

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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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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May 1, 2016 - 6th Sunday of Easter

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." *Jn 14:26-27a*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 8TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 7/8

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

Sunday 8:00 am Becky Henry, Mary Osterhaus, Mark Gilbert

SERVERS-MAY 7/8

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

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Thomas Mara
Dominique & James Reilly

LECTORS-MAY 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am Dan Schickert

USHERS-MAY 7/8

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

Sunday 8:00 am Jim McGrath & Sean McGrath
Mark Hamann, John Gillitzer

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Roland & Ashley Lindner



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 8TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Windy Mezera, Verna Panka, & Doris Krogman

SERVERS-MAY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler

Garett Young & Brandon Hanger

Sunday 10:00 am Rebekah Champion & Dalton Hendrix
Kendall Hill & Katelyn Lutz

LECTORS-MAY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Cory Steger

USHERS-MAY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Alex Schaefer & Tyler Rochleau

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik, Ron Trautsch

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve & Sarah Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Veronica Gonzalez

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, May 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Deceased Members of the Frank & Elizabeth Ocenosak Family
Wednesday, May 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Margaret Arado
Thursday, May 5	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Maria J. Schneider
Friday, May 6	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Connie Esser
Saturday, May 7	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lawrence Novey
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Mary Ellen Linder
Sunday, May 8	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Sandy Williamson

I have mentioned this a few times, but will offer this from a fresh perspective.

Most of us have probably done it at least once or twice.

We make a beeline for the door with our heads down after receiving communion because we have something important to do. We hope our pastor and friends won't notice. And perhaps they don't. But Someone does.

As a religious sister who has moved around quite a bit, I am surprised by how drastically different parishes in some areas of the country are from others. I am from Oklahoma and rarely see people leaving Mass early. I used to live in California, and in the parish I attended, people came late and sometimes left early. I am now in the northeast and am surprised by how many people leave Mass early. But these patterns also depend on the parish. It is an interesting phenomenon. An isolated incident is not that concerning to me. But when half the parishioners have disappeared to the parking lot before the closing song has ended, it makes my heart a little sad.

Sometimes I want to run after the people I see walking briskly out of church straight from the communion line and shake them and say, "You have Jesus inside you! Take a minute to talk to him, to thank him, to love him!"

Do you need some motivation to stay a little longer to attend the entire Mass? Do you know some other people who might? Here are some reasons I stay until the end of Mass, (besides the fact that I am a nun and it would be scandalous if I ran out right after communion every Sunday):

1. Communion Is About Communing: When we receive communion, we receive Jesus himself. When we eat and run it is like visiting a friend and the moment he is able to sit down and be present to us we jump up and run out the door yelling, "It was so great to spend time with you, see you next week!" Communion is about communing with our Lord and Savior. In order to commune, we have to actually savor this special time with him and take a few moments to be with our Lord.

2. It's Not Nice to Be Rude: Before Mass in the convent, we have a half hour of silent meditation on the Gospel. Sometimes I am late. I walk quickly in with my head down, embarrassed that everyone can see that I slept in. Recently, I realized that my motivation to be on time should not be to avoid embarrassment but because I am going to see Jesus. Why are we often more concerned with other people's reactions than we are with Jesus? We think, *I have to run because I have so much to do, so-and-so is waiting for me!* But why is it easy for us to leave early and come late when it is the Creator of the Universe who is hoping to see us?

3. Mass Is Not An Activity on a To-Do List: Often when I see people running out of Mass, it seems like they are checking off an activity on their to-do list and want to be done with it. The Christian life is not a to-do list. It is an invitation to be in relationship with God. If we are going to Mass out of a sense of responsibility, sure we may be avoiding mortal sin, but barely scraping by in the avoidance of mortal sin is not the calling of our spiritual life. We are called to much more. We are called to relationship, to holiness, to transformation.

4. The Final Blessing Is Important: On the Day of Atonement, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had the honor of going into the holy of holies on the day the angel told him that he and his wife would have a child. The people eagerly waited outside for him to give them a blessing after he offered incense.

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When Zechariah came out mute because he did not believe the angel's message, the lack of a blessing amplifies the dishonor and the tragedy of losing his voice. I am sure the people went home very disappointed. Blessings are precious. When a priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by God himself. If Jesus were standing ready to give us a blessing before we left Mass and went back out into the world, wouldn't you wait for it.

5. You Get MORE Grace: According to the Catechism, "the fruits of the sacraments ... depend on the disposition of the one who receives them" (CCC 1128). There is a power in the sacraments in and of themselves, but how much of that power seeps into our souls and plays out in our lives depends on our disposition. If we are rushing out of church after communion, chances are our disposition is not such that we are reverentially aware of the amazing fact that we are consuming the body, blood, soul and divinity of God himself. It's heavy stuff. And it deserves a disposition of great respect, if only.

For more, see the following: Sr. Theresa Aletheia Noble
<http://aleteia.org/2016/04/26/5>

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, 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, Ed Rocksvold, 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for April 24	\$6,978.00	\$8,127.00
Plate for April 24	<u>713.00</u>	<u>967.85</u>
Total	\$7,691.00	\$9,094.85

The second collection came to \$550.25 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Golf Fundraiser

4 Person Scramble

Prairie du Chien Country Club

Saturday May 7, 2016

Registration @ 8 am in the clubhouse,

Shotgun starts @ 9 am

9 Hole Fun Golf starts at 11:15 am

CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 6:00 PM Bishop Callahan will be here to confirm 22 of our young men and women.

BOHEMIAN DINNER MAY 15: Make plans to join Holy Family Parish for our annual Bohemian dinner at St. John's Church. This event will take place at the new parish fellowship hall following the 10:00 am Mass, and is a much anticipated annual event for many. The menu includes Tender Smoked Pork Chop, Potato Dumplings, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Poppyseed Loaf Bread, Poppyseed Cake. Serving from 11 am to 1 pm.

Fresh long stemmed, red roses will be sold after all Masses on Mother's Day week-end. (May 7/8) Roses will again be available for a reasonable donation of \$3.00 each; 2 roses for \$5.00 or \$25.00 for a dozen. The profits are distributed to several pro-life groups which are working to end abortions and promote the message that each person is a precious child of God. God bless you and thank you for all your support.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **KATE MARIE THIRY**, daughter of Jason & Jamie (Graves) Thiry, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless Kate Marie and her family.

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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, May 1

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's School Hall; plus drawing for the Sweepstake Calendars & Holy Name Raffle

10:00 am Senior Recognition Mass at St. John's Church

Monday, May 2

Tuesday, May 3

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, May 4

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

Thursday, May 5

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

Friday, May 6

Saturday, May 7

Golf Fundraiser at PdC Country Club with registration at 8:00 am and Shotgun starting at 9:00 am

Sunday, May 8

Happy Mother's Day

Reminder....Our Scrip Gift Cards make great gifts for any occasion. Birthdays, weddings and soon graduations will be upon us. Why not purchase a Scrip Gift Card? Give the gift that will not be returned.

WEDDING BANNES

Dustin Gillitzer & Shannon Eckman (I)

Thank you to Larry & Ann Dohse for the donation to Prairie Catholic School Library in memory of their son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Kelly LeGeune. We appreciate this gift to our school.

SCHOOL NEWS

In Pre-K we are finishing up our Healthy Living Units. In the past months we studied "the our plate" plan for healthy eating and choosing nutritious foods. Our guest speakers included a Dental Hygienist, Beautician, Physical Therapist, Relaxation and Aerobics Instructors to assist us with our everyday habits. We will conclude our study with a swimming adventure to Americinn for fun and movement.

Mrs. Janet Steiner