

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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

February 11, 2018 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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

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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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 18th

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Kathy Schneider, Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Donna Steiner. & Megan Pedretti

SERVERS-February 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Max & Elle Schneider
Nick Mara & Mitchell Colson

Sunday 8:00 am Tommy Mara & Scout Hall
Addison Kirschbaum & Shelby Schroeder

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-FEBRUARY 17/18

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, Jim McGrath, John Gillitzer, Nathan Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 18TH

Deacon Mark Grunwald, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am George Eastman, Karen Hertrampf, & Peggy Gallagher

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Kori Jaynes
Allison Kennedy & Nick Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Julian DeGidio & Lindsey Nolan
Prestin & Dustin Nolan

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Nancy Eastman

USHERS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Tyler Rochleau, Alex Schaefer

Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Mark Mara, Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

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

Tuesday, February 13	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Arnold & Lois Balk
Wednesday, February 14			
Ash Wednesday	7:00 am	St. John's Church	Connie Esser
Ash Wednesday	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Margaret Wachter
Ash Wednesday	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Wilbur Rupp
Thursday, February 15	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Stasia Swingle
Friday, February 16	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Special Intention for Cancer Patients
Saturday, February 17	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Theresa Bushnell
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Margaret Steger
Sunday, February 18	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Ursula Kasperek
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

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.)

As we prepare for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of La Crosse, we will occasionally feature an article on our history. The following is from Ann Lankford, Diocese of La Crosse:

Defending the Catholic Faith against the Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

This true story highlights the courage and faithfulness of one of our priests, who because of his love and commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church, stood against the Ku Klux Klan.

Peter Minwegen was born in Germany in 1881. He joined the order of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and was ordained a priest in 1907. In 1908, he was given his first missionary assignment with the native peoples in the north woods of Saskatchewan, Canada where he spent seven years. When World War I broke out, Germans in Canada were considered “unwelcome aliens” and feared being placed in concentration camps. Because of the war, German priests were cut off from their religious superiors in Europe and had to carry on as best they could where they had been stationed. The Bishops of the United States considered them war victims and priests in good standing and therefore welcomed them. Father Minwegen was accepted by Bishop Schwebach in the Diocese of La Crosse, who was delighted to learn that the Oblates accepted difficult missions and did pioneer work. Father Minwegen was assigned just such a place—Cornell, Wisconsin. Cornell was a predominantly Protestant town located on the Chippewa River. For the most part, the town was sustained by a paper mill, and the president of the paper mill supported the Presbyterian minister. There was no Catholic church in town for the 30 Catholic families, and they had not been served by a priest in many years. Unfortunately, anti-Catholic sentiment was rampant, and Father Minwegen was not welcome. Undaunted, he gathered his small congregation and offered Mass in cabins, theaters, halls, barns, drugstores. Despite the continued harassment of some Protestants and suspicion that he might be a German spy, Father continued to lead his congregation in faith and against discrimination. His greatest challenge was the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

The Klan has promoted extremist positions such as white supremacy, white nationalism, anti-immigration and anti-Catholics. Worst of all, the KKK has used terrorism—including murder—against groups or individuals whom they opposed and they have supported the “purification” of American society. Around the 1920’s, the KKK adamantly stood against the Catholic Church due to the high immigration from the mostly Catholic nations of central and southern Europe.

By 1924 the Ku Klux Klan was very active in Cornell, marching up Main St. with their hoods, masks and torches whenever the priest came to town. Cornell was already fertile ground for their beliefs, and many of the town’s officials, the mill’s administrators, public school teachers, and others of influence became ardent members of the Klan. It wasn’t long before the Klan had broad enough support to hold their meetings openly. They spread hatred and lies, trying to provoke the Catholics to take the first violent step. Father Minwegen urged adults and children to respond calmly to intimidation at work or at school. But when the teachers in the public schools began to bring the KKK’s lies to the classroom, Father had had enough. He went to Chicago to meet with the president of the paper mill.

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The president dispatched detectives to report back to him on the Klan activity, and as a result, several employees at the mill were fired. The editor of the local paper was also fired. Anger erupted in the town when it became known that it was Father Minwegen who had informed the president of the mill about the Klan activity. Threats were made against Father, and there were plans to expel him from the town. Calling him a “black robed devil,” the Klan burned a cross in an empty plot of land across from the priest’s residence. Rather than fleeing in fear, Father Minwegen prayed, trusted in God and defended the Catholic Faith with incredible courage. Learning that the option to buy that very plot of land had expired for the school board, Father Minwegen made a fifty-dollar payment for the ten acres. Eventually, the place where white crosses had been burned as a sign of ignorance, hatred and violence, Holy Cross Catholic Church was built as a sign of faith, hope and charity. Let us be grateful for our forbearers and seek to imitate their unshakeable courage to spread and defend what is true and good - our faith in Jesus Christ and His Church.

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, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, 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, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Cecil Olson, 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, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaige Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley, Greta Martin, Andrew Prew, Robert Hazen, Bernard “Butch” Boland, & Mary Lou Ackerman.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Francis Phan Xuan Dinh**, child of Giap Xuan Dinh and Thoa Y, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless Francis Phan Xuan.

We still need parishioners to sign up for adoration each Friday during Lent following the 8:15 am Mass at St. John’s and continue with Benediction at 7:45 am Saturday morning followed by Mass at 8:00 am. Sign up sheets are near the main entrances of the churches.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

A question that comes up every year concerns Lenten Regulations. This year the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are 7:00 am at St. John; 8:15 am at St. Gabriel's, and 7:00 pm Mass at St. John's. Plus there will be a Communion Service at Prairie Maison at 3:00 pm.

Seminarian Bradley Haas needs your prayers: Pre-Theology II,

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary Immaculate Conception, Eau Claire

"The happiest people in life are the givers, not the getters"

-Oscar Wilde

Holy Name Raffle Winners for February:

\$10.00 Winners: Kathy Pelock, Eastman; Mary Redman, PdC; Bob's Bar, PdC, Mary Ann Towle, McGregor; Millie Senesac, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: Greg Kazynski, PdC; Bernard F. Mayer, PdC

\$100.00 Winner: Louis Steger, PdC

February Sweepstake Calendar Raffle

\$100.00 Winners: Ken Hess, PdC; John Betzle, East Moline; Weber Chiropractic, PdC; Bob Mullikin, PdC; Ronald A. Robbel, Bend, OR

\$50.00 Winners: Catherine Steger, PdC; Bud Arms, PdC; Breinn Kramer, PdC; Isaiah Wimmer, St. Charles, MN; Nathan Welter, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: Joan & Kathleen Novey, PdC; Susan Konichek, PdC; Ceil Steinberg, Benson, AZ; Mark & Shelly Boldt, LaCrosse; Michael Kussmaul, Thomson, Ill; Nancy Jenks, LaCrescent, MN; Holden Stuckey, Eastman; Sally A. White, PdC; Brad Steiner, PdC; Ed Linder, PdC; Gerald Wright, PdC; John Gillitzer, PdC; Hayley Hemmer, PdC; Bob & Carol Mullikin, PdC; Greg Quick, PdC; Eric Frydenlund, PdC; Penny Selch, PdC; Don McFarland, PdC; Matthias Kieser, Yorktown, VA; Dan Trautsch, Eastman

Thanks to all who attended the Burgers & Fries Supper and the Swiss Steak Dinner last week. Money Barrel Winners at the Burgers & Fries supper were Sarah Holler & Terry Meyer (\$128.00 ea.) and the Money Barrel winners for the Swiss Steak Dinner were John Fischer & Bud Bush (\$72.50 ea.)

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, February 11

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Mass at St. John's Church

8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

3:00 pm Communion Service at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Mass at St. John's Church (CCD students will be attending)

Thursday, February 15

5:00 pm Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 16

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's with Benediction followed by Mass on Saturday

Saturday, February 17

8:00 am Mass at St. John's during Lent

Collection for non-perishable food items for our local Food Pantry next weekend. Containers in the back of church.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Victoria A. (Pribyl) "Vicki" Lochner** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Thursday, February 8th. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

SCHOOL NEWS.....

Prairie Catholic Kindergarteners enjoyed all the activities that took place during Catholic Schools Week. The attended a play at Viterbo, Family Night/Talent show at school and ended the week with an afternoon matinee at the theater. The students also enjoy working on Fridays with their 7th or 8th grade buddy on reading and math skills, it is very heartwarming to see these two age groups work together so well! The students will learn about the season of Lent through attending Mass, stories, videos and the use of the Resurrection Eggs to teach the Easter story..

Mrs. Mary Huser

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for February 4th	\$9,029.00	\$8,318.00
Plate for February 4th	603.70	557.00
Heat Envelopes	50.00	60.00
Unit Dues	<u>1,470.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$11,152.70	\$10,235.00

The second collection came to \$520.76 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!