday is celebrated as an Octave; that is we have 8 days of Easter, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday. So in the eyes of the Church, Divine Mercy Sunday is still Easter Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection; the day our children will receive him in Holy Communion for the first time.

**MASS LOCATION CHANGE FOR SUNDAY APRIL 3:** Please note that the locations for Mass on this Sunday will be switched: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will take place at St Gabriel church at 10:00 AM.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, March 27  
EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29  
3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 30  
6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, March 31  
Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's  
Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, April 1  
Saturday, April 2

Sunday, April 3  
Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass at St. John's Hall plus drawing for the Sweepstake Calendar and Holy Name Raffle  
10:00 am First Communion Mass will be held at St. Gabriel's

**Cash Raffle tickets are available.** They can be purchased at either rectory, the school office, Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly, Hartig Drug, True Value, Anchor Bank & both Peoples State Banks. The cash raffle tickets will be available through April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 place prizes - \$250.00 each.**

## WEDDING BANNERS

Nicholas Ziel & Anne Riebe (I)

The collection for the weekend of March 19/20 will be posted in next weekend's bulletin because of the bulletin having to go to press early.

### 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.

**Mass Stipends:** With 2 priests offering Masses most days, we could use some stipends for weekday Masses. I believe Fr. Doss will be with Holy Family through June. If you would like to have some Masses offered, please contact Lana with details. God Bless.

Fr. Jim