

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

506 N. BEAUMONT ROAD & 710 S. WACOUTA AVENUE, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 53821

November 19, 2017 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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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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"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more."
His master said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you
great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." - Mt 25:20b-21



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 26TH

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOV. 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Richard Ambrose, Kathy Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Ann Lessard, Deacon Mark Grunwald

SERVERS-NOV. 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Elle & Max Schneider
Ava Hager & Ryan Waller

Sunday 8:00 am Addison Kirschbaum & Madilyn Fisher
Scout Hall & Sawyer Swiggum

LECTORS-NOV. 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts

Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

USHERS-NOV. 25/26

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

Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, Mark Hamann, Tom Hampton & Nathan Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-NOV. 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 26TH

Deacon Mark Grunwald, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOV. 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Windy Mezera, Nancy Eastman

SERVERS-NOV. 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Michael & Emma Bjurquist
Ava & MaKenna Forde

Sunday 10:00 am Prestin & Dustin Nolan
Gabriel Munson Fishler & Lindsey Nolan

LECTORS-NOV. 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-NOV. 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-NOV. 25/26

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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!

Mass on Thanksgiving, Nov. 23rd is at 8:00 am; No Mass on Friday.



Tuesday, Nov. 21	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, and Theresa Teachman
Wednesday, Nov. 22	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Fagan
Thursday, Nov. 23	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lucille Berns
Friday, Nov. 24	NO MASS		
Saturday, Nov. 25	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Ken & Vi Kane For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 26	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Francis & Elizabeth Schneider † Charles, Clara & Rosanna Dale

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.)

THANKSGIVING

An annual civil holiday in the United States, traditionally observed on the last Thursday of November, it is now observed on the 4th Thursday of November. The president issues a proclamation, calling on the citizens, all Federal officials, and others subject to Federal authority to observe the day as one of national thanksgiving and prayer. The governors of states concur in the president's proclamation and also recommend the citizens to observe the holiday, and all public business is suspended.

The custom originated in 1621, when Governor Bradford of the Plymouth colony appointed a day for public praise and prayer after the first harvest, and the practice spread throughout the other New England colonies. The first national observance was when President Washington, at the request of Congress, recommended Thursday, 26 November, 1789, to the people of the United States "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God". This proclamation exhorted the people to "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best". It was the first observation of the day on the date that present custom holds it.

In 1817 Thanksgiving Day was first officially noticed in New York State, and by 1859 its observance had spread to twenty-eight states and two territories. In 1863 President Lincoln made his first proclamation, naming the last Thursday of November as a day of national observance, which President Johnson also selected in 1867 and President Grant in 1870. Since then there has been no change, the last Thursday in November being named in each year's proclamation.

Catholic recognition of the day by special religious features has only been of comparatively recent date and not as yet (1911) of official general custom. Historians of the day attempt to trace the origin of Governor Bradford's idea (1621) back to the old Hebrew Feast of the Tabernacles and through the ages to the ancient Greek Harvest Feast, The smophoria, the Roman Cerealia, and the English Harvest Home. In the Dominion of Canada the governor-general by proclamation sets aside the last Monday in October as a legal holiday for the purpose of acknowledging God's providence and expressing the nation's dependence on His bounty.

The above history comes from the Catholic Encyclopedia on www.newadvent.org.

Lastly, although this celebration is not a Catholic Christian celebration, the ties to our Church go to the very beginning. There was a Native American, Squanto, who was captured as a young man and sold into slavery back in Europe. He was freed by Franciscan missionaries, and educated. During this time he also converted to Catholicism. It was near his village, decimated by disease, that the Pilgrims landed. Squanto was one of the few, if not the only Native Americans, who was supportive of these newcomers. He helped them through that first winter and into the following spring, showing them how to plant crops and hunt for survival.

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Looking at this whole story we can see God's providence: the pilgrims blown off course to this village; a young man captured and sold into slavery, only to be educated and returning to his home village, which had been completely wiped out by disease, where he is able to be instrumental in saving many lives. God works in mysterious ways, and for this we can be truly thankful.

God bless and wishing all a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. 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, 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, 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.

LOTTERY SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS are now for sale. 6 for \$100.00 or \$20.00 each. 30 monthly prizes. You can purchase at St. John's Rectory or call John Fischer at 326-2827.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 12th	\$8,917.00	\$7,812.00
Plate for Nov. 12th	975.37	712.48
Electronic Transfers	<u>2,477.00</u>	<u>1,347.00</u>
Total	\$12,369.37	\$9,871.48

The second collection came to \$525.73 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Parish Council of Catholic Women met on Thursday, November 2nd for a social event in the Fellowship Hall. The ladies enjoyed games, activities, and refreshments. We shared stories, experiences, and a lot of laughs! It is safe to say a fun time was had by all. Please mark your calendar for the next PCCW meeting on **Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm**. A short business meeting will be followed by sharing and socializing. Please consider attending.

NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR WINNERS

\$100.00 Winners: Jennifer Wachuta, PdC; Greg Quick, PdC; Max & Mic Frommelt, Platteville; Michelle & Derek Burmester, Omaha, NE; Megan Steger, Eastman

\$50.00 Winners: Albert Hill, Marquette; Rebecca Bjurquist, PdC; Louis Steger, PdC, Steve Henry, PdC; Jessica Steger, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: Sue Tiller, PdC; Tammy Cram, PdC; Jim Hutchison, PdC; William Mezera, Eastman; Clare Peterson, PdC; Jim Bauer, PdC; Dennis Jelinek, PdC; Jean Ann Dillman, PdC; Terry Igou, PdC; Cathy Bierman, PdC; Valerie Connell, Urbandale, IA; Charlotte Johnston, PdC; Arleen Kozelka, PdC; Dustin Payne, Eastman; Julian DeGidio, PdC; Lindsey Krachey, PdC; Brad Smock, PdC; Joe Kramer, PdC, Donald Knapp, PdC, Ken Wall, PdC

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will be listing 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.

Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Mary Antoine, Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Robert & Brenda Bailey, Mary Barrette, Rose Bauer, Dorothy Baures, Robert & Nancy Becker, Robert & Cecilia Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Ann Berns, Avalo Berns, Timothy & Cathy Betzle, Doris Bohnenkamp, Bernard Boland, Patricia Boldt, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Mark Check, Roger & Joan Check, William & Wanda Check, Charles & Teresa Connell, Darrell & Rae Ann Cooley, Gerald & Eldora Coorough, Patricia Coorough, Jim & Lucy Cornford, LeAnn Craig, Frank & Eileen Crowley, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Larry & Sharon Dahman, Loren & Ann Dohse, Donald & Joan Draka, Janette DuCharme, Mary Duffy, Henry Esser, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, Thomas & Jean Farrell, Elaine Fischer, John & Betty Fischer, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Leo & Patti Flanders, John Forst, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Karen Fritsche, Merle & Barbara Frommelt, James & Ruth Check Gates, Scott & Frances Geisler, Roy & Vicki George, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Randal Ginsterblum, Ronald & Dianne Goodman, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Deacon Mark & Ann Grunwald.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, November 19

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21
3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, November 22
NO CCD Classes

Thursday, November 23
Happy Thanksgiving Day - Mass will be at 8:00 am at St. Gabriel's

Friday, November 24
No Mass

These Fall Fest Winners did not get recorded in last week's bulletin: **50/50 Winner** - Pat Coorough & Randy Thornton (\$191.00 each); **Turkey Winners** - Jane Howe, Dustin Nolan, & Peter Prew; **Ham Winners** - Mark Martin, Ruth Check Gates, Justin Check

COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY.....From now until December 10th the Knights of Columbus will be collecting coats for adults and children in need in the community. Consider donating your unused and in good shape winter coat. There will be boxes in the back of both churches or at boxes around the community. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS

The 7th Grade have completed Basic Skill Testing. They now fully understand what it means to be thankful. They have learned that there truly is a lot to be thankful for in their lives. For example: health, home, education and freedom. It is truly right for us to give thanks and praise to the Father. This is our Thanksgiving prayer. *Miss Pellemounter*

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL 1ST TERM HONOR ROLL

6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Josie Kramer, Lindsey Nolan, Max Schneider & Owen Teynor

6TH GRADE HONORS: Julian DeGidio, Dawson Eastman, Shawn Egstad, Scout Hall, Logan Kiesau, & Allison Lindner

7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS: Ashlyn Knapp, & Ryan Waller

7TH GRADE HONORS: Emma Bjurquist, Ava Hager, Thomas Mara, Makayla Steger

8TH GRADE HONORS: Matthias Gerhards, Allison Kennedy, Sadie Koresh

8TH GRADE HONORS: Kori Jaynes, Katelyne Lutz, Nicholas Mara