

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.

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November 12, 2017 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:10b-12



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 19

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Laura Meyer,
Kathy Schneider
Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Becky Henry
& Megan Pedretti

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Allison Lindner & Mitchell Colson
Seth & Jack MacEachern
Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Thomas Mara
Nick Holler & Matthias Gerhards

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose
Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

USHERS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Gene
Kirschbaum, & Volunteer
Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, Nathan Mezera, Don
Osterhaus. & Jim McGrath

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 19

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald
Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Karen Hertrampf,
Peggy Gallagher

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Caleb & Zach Mezera
Sadie Koresh & Kori Jaynes
Sunday 10:00 am Julian DeGidio & Dawson Eastman
Ashlyn Knapp & Allison Kennedy

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler
Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

USHERS-NOVEMBER 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Tyler
Rochleau, Alex Schaefer
Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Mark
Mara, Dennis Mezera

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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!

**PLEASE NOTE:

Mass Locations have changed:
8:00 am at St. Gabriel's
10:00 am at St. John's



Tuesday, November 14	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Theresa Bushnell
Wednesday, November 15	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Poor Souls
Thursday, November 16	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Kevin Nugent
Friday, November 17	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Edward Zach
Saturday, November 18	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lawrence Novey
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
**Sunday, November 19	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Amberly Koch
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† JoAnn Shea

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.)

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

We began the month of November with All Saints on Nov 1st and All Souls on Nov 2nd. These set the stage for the entire month, and here at Holy Family we have a tradition of remembering all those that have passed from our parish during the past year at a special Mass. This year, that Mass will be the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday Nov 12. As we pray for the dead, it is good to remember the poor souls in Purgatory. We do not know which souls are in Purgatory, but we do hold this as a truth of our faith. Pope Emeritus Benedict wrote the following about Purgatory:

"If there were no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare to say to himself that they are able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be a 'pot turned out wrong that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. He can cleanse us in a way that we will be able to be with Him and stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory creates a pure heart in each person, and we are able to see we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being."

We can, and should, pray for our beloved dead throughout the year, but with a special emphasis during the month of November. Some we might remember in a special way include our parents, youth, those that have died unexpectedly and without the sacraments, clergy (recall one of your old priests or bishop), those that have committed suicide, our separated brothers and sisters, even our enemies.

There are two dangers in the above groups, which explain why they may be in need of our prayers. First, due to exemplary circumstances, it may be presumed they are in heaven. There is a modern temptation to canonize the dead, to think they are in heaven. We know they are with God, but we do not want to presume on His love and mercy. If we place them in heaven in our mind, we can forget to pray for them, which may delay their entrance into heaven.

The second danger is that they have no one to pray for them. Many of our separated brothers and sisters do not believe in Purgatory, and so have no one to pray for them. Perhaps circumstances surrounding a person's death was tragic, or perhaps they committed suicide. They are in need of our prayers. There are those that really have no family to remember them in prayer, and these are in need of our prayers as well. Praying for the poor souls in Purgatory is a good way to offer prayers for those we do not know in this life, but if our prayers and sacrifices are the means of their entry into heaven, we will certainly have a friend praying for us in our time.

Do not forget to pray for your enemies. Every human is a child of God. We all have those in our life that we find disagreeable, perhaps even some who are our enemies. Asking for God's mercy upon their soul is a great personal sacrifice, but this is also one way to follow Jesus' command to love our enemies. If we forgive and show mercy, perhaps God will do so for our soul one day.

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The month of November is a special month for ourselves as we walk our path in this life, but also for those that have gone before. Yes, some of our loved ones may be in heaven already, but perhaps some are in need of our prayers to receive the grace to pass into heaven. We don't know, so it is good to pray for them, and entrust them to God's mercy. If they are in heaven, our prayers will be directed to another soul in need of them, and perhaps one day their intercession will lead us into heaven with them.

God bless

Fr. Jim

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May They Rest In Peace.

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, 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, 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, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Scott Plondke, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Wilbur Rupp, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaige Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Jerry Cummings, Joanne Prew, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley.

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 Nov. 5th	\$6,993.00	\$8,269.00
Plate for Nov. 5th	767.06	787.00
All Saints Day	<u>1,082.00</u>	<u>904.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,842.06	\$9,960.00

The second collection came to \$508.77 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

\$1500.00 Cash donated by parishioners: Gerald Stram; \$500.00 Cash donated by parishioners: Janet Steiner; \$500.00 in Scrip donated by parishioners: Nancy Aschom; 1/4 Beef w/processing donated by Steger Farms: Sara Schneider; Men's Citizen Chronograph Watch donated by Elliott Jewelers: Yvonne Gillitzer; \$250.00 Cash donated by Peoples Sate Bank: John Powers; 1 Night stay Grand Master Suite donated by Americinn: Mary E. Steiner; \$200.00 Cash donated by Garrity Funeral Home: Jill Mara; \$150 Scrip donated by John & Norma Gillitzer: Lyle Wilkinson; 1 Night Stay at Country Inn & Suites: Renee Ingle; \$100 Cash donated by Butch & Bonnie Boland: Mary Osterhaus; \$100.00 Cash donated by Mrs. Richard DuCharme: Michael E. Demuth; \$100.00 Cash donated by Check's Antiques: Aelred Mezera; \$100.00 Cash donated by Patrick & John Nolan Families: Tom & Karen Steiner; \$100.00 Cash donated by Paul Flansburgh: Ray & Pam Check; \$100.00 Cash donated by John & Joyce Luster Sunburst Memorial: Lucy Cornford; \$100.00 Cash donated by Blackhawk Motors: Patricia Boldt; \$100.00 Cash donated by Kussmaul Insurance: Verna Panka; \$100.00 Cash donated by Thornburg-Grau Funeral Home: Joseph Novey; \$100.00 Cash donated by Hess Auto & Tire/Ken Hess: Anne Mezera; \$100.00 Donated by Adams Auction Service: Bernard Mayer; \$100.00 Donated by Jeff Clauson, Edward Jones: LaVern Hampton, Jr; Children's Outdoor Chair donated by Tiller Furniture: Henry Esser; 2 \$50.00 Cash donated by Pedretti Farms: Janette DuCharme and Mark & Ronna DuCharme; \$50.00 Cash donated by Kozelka Farms: Butch & Bonnie Boland; \$50.00 Cash donated by Mike & Julie Hazen: Doris Krogman; 3 \$50.00 Scrip Cards donated by Fr. Weighner: Marguerite Clinton, Fay & Bonita Yost, & Joseph Novey; 2 \$50.00 Gift Certificates donated by Halpin Tire: Audrey Mara, and Neil Gillitzer; \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Jones's Black Angus: Jesse Aspenson; \$50.00 Gift Certificate from the Blackhawk: Ross Bushnell

Thank you to all the generous parishioners who donated "Baskets" to our Fall Fest. The winners are: Nancy Jenks, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Lisa Trautsch, Char Roh, Ruth Klang, Ken Stoeffler, Kat McFarland, Sara Check, Bethany Nott, Teresa Jaynes, Kathy Igou, Mary Stoeffler, Carson Horihan, Elouise Igou, Ryan Waller, Jon Quamme, Ali Schneider, Sharon Dahman, Emma Gilberts, Mickie Gilberts, Brad Linder, Peg Stoeffler, Melanie Schneider, Angelo Diaz, Mary Jo Johnsrude, Sharon Horsfall, Taylor Lutz, Rob Steger, Ed Steger, Sandy White, Mary Novey, Jen Eulgem, Lori Hemmer, Tyler Martin, Natalie Stram, Gayle Aspenson.

THANK YOU to all who worked on the Fall Fest and to all who attended. We will publish the profit figure when all bills are in and paid.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Monday, November 13

2:00 pm Veterans Day program in Prairie Catholic School cafeteria. All veterans, families & friends are invited

7:00 pm Bingo in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Tuesday, November 14

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:30 pm Small Group discussion meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

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

5:00 pm Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Next weekend collection for non-perishable food items for our local food pantry. Containers in the back of the Churches.

COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY...From now until Dec. 10th the **Knights of Columbus** will be collecting coats for adults and children in need. Consider donating your unused and in good shape winter coat. Boxes are in the back of the churches or at different places around the community.

HOLY NAME RAFFLE WINNERS FOR NOV. 2017

\$10.00 Winners: Dan & Peggy Bauer, PdC; Norma Gillitzer, PdC; Alijah & Jamison Fox, Watertown, WI; John Gillitzer, PdC, Becky Henry, PdC; **\$25.00 Winners:** Dee Kussmaul, PdC; Isaiah Wimmer, St. Charles, MN; **\$100.00 Winner:** John Fisher, PdC The Calendar Winners will be in next weekend's bulletin.

Please pray for the current seminarians one of which will be listed weekly: Deacon Barry Saylor, Theology 4, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, St. Vincent de Paul, Wisconsin Rapids

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Matthew 16:26

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Donald N. Lochner** in your prayers. His funeral was Tuesday, Nov. 7th at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

SCHOOL NEWS.....Where does the time go? With the ending of our 1st quarter, book reports were due. The 6th & 7th grade students typed a two page report on a Saint, that they choose from a book in our library. Their final project also included a short presentation after Mass to our student body. The 8th grade students had mystery reports. They presented a case file with who, what, where, when and why. Many thanks to our volunteer library staff. They are always there to help! We are so blessed!
Mrs. Igou