

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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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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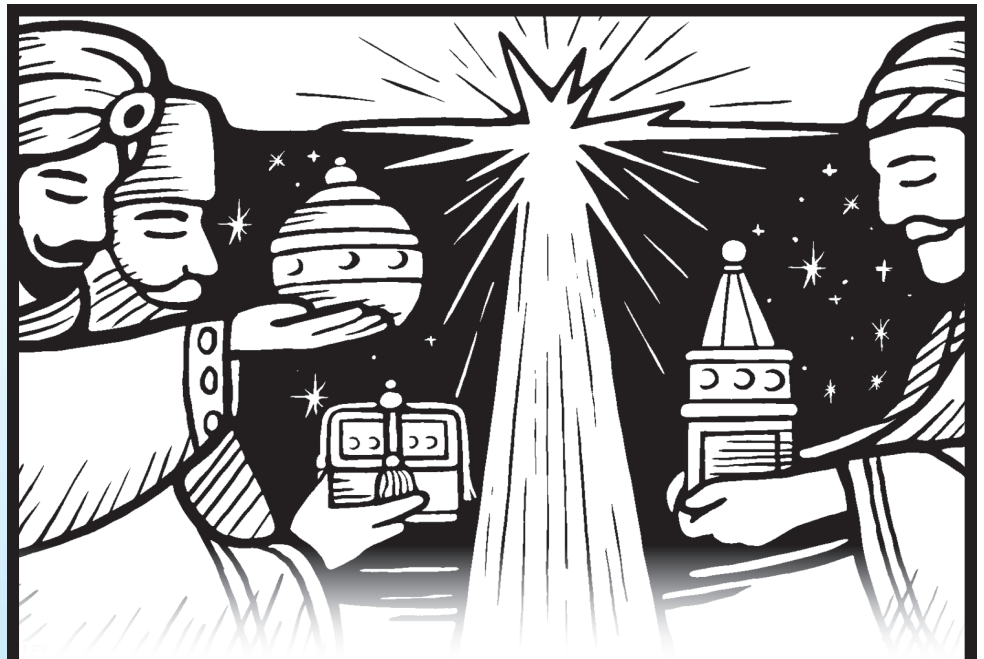
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January 8, 2017 - The Epiphany of the Lord

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Mt 2:10-11*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 15TH

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Tom Steiner, & Mary Kirschbaum

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

SERVERS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Shawn & JT Egstad
Jon Nicholson & Ryan Waller

Sunday 8:00 am Dominique & James Reilly
Nicole Rickleff & Allison Lindner

LECTORS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Arlene Willms

USHERS-JANUARY 14/15

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 15TH

Ann Quick, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Jean Ann Dillman,
Gene Carlson

SERVERS-JANUARY 14.15

Saturday 7:00 pm MaKenna Forde & Rebekah
Champion

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Tim
Looney, Dan Schickert

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott & Sheri Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Kalli Igou

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 10	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Mary Ellen Shedivy
Wednesday, January 11	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Deceased members of the William J. Young Family
Thursday, January 12	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Bob Boland
Friday, January 13	8:15 am	St. John's Church	John C. Mayer
Saturday, January 14	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	Richard DuCharme For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, January 15	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	Jim & Clara Powers Clem Stram

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.)

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT SACRAMENTS

We all know that the Catholic Church is a sacramental church. At some point you may have even memorized what a sacrament is: an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual divine grace. Can you name the sacraments; explain the categories, know which ones impart an indelible mark on one's soul; explain the difference between a sacrament and a sacramental? St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict can help us to a deeper understanding of a sacrament.

For St John Paul II, the sacraments are an encounter, but not just any encounter. We all have many encounters throughout our daily experience. On the one hand we can encounter a challenge at work, one that may require a creative solution to the problem. We can have encounters with people that challenge the deepest level of our hearts. Some of these are filled with joy; think of a service member returning home or a child finding a lost pet. Others are filled with grief or loss; we see these at funerals of loved ones or when facing a serious illness.

St JP II teaches the deepest encounter of all is the encounter we have with God, an encounter of intimacy that changes us. The sacraments are God's invitation to relationship with us, and our response to this invitation. They are *'the personal meeting with Christ, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives'*: and *'only in the encounter with him, the Word made Flesh, do we find the fullness of self-realization and happiness'*.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI teaches that while God invites us to deeper intimacy through various sacred experiences, *'it is through the seven sacraments we experience a grace filled encounter with the Risen Lord.'* The sacraments not something we get in order to gain favor with God, they are gifts from God, to draw us closer to God. In the sacraments we can hear, see, touch and taste the love of God given to us in his son. The life of God flows through his Son by the power of the Holy Spirit, and flows through the Church in liturgical rituals that express and discover profound communion with Jesus Christ and each other. In the baptismal water, we die and rise in Christ; in confirmation we are anointed with oil, strengthened and called; through the bread and wine of the Eucharist we are transformed into his body and blood; in the sacrament of penance we are not simply reminded of God's mercy and love, we experience his mercy and love and are forgiven by Christ; in the sacrament of Anointing we again are strengthened by Christ, and when we receive Viaticum we receive food for the journey home. The sacrament of marriage gives men and women the strength needed to be joined as one, physically and spiritually, and to bring about new life into the world; and the sacrament of Holy Orders brings about an ontological change in a man that allows him to act *in persona Christi*, that is in the person of Christ when performing his sacred duties.

Sacraments are broken down into 3 categories. Sacraments of Initiation; baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist. Sacraments of healing; Anointing and Penance, and the sacraments of service; Marriage and Holy Orders. Among these, three are conferred only once; baptism, confirmation and holy orders, while the others are received more than once.

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One last distinction is between the sacraments and a sacramental. Sacraments are the actual encounter with Christ that bring us into union or communion with God. A sacramental is a thing we use to remind us of this union. These include rosary's, medals, crucifix, paintings, stain glass windows, statues, holy water etc. These and so much more are related to the sacred, and are reminders of the sacramental life we live, a life of sacramental grace that is an encounter with our loving merciful Father, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit.

A blessed 2017 to all.

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 Konicheck, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shediwy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shediwy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shediwy, 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.

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

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Christmas Envelopes	\$16,289.00	\$19,304.41
Envelopes for Dec. 25th	\$6,011.00	\$8,875.25
Plate for Dec. 25th	<u>1,888.48</u>	<u>659.78</u>
Total	\$7,899.48	\$9,535.03
New Year's Day Envelopes	\$1,194.00	\$2,645.00
Envelopes for Jan. 1.....	7,938.00	\$9,365.00
Plate for Jan.	<u>780.65</u>	<u>642.50</u>
Total	\$8,718.65	\$10,007.50

The second collection for Dec. 25th came to \$1,073. 91 and the second collection for January 1st came to \$516.20 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

HOLY NAME RAFFLE WINNERS FOR JANUARY

\$10.00 Winners: Pat Eulgem, PdC; Norma Gillitzer, PdC; Carol Davis, Harpers Ferry, IA; Cliff Stram, PdC; Mallory Fulcher, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: Steve Johnsrude, Wauzeka; Duane Rogers, PdC

\$100.00 Winner: Mike Hazen, PdC

CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS FOR JANUARY

\$100.00: Tyler & Kirsten Erdenberger, Seneca; Karen White, PdC; Tessa Higgins, Wauzeka; Shelly Mergen, PdC; Janice Duve, PdC

\$50.00: Andrew Steger, PdC; Kari Sarazin, Dubuque; Dave Skemp, PdC; Cathy Betzle, PdC; Terri Duve, Holmen

\$25.00: Paul Krachey, PdC; Donna Steger, PdC; Gen Stubbe, PdC; John Luster, Sr., PdC; Linda Nauman, Sherrill, IA; Weber Chiropractic, PdC; Jim Coorough, Madison, AL; Stark's Sport Shop, PdC; Char Steger, PdC; Madonna Nauman, Dubuque; Lewis Marfilus, PdC; Ricky A. Brown, PdC; Erin Ihde, PdC; Geri Kozelka, PdC; Marie Mezera, PdC; Sue Tiller, PdC; Madonna Kapinus, PdC; John & Cheryl Kramer, Eastman; Lisa Beesecker, PdC; Hudson Pack, Dodgeville.

Meet the Immediate Needs of your Community as a Catholic Charities Receptionist. Be a part of the Catholic Charities team! We are looking for front desk receptionist volunteers to perform a variety of clerical duties to assist our various programs, and to meet the immediate needs of clients by directing phone calls, delivering messages, greeting clients and directing them to the proper program person. Please contact Sandy at 608-326-1616 or smarx@cclse.org if you would like to join us in making a difference in our community.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Rosella E. Scherlin** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Friday, December 30th at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

JWALKERS BREAKFAST at Hardees on Saturday, January 21st -\$6.00 all you can eat. You can purchase tickets at St. John's Rectory or any JWalker or contact Mary at 563-329-0149.

Prairie Catholic Sweepstake Calendars are on sale for the year of 2017-2018. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100. The calendars are available at both rectories or from John Fischer (326-2827).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH 4b

Sunday, January 8

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 10

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

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

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Council Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

JWalkers Mass at 10:00 am at St. John's

Because our bulletin had to go to press early last week we have more names to add to the memorials for Christmas Flowers. Charles & Evelyn Heiz and their deceased descendants; Robert & Brian Waller; Wencil & Leona Swatek; and Donald Fischer.

Thank you to all who helped decorate our churches this Christmas.

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.

Mary Barrette, Robert & Cecilia Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Timothy & Catherine Betzle, Patricia Boland, Patricia Boldt, Richard & Lora Chamberlain, Linda Cherrier, Charles & Teresa Connell, Janette DuCharme, Henry Esser, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, John & Betty Fischer, Paul & Matilda Flansburgh, John Forst, Mary Frydenlund, James & Ruth Gates, Glen & Christa Gillitzer, Randal Ginsterblum, Richard Ginsterblum, Ronald & Dianne Goodman, Donald & Teresa Heal, James Jackson, Robert & Rita Kazda, Jan & Odean Kieser, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Aaron & Sarah Kramer, Armella Kueter, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Patricia Lenzendorf, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Anne Mezera, Mark & Mary Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Terry & Janet Neisius, David & Marilyn Nies, William Nugent, Terry & Anita Reglin, Frederick & Lynette Reichmann, Lorraine Rice, Lauretta Rod, Nathan Root, Helen Schneider, Robert & Ethel Sebastian, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Millie Senesac, Monica Shedivy, David & Joan Skemp, Anna Mae Steffensmeier.