

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**  
**Pastor**

## This Week at the Parishes

### **Sunday, April 15**

9:00 am Holy Name meeting  
in St. Gabriel's School Hall

12:00 pm First Communion  
at St. Gabriel's

### **Monday, April 16**

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

### **Tuesday, April 17**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mai-  
son

### **Wednesday, April 18**

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

### **Thursday, April 19**

Adoration after the 8:15 am  
Mass at St. John's with Bene-  
diction at 1:00 pm

4:30 - 6:30 Open House at St.  
Gabriel's School featuring the  
Giant Asian Map followed by  
a Burgers & Fries Supper

7:00 pm Parish Council will  
meet at St. John's Church

### **Friday, April 20**

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Prayer  
Group will meet at St. John's  
Church

**The Knights of Columbus**  
will be sponsoring their annual  
"Tootsie Roll" Drive Friday,  
April 20 through Sunday,  
April 22. K.C. members and  
event volunteers will be par-  
ticipating in the drive after all  
Masses next weekend.

**Today, Sunday, April 15th the**  
**Luren Singers** from Decorah,  
Iowa will be presenting a con-  
cert at St. Peter's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church at 3:00 pm.

**On Monday, April 16th there**  
**will be a community Blood**  
**Drive from Noon until 5:30**  
**pm at the National Guard Ar-**  
**mory in Prairie du Chien.**  
**"GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE"**

### **THURS., APRIL 19TH** **OPEN HOUSE**

at St. Gabriel's School  
Hall featuring the Giant  
Asian Map. The Men's  
Group will be sponsor-  
ing a "Burgers and  
Fries" Supper from 4:30  
to 6:30 pm. Free will  
offering. All are invited  
to attend.



**St. Gabriel Archangel**

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404

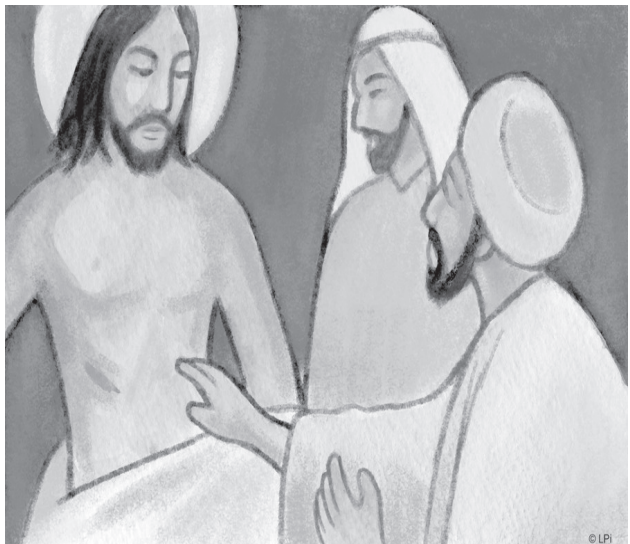


**St. John Nepomuc**

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



**Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29**



**April 15, 2012 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

### Offertory Gift Bearers-April 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

### Eucharistic Ministers-April 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Tom Steiner,  
& Mary Daskocil

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry,  
Megan Pedretti

### Home Communion Ministers for April 22

John Chaffee

### Servers-April 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Kama & Lizzie Tesar  
Taylor Lutz & Marissa Anderson

Sunday 8:00 am Zachary & Aaron Neisius  
John & Mitchell Luster

### Lectors-April 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### Ushers-April 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard  
Steiner, Cliff Stram & Jim  
Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek,  
Jim McGrath, Dick Tesar

### Scrip Workers-April 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Vicki Waller/Kerri Weber

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius/Jim/Carolyn  
McGrath

### Parish Support

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for April 8th	\$3,294.25	\$2,854.00
Plate for April 8th	603.00	875.83
Easter Envelopes	6,331.00	6,073.00
Total	\$10,228.25	\$9,802.83

The Good Friday collection came to **\$411.15**.

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$618.91** and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Thank you to** all who purchased our Lottery Sweepstake Calendars this past year. Because of all of you the profit came to **\$13,500.00** and will be used for school expenses.

***Congratulations to Bill & Dorothy Farmer on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.***

### St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

#### Monday, April 16

NO MASS

#### Tuesday, April 17

NO MASS

#### Wednesday, April 18

8:15 am Dorothy Marx: by Family

#### Thursday, April 19

NO MASS

#### Friday, April 20

8:15 am Helen Wilkinson: by Family

#### Saturday, April 21

4:00 pm Dennis Forst: by Kurt & Peggy Smith

#### Sunday, April 22

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

### Bingo Winners from Monday, April 9th: \$25.00

- Violet Bischoff, Cindy Bender, Kaci Mansfield, Madeline Gerhards, Lyle Neirling, Angela Tippery, Sandy McCoy, Iva Dean Wilker; **\$30.00** - George Kahler, **\$35.00** - Pat Check; **\$40.00** - Dave Kasey, Kaci Mansfield; **\$50.00** - Cecilia Mara; **\$125.00** - Walter Ready; **Progressive Jackpot (\$1,122.00)** - Joyce Benoy; **50/50 Winner (\$104.50)** - Jane Benoy

### Bingo Workers for Monday, April 16th: Check

**Writer:** Debbie Morovits; **Floor Workers:** Sarah Holler & Sheila Eastman; **Callers:** Duane Rogers or Michael Higgins; **Lunch Provided by:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Isabella Cummuta & Breann Holler

### Easter Flower at St. Gabriel's were given in mem-

**ory of:** Mary & Michael Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Mary Rose Novey, Elizabeth M. Rodenkirch, Bernice Rupp, Duane Prindle, Kyle Corlett, John & Ursula Kasperek Family, Richard DuCharme, Jerome & Jeanne Jackson, Robert Cejka, Deceased members of the Don Peloch Family, Andrew & Anne Marie Stoehr, Godfrey & Hilda Cardine, Geraldine Cardine, Barbetta Bloyer, Ralph, Cora, Ron Dohse, Jack Steiner, Wm. & May Balk, Thomas & Richard Welch, Herb Baures, Max Gilberts, M/M Don McGuire, Sr., Leslie R. Poots, Bob Boland, Fred Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, George & Adeline Becwar, Ken & Evelyn Picha, Deceased Members of the Aloysius & Anna Gillitzer Family, Lyle Lester, Agnes Ocenosak, June Tyler, Francis & Helen Wall, Bill & Virginia Dahman, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Leo & Stasia White, Oscar & Lucille Posten, Deceased members of the Ernest Michel Family, Joseph & Elizabeth Jelinek, Edward & Elizabeth Selch, Loretta Tesar, John Steger, Andrew & Katherine Steger, Helen Wilkinson, Duane McGrath, Harold Hamann, Deb Hamann.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY and 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION

The Sunday after Easter has been named Divine Mercy Sunday. The devotions associated with this feast were very close to the heart of our late Holy Father, John Paul II, who believed that the celebration of Divine Mercy is one of the most pressing needs for our world today. As he wrote in his 2003 apostolic letter, *"The Church in Europe,"* Christianity's historic heartland was beset by guilt over what it had done in two world wars and the Cold War, at Auschwitz and in the Gulag, through the Ukrainian hunger famine and the communist persecution of the Church. But having abandoned the God of the Bible, it had nowhere to turn to confess this guilt, seek absolution, and find forgiveness.

Jesus told Saint Faustina, to whom he made known his desire for this devotion: *I desire that this image be venerated, throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish I promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death, I Myself will defend it as My own glory.* The image he speaks of is the Divine Mercy image, from which he promises great graces will flow wherever it is exposed and venerated. This Image is to be a fountain of mercy that we can come to and replenish our strength and belief with the graces that flow from it.

John Paul believed that the Father has now turned His face toward the world, and in response he created Divine Mercy Sunday and made the Divine Mercy chaplet known. The source of this devotion is in his homeland of Poland, but its need is throughout the world. Divine Mercy is needed in our nation today as we face new challenges that threaten religious liberty through government mandates and the threat of government sanctions. For more information on Divine Mercy and to learn how to pray the chaplet, please pick up a brochure located near one of the devotional stations.

Today we also celebrate First Holy Communion for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children. This is an important day in their lives, because from now on, they will have the honor of receiving Christ in the Eucharist every week; even daily if they choose. As we celebrate this event in their faith lives, it is a good time to reflect on our own First Communion; what it meant for us, and what it means for us today.

We are a family; even more we are part of God's family. God is our Father, Jesus is our brother, and the Holy Spirit is the love that comes forth from the Father and through the Son into our lives. We know how important meal time is in a family; a time to catch up and grow closer. The sacrifice of the Eucharist is our meal time in God's family. We come to celebrate, we come with our sorrows; we come to talk with God, to listen to His Word, to be fed by the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Today we come to celebrate with our children as they begin a new era in their relationship with God. It is a time for renewal: if we are here every week, it is a time to deepen our relationship; if we have been away, it is an invitation to return, to discover anew the love God holds for each of His children. (continued)

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Congratulations to our First Communicants.

May their innocent desire to receive their Lord be an inspiration to all of us, and may our commitment to the daily practice of our faith be an example for them.

May you experience God's mercy in your hearts.

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, Virginia Eichmann, Dennis Brandt, Mary Nash, Payton Kay Kazda, Harry Konichek, Helen Tarrence, James Thompson, Rick Sime, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, & Walter Hermesen.

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

### Sweepstake Calendar Winners - April 2012

**\$100.00** - Susan Breuer, Bloomington; Tracy Wiegel, Darlington; Michael S. Garrity, PdC; Carol T. Wagner, La-Crosse, Mark & Donna Gilberts, PdC

**\$50.00** - Steve Bauer, LaCrosse; Mark & Lisa Mara, PdC; Kurt Adrian, Bloomington; Mark Fingerson, Cobb; Cathy & Rick Herman, Waukon

**\$25.00** - Lisa Erdenberger, PdC; Kyle Pattison, PdC; Kathryn & Natalie Gzerniak, Lake Mills; Nora Moris, PdC; Mary McIntyre/Jim Lewis, Beloit; Terry Steger, PdC; Mary Check, PdC; Liam Hedeman, Monroe; Mark Forsythe, PdC; Mary Beth Wellach, Juneau; Armella Kueter, PdC; Camille Kapinus, PdC; Amy & Jeff Roach, PdC; Lindsey Krachey, PdC; Bob Sebastian, PdC; Wolf Machine, Inc. PdC; Valerie Achenbach, PdC; Sam Etemi, PdC; Terry & Kathy Igou, PdC; Amy Krohn, PdC

### Congratulations to our First Communicants at St. John's & St. Gabriel's

Jessica Beisner, Dakota Brown, Mitchell Colson, Matthias Gerhards, Travis Hertrampf, Nicholas Holler, Jayden Jackson, Kori Jaynes, Cainen Johnston, Corbin Jones, Chesney Kazda, Destiny Kemp.

Allison Kennedy, Sadie Koresh, Lily Krahn, Katelyne Lutz, Seth MacEachern, Nicholas Mara, Justin Moris, Jennifer O'Connell, Nicole Rickleff, Jace Roys, Alexis Stram, Dominic Tanner, Colton Thompson.





## Sunday of Divine Mercy

### St. John's Church

#### Offertory Gift Bearers-April 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

#### Eucharistic Ministers-April 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner  
& Patty Schauf-Yager

#### Home Communion Ministers for April 22nd

Shirley MacEachern, Arlene Balk, Merle & Barb  
Frommelt

#### Servers-April 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Kierstyn Rogers & Zachary

Mara

Caitlin Nolan & Lauren Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Faith Dillman & Karly Jaynes

Hannah Dickman & Gracie

Colson

#### Lectors-April 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Sarah Mezera

#### Ushers-April 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert,  
Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

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

#### Scrip Workers-April 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes/Amy DeGidio

Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy/Tammy Nolan

#### Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 8th	\$3,398.00	2,855.00
Plate for April 8th	889.48	964.41
Easter Envelopes	<u>7,005.00</u>	<u>5,570.00</u>
Total	\$11,292.48	\$9,389.41

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$377.75**  
and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Thank you to JoAnn Shea for the generous donation to our Prairie Catholic Share and Care Fund. We are very grateful for this gift.

**NEW HOSPITAL COMMUNITY INPUT FORUMS.....Breakfast Visioning Session** will be held on Tuesday, April 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 am. **Overview presentation:** 7:00 to 7:20 am; **Open Forum:** 7:20 to 9:00 am at the Polodna Health Learning Center or you can attend a **Luncheon Visioning Session** on Wednesday, April 18th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. **Overview Presentation:** 11:30 to 11:50 am; **Open Forum:** 11:50 am to 1:30 pm at the Polodna Learning Center. Join us for breakfast or lunch. See our website: [pdcmh.org](http://pdcmh.org)

#### St. John's Mass Intentions

##### Monday, April 16

5:15 pm John Huza: by Family & Friends

##### Tuesday, April 17

8:15 am Bob Matejka: by Betty & Lee Baxter

##### Wednesday, April 18

**NO MASS**

##### Thursday, April 19

8:15 am Anna McGuire: by Joan Poots & Family

##### Friday, April 20

**NO MASS**

##### Saturday, April 21

7:00 pm Fred & Marcella Zins:  
by Linda Ginkel Family

##### Sunday, April 22

10:00 am Al Duve: by Jan Duve

**Easter Flowers at St. John's were given in memory of:** M/M Rudy Konichek, Sr., M/M Anthony Jelinek, Irene Rosenbaum, Ray Konichek, Sr., Rudy Konichek, Jr., Chuck Krogman, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Walter Kann, Lloyd Konichek, David Konichek, Robert Cejka, Charlotte C. Voth, Deceased Members of the Roger G. Steiner Family, William & Lora Young, August & Paul Wall, Marty & Mary Betzle, Bill Betzle, Mary Marcella MacEachern, Cub & Clara MacEachern, Ron Cherrier, Bill Fillbach, George & One Panka, Deceased Members of the Anthony Mezera Family, Deceased Members of Albena Sutton Family, Mary Ellen Linder, Vern Webster, Robert L. Balk, Bruce Dillman, Ray & Monica Sweeney, Michael "Mick" Kramer, Reginald & Rose Kramer, Marlow & Ann Waller, Terry Waller, Linda Vondrum, Wm & Mary Crowley Family, James & Carol Coorrough Family, Courtney Nash, Sam Nash, Ann Wakeland, Ray & Evelyn Sprosty, Loretta Jamnik, Deceased members of the Lubawy, Knutson & Roevers Families

#### 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.

Michael & Pat DeMuth, Donald & Joan Draka, Stephen & Ann Farone, Judith O'Kane, Michael & Melissa Stram.

#### IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Chad T. Mezera** and **Thomas Banasik** in your prayers. Chad's funeral was held at St. John's Wednesday, April 11th and Tom's funeral was held in LaCrosse on Friday, April 13th. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

Mass Schedule

Saturday                      4:00 pm                      St. Gabriel's  
   7:00 pm                      St. John's

Sunday                        8:00 am                      St. Gabriel's  
   10:00 am                     St. John's

E-mail Addresses: sgp@prairiecatholic.org                      Website: www.prairiecatholic.org  
   ljgratace@hotmail.com                      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