

# 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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*April 23, 2017 - Sunday of the Divine Mercy*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD

*Sunday of the Divine Mercy*



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 30TH

Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Richard Ambrose  
 Sunday 8:00 am Becky Henry, Megan Pedretti &  
 Donna Steiner

### SERVERS-April 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Seth & Jack MacEachern  
 Mitchell Colson & Brady Luster  
 Sunday 8:00 am Dominique & James Reilly  
 Nicole Rickleff & Allison Lindner

### LECTORS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra  
 Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

### USHERS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Jim Welsch  
 & Volunteer  
 Sunday 8:00 am Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar, Butch  
 Boland, & John Gillitzer

### SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider  
 Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenny Campbell



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 30

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka  
 Sunday 10:00 am Karen Hertrampf, Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Matthias Gerhards & Logan Brown  
 Kori Jaynes & Allison Kennedy  
 Sunday 10:00 am Gabriel Munson-Fishler & John  
 Titlbach  
 Lindsey Nolan & Dustin Nolan

### LECTORS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik  
 Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

### USHERS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex  
 Schaefer, Mark Forsythe  
 Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis  
 Mezera, Mark Mara

### SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott & Sheri Kennedy  
 Sunday 10:00 am Brandon & Danielle Swiggum

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, April 25	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Leona Swatek
Wednesday, April 26	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Deceased members of the William & Mary Crowley Family
Thursday, April 27	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Floyd & Viola Atkins
Friday, April 28	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Caryl Wachuta
Saturday, April 29	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Margaret Wachter † Jonathan Steger
Sunday, April 30	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Richard Cherrier † 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.)

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A reflection by Chris Ruff, Diocese of La Crosse Office of Ministries and Social Concerns

Here we are again – Divine Mercy Sunday. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating not just the feast, but a whole “Year of Mercy.” In fact, maybe the word ‘Mercy’ barely gets our attention at this point, after such a long period of intense focus. That’s how we are as human beings, right? Talk about something long enough – even the Mercy of God – and it starts to feel stale. Maybe seeing with new eyes will help.

Try on this thought: God’s mercy – His incredible LOVE for his sinful and needy creatures (you and me) – is seen most powerfully in His thirst. Think about it. What greater sign of love could you give to a spouse, a son or daughter, a friend, than to tell them that your heart thirsts for a relationship of love with them?

But is it possible that God has made Himself vulnerable and thirsty to love and be loved by us? He has everything, right? He doesn’t need us. True, and yet in his infinity He has chosen to create and to love us and to thirst for our love in response. What a mystery!

As St. John Paul II and so many others have said, this was exactly the meaning of Jesus’ words on the cross: “I thirst.” As He lay down His life in an act of excruciating love, He was declaring His thirst for our response, our love.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was so driven by this insight that in every chapel of the Missionaries of Charity she placed next to the crucifix the words, “I Thirst.” Every act of love for the poorest of the poor was meant to see Jesus in that person and to quench His thirst.

I close with a meditation dear to the hearts of Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity around the world. It overflows with God’s merciful love.

- ◆ I THIRST FOR YOU. Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you.
- ◆ I THIRST FOR YOU. I thirst to love you and to be loved by you – that is how precious you are to Me.
- ◆ I THIRST FOR YOU. Come to Me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation, and give you peace, even in all your trials.
- ◆ I THIRST FOR YOU. You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you.
- ◆ I THIRST FOR YOU. If you feel unimportant in the eyes of the world, that matters not at all. For Me, there is no one more important in the entire world than you.
- ◆ I THIRST FOR YOU. Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give Me your life – and I will prove to you how important you are to My heart.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As we have been doing for the past several years, the Divine Mercy Sunday will also be our celebration of First Holy Communion for our second grade students. I believe that this sacrament is a powerful experience of Divine Mercy in our lives, and it is appropriate that we celebrate this special day in the lives of our children on Divine Mercy Sunday

God bless

Fr Jim

## 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, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, 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 Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Jack Dahl, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Ronnie Schlueter, Dean Heintz, Norb Aschom, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Michele Gale Tiller Karr, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Stan Garnsworthy, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Roger Ekern, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Wilbur Rupp, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans.

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

## PARISH SUPPORT

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Envelopes for April 16th	\$4,071.00	\$3,798.50
Plate for April 16th	1,560.15	1,259.00
Easter	<u>9,381.00</u>	<u>9,183.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,012.15</b>	<b>\$14,240.50</b>

Holy Thursday Collection came to \$192.11 and Good Friday collection was \$334.50.

The second collection came to \$1,429.68 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## CASH RAFFLE

Holy Family Parish is offering a 2017 Cash Raffle with the drawing being held on Sunday, May 21st, 2017. The proceeds of the raffle will support the school. The Grand prize is \$7,500.00; there are two First Place Prizes of \$2,500.00 each and ten 2nd Place Prizes of \$250.00 each. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 11 for \$100.00. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available at True Value, Hartig Drug, Peoples State Bank, Old National Bank, Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly, the school office, both rectories and at the Scrip table after the weekend Masses.

## SAINTS SCRAMBLE and SAINTS SOCIAL

Prairie Catholic is happy to announce the Saints Scramble Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, May 6th at the Prairie du Chien Country Club. There are two divisions for your consideration. The Competitive Division is an 18 hole four person scramble with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. The cost is \$65.00 for non CC member and \$40 for a member. The entry fee includes golf, cart, door prizes, flag events, driver raffle and Putt for a Car contest. The Social Division is a 9 hole scramble with teams of 2,3,4 persons and it will start at 11:15 am. The cost is \$50 for a non CC member, \$35 for a member and \$25 for a student. The entry fee includes golf, cart, door prizes, flag events, driver raffle and Putt for a Car contest. This event is perfect for the first time golfer! Please consider forming a team to play or even sponsoring a hole with a sign. In the past 7 years the golf outing has raised over \$42,000 for the technology improvements at our Catholic School.

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Beatrice (Bea) Novak** and **Stella C. Lipke** in your prayers. Bea's funeral was held at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Wednesday, April 19th. Stella's funeral was held on Friday, April 21st at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant them both eternal life and comfort to their families.

**Please remove any items that you want saved at Calvary & St. Gabriel's Cemetery before May 1st. Thank you in advance.**

**Additional Easter Flowers memorials:** Lawrence Novey, Deceased members of the Edward & Mae Bock Family, Deceased members of the Albert & Anna Novey Family, Bill McCoy, Ray & Evelyn Sprosty, Joseph & Loretta Jamnik, Robert & Brian Waller, Wencil & Leona Swatek, Wencil Swatek, Jr.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

**Sunday, April 23**

10:00 am First Communion at St. Gabriel's Church

**Monday, April 24**

**Tuesday, April 25**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

**Wednesday, April 26**

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

**Thursday, April 27**

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

**Friday, April 28**

**Saturday, April 29**

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.

Thank you to all who have donated. We will continue to list the names of all who responded. We have a few more names to add to our donor list. Edward Linder, Steve & Julie Schwager, Charles & Georgia Hutchison. If you have not donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal there is still time to do so.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our 2nd Grade Class receiving their First Holy Communion today. This is a very special time in our lives as Catholic Christians, a day that they will remember for a long time. Please keep these children in your prayers today and in the months to come.

**Our First Communicants are:** Brylee Lewis Brewer, Emory Leigh Campbell, Hailey Lynn Cejka, Madelyn Anne Coffield, Olivia Ruth Colson, Brendan Milo Connor, Lucas Richard Fassbinder, Andrew Norman Geisler, Alivia Ashlyn Marie Landt, Claire Jean Kennedy.

Camryn Isabella Knapp, Jacob Jeffrey Mara, Katelyn Mackenzie Mathies, Brecklynn Rae McCumber, Harrison Alexander Matthauss Osterkamp, Michael Vincent Pettit, Jayce Jonathan Reynolds, Kameren Anthony Michael Reynolds, Carter James Simmons, Stephanie Marie Welter.

