

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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

October 1, 2017 - 26th 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

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that, you did not later
change your minds and believe him." Mt 21:32



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR OCT. 8TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-OCTOBER 7/8

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

Sunday 10:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry, George
Eastman

SERVERS-OCTOBER 7/8

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

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

LECTORS-OCTOBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts

Sunday 10:00 am Nancy Eastman

USHERS-OCTOBER 7/8

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

Sunday 10:00 am Nathan Mezera, John Chaffee,
Jim McGrath & Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-OCTOBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR OCT. 8TH

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-OCTOBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Verna Panka, Doris Krogman, Donna
Steiner

SERVERS-OCTOBER 7/8

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

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

LECTORS-OCTOBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 8:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-OCTOBER 7/8

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

Sunday 8:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul
Porvaznik & Ron Trautsch

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Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor

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 Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Boland
Wednesday, October 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Kevin Nugent
Thursday, October 5	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lucille Berns
Friday, October 6	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Connie Esser
Saturday, October 7	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Art & Kathryn Steiner Living & Deceased Family Members
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Pete & Mildred Prew
Sunday, October 8	8:00 am	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Special Intention

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.)

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

I have been asked various times to explain why we do certain things as Catholics. Most recently it was brought up by some college students when they told me they had a continuing session at their Neumann Center that asked these questions, so I thought I would occasionally put some common questions in our bulletin. There are a few books and websites out there that can answer these and more questions you or a loved one may have.

Why Do Catholics Pray to Mary and the Saints?

Have you ever asked a friend or family member to pray for you? Or asked them to help you out with something you were struggling with spiritually? Catholics do the same thing when they pray to Mary or a Saint.

You see, while Protestants typically believe Mary and the Saints aren't in Heaven yet or are in Heaven but just can't hear us down here on Earth, Catholics believe Mary and some saints are already in Heaven and can hear us.

Catholics still pray to God and Jesus – same as Protestants do. And they still ask their friends and family to pray for them when they are struggling – same as Protestants do. They simply ask Christians who have gone before to pray for them too.

Why do Catholics Pray the Rosary?

Catholics pray the rosary because they believe it is very powerful to help them grow in faith, resist evil and get their prayers answered. It helps them to focus in order to pray for longer periods of time (Protestant prayers are often very short), and some people can focus better when they hold something in their hands. It allows them to really meditate on Christ's death and resurrection in a way that a quick prayer cannot.

According to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Catholics also believe: "Our Lady (Mary) always grants our request," "[The Rosary] purifies our souls, washing away sin," and "it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God."

A brief history of the rosary: Way back in the 9th century, Irish monks would recite the 150 Psalms as part of their worship. The people living nearby loved this idea, and wanted to do it too, but they couldn't read and they didn't have Bibles.

As an easier-to-remember alternative, people started to recite 150 "Our Fathers" instead. Pretty soon, people realized that they needed something to help them keep track of what number they were on, and the very first rosaries were created.

Tradition has it that the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Dominic and asked him to spread the love of the rosary throughout the land, but the rosary had already been around for hundreds of years before then. Scholars do believe that Saint Dominic used the rosary in his teachings as a missionary and may have had an influence in the form of the rosary today.

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Why do Catholics use Holy Water?

Similar to how the Old Testament Jewish people used to purify themselves with water before they entered in to worship, Catholics will make the sign of the cross with Holy Water as they enter and exit a church. (They use it for blessing things and baptisms as well.)

Holy Water is meant to accomplish three purposes: to signify the believer's repentance from sin, to be a reminder of their baptism, and to help protect them from evil.

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 Shediwy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shediwy, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shediwy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, 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, Gaike Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Jerry Cummings, Joanne Prew, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Donald Lochner, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor.

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 Sept. 24th	\$5,724.00	\$6,610.25
Plate for Sept. 24th	<u>1,064.45</u>	<u>842.52</u>
Total	\$6,788.45	\$7,452.77

The second collection came to \$524.55 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LETTERS WITH BUDGET ENVELOPES

This was also brought to my attention recently. A parishioner stated that they liked getting extra information about the financial aspect of our parish that is included with the budget envelopes. When they mentioned this to others, they were surprised that many are not aware that this is done. If you have not been doing so, please take a minute to look when your quarterly envelopes arrive. We try to keep you informed on matters particular to our parish financial status with these letters. Thank you.

FREE CAREGIVER CLASSES OFFERED Are you caring for an ill spouse, parent, older family member or friend? Free caregiver classes, **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**, will help you learn skills to cope with the demands of caring for someone. Classes will meet Monday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm starting October 2nd - November 6, 2017 at Crossing Rivers Hospital. To reserve a place or have questions call **The Aging & Disability Resource Center** at 608-326-0235

Monsignor Roger Scheckel will be the featured speaker on Thursday, October 5th at 6 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Wauzeka. He will speak on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima in this month of the Rosary. Please come, as all are welcome. For more information call Gloria Wall at 608-874-4004.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **MaDonna Stephens** and **Keith K. Werger** in your prayers. MaDonna's funeral was held on Tuesday, September 26th and Keith's funeral was held on Saturday, September 30th. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

SCHOOL NEWS...The Prairie Catholic Kindergarteners had a wonderful all school field trip to the Wetland Center in Lansing, Iowa. We learned about ducks and their habitats, saw a live animal demonstration, toured the Wetland Center and enjoyed a picnic lunch! The highlight of the trip for some was the bus ride!

Mrs. Huser, Kindergarten

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, October 1

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls in our Fellowship Hall plus drawing for the Holy Name Raffle and our Lottery Sweepstake Calendar Raffle

Monday, October 2

Tuesday, October 3

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, October 4

5:30 pm Education Committee meeting at St. Gabriel's School

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

Thursday, October 5

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

Friday, October 6

Saturday, October 7

Sunday, October 8

ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal has kicked off, and by now you should have received your appeal notice and information. Please keep these letters and reply cards and return them to the parish office. We will have our "AMEN" Sunday on Oct 7 & 8, and you may return them in the collection basket as well.

I would like to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider participating in this appeal, and thank those that have participated in the past appeals. Even \$5.00 or \$10.00 toward this goal is much appreciated. And if it is simply not possible for you to participate financially at this time, take a moment to bring your card to Mass and indicate that you will spiritually support the appeal with your prayers.

God bless

Fr Jim

St. Philip Catholic Church Roast Beef Dinner & Bazaar will be held today, Sunday, October 1 at Soldiers Grove, 1 mile East of Hwy 61 on 171 at Rolling Ground. Serving from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. All are invited.

The PCCW meeting that was scheduled on Wednesday, October 11th is now changed to Tuesday, October 10th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. Johns. Please mark your calendar.