

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

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Please call St. John's Rectory office.

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Please contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

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3rd Sunday of Lent

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." *Jn 4:9a, 10*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 26

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Mary Kirschbaum,
Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Becky Henry, Mark Gilberts, Lucy
Cornford

SERVERS-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Ava & Ella Hager
Jon Nicholson & Ryan Waller

Sunday 8:00 am Chase & Madilyn Fisher
Kennedy Kirschbaum & Scout Hall

LECTORS-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

USHERS-MARCH 25/26

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

Sunday 8:00 am Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar, Butch
Boland & Jim McGrath

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 26

Deacon Mark Grunwald, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

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

SERVERS-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick Holler & Sadie Koresh
Kylie Kramer & Makayla Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Kendall Hill & Nick Mara
Katelyne & Jesse Lutz

LECTORS-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Scott Kennedy

USHERS-MARCH 25/26

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-MARCH 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Sheri Kennedy

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, March 21	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Cletus Steffensmeier
Wednesday, March 22	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Marilyn Trappe
Thursday, March 23	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Aloysius Gillitzer Family
Friday, March 24	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Jack Kluesner
Saturday, March 25	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Herb Schneider For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, March 26	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Eileen Boland † V. J. Bohnenkamp

HOW CAN WE LIVE A BETTER LENT?

For the past couple weeks, I have been reflecting on how to live a better Lent. Pope Francis has also posted a letter on this, and I thought it merited to be repeated. How often do you check your phone each day? For most of us, this is getting to be something we do many times a day, even in the midst of regular business, driving the car, at the grocery store or any number of things we do every day. If we spent even a tiny amount of that time praying or reading Sacred Scripture, this could be a great way to grow in our relationship with God this Lent.

How can we do this? Place an app on your smart phone that takes you to a Sacred Scripture site. There are many such apps available. Then when you open your phone, before checking your email, read a line or two from the Bible; before checking your Facebook, read a line or two from the Bible; before looking at your calendar, read a line from the bible. Pope Francis says in this way our everyday activities can be a path of holiness that can lead us into a deeper relationship with our heavenly Father.

WHY DON'T CATHOLICS EAT MEAT ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT?

And why do some continue this practice throughout the year?

It is not about food safety in days gone by, or keeping the fishing industry going, or because meat in the past was difficult to obtain and was expensive, or even because it seems as if the simplicity of Jesus' life style warrants imitating him in this way. This tradition has been observed for centuries as a way to mark the day Jesus gave of himself on the cross for our salvation, that Good Friday afternoon.

Abstinence is one of our oldest traditions, and can be traced to the first century. Until 1966, this was part of Canon Law for every Friday during the year, but now is only required on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. With the correct intention, this is also a form of penance and prayer. It is a visible reminder to turn away from sin and back to God. When we abstain from meat, we take the focus off ourselves and place it on Jesus upon the cross and the sacrifice he made for us, desiring to unite ourselves with this sacrifice in a small way.

One point that is often missed is that while the prohibition to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year has been removed, the requirement to offer some sort of sacrifice, penance or prayer every Friday to unite ourselves with Christ on his cross has not been removed. This is why many Catholics continue to refrain from eating meat on Friday. United to the infinite sacrifice of Christ on his cross, our small sacrifice of a meatless Friday has infinite merit as well. We see abstinence is more than a negative 'going without' or a reminder of that day he suffered on the cross. It is itself a prayer and a way of uniting with his sacrifice, offering ourselves as a vessel through which he can work in our world.

"Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same thought, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin" (1 Peter 4:1).

PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

Another article I read spoke of a family tradition of offering a decade of the rosary for the family each day. This author offered this with the family right away in the morning. It takes only 3 minutes to do this. The prayer is then offered for parents, children, siblings. You could offer this for one that is fallen away from the faith, perhaps a sibling you don't see eye to eye with, a parent who is suffering, a child going through a difficult time or in need of a job or perhaps there is need of forgiveness within the family ties. Satan attacks the family in so many ways, and this little way can offer a shield of protection for them and yourself. Offer up this 3 minutes a day for the Lenten season and see if God doesn't begin to open doors.

Fr. Jim

The Cross of the Passion

An area Catholic has drawn on the best available evidence to create a realistic depiction of Jesus on his Cross. Come Friday, March 24th at 7:00 pm to St. Wenceslaus in Eastman to see this impressive, life-sized crucifix and hear Father Feltes speak on the historical sources it is based upon.

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 & Celine 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.

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

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 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 the school office, both rectories and at the Scrip table after the weekend Masses.

If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year and would like to attend a celebration at Christ the King Chapel in La-Crosse with Bishop William Callahan on August 13th please inform your rectory office so we can forward your name and address to the Diocese. Thank you.

DEANERY CONFESSION SERVICES

Sun Mar 19	3:00 PM	St. Gabriel
Sun Mar 26	7:00 PM	St. Mary, Gays Mills
Thurs Mar 30	7:00 PM	St. Wenceslaus, Eastman

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will continue to list the names of all who responded. We have a few more names to add to our donor list. Nathan Mezera, Dr. Walter & Mary Boisvert, Janette Nicholson, Mark & Lisa Mara. If you have not donated yet there is still time to do so and many thanks to all who have already donated.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for March 12	\$6,155.00	\$7,397.00
Plate for March 12	626.50	703.64
Electronic Transfers	<u>1,467.00</u>	<u>1,702.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,248.50	\$9,802.64

The second collection came to \$346.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

Sunday, March 19

3:00 pm Confession Service at St. Gabriel's Church

Monday, March 20

Tuesday, March 21

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 22

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's

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

Thursday, March 23

Friday, March 24

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's with Benediction followed by Mass on Saturday

4:00 to 7:00 pm Cod Fish Fry at Holy Family Fellowship Hall; All are invited

Saturday, March 25

8:00 am Mass at St. John's during Lent

Sunday, March 26

7:00 pm Confession Service at St. Mary's, Gays Mills

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to help take care of interior decorations at St John's church. Kathy Leard has taken care of this for the past few years, and we would like to thank Kathy for her years of service taking care of this. She has agreed to help train her replacement, so If you might be interested, please speak with Kathy or Fr. Jim. Thank you and God bless.

REMINDER: Scrip Gift Cards make a great gift for any occasion. Scrip can be purchased at both rectories, our school and after Mass on the weekends.

Cod Fish Fry at Holy Family Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 24th with serving from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. \$9.00 for Adults, \$4.00 ages 6-12 and under 6 are FREE. There will be Grilled Cheese & Fries for \$1.00 for kids 12 and under. Bring your family and friends.

