

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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

October 22, 2017 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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

Holy Days

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Baptism

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR OCT. 29TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Mary Kirschbaum,
Richard Ambrose

Sunday 10:00 am George & Nancy Eastman,
Deacon Mark Grunwald

SERVERS-OCTOBER 28/29

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

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

LECTORS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

USHERS-OCTOBER 28/29

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR OCT. 29TH

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Doris Krogman,
Donna Steiner

SERVERS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Ava & MaKenna Forde
Caleb & Zach Mezera

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Thomas Mara
Nick Holler & Matthias Gerhards

LECTORS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 8:00 am Rhonda Stubbe

USHERS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex
Schaefer, Tyler Rochleau

Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis
Mezera & Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-OCTOBER 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder

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!



Tuesday, October 24	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Clifford & Patricia Wachuta
Wednesday, October 25	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Anita Steger
Thursday, October 26	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lucille Berns
Friday, October 27	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Tom Hogenson
Saturday, October 28	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lyle Marfilus
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, October 29	8:00 am	St. John's Church	† Arnold Mara
	10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Frank Nolan

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.)

DO GHOSTS EXIST?

Some people, of course, would brush it off as a silly thing to ask, but it actually leads us to consider anew two key Christian beliefs: first, that every human person is a *communion* of body (matter) and soul (spirit); and second, that human life continues forever after bodily death, first as a bodiless soul, and eventually as a resurrected human being with body and soul reunited. To put your question differently: can these bodiless souls – ghosts – appear and intervene in our lives?

We have to clarify the term “ghost.” This English word “ghost” comes from the German word “geist,” which broadly means “spirit,” including non-personal things like the “spirit of the age” and so on. In English, “ghost” specifically means the soul of a dead person that becomes discernible through our eyes, ears, nose (some ghosts smell!) or skin.

In theory, billions of ghosts potentially exist because billions of human beings have “lost” their bodies through death. Strictly speaking, these disembodied souls are not ghosts because they have never become discernible to any living people. Only those few souls whose presence is seen or felt by others are truly ghosts. And their existence is plausible. But here we must proceed with great caution.

Let’s look at Sacred Scripture. The Book of Deuteronomy condemns anyone “who consults ghosts and spirits or seeks oracles from the dead” (cf. Deuteronomy 18:11). And two passages in the Book of Leviticus warn against using “mediums” to contact the souls of the dead (cf. Leviticus 19:31 and 20:6, 27).

According to Saint Thomas, the souls of the dead, *who are in heaven*, can indeed manifest themselves to the living on their own initiative. Such appearances, however, are not “hauntings” meant to terrify or tease people. Rather, these saintly apparitions occur only to bring comfort and encouragement, never fear. And remember “saint” means anyone who dwells with God, not just those officially declared “saints” by the Church. In light of this, it is theoretically possible for loved ones, like deceased grandparents or children (even babies), to become sensibly discernible to us. While such occurrences may be rare, there is no reason to rule them out. In a sense, these spirits are “ghosts” but they are benign, even loving.

Now, we move to the matter of malicious ghosts, the nasty type which pop up in horror movies and novels. Saint Thomas clearly states that the souls of the dead, who are not in heaven, can never appear to the living *without* God’s consent. But why would God ever allow ghosts to “haunt” people?

Saint Thomas gives two reasons: first, as a warning; and second, to seek spiritual assistance from the living in the form of prayer or good deeds to advance the dead person toward fulfillment in God. The ghosts or “non-saints” may annoy people but they can never harm them. Of course, one can read somewhat credible stories about destructive “hauntings,” but Saint Thomas always insisted that these “ghosts” were definitely *not* the souls of dead people, but something else, most likely demons masquerading as ghosts.

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This brief exploration about ghosts leads us to a very positive point: The spiritual bonds between the living and dead, especially those who love one another, are deep, unbreakable, and mysterious because they are rooted in the Body of Christ, which embraces the living and dead. We have nothing to fear, for God governs all things – including “ghosts” – with wisdom and love.

The above is an excerpt from an article on CatholicExchange.com. With Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day rapidly approaching, this is a topic many have questions on. You can find the full article here: <http://catholicexchange.com/ghosts-really-exist>

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, Mary Gillitzer, 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, 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, Gaige Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Jerry Cummings, Joanne Prew, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Donald Lochner, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Oct.15th	\$5,560.00	\$4,940.00
Plate for Oct. 15th	991.28	1,133.71
Electronic Transfers	<u>2,477.00</u>	<u>1,812.00</u>
Total	\$9,028.28	\$7,885.71

The second collection came to \$1,029.03 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SCHOOL NEWS.....The 3rd graders are off to a great start in the school year! They are learning to become peacemakers through kind deeds and service to others. One way that the 3rd graders will provide service to others will be by visiting the residents at Crossing Rivers Assisted Living on a monthly basis. The students will spend time getting to know the residents through a variety of activities. In the past, we have found that this is very beneficial to both the residents and the students.

-Mrs. Wachuta

All are invited to St. Wenceslaus - Msgr. Baer Hall in Eastman on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 pm to hear a presentation from Matt Von Rueden on *Medical Decision Making, End of Life and Catholic Principles*. Matt Von Rueden, Development Director at Pro-Life Wisconsin, will present an interactive seminar to equip you with fundamental Catholic ethics and a free Protective Power of Attorney for Health Care legal document.

FALL FEST NOTES

If anyone would like to donate a *Theme Basket* for our Fall Fest which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5th, please call Mary Stoeffler at 326-0033.

We also need cakes for the Cake Walk and you can bring your cake to St. Gabriel's cafeteria and please mark your cakes for the *Cake Walk* and for our Bake Sale you can bring the following: breads, rolls, coffee cakes, cookies, bars, homemade candy, etc. We can also use garden items, plants, arts & crafts and parcel post items. These items can be dropped off at St. Gabriel's School on Sat., Nov. 4th between 7:00 - 10:00 am or 1:00 - 3:45 pm or on Sunday morning.

A reminder that pie tins are available in both church entrances for those who are making pies for our dinner.

Help is needed on Friday, Nov. 3rd from 4-5 pm for games set up and Saturday morning, Nov. 4 from 7:00 - 10:00 am for food preparation. Please volunteer if you can help us.

WEDDING BANNERS

Brennan T. Clark & Kara A. Kenzler (III)
Anthony Bakken & Rachel Daniels (II)

Our Homemade Noodles are available in the Kitchen of the Fellowship Hall from 7 to 3 pm.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, October 22

4:00 to 7:00 pm Ann Kerian will be the guest speaker for our Confirmation students in the Fellowship Hall; supper will be provided; this event is open to all High School students

Monday, October 23

7:00 pm Bingo in our Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 24

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:30 pm Small group meeting in the Fellowship Hall; our next topic of discussion will be contraception followed by homosexuality, new members welcome

Wednesday, October 25

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church; new voices are welcome

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

Thursday, October 26

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

Saturday, October 28

Wedding of Brennan Clark & Kara Kenzler at St. John's

Sunday, October 29

6:30 pm Matt Von Rueden will be speaking on *Medical Decision Making, End of Life and Catholic Principles* at St. Wenceslaus - Msgr. Baer Hall, Eastman

Non-perishable Food Collection next weekend for our Food Pantry. Containers in the back of both Churches.

Ann Kerian, a former news anchorwoman for KWWL will speak to our Confirmation Students on the importance her Catholic faith has been in her life. We also will have another young woman from the Madison area speaking on how to stay a practicing Catholic as a young adult in these confusing times. They will speak at the Fellowship Hall today, Sunday from 4-7 p.m. Supper will be provided. This event is opened to ALL high school students not just Confirmation Students.

SAINTS AND SOLES FUN RUN

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Saints and Soles 5K and 1/2 Mile Kid's Run coming up on October 28th!

Location: St. Gabriel's School in front of the early learning center entrance on Perry Street.

Same-day registration: 8am,

9:00 am Kid's Run

5K starts immediately after.

New this year: a costume contest for participants

Saturday Oct 28, 2017



<https://diolc.regfox.com/men-of-the-cross-mens-conference>