

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

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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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May 28, 2017 - *The Ascension of the Lord*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



Ascension of the Lord

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." *Mt 28:18b-19*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JUNE 4TH

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra, Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 10:00 am Becky Henry, Mark Gilberts

SERVERS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Seth & Jack MacEachern
Mitchell Colson & Brady Luster

Sunday 10:00 am Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp
Logan & Tessa Higgins

LECTORS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm John Chaffee

Sunday 10:00 am Arlene Willms

USHERS-JUNE 3/4

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

Sunday 10:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Jim McGrath & Nathan Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 10:00 am Kalli Igou



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JUNE 4TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Karen Hertrampf
& Doris Krogman

SERVERS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Matthias Gerhards & Logan Brown
Kori Jaynes & Allison Kennedy

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

LECTORS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Norb Aschom

USHERS-JUNE 3/4

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

Sunday 8:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara,
Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-JUNE 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott & Sheri Kennedy

Sunday 8:00 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 Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, May 30	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Roy & Thelma LaBonne
Wednesday, May 31	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Special Intention
Thursday, June 1	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Caryl Wachuta
Friday, June 2	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Cy Moris
Saturday, June 3	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Margaret Wachter † Janet Beinborn
Sunday, June 4	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. John's Church St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Donald McGuire, Sr.

MEMORIAL DAY

As we prepare for Memorial Day celebrations this year, it is good to recall that this is more than the unofficial start to the summer season. For all Americans, Memorial Day is a special time to remember all those that have died in the service to our nation and freedom, including soldiers, police officers and firefighters. In addition, for Catholic Christians there is something more as well. This is a great time to reflect on the meaning of human freedom and to offer thanks to God for the Church which proclaims the way to the fullness of that freedom.

In our world today there is a distorted meaning to freedom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church helps us gain a fuller understanding of true freedom. *"The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin." Freedom makes man responsible for his acts to the extent that they are voluntary. Progress in virtue, knowledge of the good, and asceticism enhance the mastery of the will over its acts."* (See, CCC #1731-1734)

The Church teaches there are two aspects to our freedom, our nature and the purpose of humanity. We are more than material beings, we are body and soul, made in the image and likeness of God, endowed with free will and reason. The perfection of any created thing is the ability to fully act according to its nature. Not being able to do so is to be lacking in a good and results in a loss of freedom.

Scott Hahn speaks of the nature of a thing in terms of something we are very familiar with; trains. It is their nature to run on tracks, and as long as it remains on the tracks, people and goods can be delivered to their destinations in a timely manner. What if the train decided the tracks were impeding its freedom? A derailment is not an issue of a train gaining freedom, but results in a kind of slavery. Acting according to our nature allows us to be all we can be.

In *The Gospel of Life* St John Paul II shows that when freedom is no longer based on objective truth, it destroys itself. He says *since freedom is inherently relational, if the self is understood in terms of absolute autonomy, as it is in secular society, then people will eventually reject each other as each person seeks to have their interests prevail. Thus, society becomes a mass of competing individuals without mutual bonds. Such a society does not become more free; it becomes less free as vice, corruption, brutality, and oppression inevitably increase.*

These examples show that the need for freedom is imprinted into our very nature, and for that reason men and women throughout history have been willing to make even the ultimate sacrifice to attain or retain freedom. Our Creator instilled this into our very nature in order that we might seek Him to the best of our ability, and it is the obligation of the state to ensure its citizens are free to exercise this freedom. If the state fails in this obligation, at some point human beings will rightly fight and die for true freedom.

Please keep this in mind this Memorial Day as we honor all men and women who have died so we may continue to choose freedom, and also remember our Church who has defended the dignity of freedom of the human person for over 2000 years.

Have a blessed and safe Memorial Day.

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, Peyton Kraushaar, 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 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, Dean Heintz, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Michele Gale Tiller Karr, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Stan Garnsworthy, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Wilbur Rupp, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Knights of Columbus members are asked to plan to attend a meeting on Tuesday June 6th in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM. This is a special meeting to set the course of our K of C chapter in Prairie du Chien. Hope to see you there.

Grand Knight John Chaffee

REMINDER: Scrip gift cards make great gifts for any occasion. An easy way to create extra funds for our parish & school.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for May 21st	\$5,952.00	\$5,845.00
Plate for May 21st	<u>816.76</u>	<u>715.59</u>
Total	\$6,768.76	\$6,560.59

The second collection came to \$795.91 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses. The second collection at the 10:00 am Mass came to \$281.66 and will be used to help defray the cost of the Polka band.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MISSION TRIP SPONSORS:

We are still looking for sponsors for our youth mission trip. These 18 young men and women are covering half the cost of this mission trip themselves, plus giving up 10 days of their summer sports and jobs to join with other youth from our diocese to serve those in need. This year, they will travel to the Gatlinburg, TN area that was affected by wild fires last summer. If you are able to sponsor one of our youth with a \$200 donation please contact the parish office, or place your donation in the Sunday collection. Please keep this group in your prayers as well.

Thank you and God bless

SERVER BASEBALL APPRECIATION TRIP

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus trip into Milwaukee to see the Brewers take on the St Louis Cardinals on August 3rd. Parents of servers, please sign up soon. Children in 4th grade need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sign-up sheets are available at the parish office or on our webpage (www.prairiecatholic.org) The cost is only \$15.00 for servers. Adult tickets will be available as room allows for \$30.00. Price includes bus, game ticket, tail-gate lunch and paper bag dinner on the ride home.

“NUN CAMP” This June 12th-16th, two Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist will lead a summer school at St. Wenceslaus in Eastman. Any and all youth (who have completed 1st up through 8th grade) are welcome to join the faith-filled fun. Registration forms are available in the back of church.

The Winners of our Cash Raffle are:

\$7,500.00 -Holly Horihan/Carson Horihan
\$2,500.00 - Megan Steger; \$2,500.00 - Dennis Miller & Jeff Novinski (\$1,250.00 each)
\$250.00 - Art Conley, Max Schneider, Jim R. White, Angie Martin, Holly Horihan, Loretta Manders, Shelly Mergen, Anna Steffensmeier, Char Steger, Jan Kozelka.
Congratulations to our winners and **thanks** to all who participated.

Many thanks to all who attended our Bohemian Dinner and to all who worked so hard to make it a success. As soon as all bills are paid we will publish the profit. Money Barrel winners are: Norb Aschom, George & Nancy Eastman (\$100.00 ea.)

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, May 28

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, May 31

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

Saturday, June 3

Sunday, June 4

Coffee & Rolls in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:00 am Mass at St. John's plus the drawing for the Lottery Sweepstake Calendar winners and the Holy Name Raffle

The following students graduated from 8th grade at Prairie Catholic School last Tuesday evening at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish:

Macey Banasik, Megan Bearce, Rebekah Champion, Chase Fisher, Ella Hager, Kendall Hill, Kennedy Kirschbaum, Makenzie Knapp, Jonah Linder, Brady Luster, Jonathan Nicholson, Kyle Quick, Dominique Reilly, Paige Schneider, Clare Teynor, Kathryn Welsch, and Garrett Young.



We congratulate our
GRADUATES

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. Robert & Linda Vance, Peter & Mary Neisius. If you have not donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal there is still time to do so.

**HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE
MEMORIAL DAY**