

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, April 1

Palm Sunday

6:30 pm Faith Alive Book
Study in St. John's Church

Monday, April 2

10:00 am Faith Alive Book
Study in St. John's Church

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, April 3

No Tuesday 8:15 am Mass at
St. John's and no Mass at Prai-
rie Maison

5:30 pm Confessions at St.
John's

Wednesday, April 4

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

6:45 pm Confessions at St.
John's

Thursday, April 5

6:30 am Men's Group will
meet at St. John's

No morning Mass

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

Friday, April 6

No morning Mass

1:30 pm Good Friday Service
at St. Gabriel's followed by
Confessions

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

Saturday, April 7

8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St.
Gabriel's

Sunday, April 8 - Easter

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Mass at St. John's

The next Holy Name meeting
will be held on Sunday, April
15th at 9:00 am in St. Gabriel's
School Hall



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks
over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks
on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they
had cut from the fields.

- Mk 11:7-8



April 1, 2012 - PALM SUNDAY

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Good Friday Services - April 6

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy DuCharme, Joe & Sharon Atkins; **Lectors:** Mark Grunwald & Rita Krahn
Servers: Levi Orr, Adam Groom, Gunnar Kravchek & Jack Stoeffler; **Ushers:** John Gillitzer, Don Osterhaus, Don Cipra

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 7/8

Saturday 8:00 pm Jackie Stram Family
 Sunday 8:00 am Don & Mary Osterhaus

Eucharistic Ministers-April 7/8

Saturday 8:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra, & Lyle Marfilus
 Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermesen, Arlene Willms & Megan Pedretti

Home Communion Ministers for April 8th:

Nancy DuCharme

Servers-April 7/8

Saturday 8:00 pm Nathan Banasik & Wesley Schwager
 Evan Boisvert & Emily Steger
 Sunday 8:00 am Jack & Claire Stoeffler
 Josh & Jacob Linder

Lectors-April 7/8

Saturday 8:00 pm Debbie Morovits & Jerry Cummings
 Sunday 8:00 am Mary Stoeffler

Ushers-April 7/8

Saturday 8:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob, Jeff, & Nicholas Ziel
 Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Jim McGrath, Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-April 7/8

Scrip will not be sold this weekend.

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 4

8:15 am Jim & Leone St. Jacque: by Family

Thursday, April 5

NO MASS

Friday, April 6 - Good Friday

1:30 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 7 - Holy Saturday

8:00 pm Priest's Intention

Sunday, April - Easter

8:00 am Priest's Intention

OUR COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY WILL BE FOR THE HOLY LAND.

Bingo Winners from Monday, March 26th:

\$25.00 - Glenda Wolfram, Leo Schlitter; **\$30.00** - Mary White, Doris Krogman; **\$35.00** - Marilee Millin, Annabelle Stubbe; **\$40.00** - Dwain Wolter; **\$125.00** - Roger Goodman; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Rosie Hoeger; **50/50 Winner (\$75.50)** - Harold Siegle

The Progressive Jackpot for next week will be at **\$885.00** plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 57 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, April 2nd are: Check

Writer: John Fischer; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Betty Fischer, Peggy Fischer; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Lunch Preparation:** Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Hanna Dickman & Clayton DuCharme.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We would like to thank the following parishioners who have made the sacrifice to support the annual appeal this year. Please note that we only publish names two weeks in a row in the bulletin but all names are listed on the bulletin boards in both churches.

Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Skip & Donna Gjolberg, Bruce & Ruth Klang, David & Renee Martin, Todd & Dee O'Connell, Bernard O'Connell, John & Judy Doll, James & Yvonne Pitzer, Norma Bloyer, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Pat Lenzendorf, Robert & Linda Schneider, and Juanita Tully.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack & Mary Ann Leake on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 25	\$3,751.00	\$4,001.50
Plate for March 25	285.10	305.45
Total	\$4,036.10	\$4,306.95

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$280.25** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **John E. (Jack) Kluesner, William Burger, and Arleen J. Gillitzer** in your prayers. Arleen's funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church on Tuesday, March 27th and Jack's funeral was held at St. Gabriel's on Thursday, March 29th and William's was held on Friday, March 30th. May God grant them all eternal life and comfort to their families.

HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most sacred week of our year as Christians. Holy Week begins today and goes through Easter Sunday; this is the most somber and holy time of the entire Christian year. It is the week that we recall the last days in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth; his passion, death and resurrection. I pray that this Lenten season has been a time of spiritual growth for our entire parish family, and that we will be able to truly celebrate the risen Lord in our hearts this Easter. This last week allows us to come close to Jesus on the cross. This is not a comfortable place to be, but without the cross, there is no resurrection. How do we come close to Jesus in these days of sorrow?

The best place to begin is with a good confession. Last Sunday, many people participated in a penance service at St Gabriel's, (Both visiting priests commented on the number of penitents) but if you haven't had the opportunity, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of this sacrament before the Easter celebration. Check the schedule in the bulletin for available times this week. Next, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Triduum; from Holy Thursday night to the Easter Vigil. In the eyes of the church, this is one celebration, and we are encouraged to take part in as many aspects of this that we can. On Thursday we will have adoration following the Mass of the Last Supper until 9:00. Friday will be the Good Friday service, and the Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 PM on Saturday. We will also have a *Tenebrae*, or shadows, service on Friday evening. This is a powerful way to experience the passion of Christ in a way many have not seen for some time.

I would also like to mention the *paschal fast*. This is the Good Friday fast, consisting of no meat and no eating between meals. We are allowed only one full meal during the day as well. If possible, the church recommends this sacred time and fast be extended into Saturday. These sacrifices we offer will help us celebrate the Lord's resurrection with a special joy in our hearts.

Take advantage of this week. Don't wait until next year; even if your Lent was not as demanding as you might have wished, there is one more chance. Holy Week can be a time of great spiritual growth. Set aside some time this week to be with Jesus. Accompany him at the Last Supper; be there with him when he is condemned and as he walks to Calvary, carrying his cross. Keep him company upon the cross, and wait with his Blessed Mother after he is buried, and be there when the angels announce '*He is Risen.*'

May all of you have a blessed Easter.

Fr James

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for Linda Vance, Adrienne Kortas, Odelia Matt, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Marge Noggle, Janelle Becwar, Tom Banasik, Virginia Eichmann, Dennis Brandt, Mary Nash, Payton Kay Kazda, Harry Konichek, Helen Tarrence, James Thompson, Rick Sime, Carissa Waldo, Earl White & Michael Hinrich.

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

SCHOOL NEWS....The 6th, 7th and 8th grade had a busy month participating in their Forensics Competition. They all worked hard and did a great job!

The 5th grade are on the 5th unit in English and are amazed at how quickly their first year at St. John's has gone. As one student said, "*Time certainly flies by!*"

Miss Pelleymounter

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

5:30 PM Tuesday, April 3rd at St. John's

6:45 PM Wednesday, April 4th at St. John's

Friday, April 6th following Good Friday Service at St. Gabriel's.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	7:00 PM	St. John's
Good Friday	1:30 PM	St. Gabriel's
Tenebrea (Friday)	8:00 PM	St. John's
Easter Vigil	8:00 PM	St. Gabriel's
Easter Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Gabriel's
Easter Sunday	10:00 AM	St. John's

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St. John's Church

Liturgical Minister for Holy Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Steger, Barb Frommelt, Doris Krogman; **Lector:** Jerry Cummings; **Servers:** Nolan Stram, Eric Nolan, Evan Teynor & Jacob Mara
Ushers: Merle Frommelt, Don Cipra, Dennis Mezera and John Chaffee

Offertory Gift Bearers-Easter, April 8

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara Family

Eucharistic Ministers-Easter, April 8

Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Donna Steiner, & Doris Krogman

Home Communion Ministers for April 8th

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith, & Mary Check

Servers-Easter, April 8

Sunday 10:00 am Chad Mara & Peyton Hall
Nick & Kylie Weber

Lectors-Easter, April 8

Sunday 10:00 am Sarah Mezera

Ushers-Easter, April 8

Sunday 10:00 am Mark Mara, Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera, & Ron Trautsch

Scrip Workers-April 8

Scrip will not be sold today.

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 25	\$4,555.00	\$3,562.00
Plate for March 25	312.20	362.06
Units	.00	65.00
Total	\$4,867.20	\$3,989.06

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$412.20** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Diocese of LaCrosse is again sponsoring the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. The dates and locations for this year's events are: July 15th at St. Mary's in Altoona; August 5 at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse and August 12th in St. Bronislava in Plover. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend a celebration, in their honor. If you are celebrating a 50th Wedding Anniversary this year and are interested in attending call your name into your rectory office.

REMINDER: If you are using a cell phone for your primary phone, please inform your rectory office of the cell phone number. Thank you!

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 2

5:15 pm Marcella "Sally" Leibfried:
by Marita Seitz

Tuesday, April 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 4

NO MASS

Thursday, April 5 - Holy Thursday

No Morning Mass

Mass of the Last Supper

7:00 pm Wendy Garrity: by Family

Friday, April 6 - Good Friday

Service to be held at St. Gabriel's

Saturday, April 7

(Easter Vigil to be held at St. Gabriel's)

Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday

10:00 am Priest's Intention

Thank you to the family of Wendy Garrity for the generous donation to our school and parishes in her memory. We are very grateful for this gift.

Easter Flower Fund.....If you would like to make a donation to the **"Easter Flower Fund"** at St. John's or St. Gabriel's in memory of a loved one, you can do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked **"Easter Flowers"** and mail to us or place your donation in your parish collection. Thank you.

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2012

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's St. John's
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's St. John's
E-mail Addresses: sgp@prairiecatholic.org ljgratace@hotmail.com		Website: www.prairiecatholic.org pastor@prairiecatholic.org

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.

Principal
Wade Marlow

Office Managers
Lana Gratace
Sandy Halverson

Director of Grade School Religious Education
Pat Prochaska

Parish Nursing Program
Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra
Please call (357-2000)
Rectory Office Hours at St. Gabriel's:
8:00 am to 4:00 pm (Monday- Friday)
Rectory Office Hours at St. John's
8:00 am to 4:00 pm (Tuesday - Friday)

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