

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

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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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 3

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Laura Meyer,
Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am David Hemmer, Megan Pedretti & Jeri
Kluesner

SERVERS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Owen & Bree Teynor
Shawn & JT Egstad

Sunday 8:00 am Tessa & Logan Higgins
Scout Hall & Sawyer Swiggum

LECTORS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Dan Schickert

Sunday 8:00 am Rhonda Stubbe

USHERS-DECEMBER 2/3

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, John Gillitzer, Don
Osterhaus, Jim McGrath

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Stephanie Zeeh

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 3

Deacon Mark Grunwald, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am George & Nancy Eastman, & Karen
Hertrampf

SERVERS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Blake Thiry & Makayla Steger
Michael & Emma Bjurquist

Sunday 10:00 am Katelyne & Jesse Lutz
Nick Mara & Nicole Rickleff

LECTORS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer, Mark
Forsythe & Tyler Rochleau

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis
Mezera & Mark Mara

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Stephanie Vlaming

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!



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| Tuesday, November 28 | 8:15 am | St. Gabriel's Church | † Celine Boxrucker |
| Wednesday, November 29 | 8:15 am | St. John's Church | † Kevin Nugent |
| Thursday, November 30 | 8:15 am | St. Gabriel's Church | † Laverne Steiner |
| Friday, December 1 | 8:15 am | St. John's Church | † Donald Lochner |
| Saturday, December 2 | 4:00 pm 7:00 pm | St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church | For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Charlotte Voth |
| Sunday, December 3 | 8:00 am 10:00 am | St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church | † John Steger † Janet Beinborn |

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.)

The Man Who Stood Beneath the Cross of Christ

Recently, Charles Decelles wrote in *The Priest* magazine, an article about the man who stood at the foot of the cross. This is the one who Jesus spoke with when he said 'Behold, your Mother'; and to whom he entrusted Mary with the words 'Behold, your son'. Reading this article reminded me of the feast we are celebrating this weekend, Christ the King.

In his last months, Jesus clearly prophesies, more than once, his coming passion, death and resurrection. The Apostles do not, and cannot, grasp the meaning of these teachings. In fact, they all run away except for his mother, a few other women and one disciple that is never identified. Even after the resurrection, many of his apostles refused to believe eyewitness accounts that he had risen. Some of the women believed, but were confused and perplexed about what this meant.

Decelles's article then explored who this disciple was, looking at many modern scholars, and their research. That really is not what interested me in the article. This is really a great opportunity for us to reflect on the feast of Christ the King, and how this event is reflected in my life.

Is Christ King of Kings in my life? Do I recognize his throne? He reigns from the cross. Do I recognize his crown? It is not a crown of glory or riches; it is a crown of thorns. Can I see his glory? It is not hidden under fine garments; it is the glory of God, who became man, was stripped naked and nailed to a tree. For me.

This is our King. You are the one standing at the foot of the cross. You are the one Mary is entrusted to; you are the one entrusted to Mary. There is no sugar coating this reality. If we accept Christ as our King, he is King in the good and the bad; in prosperity and in poverty; in health and in illness. If we accept Him, it doesn't matter who the scholars say the man standing at the foot of the cross was, because he is you. Scholarship is fine in these matters as far as it goes, but these events did not happen so future generations could dissect them. That type of scholarship tends to sterilize these events. They occurred and are recorded so future generations could identify with them.

Christ the King; fittingly the feast we celebrate to close our liturgical year, putting the final touches on the entire year. No matter what has happened in the past year in your family, in your life, you are His beloved; standing at the foot of the cross. This is our reality, what we do with this is up to each and every one of us.

God bless all of you, and a blessed Advent.

Fr Jim

PRAYER CORNER

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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, Gaike 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.

Holy Family Fall Fest held on Nov. 5th profit figure came to **\$30,820.75**. Next weekend we will publish a full report on the Fall Fest. Again thank you to all who worked so hard on this annual event and to all who attended.

We will need volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day please call Lana at the rectory at 326-6511 if you can help us out. Thank you.

PARISH SUPPORT

| | This Year | Last Year |
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| Envelopes for Nov. 19th | \$5,491.00 | \$6,059.00 |
| Plate for Nov. 19th | <u>948.60</u> | <u>833.55</u> |
| TOTAL | \$6,439.60 | \$6,892.55 |

The second collection came to \$865.55 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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.

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!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays please deposit names and donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at either rectory.

Please pray for the following seminarian:

Brandon Guenther, Theology III, North American College, St. Peter & Paul, Independence.

"Good, Better, Best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best." -St. Jerome

MEN OF THE PARISH

It's not too late to take advantage of the \$500.00 reduction in tuition for those who belong to the Knights of Columbus and have children in Prairie Catholic School. There will be an initiation at St. Gabriel's Rectory on December 4th at 7:00 pm. Next week after Mass there will be sign up forms at the back of church.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, November 26

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, November 29

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church, we will be preparing for Advent; New voices are welcome

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

Thursday, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

Saturday, December 2

Sunday, December 3

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria; plus drawing for the Holy Name Raffle and the Lottery Calendar winners

"Christmas is fast approaching! Catholic Charities has received numerous requests from families looking for assistance with Christmas. As part of our Christmas program, we look for sponsors to help purchase items for these families. If you or someone you know is able to help, please call Emily or Sandy at the Prairie du Chien office at **608-326-1616**. Please help us help our neighbors in our community. Thank you for your consideration."

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. These calendars make great Christmas presents.

SCHOOL NEWS

In the first 3 months of school, the 8th graders have participated in 5 educational field trips. Among the highlights were visiting Seed Savers and the Porter House Museum in Decorah; attending the Civil War Immersion Day at Norskedalen; and learning about polio and the "iron lung" at the Fort Crawford Museum. Many thanks to the parents who drove and chaperoned these trips. I'm so blessed to teach at a school that values learning outside the classroom!

Bill Huser

8th Grade Homeroom Teacher