

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, April 22

Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual "Tootsie Roll" Drive today after all Masses

Monday, April 23

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, April 24

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, April 25

Confirmation at St. John's Church

Thursday, April 26

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

Friday, April 27

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Bible Study at St. John's Church

Saturday, April 28

Sunday, April 29

Mark Your Calendar

Holy Family Breakfast coming up on Sunday, May 13th from 6:30 to 10:00am at St. Gabriel's School Hall. Sponsored by the Men's groups of both churches. All are welcome, free will offering.



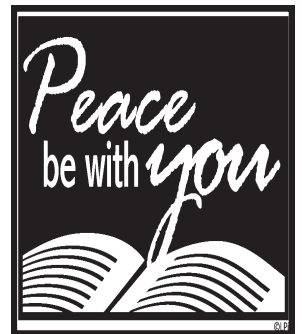
St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48



April 22, 2012 - Third Sunday of Easter

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-April 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Doscocil, Laura Meyer,
Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mary Osterhaus, Donna Teynor,
Rhonda Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for April 29th

Nancy DuCharme

Servers-April 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Nolan Stram & Jacob Mara
Joy Steiner & Lauren Nicholson

Sunday 8:00 am Kyle MacEachern, Josh Linder
Frankie & Harlee Eastman

Lectors-April 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Fred Zenz

Sunday 8:00 am Arlene Willms

Ushers-April 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
Russell Eulgem, Bob Ziel

Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee,
Don Cipra & John Gillitzer

Scrip Workers-April 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Kim MacEachern/Matt Jackson

Sunday 8:00 am Brian/Shelly Trautsch
Colleen Teynor

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 23

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 24

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 25

8:15 am Tracy L. Horner: by Family

Thursday, April 26

NO MASS

Friday, April 27

8:15 am Betty Berns: by Peg Stoeffler

Saturday, April 28

4:00 pm Marguerite Caya:
by M/M John Luster

Sunday, April 29

8:00 am Bob Boland: by Butch & Bonnie Boland



Bingo Winners from Monday, April 16th:

\$25.00—Jayne Benoy, Barb Burr, Millie Senesac, Glenda Wolfram, **\$100.00** Betty Marmann **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)**—Joyce Benoy; **50/50 Winner(\$47.50)**—Peggy Bauer

Bingo Workers for Monday April 23rd: Check

Writer: Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Sue Groom, Karen Fischer, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Food Prepared** by Larry and Denise Rod & Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Gracie Colson & Nicholas Weber

Prairie Catholic School received a very generous gift from the Kenneth Kane Estate. We are very grateful.

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 15th	\$3,720.00	\$4050.00
Plate for April 15	\$547.62	\$322.50
Easter (add'l)	<u>\$180.00</u>	
Total	\$4,447.62	\$4,372.50

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$214.06** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Name Raffle Winners for April 2012

\$10.00 Winners - Aelred Mezera, Julie Hazen, Dennis Mezera, Jerry Trautsch, PdC, Betty Guse, Milwaukee WI,

\$25.00 Winners - Glen Gillitzer & Virginia Konichek, PdC **\$100.00 Winner** -

Jim Tichenor, Kirksville MO. The next meeting for the Holy Name will be May 6th at 9:00 am in the basement of St. Gabriel's School. New members always welcome.

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.

Confirmation

This week we will have the opportunity for a great celebration as we confirm 34 of our young people at St John's on Wednesday evening. This is an important step in their faith life, and is a great reminder for us who have been confirmed, as we never finish '*becoming*' Christians. Our faith journey and entering into an ever deeper relationship with the Holy Trinity is a life-long process. We owe a debt of gratitude to our teachers, who have done a very good job in preparing these young men and women for this sacrament. Thank you.

What does it mean to be confirmed? It is to be touched by God in a real, life changing experience. I read a reflection on Michelangelo's famous painting *The Creation of Adam*. This reflection pointed out that the effort being put forth by God is tremendous, while Adam seems to be just relaxing, not making any effort at all. This can happen in so much of our lives, we don't even see how much effort is being put forth by God, while we let life carry us where she will. This can happen in our spiritual life as well. We can be so focused on the material, what we do, that we overlook what is truly important, our eternal salvation. God indeed reaches out to touch us; are we matching his effort to reach back?

For those of us who have been confirmed, it is about how we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and this takes work. For our confirmation, he will fill you with his light, and give you his gifts: *wisdom, knowledge, courage, counsel, understanding fortitude and piety*. These are the gifts that will fill your hearts not only on the day of Confirmation, but for all time, and these will bring power into your Catholic Christian lives. It takes courage today to live a Christian life; to speak up for what is right, to make choices in line with our faith, to stand solid when the current of the prevailing culture, which grows stronger every day, is pushing us along. Use the gifts you receive to be that light that fills the world, to help bring the light of Christ into every corner of the world God sends you. May God keep and bless you on this special day and always.

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, John Messling, Tony Teynor & Mark Lochner.

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

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC GOLF OUTING 3 PERSON TEAMS SATURDAY MAY 5TH GET YOUR TEAM REGISTERED FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING WITH THE *BACK HOME BOYS*

For more information or registration forms contact:
Dave Coorough @ 608-326-6707; PdC Country Club Manager or
Duane Rogers @ 608-326-3529, Event Chairman

School News

The eighth graders have been preparing this whole year to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have done research papers: one on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and one on the saint they have chosen as their Confirmation patron. They would like your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith and understanding of what it means to be a Catholic. They will be confirmed on April 25 in St. John's church. The eighth graders are also getting ready for their trip to DC. They are very excited and looking forward to learning more about this beautiful country we live in. Mrs. Jozefowicz

Third Sunday of Easter

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-April 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Lucy Cornford

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Peggy
Gallagher & Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for April 29th:

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

Servers-April 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Emily Trautsch & Chad Mara
Peyton Hall & Adam Groom

Sunday 10:00 am Jenna & Breann Holler
Jacob Fishler & Alexis Nolan

Lectors-April 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Al Krieg

Sunday 10:00 am Charles Connell

Ushers-April 28/29

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 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum/Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman/Lisa Peterson

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 15th	\$3,410.00	\$4,475.00
Plate for April 15th	\$247.75	\$304.10
Easter (add'l)	<u>\$265.00</u>	
Total	\$3,922.75	\$4,779.10

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$115.00** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Mark your Calendar:

St. John's will host their annual Bohemian Dinner on Sunday, May 20th. Serving from 11:00 am to 1:00pm

We would like to thank the family of Chad Mezera for the generous donation to our Catholic School in his memory. We are very grateful for this generous donation.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 23

5:15 pm Marge Robejsek: by Family

Tuesday, April 24

8:15 am Joe Rod: by Family

Wednesday, April 25

NO MASS

Thursday, April 26

8:15 am Carolyn Peterson: by Leary E. Peterson

Friday, April 27

NO MASS

Saturday, April 28

7:00 pm Bill Fillbach: by Joe & Pat Prochaska

Sunday, April 29

10:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE SEEKING GROUNDSKEEPING HELP @ ST. JOHN'S. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT MILLIE SENSENAC TO ARRANGE TIMES AND DAYS ALSO, CALVARY CEMETARY AND ST GABRIEL CEMETARY IS IN NEED OF ONE OR TWO PEOPLE TO HELP WITH MOWING, WEED WHIPPING AND OTHER GROUNDSKEEPING DUTIES. ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT MICK ROONEY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what He wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on May 18-20 in Brookfield, WI; June 8-10 in Rockford, IL and July 20-22 in Madison, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Readings for the Week of April 22, 2012

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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