

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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*December 31, 2017 - The Holy Family*

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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## St. John Nepomuc

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Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821  
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## Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

## St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
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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.

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**REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR**

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*Let us pray  
(for peace in our families)*

*Father,*

*Help us to live as the Holy Family,  
united in respect and love.*

*Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen*



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 7

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 6/7

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

Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Becky Henry & Deacon Mark Grunwald

### SERVERS-JANUARY 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Seth & Jack MacEachern  
Ava Hager & Allison Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Scout Hall & Shelby Schroeder  
Addison Kirschbaum, Tommy Mara

### LECTORS-JANUARY 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Dan Schickert

Sunday 8:00 am J.J. Jackson

### USHERS-JANUARY 6/7

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-JANUARY 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Stephanie Zeeh

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 7

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Dr. Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Karen Hertrampf  
Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-JANUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Allison Kennedy  
Zach & Caleb Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Sawyer Swiggum & Julian DeGidio  
Ashlyn Knapp & Brogan Brewer

### LECTORS-JANUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

### USHERS-JANUARY 6/7

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

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara, Mark Mara, Dennis Mezera

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

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 SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S

New Year's Eve 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's

New Year's Day - 9:00 am at St. John's



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 31	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Priest's Intention.
Monday, January 1	9:00 am	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, January 2	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Rosella Scherlin
Wednesday, January 3	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† V. J. & David Bohnenkamp
Thursday, January 4	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Esther Fagan
Friday, January 5	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Donald Lochner
Saturday, January 6	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Pat Ertel
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Lora Young
Sunday, January 7	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Jim Boland

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The feast, not a solemnity, is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus: The Divine Son of God Jesus, his mother the Virgin Mary, and his foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the canonical Gospels, other than birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and the finding of Jesus in the temple

Devotion to the Holy Family is a recent development, but one that naturally grows out of a love for Jesus and his family. On October 26, 1921 the Congregation of Rites (under Pope Benedict XV) inserted the Feast of the Holy Family into the Latin Rite general calendar. Until then it had been celebrated regionally. Popes before Benedict XV promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit. Today the Church celebrates the Feast on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

St. Paul gives us some advice on family life in Colossians 3:12-21: *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged (RSV)*

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The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## 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, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, 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, 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, Andrew Prew.

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

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 17th	\$9,091.80	\$8,354.00
Plate for Dec. 17th	902.25	587.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,994.05</b>	<b>\$8,941.00</b>

The second collection came to \$2,028.08 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

During the holidays our bulletin has to go to press early so the collection for December 24th and Christmas will be posted in next week's bulletin.

**THANK YOU.....** I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all for the many cards and gifts this Christmas, especially for the prayers and Masses that have been offered. This time of year is truly humbling to serve as your pastor. May all Holy Family Parishioners be blessed this New Year with the peace of Christ. God bless.

Fr. Jim

**Christmas Flowers at Holy Family Parish were given in memory of:**

Bob Cejka, Bob Cejka, Jr., Terry Cejka, Lewis & Kathryn Lathrop Family, Eugene & Mary Gillitzer, Floyd & Viola Atkins, Bobby Atkins, Bill McCoy, Charles & Evelyn Heisz, Dortha Mitchel, Bruce Novey, Edward J. Novey, Jeanne Novey, Edward C. Novey, Ellen McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Stewart & Alberta Bradley, Jack & Jean Tesar, Bob Boland, Loretta Tesar, Bill & Virginia Dahman, Francis & Helen Wall, Mr. & Mrs. Don McGuire, Sr., Les Poots, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Theresa Teachman, Jack Steiner, Michael "Mick" Kramer, Reginald & Rose Kramer, Marlow & Ann Waller, Terry Waller, Allan Check, Melissa Cooley, Ann Yager, Ray & Evelyn Sprosty Families, Harold & Neil DuCharme, Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz,

Mary Ellen Linder, Jonathan Steger, John Steger, Roger & Charlotte (Voth) Steiner Family, William & Lora Young, Mary Marcella MacEachern, Deceased members of the Grace & Anthony Mezera Family, William Rice, John & Ursula Kasperek & Family, James Coorough, Mary Nash, William & Mary Crowley Family, James & Carol Coorough Family, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, Margaret Wachter, Evelyn & Ken Picha, Mary Katherine DeFord, Herb Schneider, Bernard & Marcella Gillitzer, Matthew & Rose Mezera, Alma & Jerome Smith, Lawrence Novey, deceased members of the Edward & Mae Bock Family, deceased members of the Albert & Anna Novey Family, Robert Walz, James Looney, Agnes Ocenosak, June Tyler.

**Seminarian Daniel Williams needs our prayers:**

**Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary,  
All Saints, Stanley**

*If we belong to Christ, it is logical that everything we have truly belong to Him*

**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, December 31**

**Sunday Mass** at St. Gabriel's is at 8:00 am and 10:00 am at St. John's

4:00 pm Mass for New Year's Eve at St. Gabriel's

**Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

9:00 am Mass for New Year's Day at St. John's

**Tuesday, January 2**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

**Wednesday, January 3**

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

**Thursday, January 4**

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

**Friday, January 5**

**Saturday, January 6**

**Sunday, January 7**

Coffee & Rolls will be served after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria; the drawing for the Sweepstake Calendar and Holy Name Raffle will take place at that time also.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Breakfast at Hardies on Saturday, January 13th. This is a fundraiser for the JWalkers. More information to follow.**

**MANY THANKS** to the family of Donald Lochner for the generous donation to our Share and Care Program at Prairie Catholic School in his memory. We greatly appreciate this gift.

**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 & Deanne 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 Konichek, 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 Kussmaul, Eugene LaPointe, Jack & Mary Ann Leake, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Patricia Lenzendorf, Edward Linder, Norma Lochner.