

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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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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January 22, 2017 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mt 4:18-19



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 29TH

Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Tom Steiner, &  
Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Ann Lessard, Rhonda  
Stubbe

### SERVERS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Owen & Breanna Teynor  
Mitchell Colson & Brady Luster

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Thomas Mara  
Jonah Linder & Clare Teynor

### LECTORS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

### USHERS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Gene Kirschbaum, Richard Steiner,  
Bob Ziel, & Jim Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Don Osterhaus, John Gillitzer, Mark  
Hamann

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 29TH

Kathleen Deluhery & Joan Poots

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Doris  
Krogman

& Jean Ann Dillman

### SERVERS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick Holler & Sadie Koresh

Kylie Kramer & Makayla Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Lindsey Nolan & Dustin Nolan  
Katelyne & Jesse Lutz

### LECTORS-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Catholic School Students

### USHERS-JANUARY 28/29

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-JANUARY 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Amy Young

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!



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 24	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Juanita Tully
Wednesday, January 25	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Edmund Jelinek
Thursday, January 26	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Paul Kovarik
Friday, January 27	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Rosella Scherlin
Saturday, January 28	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Cletus Steffensmeier For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, January 29	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Lawrence Geisler † Connie Esser

### 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.)

**Human Life is Valuable** As Christians, we believe that every human life is valuable, unique, and irreplaceable. This is one of the most important beliefs of our faith. If it wasn't true, it wouldn't have made any sense for Jesus Christ to come to earth and die for us. But He did. Because of that, we believe that the worth of a human being is not determined by the government, a vote of the people, a judge, or a person's parents. It's determined by God – who tells us in Jeremiah that “before you were born, I knew you.”

The easiest thing in the world is to see unique and irreplaceable value in someone who is smart, popular, rich, or powerful. But it is very difficult to see that value in someone who is weak, dependent, and vulnerable – like the elderly, the sick, and the dying.

It is especially difficult to see it in someone who is unborn. These people do not seem irreplaceable, because they do not seem to be doing anything important. They are not building bridges and skyscrapers. They are not going to college and starting businesses. They are not writing books, making lots of money, and getting interviewed on television. They are not getting elected to office, starring in movies, or winning football games. In fact, in the eyes of the world, these unnoticeable people are not doing much of anything – other than making a carbon footprint and causing the rest of us a lot of work.

Being Christian causes us to see things differently than the world sees them. The world believes that what makes life worth living is material wealth and accomplishments. But we believe that what really makes life worth living is love, generosity, and self-sacrifice. This belief should change the way we look at issues like abortion, euthanasia, and physician-assisted suicide.

The world says that we need abortion because women can't find happiness if a baby comes between them and their plans. But Christ teaches that we need the unborn child, because no one can find happiness without learning how to sacrifice ourselves for the needs of someone else. And who teaches this lesson better than a completely helpless and dependent unborn baby?

The world says that we need abortion because women can't climb the ladder of success if an unexpected child comes along. But Christ teaches that we cannot be successful by sacrificing our brothers and sisters in order to get ahead.

The world says that we need abortion because love means that every child should be a wanted child. But Christ teaches that if we kill people we don't want, we abandon the very heart of love.

The world says that we need physician-assisted suicide because you lose quality of life when you are dying of a terminal illness. But Christ teaches that the best quality of life comes from accepting His love and mercy – something that is frequently easier to do when we are sick, frail, weak, and old. When we really understand that happiness, success, quality of life, and freedom are about giving ourselves for the good of others, it becomes easier to see why abortion and euthanasia undermine the very meaning of our lives.

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Our Church is pro-life because the pro-life position reflects the very heart of Christ's ministry – a ministry filled with faith, hope, and love. And being part of a pro-life church means being willing to learn more and share what we know with others.

Jesus Christ didn't have to come into the world in the form of an unborn child. He was God. He could have done anything He wanted. He could have entered as a mighty and powerful king, as an athletic champion, or as a great and terrible warrior. But he didn't. Why not? There's a reason why Christ chose to come into the world in the form of an unborn child. He was teaching us something. He was saying, “This is where love begins. And real power lies in love.” If you can love the very littlest of all people, then you understand what being a Christian is all about.

Article from Healing the Culture 605 2nd Street, Suite 218 Snohomish, WA 98290 <https://www.healingtheculture.com/>

## 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, 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, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Eugene Gillitzer, 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, Bonnie Reilly, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera.

**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 January 15th	\$6,511.00	\$5,335.00
Plate for January 15th	561.07	475.81
Heat Envelopes	<u>1,092.00</u>	<u>1,001.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,164.07</b>	<b>\$6,811.81</b>

The second collection came to **\$864.12** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

#### 4a CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Prairie Catholic School will once again celebrate Catholic School's Week the last week of Jan\ first week of Feb. On Wednesday Feb 1 we will host a Burgers and Fries Night, a Book Fair in the Library and a talent show with performances by students and staff. Please join us on Wed Feb 1 at our school. We will also have our new gymnasium and Day Care areas open for tours. Hope to see a great turnout.

#### SWISS STEAK DINNER

Holy Family Parish will host their annual Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 5th at St. Gabriel's School Hall. Serving will be from 10:45 am to 1:00 pm. Carryout will be available. Please plan to attend this popular parish mid-winter gathering.

#### Swiss Steak Dinner Work List for February 5th

**Saturday Morning Set-up 8:00 am or earlier if possible:** John Gillitzer, Ed, Louis, Tim & Terry Steger, Mick Rooney, Cliff Stram, Ken & Jack Stoeffler, John Luster, Don Osterhaus, and other volunteers

**Saturday Morning Table Set-up:** Mark Hamann, Bill Huser, Don Cipra & John Chaffee & volunteers

**Sunday Morning Cooks:** Ed, Terry & Tim Steger, John Gillitzer, Brad Steiner, Bob Ziel, Brian Nelson, Larry Dahman, Keith Neisius and other volunteers

**Money Barrel:** Don Cipra, Bill Check, Mark Hamann, Butch Boland, John Chaffee, Mark Pedretti and volunteers

**Tickets:** Russ Eulgem, Gene Kirschbaum, Mark Gilberts and any other volunteers

**Ushers:** Layne David, Gary Adams, Randy Bushnell, & Gary Keeney, Jim Welsch

**Serving Line:** Bill Huser, Bill Nicholson, Jim Welsch

**Waiters:** John Kramer, Gary Howe, John Nolan, Pat Nolan, Nick & Brad Gilberts, Terry Igou, Jim Jackson, J.J. Jackson, Mark Pedretti, Rod Fishler, Bryan Irvin, Gene Jelinek, Mike Stram, Gary Stram, Ken Stoeffler, Rick & Conner Morovits, and volunteers

**Milk & Coffee:** Rick Groom, Mark Groom, Jeff & Brian Groom, Tim Baxter, Al & Vince Weber, Jeff DuCharme, John Balk, Jim McGrath, Ryan Kossman, Derrick Eastman

**Dishes, Pots & Pans:** Dave Walz, Jeff Nack, Brian Steiner, Dirk Steiner, Derrick Eastman, Larry Dahman, Steve & Mark Wachuta, Mick Rooney, Bruce Waller, Matt Stubbe, Gary Adams, Rod Fishler, Eric Teynor & Sons and Youth Group

**Carry-Outs** Russ Gillitzer, Joe Gillitzer, Steve Henry, Keith Neisius & Sons, Brad & Joe Linder, Jim & Ryan McGrath, Nate Mezera and any other volunteers

**Pie Cutters:** Dave & Ray Check, John Gillitzer & Bill Nicholson

**Delivery:** Chris & Ethan Mara, Mike Tesar, Sheldon Tanner

**Clean up:** Tom & Cody Steiner, Tom Stram, Eric Teynor, Paul Bowar, Joe Bierman, Tim & Terry Steger & Volunteers

#### THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, January 22

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, January 25

5:30 pm Home & School meeting at St. Gabriel's School

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

Thursday, January 26

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

Beginning day of Catholic School's week

**Prairie Catholic Sweepstake Calendars** are on sale for the year of 2017-2018. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. The calendars are available at both rectories or from John Fischer (326-2827). Hurry time is running out - the first drawing will be February 5th at the Swiss Steak Dinner.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.** We will continue to list the names of all who responded. We will begin with 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, Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Joseph & Sharon Atkins, Irene Beneker, Mary Berger, Avalo & Lucille Berns, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, William & Wanda Check, Roger & Joan Check, Patricia Coorough, Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Loren & Ann Dohse, Mary Duffy, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Leo & Patti Flanders, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Karen Fritsche, Merle & Barb Frommelt, Roy & Vicki George, Mark Gerhards, Howard Gillitzer, John & Norma Gillitzer, William & Rita Hamann, Michael & Linda Heal, Jean Heiring, Dennis & Martha Hoeger, David & Connie Hudson, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Patricia Kramer, Daniel & Delores Kusmaul, Eugene LaPointe, Timothy & Theresa Looney, Patrick & Catherine Lorenz, Michael & Shirley MacEachern, Michael & Deborah Mara, Thomas Mara, Maurice & Bette Mayer, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Cletus Mezera, Aelred & Maria Mezera, Elizabeth Munson, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, Betty Nolan, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Bernard O'Connell, Richard & Verna Panka, Kyle & Michele Pattison.