

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, April 8 - Easter

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Mass at St. John's

Monday, April 9

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, April 10

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

6:00 pm Joint Finance
Council meeting in St. John's
Hall

Friday, April 13

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

Saturday, April 14

Sunday, April 15

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

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

**Next weekend: Collection
for the annual LaCrosse Di-
ocesan Council of Catholic
Women at all Masses**

**Next weekend is our non-
perishable food collection for
our local food pantry. There
are containers for these items
in the back of both churches.
Thank you to all who donate
to this worthy cause.**

**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!"**



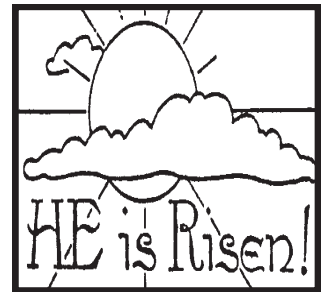
St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7



April 8, 2012 - EASTER SUNDAY

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers
 12:00 noon First Communion Class

Eucharistic Ministers-April 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Nancy
 DuCharme & Richard Ambrose
 Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Mark
 Gilberts
 12:00 noon First Communion Families

Home Communion Ministers for April 15

Eileen Hermesen, Sheila Linder

Servers-April 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Kaitlyn & Andrew Waller
 Zachery Rod & Lindsey
 Nicholson
 Sunday 8:00 am Brett Sanders & Breanna Teynor
 Tanner Gillitzer & Clayton
 DuCharme
 12:00 noon Makayla & McKennan Gerhards
 Paige Rickleff, Breanna Holler

Lectors-April 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner
 Sunday 8:00 am Rhonda Stubbe
 12:00 noon First Communion Families

Ushers-April 14/15

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 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Jenni Severson & Kathy Welter
 Sunday 8:00 am Sue Groom & Tom/Lisa Dyer

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 9

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 10

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 11

8:15 am Jim & Clara Powers:
 by John & Margaret Wachter

Thursday, April 12

NO MASS

Friday, April 13

8:15 am Eileen Cornwell: by Family

Saturday, April 14

4:00 pm Betty Berns: by Peg Stoeffler

Sunday, April 15

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to our Pastor

First Communion Mass - 12:00 - Noon

For the First Communicants

Bingo winners from April 2nd: \$25.00 - George Kahler, Annabelle Stubbe & John Wolfram; \$30.00 - Walter Ready, \$35.00 - Sue Breuer, Mary Ann Baker; \$40.00 - Peg Stoeffler; \$125.00 - Glenda Wolfram; \$100.00 Progressive Consolation - Sue Breuer; 50/50 Winner (\$100.00) - Sue Breuer

Next week the progressive jackpot will be \$993.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 58 calls or less.

Bingo workers for April 9th: Check Writer: Melissa Reilly; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Floor Workers:** Holly Nicholson, Becky Rooney, & Deb Schultz; **Food Preparation:** Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Clayton DuCharme & Preston Hendrix

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 1st	\$4,156.00	\$5,749.00
Plate for April 1st	214.23	271.30
Total	\$4,370.23	\$6,020.30

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to \$711.95 and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU to the family of Arleen Gillitzer for the generous donation to our Catholic School. We are very grateful for this gift.

Are you looking to put Christ in your marriage? Deepen your communication, 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.

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 out website: pdcmh.org

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Camden Ryan Fradette**, son of Ryan & Rachel (Mezera) Fradette through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Camden Ryan** and his family.

A Blessed Easter Greeting

Once again, the Easter season has arrived, and we come to celebrate this greatest event in the entire world, **'Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!!!'** Each year, the Easter greeting remains the same, but we are not the same. All of us have experienced things in the past year, some of them joyous, and some of them have brought a deep sense of grief into our hearts. There have been marriages and children born, others have graduated from college and high school and some have begun new jobs or retired from careers. Then there have been harder moments; divorce, death of a loved one, losing a job, having to move or a serious illness or accident has come close to home. How similar all of this is to Holy Week.

Christ entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the cries of hosanna, only to have these same people shouting **'Crucify him'** by Thursday night into Friday morning. Then many of them realize what they had done, and recognize the Christ at his death; and the awesome event they would come to experience on that 1st Easter morning when they saw the risen Lord in their midst. Holy week is truly a microcosm of our life, the joy and celebrations intermixed with our sufferings and failures. In all of these events in our lives, we are called to look into the empty tomb and ask: do I really believe in the empty tomb? Do I believe that Christ is risen? How does this change me; does it make a difference in my life, my choices and actions?

With this in mind, we have an invitation especially for two groups today. First, to those who are joining us for these celebrations who are not weekly Mass attendees: I would like to welcome you home, and I pray that the Lord will touch your hearts and inflame that desire for Him that is in our heart. I hope that you experience the risen Lord in the Word and in our community, and this will lead you to return each week to worship our God.

The invitation to our regular worshipers is to let the risen Christ bloom ever more brightly in your hearts. Reach out to those who are here perhaps for the first time. I have found our community to be open in many ways, but I also know that we can always find ways to be more welcoming. We have so many visitors here, not only today but throughout the summer months. This is a good time to ask; are there some things I can do to make their worship more fruitful? Do I welcome strangers, or do I get upset that someone is in my pew? Allow Christ to use you as his instrument, to reach out to those who may be hurting, to those searching for Him; to be his voice, his hands.

Wherever we are right now, know that Christ is knocking on our heart. Yes, he loves us, and he will not reject anyone. But because he loves us, he will not allow us to remain where we are. He is calling you to himself, always to the next level. On this Easter day, enter into the empty tomb, see the cloths lying there and seek him who is already seeking you. May you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter season.

God bless.

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.

Low Sunday collection will be taken up at each Mass next weekend for the LaCrosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Proceeds are used for spirituality days, scholarships, grants, leadership trainings, support & charitable works throughout the diocese.

If you missed our Pre-K registration last week and you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2012, there are packets still available in the St. Gabriel school office. Please stop in between 7:30 - 3:30 Monday through Friday if you are interested in enrolling your child in our Pre-K program. For more information please call 326-8624.

SCHOOL NEWS....Happy Easter! We have been reverently preparing with the Stations of the Cross. Now it is here; a very important day on our Catholic calendar! The middle school students have been reading chapter books-ask about their favorite. Reading is a part of each of their lives-they are to read each day and take quizzes on the books to earn points. The 5th grade social studies classes have been studying Colonial America and will have a deeper appreciation and understanding for July 4th! -Mrs. Atkins

The Easter flowers memorial names will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

Sunday, April 15th the Luren Singers from Decorah, Iowa will be presenting a concert at Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 S. Michigan, Prairie du Chien. They are conducted by Dr. David Judisch. The public is invited to a reception afterward.

Easter Sunday

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-April 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris
Krogman & Sherry Ariss

Home Communion Ministers for April 15

Shirley MacEachern, Arlene Balk, Merle & Barb
Frommelt

Servers-April 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Doug, Liz, Austin & Ashley
Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Isabella Blondin & Jerrod
Osterkamp
Jonathon & Joshua Dyer

Lectors-April 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

Ushers-April 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer,
Alex Schaefer, Tim Looney

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

Scrip Workers-April 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski & Teresa
Champion

Sunday 10:00 am Lara Higgins & Cathy Irvin

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 1st	\$5,438.00	\$6,929.00
Plate for April 1st	347.22	268.76
Total	\$5,785.22	\$7,197.76

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$331.31**
and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Check out our website at: www.prairiecatholic.org
You will find lots of informative items. Parish bulletins, Fr. Weighner homilies and much more.

Readings for the Week of April 8, 2012

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
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 9

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 10

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

Wednesday, April 11

NO MASS

Thursday, April 12

8:15 am Ray & Eleanor Gebel: by Family

Friday, April 13

NO MASS

Saturday, April 14

7:00 pm Bill Fillbach: by John & Ann Rink

Sunday, April 15

10:00 am Hazel Lechnir: by Family

Prairie Catholic 3rd Quarter Middle School Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honors: Lauren Kennedy, Morgan
Kiesau, Alexis Nolan; **5th Grade Honors:** Gracie
Colson, Hanna Dickman, Faith Dillman, Clayton
DuCharme, Makennan Gerhards, Preston Hendrix,
Anthony Irvin, Peggy Koresh, Joshua Linder, Ryan
McGrath, Lindsey Nicholson, Caitlin Pattison, Brytta
Sagedahl, Benjamin Teynor, Kylee Weber

6th Grade High Honors: Evan Boisvert, Isabella
Cummuta, Breann Holler, Bailey Ottaway, Kama Te-
sar; **6th Grade Honors:** Renae Irvin, Angela Sebas-
tian, Paige Severson

7th Grade High Honors: Wesley Schwager, Mariah
Slaght, Evan Teynor; **7th Grade Honors:** Nathan
Banasik, Jonathan Dyer, Jacob Mara, Eric Nolan, Na-
thaniel Oehler, Madeline Peterson, Chas Sagedahl,
Nathan Specht, Emily Steger, Andrew Waller

8th Grade High Honor: Makayla Gerhards, Levi Orr,
Anna Zeeh; **8th Grade Honors:** Adam Groom,
Severin Gunnar Kravchuk, John Luster, Chad Mara,
Sean McGrath, Zachary Neisius, Paige Rickleff, Emily
Trautsch.

Congratulations to Joe & Patricia Prochaska
on the occasion of their 45th Wedding Anni-
versary. May God continue to bless them.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We would like to thank the following parish-
ioners 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.

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

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