

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.

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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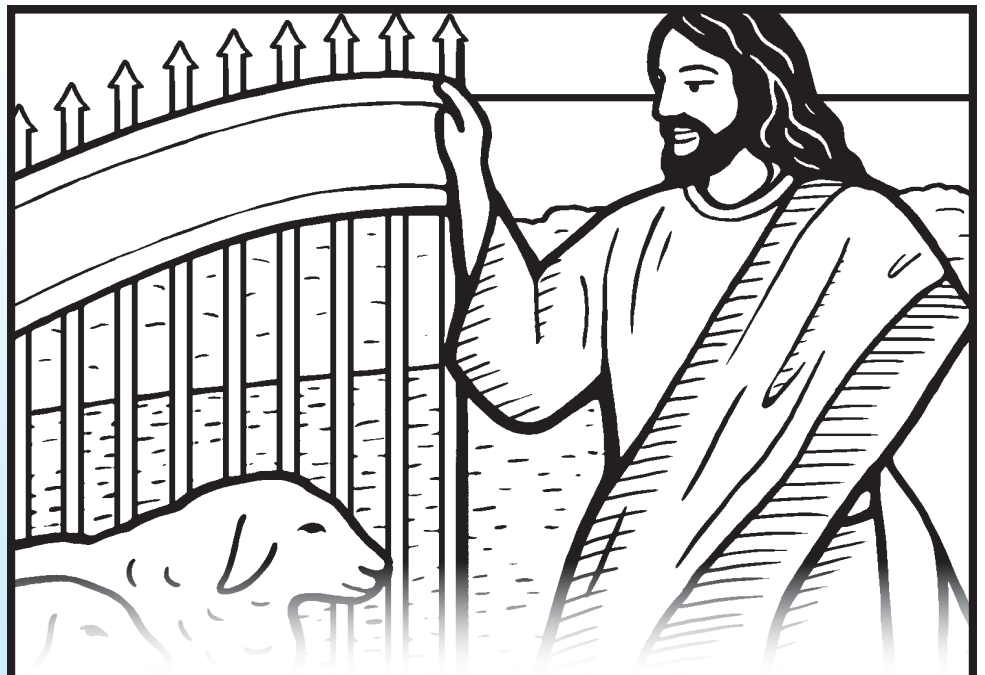
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May 7, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Easter

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



4th Sunday of Easter

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." *Jn 10:2-4*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 14TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Richard Ambrose &
Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am Dave Hemmer, Megan Pedretti

SERVERS-May 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm 8th Grade Students

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Thomas Mara
Nicole Rickleff & Allison Lindner

LECTORS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Dan Schickert

Sunday 8:00 am Steve Schwager

USHERS-MAY 13/14

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, John Chaffee, Tom
Hampton, John Gillitzer

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 14TH

Merle & Barb Frommelt, Shirley MacEachern

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Karen Hertrampf
Verna Panka

SERVERS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick Holler & Sadie Koresh

Kylie Kramer & Makayla Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Julian DeGidio & Dawson Eastman
Logan & Tessa Higgins

LECTORS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Tyler
Rochleau

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul
Porvaznik & Ron Trautsch

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 13/14

Saturday 7:00 pm Amy Young

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!



Tuesday, May 9	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Janet Beinborn
Wednesday, May 10	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Nancee Koch
Thursday, May 11	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Marie Fleeman Markham
Friday, May 12	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Eugene Gillitzer
Saturday, May 13	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Raoul Steiner † Jim & Clara Powers
Sunday, May 14	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Marian Bernabei For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

A PEACE PLAN FROM HEAVEN

May 13 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother Mary to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. Taking place in 1917, Our Lady appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, on the 13th of each month between May and October. It is important to make a distinction between public Revelation, the definitive teachings of Christ through the Catholic Church and “private” revelation, such as apparitions of Mary. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called ‘private’ revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (Paragraph 67). In other words, Our Blessed Mother is intentionally drawing our attention to a particular aspect of the faith that we believe, but in which we may have grown lax. Our renewed practice is critically important in our personal lives and for the whole world.

No private revelation has been shown more approval, by more popes, than that of Fatima, both by their words and by their official visits. The upcoming canonization of Jacinta and Francisco is arguably the most powerful indication of that approval. Our Lady appeared to the three children in 1917 against the backdrop of the First World War, which had introduced Europe to horrific forms of violence. The following year, the Communist revolution rocked Russia, and the next six decades would see the people of that country and of the rest of Eastern Europe oppressed by militant atheistic governments.

Mary reassured the children in a gentle voice, saying “Do not be afraid; I will do you no harm.” She told Lucia, “I come from Heaven.” She asked the children if they would “pray the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.” On June 13, as Mary appeared to the three children, Lucia asked, “What do you want me to do?” The Lady responded, “Continue to pray the Rosary every day and after the Glory Be of each mystery, add these words: ‘O my Jesus, forgive us our sins! Save us from the fire of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.’”

Before the apparitions began, the children were devout in the Catholic Faith and spent time in prayer each day. While allowing the sheep to graze, they were committed to praying the Rosary at noon. However, being “ordinary” children and desiring to play games every chance they could, they began praying the “quick Rosary.” They would pray the first two words of each prayer: Our Father, Hail Mary, Hail Mary..., in order to be as brief as possible. When Our Lady explained that many individuals go to Hell because there are none to pray and make sacrifices for them, the children understood the importance of the Rosary and its wonderful power to bring souls to God. In 1917, Mary spoke of a second World War that would take place if people did not cease offending God. This message that Our Lady gave to the children of Fatima was for the whole world. As we know, that war took place and sadly millions of lives were lost. The people of that time did not heed Mary’s warning. God loves us so much that He desires for us to know Him and receive His personal love. We offend God when we don’t make time for Him each day in prayer.

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Praying the Rosary is essential because we think about events in the life of Jesus and Mary. We encounter Christ through quietly thinking about how He faced various situations in life, which prove to be helpful in our own circumstances. Further, we are transformed by praying the words of three profound prayers: The Our Father, which Jesus gave us; the Glory Be which gives glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and the Hail Mary which asks for her intercession as the Mother of God. If praying the Rosary each day seems too daunting, start out by praying a decade, and a Rosary will be completed every five days.

As we anticipate the 100th Anniversary beginning on May 13, it seems that we are facing a similar situation, with the real danger of war. Let us heed the request of Our Lady to pray the Rosary. We can trust that this Peace Plan from Heaven, first given in 1917, can still be put into action today and bear the results that Our Lady promised to the three children at Fatima

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 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, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes.

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 April 30th	\$5,827.00	\$8,720.00
Plate for April 30th	<u>976.62</u>	<u>913.35</u>
Total	\$6,803.62	\$9,633.35

The second collection came to **\$446.70** and will be forwarded to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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 Place 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 True Value, Hartig Drug, Peoples State Bank, Old National Bank, Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly, the school office, both rectories and at the Scrip table after the weekend Masses.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Darleen L. Knapp** and **JoAnn Shea** in your prayers. Darleen's funeral was held on Wednesday, May 3rd at St. Gabriel's of the Holy Family Parish and JoAnn's funeral will be held Saturday, May 20th at St. John's of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

The Unit Chairpersons for May are:

Josh & Angela Wagner, Gerald & Rose Wright, Derek & Sarah Eastman

NATIONAL TEACHER'S DAY.....

Tuesday, May 9th is National Teacher's Day --Say "Thank You" to the special teachers that you know. Let them know that they are appreciated for all that they do.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Family of God, **NEVAEH ANN JOHNSON**, daughter of Alan Johnson & Heather Cejka through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Nevaeh Ann** and her family.

Reminder....With graduations just around the corner Scrip Gift Cards make great gifts!

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, May 7

9:00 AM Coffee & Rolls in St. Gabriel's Hall plus drawing for the Sweepstake Calendar winners & Holy Name Raffle winners

Monday, May 8

Tuesday, May 9 - National Teacher's Day

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, May 10

Thursday, May 11

8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's for our volunteers with a reception to follow

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

6:00 pm Finance meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

Sunday, May 14 - Mothers Day

Roses will be sold after each Mass

The red rose has been chosen as a beautiful symbol of life. For that reason, our newly formed pro-life group, the Life Guardians, will be selling long stemmed red roses on Mother's Day weekend. As in the past, this is a fund raiser which supports various pro-life efforts - at the same time showing love and appreciation for all mothers. Suggested donations:

1 rose for \$3.00; 2 roses for \$5.00 and 1 dozen for \$25.00.

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. Charles & Georgia Hutchison, David & Karen Nelson Mark Check, Lynn Kozelka, Ann Berns and Donald & Shirley Cipra. If you have not donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal there is still time to do so.

Parishioners who have helped in the school this past year are invited to our Volunteer Mass & Reception on Thursday, May 11th. Mass will be held at 8:15 am at St. Gabriel's with reception to follow in the school hall.

**BOHEMIAN DINNER SUNDAY, MAY 21
HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HALL
SERVING FROM 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

ALL ARE INVITED