

# 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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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.

### Office Managers

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December 17, 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

5:00 pm (JWalkers) at St. John's Church  
5:30 pm (Children's Mass) at St. Gabriel's Church  
10:00 pm Midnight Mass at St. John's Church

### Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's Church



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 24TH

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Laura Meyer & Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry, & Mark Gilberts

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Shawn & JT Egstad  
Nick Mara & Allison Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Emma & Michael Bjurquist  
Addison Kirschbaum & Tommy Mara

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

### USHERS-DECEMBER 23/24

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

Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, Mark Hamann, Tom  
Hampton & Don Osterhaus

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 24TH

Kathleen Deluhery & Joan Poots

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Karen Hertrampf, &  
Windy Mezera

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Makayla Steger & Kori Jaynes  
Nick Holler & Blake Thiry

Sunday 10:00 am Dawson Eastman & Lindsey Nolan  
Prestin & Dustin Nolan

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

### USHERS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex  
Schaefer, Tyler Rochleau

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis  
Mezera, Mark Mara

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Cory Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Stephanie Vlaming

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!

**ADVENT: Confessions Tuesday  
@ 6:00 pm at St. John's Church**



Tuesday, December 19	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Niles Day
Wednesday, December 20	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bob Boland
Thursday, December 21	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Stella Lipke
Friday, December 22	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Roger W. Steiner
Saturday, December 23	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Helen Wilkinson
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Mary Ellen Linder
Sunday, December 24	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Souls in Purgatory
Christmas Eve Dec. 24	5:00 pm	St. John's	Priest's Intention
(Children's Mass)	5:30 pm	St. Gabriel's	Priest's Intention
(Midnight Mass)	10:00 pm	St. John's	Priest's Intention
Christmas Day, Dec. 25	9:00 am	St. Gabriel's	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to express their gratitude for the tremendous support for their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Coat Drive. We were thinking that around 50 coats for needy families would be a nice response for the first effort in doing this, but our community responded with over 250 coats in addition to many hats, gloves and mittens, many of which were new. In addition to the individuals that supported this drive were Land's End, Sweeney Farm and Home (Waukon) and Fisk's Farm and Home (Monona), and the local drop-off locations at People State Bank, Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly, Cornerstone and United Methodist churches. Again Thank You to all for your support.

Other events our Council has been active in as we approach Christmas is placing the Nativity scene outside Halpin Tire and supporting the Salvation Army with bell ringers the weekend of Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations to our newest Knights; Michael Bornholdt, Carl Seputis, and Matthew Chase and Deacon Mark Grunwald. We are continuing our efforts at reinvigorating our local Knights of Columbus Council. If you would like more information, please contact Steve Mercaitis, Grand Knight, or speak with any K of C member for more information.

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

I was asked about starting a young adult group at Holy Family Parish. This is something that has been considered in the past, but for one reason or another has not taken off. Perhaps now it the time for such a group. If you are in your 20's or 30's, married or single, and would like to deepen your faith life and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ while meeting with other like-minded young adults, please join us. For more information contact Natalia Bornholdt at:

[nataliabornholdt@gmail.com](mailto:nataliabornholdt@gmail.com)

## HOUSEKEEPING

Doris Krogman has served our community in a variety of ways over the years; as cook in the school, housekeeping duties in the rectory and sacristan at St John's church are among a few of her duties. I would like to express my gratitude to Doris for her years of service to our parish in general and in particular to myself and the many priests before me taking care of the housekeeping duties at the rectory. Doris informed me last week that she will not be returning to these duties once the New Year arrives; however, she will continue her sacristan duties at St John's church. Thank you, Doris, for your many years of service in all these areas.

If you might be interested in a part-time housekeeping job, or know someone who might be, please contact Fr Jim or the St John's rectory for details.

## ROSARY REFLECTIONS

The Rosary reflection books I had last week are sold out. If you would like one, please let me know. I will place another order next week. These books have paintings of each mystery along with a reflection by many priests in our diocese as well as one by Popes Benedict and John Paul II and Cardinal Burke. These are a fund raiser for the Marian Catechists in La Crosse, and are \$15.00 each.

## 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, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, 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, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Scott Plondke, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Wilbur Rupp, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaike Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley, Greta Martin.

## CHRISTMAS MASS

If you have not planned this out yet, you will soon notice that Christmas this year falls on a Monday. The Christmas Mass schedule is in this week's bulletin to help your planning for Masses that weekend. Christmas and the Immaculate Conception are the only 2 Solemnities that retain their obligatory aspects if these fall on a Saturday or Monday. In English, this means that yes, as Catholic Christians we must fulfill our Sunday obligation by attending Mass either Sat Dec 23 or Sunday morning on the 24<sup>th</sup>, AND one of the Christmas celebrations on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. **NO TWO FOR ONE'S:** The Sunday morning Mass does not cover Christmas Eve, and the Sunday evening Mass does not cover the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 10th	\$9,400.00	\$5,994.00
Plate for Dec. 10th	651.92	473.46
Holy Day	<u>1,430.01</u>	<u>1,185.21</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,481.93</b>	<b>\$7,652.67</b>

The second collection came to \$720.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS AT PRAIRIE CATHOLIC

What is the purpose of Student Council? Student Council members plan and execute a positive social climate, good interactions among students, faculty, staff, parents, parish, community and the charitable sharing of resources. So far this year we have supported a hurricane victim (past student), created a haunted house for all grades to enjoy, held our first Veterans Day program, and still continue to raise funds for Sara, an orphan at Casa Hogar. We are in the midst of our annual food drive, to be delivered to our local food pantry. Also, we are winding down our change challenge to meet our semiannual donation for Sara. We would like to thank all students and parents for your generous support.

*Mrs. Igou*

**LOTTERY SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS** are now for sale. 6 for \$100.00 or \$20.00 each. 30 monthly prizes. You can purchase at St. John's Rectory or call John Fischer at 326-2827. These calendars make great Christmas gifts.

**Seminarian Samuel McCarty needs our prayers:  
Pastoral Year, St. Michael, Wausau**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will list 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 following bulletins.**

Norbert & Nancy Aschom, Anthony Bakken, Florence Becwar, Lisa Breuer, Irving & Carol DuCharme, Nancy DuCharme, Janice Duve, John & Norma Gillitzer, Mike & Trisha Hager, William & Rita Hamann, Donald & Teresa Heal, Michael & Linda Heal, Theresa Heal, Robert Heilmann, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Michael & Debra Henthorn, Eileen Hermsen, Dennis & Martha Hoeger, Gary & Joan Howe, Alan & Dianne Hromadka, David & Connie Hudson, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Bryan & Cathy Irvin, James Jackson, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Ronald & Mary Alice Jones, Robert & Rita Kazda, Dr. Jan & Odean Kieser, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Gary & Judy Knickerbocker, Virginia Konichok, Aurilla Koresh, Justina Koresh, Lucien & Rita Krahn, Charles & Linda Kramer, Patricia Kramer, Ronald & Nikki Kramer, Doris Krogman, Jeff & Amy Krohn, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Armella Kueter, Daniel & Dee Kusmaul, Eugene LaPointe, Jack & Mary Ann Leake, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Patricia Lenzendorf, Edward Linder, Norma Lochner.

## 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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### Tuesday, December 19

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison  
6:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. Gabriel's

### Wednesday, December 20

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's  
6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

### Thursday, December 21

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's  
Benediction at 1:00 pm  
5:00 pm Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's & 7:00 pm at St. John's

### Sunday, December 24

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's & 10:00 am Mass at St. John

### Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass at St. John's  
5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. Gabriel's  
10:00 pm Mass at St. John's

### Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

## Liturgical Ministers

### for Christmas Eve & Christmas

Christmas Eve., Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm at St. John's: Eucharistic Ministers: Gene Carlson, Jean Ann Dillman & Patty Schauf-Yager; Lector: JWalkers; Servers: JWalkers; Ushers: JWalkers

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. Gabriel's: Eucharistic Ministers: Nick Nugent, Rhonda Stubbe & Diane Steger; Lector: Students; Servers: Dustin & Prestin Nolan, Allison Kennedy; Ushers: Richard Steiner, Bob DeFord, Volunteers

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 10:00 pm at St. John's: Eucharistic Ministers: Joe & Sharon Atkins; Lector: Rita Krahn; Servers: Makayla Steger, Sawyer Swiggum, Emma & Michael Bjurquist Ushers: Volunteers

Christmas Day, Dec. 25th at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's: Eucharistic Ministers: George Eastman, Merle & Barb Frommelt; Lector: Nancy Eastman; Servers: Makayla Steger, Tommy Mara, Logan & Tessa Higgins; Ushers: John Gilitzer, Volunteers

WE STILL NEED USHERS FOR THE 5:30 PM MASS AT ST. GABRIEL'S, 10:00 PM MASS AT ST. JOHN'S & THE SUNDAY 9:00 AM MASS AT ST. GABRIEL'S. PLEASE CALL ST. JOHN'S RECTORY IF YOU COULD HELP US OUT.

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Betty J. Standorf** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Thursday, Dec. 14th. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.