

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 5, 2017 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying,
"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair
of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever
they tell you, but do not follow their example.
For they preach but they do not practice." - Mt 23:1-3

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HOLY FAMILY FALL FEST

Sunday, Nov. 5th

Chicken & Ham Dinner

Serving from 10:45 am until 1:00 pm

Cafeteria Supper at 4:30 pm

Games, Prizes, Raffle & Entertainment

ALL ARE INVITED!



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 12TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Deacon Mark Grunwald Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Dave Hemmer, & Jeri Kluesner

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 11/12

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

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

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

USHERS-NOVEMBER 11/12

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

Sunday 8:00 am Tom Hampton, John Gillitzer, Butch Boland & Mark Hamann

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenny Campbell



St. John Nepomuc

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Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Windy Mezera, Jean Dillman

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 11/12

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

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

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-NOVEMBER 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Dan Schickert & Volunteer

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

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Brandon & Danielle Swiggum

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 Location Change on Nov. 12th

8:00 am at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am at St. John's



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 7	3:30 pm	Prairie Maison	Communion Service
Wednesday, November 8	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Communion Service
Thursday, November 9	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Communion Service
Friday, November 10	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Communion Service
Saturday, November 11	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Helen Wilkinson
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, November 12	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Robert Neumann
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Andy & Bea Novak

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

2017 marks the 25th Anniversary of the publishing of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Commissioned by Pope John Paul II in 1985, the catechism's primary purpose is to help all people come closer to the God. The Pope understood that in order for this relationship to develop, it was important for people to know who God is. The Pope knew that you cannot truly love a person if you do not know them. Neither can you love and adore God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - without knowing His nature and His purpose in creating the world and human beings. In issuing the Catechism, John Paul II explained that “a catechism must present faithfully and organically the teaching of Sacred Scripture, the living Tradition of the Church, the authentic Magisterium, and the spiritual heritage of the Fathers and saints of the Church, in order to allow the Christian mystery to be known and to revive the faith of God's people.” The Pope considered the Catechism the major accomplishment of his pontificate. It was the first universal catechism written by the Church since 1565. Its intent was not to change Church teaching, but to present Christian belief in a way that would be more understandable to people in the 20th century. To do so it had to address certain new issues that have arisen in the past 400 years because of scientific discoveries and historical developments.

The 900 page Catechism is arranged in four parts: (1) - The Profession of Faith (what we believe?), (2) - The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (how do we worship?), (3) - Life in Christ (how are we to live?), and (4) - Christian Prayer (how do we communicate with God?). These elements are referred to as the “Four Pillars” of the Faith. The contents of these sections are abundantly footnoted with references to teaching from scripture, the Church Fathers, the saints, Ecumenical councils, and the popes. Because of the length of the Catechism and the care with which it was written, it makes a great reference. When not sure of what the Church believes about a certain matter, the Catechism is an excellent book to turn to. Except for the Bible, it is the most essential book for every Catholic to own and use.

The Catechism serves as much more than a reference book. If prayerfully read, like the Bible, it will draw you closer to Christ and prepare you for a life in heaven. For me personally, I can unequivocally say it was a study of the Bible, the Catechism, and church history that drew me into the Catholic Church. What I learned built on and strengthened the foundation of what I had been taught growing up in a Protestant home. I also became convinced that the visible church on earth today most like the Church the Lord founded, is the Catholic Church. This does not mean I think the Catholic Church is perfect.

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Furthermore, this does not mean I understand fully everything I read in the Catechism. But what I understand, I firmly can believe and teach. And the more I study and pray, the more I understand. As to my remaining areas of ignorance and doubt, I am convinced they are my problem and not the Church's. I trust that which the Church teaches, knowing that it is for my good and salvation.

If you own a copy of the Catechism, please don't let it gather dust. If you do not and wish to obtain one, let the parish office or me know. The Diocese has them available at cost.

Deacon Mark Grunwald

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, 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, Richard Gillitzer, 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, Gaije Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Jerry Cummings, Joanne Prew, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Donald Lochner, 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 Oct. 29th	\$7,850.00	\$7,059.00
Plate for Oct. 29th	<u>745.24</u>	<u>731.50</u>
TOTAL	\$8,595.24	\$7,790.50

The second collection came to \$800.59 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEN OF THE PARISH

Calling all Knights of Columbus and potential Knights: receive a tuition scholarship for children in Prairie Catholic, Holy Family CCD program and college scholarships. All Catholic men over the age of 18 are eligible to become Knights. These scholarships are being offered to all active Knights of Council #1840 (Current on dues, attend at least one meeting a year and participate in three K of C activities) The Knights of Columbus are about Family, Church and Charity. Simply by being a K of C member you will benefit. Not a Knight? More information will be present at an open meeting on **Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 7:00 pm, St. Gabriel's Rectory** or you can call Fr. Weighner or Steve Mercaitis, Grand Knight (988-4556) for more information. All current Knights and future Knights are urged to attend.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The yearly Mass of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 12th during the 10:00 AM Mass at St. John's Church.

Please pray for the current seminarians one of which will be listed weekly. Your prayer is needed for their spiritual work for God. The first man is Deacon Kyle Laylan, Theology 4, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Queen of the Apostles, Tomah.

"Christian Kindness: To know and care about each other, to share a deep sense of belonging and to welcome the stranger."

SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a great start to fifth grade!! The fifth graders have been researching and studying different Native American tribes. The students completed reports and build models of their tribe's houses. In Religion, the fifth grades have been learning more about the sacrament of Baptism. This week's focus will be completing our Iowa Basic Skills. Keep up the good work, fifth grade!

-Mrs. Michelle Kapfhamer
Fifth Grade Teacher

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, November 5

10:45 am to 1:00 pm Fall Fest Dinner in St. Gabriel's Cafeteria; Chicken & Ham Dinner with all the trimmings; Cafeteria supper at 4:30 pm; Games, Bake Sale, Prizes & Raffle. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Monday, November 6

Tuesday, November 7

3:30 pm Communion Service at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus open meeting at St. Gabriel's Rectory; looking for new members

Wednesday, November 8

6:45 PM CCD classes at St. John's School

Thursday, November 9

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

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November

Sunday, November 12

10:00 am Yearly Mass of Remembrance at St. John's Church

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Prairie Catholic School will be celebrating Veterans Day with a memorable program on Nov. 13th, at 2:00 pm, in the school cafeteria. We would like to invite Veterans, families, and friends to join us in remembering those who have and are serving our country.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Richard A. Ginsterblum** and **Mary A. Gillitzer** in your prayers. Richard's funeral was on Friday, October 27th and Mary's funeral was on Monday, October 30th. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

CCD AND PUBLIC LIBRARY

at St John's School Building

Holy Family Parish and the City of Prairie du Chien have agreed to a lease for the first floor of the old St John's school to as a temporary location for the City Library. The entrance will be the N.E. door, with the other doors being emergency exits.

CCD Families: Please note that all CCD students will be picked up and dropped off at the Wacouta Street Doors. All CCD classes have moved to the 2nd floor of the St John School building for the remainder of this year. The other doors will be emergency exits only, and all students will enter and leave through this one entrance. Thank you for your patience and understanding.