

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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**Rectory Office Hours**

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

**Holy Days**

Mass times to be announced.

**Baptism**

Please call St. John's Rectory office.

**Marriage**

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*March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:  
"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mk 11:9-10



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 1ST

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 31-APRIL 1

Saturday 8:30 pm Rhonda Stubbe, Deacon Mark  
Grunwald, Linda Moser

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Dave Hemmer,

### SERVERS-MARCH 31/APRIL 1

Saturday 8:30 pm JWalkers

Sunday 8:00 am Emma & Michael Bjurquist  
Logan Kiesau & Matthias Gerhards

### LECTORS-MARCH 31/APRIL 1

Saturday 8:30 pm Corey Steger & Nancy Eastman

Sunday 8:00 am Barb Welsch

### USHERS-MARCH 31/APRIL 1

Saturday 8:30 pm Richard Steiner, James Welsch, Cliff  
Stram

Sunday 8:00 am John Gillitzer, Merle Frommelt, Jim  
McGrath & Dick Tesar

**SCRIP WILL NOT BE SOLD NEXT WEEKEND.**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 1:30 PM AT ST. GABRIEL'S:

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Mark Grunwald, Jeri  
Kluesner

**Lector:** Nancy Eastman

**Servers:** JWalkers

**Ushers:** Richard Steiner, John Chaffee, Volunteers



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 1ST

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 1

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Deacon Mark & Jean  
Ann Dillman

### SERVERS-APRIL 1

Sunday 10:00 am Lindsey Nolan & Ashlyn Knapp  
Prestin & Dustin Nolan

### LECTORS-APRIL 1

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

### USHERS-APRIL 1

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

**SCRIP WILL NOT BE SOLD NEXT WEEKEND.**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 29TH AT 7:00 PM AT ST. JOHN'S:

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Mark Grunwald

**Lector:** Jerry Cummings

**Servers:** Max & Elle Schneider  
Emma & Michael Bjurquist

**Ushers:** Bernard Mayer, Tim Looney, Dan Schickert &  
Volunteer

**PLEASE GET A SUBSTITUTE IF THESE TIMES DO  
NOT WORK FOR YOU. THANK YOU.**

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

Monday, March 26	5:15 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, March 27	NO WEEKDAY MASS		
Wednesday, March 28	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Grace Kaiser
Thursday, March 29	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	HOLY THURSDAY (Priest's Intention)
Friday, March 30	1:30 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	GOOD FRIDAY
	8:00 pm	St. John's Church	TENEBRAE
Saturday, March 31	8:30 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	HOLY SATURDAY (Priest's Intention)
Sunday, April 1	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	EASTER SUNDAY (Priest's Intention)
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	EASTER SUNDAY (For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor)

## HOLY WEEK

This week begins our Holy Week celebration. This is the holiest week of our year as Catholic Christians, as we accompany Christ spiritually in his passion, death and resurrection. Lent officially ends on Thursday, but that is also the beginning of the Sacred Triduum (Sacred 3 days) which is a time of even deeper penitence and prayer. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the day Jesus enters triumphantly into Jerusalem, to the cries of 'Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest'. These cries suddenly turn to 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him' on Good Friday. On Tuesday we celebrate the Chrism Mass with the bishop at 10:30 in La Crosse. At this Mass the bishop consecrates all the Holy Oils used throughout the coming year for various sacraments, including all baptisms, confirmations, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. All are invited, so if you are able, please come to La Crosse for this celebration. This is also the Mass that the priests in the diocese renew their priestly promises. On holy Thursday we celebrate the installation of the Eucharist, or the Mass of the Last Supper. Good Friday is a celebration of the Passion of Christ, leading to Holy Saturday, the 1 day in the year we do not celebrate a Mass in the Church. Saturday evening, after sunset, we have the Easter Vigil, with the blessing of light and the New Easter Candle, followed by the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday morning. This Easter celebration is so important; we celebrate for 8 days. Each day has a different perspective of the Resurrection, and culminates with Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the day we celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class. In addition to these, at 7:00 pm on Wednesday our youth group will present *Live Stations of the Cross* at John's Church and at 8:00 pm on Friday evening a Tenebrae (shadows) service will be held at St. John's.

## WELCOME HOME

With the Easter season fast approaching, this is a beautiful time to welcome back to the practice of the faith those who have been away for any reason. I would like to encourage you to reach out to a family member, to a loved one or to a neighbor you may know who has not been actively practicing his or her faith with an invitation to join you at the Easter Mass this year. Although, you may not be able to invite them to receive Holy Communion, they are always welcome to join in the celebration of the Mass.

There are so many reasons one stops practicing their faith, and there are some legitimate reasons we should refrain from receiving Holy Communion at a particular time. In today's day, these two things often are confused with each other. The Gospel calls us to *keep holy the Sabbath*; we are not necessarily called to receive Holy Communion at each Mass we attend. As Catholics we keep the Sabbath by attending the sacrifice of the Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday. While we should do all we can in order to receive Holy Communion in a worthy fashion (without serious sin on our conscience, being in a valid marriage, observing the fast, etc), the most important aspect is worshipping God by our physical presence at the sacrifice of the Mass. From [www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org):

*Consider this a sign, and your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. We are family. Welcome home!*

## 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, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, 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, Gage 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, Jeffery Scott DuCharme, Gina Buettner.

If you have a special intention or loved one who is in need of prayers; please let us know so we can include them.

## THANK YOU

We would like to extend our gratitude for all those that had a part in any way with last week's fish fry. This was one of the best attended fish fry we have had, serving over 700 meals. These dinners are a great opportunity for fellowship in our parish community as they require a great number of people to put these on. These dinners are also an opportunity for us to serve the community and our parishioners. We need individuals and families to come out and support these dinners, and we had a great turnout this year. So thank you to all that who came out last Friday for our annual Fish Fry.

God bless

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for March 18th	\$5,042.00	\$7,935.00
Plate for March 18th	658.97	618.80
Unit Dues	125.00	150.00
Electronic Transfers	<u>1,987.00</u>	<u>1,467.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,812.97</b>	<b>\$10,170.80</b>

The second collection came to \$887.25 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, March 27th

10:30 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in LaCrosse

### Wednesday, March 28th

7:00 pm "Live Stations of the Cross" at St. John's

### Thursday, March 29th

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass at St. John's

### Friday, March 30th

1:30 pm Good Friday Services at St. Gabriel's

8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at St. John's

### Saturday, March 31st

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel's

### Sunday, April 1st

8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass at St. John's

## Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit [diolc.org/diaconate](http://diolc.org/diaconate).

## Seminarian Jared Clements needs your prayers: College III, Saint John Vianney Seminary St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Holmen

*Be not afraid to give and to give generously of yourself. Jesus is with us always.*

**School News.....**We are in our final weeks of the third quarter. With that in mind, the students are wrapping up loose ends on their book reports and meeting their reading goals. On a lighter note, on March 14th (3.14), the middle school math students celebrated Pi Day. The students created and performed raps about pi, extended the classroom pi line, and topped the day off with delicious pie donated by Mrs. Koresh and Mrs. Eastman. Thank you for supporting our Catholic School. -Mrs. Igou

Raffle winners from our annual Fish Fry last week:  
Squirrel Cage: Arlene Willms & Amy Check \$161.00 each; Taco Basket: LaVon Schurman, Bagley; \$20.00 in cash: Deanne Hromadka; 2 passes each to the Star Cinema: Julie Meyer & Janet Neisius Thank you all who attended and all who helped with the preparation.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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### Monday, March 26

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

### Tuesday, March 27

10:30 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, LaCrosse

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### Wednesday, March 28

7:00 PM Live Stations at St. John's Church

### Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass at St. John's

### Good Friday, March 30

1:30 pm Good Friday Services at St. Gabriel's

8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at St. John's

### Holy Saturday, March 31

8:30 pm Easter Vigil at St. Gabriel's

### Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Mass at St. John's

Coffee & Rolls will be held on Sunday, April 8th, plus drawing for the Holy Name Raffle & Calendar winners at that time

**Thank you to the family of Bill Halpin for the donations to our Catholic School in memory of him. We are very grateful for these gifts.**

**EASTER FLOWER FUND.....**If you would like to make a donation to the "Easter Flower Fund" at the parish in memory of a loved one, you can do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the parish collection.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will list several parishioners and run them for a few weeks and list several more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins:** Thomas & Nancy Koenig, Phyllis Steiner, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Russell & Mary Steiner, Thomas & Karen Steiner, Ken & Mary Stoeffler, Gerald Stram, Jacqueline Stram, Rose Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Michael & Sharon Strnad, Cindy Sutton, Norbert & Cathy Swenson, Agnes Tesar, Phyllis Tichenor, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Jerald & Rose Trautsch, Ronald & Arlene Trautsch, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, Robert & Debra Wachter, Gerald Wachuta, Steven & Jennifer Wachuta, Joshua & Angela Wagner, Bruce & Vicki Waller, Evelyn Waller, Pamela Waller, Carol Walz, Jim & Margaret Walz, Martin & Judy Warpinski, Alan Weber, James & Barbara Welsch, Thomas Whetston, Dennis & Sandra White, James White, Ronald & Karen White, Sally White, Lyle Wilkinson, Arlene Willms, Elmer Wisnefsky, Gerald & Rose Wright, Phyllis Yeomans, Gail Zirngibl.