

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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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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May 8, 2016 - Ascension of the Lord

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

You are witnesses of these things." *Lk 24:46, 48*



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR May 15TH

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits, Laura Meyer, Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Joe & Sharon Atkins

### SERVERS-May 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Prairie Catholic 8th Grade Students

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

### LECTORS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Dr. Mark Grunwald

### USHERS-MAY 14/15

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

Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar & Butch Boland

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 15TH

Colleen Bouzek, Dr. Mark Grunwald, Volunteer

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Jean Dillman, Karen Hertrampf

### SERVERS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Makayla Steger  
Macey Banasik & Emma Bjurquist

Sunday 10:00 am Dawson Eastman & Julian DeGidio  
Lindsey Nolan & Scout Hall

### LECTORS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

### USHERS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer & Tyler Rochleau

Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Mark Mara, Dennis Mezera

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott & Sheri Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

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, May 10	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Gladys Slama
Wednesday, May 11	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Gary & Kelly LeGeune
Thursday, May 12	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Theresa Morel
Friday, May 13	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Raoul G. Steiner
Saturday, May 14	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Cletus Steffensmeier † Connie Esser
Sunday, May 15	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † John & Mary Boxrucker

### 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.)

## A Tale of Wonder for the Mary Month of May

Some moments are forever etched in our memories. For me, these include events like the assassination of JFK, the landing on the moon, the election of Pope John Paul II. On this Mother's Day in the month of May, which the Church dedicates in a special way to Mary, let me add another. It happened when I was in the fourth grade at St. Mary's Cathedral School in Fargo, North Dakota, where the good sisters taught me in the 1960's. One day, one of the nuns decided to share the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Now, like any nine-year old of that era, I loved Walt Disney's fairy tales, like Snow White and Sleeping Beauty. But God's tales of wonder - which happen to be true - are infinitely more stunning, as I was about to find out.

Sister told our class of Juan Diego, a humble peasant making his way to Mass one day, passing through the hill country of central Mexico. The year is 1531, and it is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Suddenly, Juan Diego encounters a beautiful lady bathed in bright light. "Juanito," the lady calls out, "where are you going?" After he tells her he is on his way to the church, she smiles and says, "Know for certain, dearest of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God, through Whom everything lives.... I earnestly desire a temple be built here for me where I will show Him [God], I will exalt Him and make Him manifest. I will give Him to the people in all my personal love, in my compassion, in my help, in my protection, because I am truly your merciful Mother...."

The lady sends Juan to the bishop with her request for the chapel, but the bishop is understandably skeptical. Juan brings this news back to the lady and protests that he is too unimportant for such a mission. She should send someone of higher standing. She replies that there are many she could have chosen, but she has chosen him. Back he goes the next day, but the bishop still wonders at such an incredible story and insists he must be given a sign. Juan Diego meets the beautiful lady at the usual place and gives her this news. Very well, she tells him, come the next morning and she will give him a sign for the bishop.

But that evening Juan learns his beloved uncle is deathly sick. He stays with him all the next day, missing his appointment with the lady. The following morning he sets out to get a priest for the last rites and decides to avoid passing the spot of his encounters with Mary, but suddenly she appears before him. She smiles tenderly and says, "Listen and let it penetrate your heart, my dear little son.... Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?" Then she adds, "Do not let the illness of your uncle worry you.... At this very moment he is cured." And so he was. As for the sign, Juan is to climb to the top of the hill, gather the flowers he will find there, and bring them back to her.

It is December, but to his amazement, Juan finds blooming in the frozen soil the most beautiful Castillian roses. He gathers them in his tilma (his simple cloak), and brings them to the lady. She tells him to bring this sign to the bishop and not to unfold his tilma until he is in the bishop's presence. After a long wait, Juan Diego at last stands before the bishop and declares that he has brought the requested sign. He unfolds his tilma to reveal the impossible roses of winter. As they tumble to the ground the bishop falls to his knees. (cont. on next column)

But his attention is not on the roses. His eyes are fixed in astonishment on the tilma, for it bears the glorious image of the lady from heaven.

Our dear sister brought the story to a close by telling us that the requested chapel was built, the tilma was carried in glorious procession, and the image, full of symbols that show the Blessed Virgin triumphing over the bloodthirsty pagan gods of the Aztecs, led to the abolishing of human sacrifice and the conversion of ten million natives. The miraculous image can still be seen today at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. I was awestruck. Today, each time I call this story to mind, I find myself again a little boy back in the fourth grade, with the same goose bumps and sense of wonder and gratitude to God. And now, these many years later, I live and work in the shadow of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, with its glorious replica of that miraculous image. Coincidence? I don't think so.

In this month dedicated to Mary, and in this Year of Mercy, may we all take to heart the words of the beautiful Lady bathed in light: "Listen and let it penetrate your heart.... Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?"

Chris Ruff, Director of the  
Office for Ministries & Social Concerns

## 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 Konicheck, 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 May 1, 2016	\$8,720.00	\$7,213.00
Plate for May 1, 2016	<u>913.35</u>	<u>828.76</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,633.35</b>	<b>8,041.76</b>

The second collection came to \$716.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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

**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 Holy Family parish fellowship hall following the 10:00 am Mass. The menu includes Tender Smoked Pork Chop, Potato Dumplings, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Poppysed Loaf Bread, Poppysed Cake. Serving from 11 am to 1 pm.

## WEDDING BANNES

Dustin Gillitzer & Shana Eckman (II)

**SCHOOL NEWS...**This school year **Prairie Catholic's Student Council** has been amazingly busy and extremely successful. We started our school year off with a food drive for our local food pantry and collected and delivered over 700 lbs of food. When we heard the terrible news that a family in our community lost their children in a house fire we quickly organized a bake sale donating all proceeds to the family along with our prayers. We gladly donated \$100.00 to the canonization effort for Father Joe. We waged a fun filled penny war supporting our Prairie du Chien police department's K-9 unit. Happily we just met our goal to raise \$1,000.00 to support Sara, our adopted little sister from Peru. All these works are done with joy and a great sense of accomplishment. We want to thank all of the students and parents who made our year such a wonderful success.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **Chloe Lynn Fuelling**, daughter of Rob & Sarah (Gillitzer) Fuelling and **Hartley Michael Huber**, son of Jerome & Kelsey (Mezera) Huber, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Chloe Lynn** and **Hartley Michael** and their families.

**MISSION PROJECT...**Anyone looking for some yard work, sprucing up, light housekeeping, errands, etc. May 14 & 15, please call Mary Stoeffler at 326-2778. Free will donation with proceeds going toward the summer mission trip to South Carolina. Other times available by appointment.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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**Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day**

Long stemmed, red roses will be sold after the Masses

**Monday, May 9**

**Tuesday, May 10**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

**Wednesday, May 11**

6:00 pm Confirmation at St. John's Church

**Thursday, May 12**

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

6:00 pm Finance Council will meet in St. John's School

**Friday, May 13**

**Saturday, May 14**

**Sunday, May 15**

10:00 am Mass with Polka Music at St. John's Church followed by our annual Bohemian Dinner in our new fellowship hall. All are invited to attend

### Holy Name Raffle Winners for May 2016

**\$10.00 Winners:** Isaiah Wimmer, St. Charles, MN; Barb Milewsky, McGregor; Dalton Flansburgh, PdC; Ryan Davis, Harpers Ferry; Dylan Flansburgh, PdC

**\$25.00 Winners:** Karen Shulka, PdC; Russ Eulgem, PdC

**\$100.00 Winner:** Becky & Mick Rooney, PdC

### Lottery Calendar Raffle Winners for May, 2016

**\$100.00 Winners:** Rose Wright, PdC; Jim & Brenda Wagner, Wauzeka; Terry Igou, PdC; Roland Linder, Sr., McGregor; Austin Erdenberger, Sanger, TX

**\$50.00 Winners:** Grant Novey, Eden Prairie, MN; Jessie Ziegler, Dane, WI; Ryan Halpin, PdC; Terri Duve, Holmen; Madonna Kapinus, PdC

**\$25.00 Winners:** Kenneth David, Farmersburg; Landon Smith, PdC; Kirk & Amy Hamann, Mt. Hope; Laura Parker, PdC; Paul Krachey, PdC; Geri Kozelka, PdC; John Fischer, PdC; Suellyn Scharping, Downers Grove, IL; Zachary DuCharme, PdC; Andy Prew, PdC; Kevin Pedretti, PdC; Abby Rooney Family, Elkader; Madelyn Gerhards, PdC; Jason Adamany, PdC; Waller Family, PdC; Arlene Morovits, PdC; John A. Luster, PdC; Carson Kramer, PdC; Gabriel Munson-Fishler, PdC; Lucas Warren, Excelsior, MN

### THANK YOU FR. ARULDOSS

As new priests come into our diocese, they are given a couple assignments to see how parishes are run in different areas. It has been nice having Fr Aruldoss with us since the beginning of Feb, but he has been asked to go to Holy Ghost (my previous parish) to serve the people of Chippewa Falls as he makes preparation for an assignment as a parish administrator later this summer. Thank you Fr Doss for your service; and God's blessings in this and all future assignments.