

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, August 26

6:00 pm 2nd planning meeting for Holy Family Fall Bazaar in St. John's Hall. All unit chairpersons please attend

Monday, August 27

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School Hall

Tuesday, August 28

Wednesday, August 29

6:30 pm Family Life meeting in St. Gabriel's School teacher's lounge

Thursday, August 30

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

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Holy Family Parish Council meeting in St. John's Hall

Friday, August 31

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Saturday, September 1

Sunday, September 2

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls will be served in St. John's Hall plus drawing for the Lottery Sweepstake Calendar winners and Holy Name Raffle winner.

Mark your calendar: Fr. Paul Fagan will present a video presentation on Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 pm in St. John's School.

Grade School CCD Classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 12th. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins. Any questions can be directed to Pat Prochaska at 326-8774.

HOLY FAMILY **Weekday Mass Schedule**

8:15 am on Tuesday & Thursday at St. John's.

8:15 am on Wednesday & Friday at St. Gabriel's.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

Holy Family

Fall Bazaar

St. John's Hall

Sept. 16, 2012

"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. - Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66



August 26, 2012 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-Sept 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Richard
Ambrose, Nancy DuCharme
Sunday 10:00 am Mark Gilberts, Karen Fritsche,
Mary Osterhaus

Home Communion Ministers for Sept. 2nd

Leann Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Lizzie & Kama Tesar
Ethan & Zachary Swiggum
Sunday 10:00 am Brytta & Chas Sagedahl
Rebekah Champion & Ella
Hager

Lectors-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Arlene Willms
Sunday 10:00 am Natalie Stram

Ushers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard
Steiner, Cliff Stram & Jim
Welsch
Sunday 10:00 am Mark Hamann, Don Osterhaus,
Jim McGrath & Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Carrie Colson/Deanne Lutz
Sunday 10:00 am Bart & Michelle Kirchman
Lara Higgins

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock
Sunday 8:00 am Doris Krogman, Windy Mezera
& Donna Steiner

Home Communion Ministers for Sept. 2nd

Shirley MacEachern, Arlene Balk, Merle & Barbara
Frommelt

Servers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Bailey Ottaway & Kyle
MacEachern
Gina & Angela Sebastian
Sunday 8:00 am Josh & Jon Dyer
Paige & Ryan Severson

Lectors-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern
Sunday 8:00 am Charlie Connell

Ushers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe
Sunday 8:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara,
Mark Mara, Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-Sept. 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski, Charlene Steger
Sunday 8:00 am Jenni & Brad Linder, Brian &
Shelly Trautsch

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, August 27 NO MASS

Tuesday, August 28 St. John's Church 8:15 pm Violet Welsch: by Bill & Pat McCoy

Wednesday, August 29 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 pm Cletus Steffensmeier: by Family

Thursday, August 30 St. John's Church 8:15 am Linda Vondrum: by Family

Friday, August 31 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Tracy L. Horner: by Family

Saturday, Sept. 1 St. Gabriel's Church 4:00 pm Wencil & Donald Slama:
by Gladys Slama

Saturday, Sept. 1 St. John's Church 7:00 pm Cub & Clara MacEachern: by Family

Sunday, Sept. 2 St. John's Church 8:00 am Mary Ellen Linder: by Karen & Ron White
Sunday, Sept. 2 St. Gabriel's Church 10:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Holy Family Parish

WHY CONSCIENCE IS IMPORTANT

(A reflection by the USCCB on conscience)

During the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, Americans shone the light of the Gospel on a dark history of slavery, segregation, and racial bigotry. The civil rights movement was an essentially religious movement, a call to awaken consciences. In his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in 1963, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. boldly said, "The goal of America is freedom." As a Christian pastor, he argued that to call America to the full measure of that freedom was the specific contribution Christians are obliged to make. He rooted his legal and constitutional arguments about justice in the long Christian tradition: "I would agree with Saint Augustine that 'An unjust law is no law at all.'... A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."

Some unjust laws impose such injustices on individuals and organizations that disobeying the laws may be justified. Every effort must be made to repeal them. When fundamental human goods, such as the right of conscience, are at stake, we may need to witness to the truth by resisting the law and incurring its penalties. The church does not ask for special treatment, simply the rights of religious freedom for all citizens. Rev. King also explained that the church is neither the master nor the servant of the state, but its conscience, guide, and critic. Catholics and many other Americans have strongly criticized the recent Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. For the first time in our history, the federal government will force religious institutions to fund and facilitate coverage of a drug or procedure contrary to their moral teaching, and purport to define which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit an exemption. This is a matter of whether religious people and institutions may be forced by the government to provide such coverage even when it violates our consciences.

What we ask is nothing more than the right to follow our consciences as we live out our teaching. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. (cont. on next column)

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Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day.

What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative, and robust civil society - or whether the state alone will determine who gets to contribute to the common good, and how they get to do it.

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, 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, James Thompson, Rick Sime, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Bob Waller, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Richard Mergen, Mary Ann Heisz, Sena Breuer, Jerry Matousek, Chris Gremore, Loren Fishler, Randy Cipra and LaVern Sutton.

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

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Aug. 19th	\$7,978.00	\$7,025.00
Plate for Aug. 19th	740.40	572.74
Holy Day - Aug. 15th	<u>1,135.56</u>	
Total	<u>\$9,853.96</u>	<u>\$7,597.74</u>

The second collection came to **\$966.09** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Bingo Winners from Monday, August 20th: \$25.00 - June Petsche; \$30.00 - Janette DuCharme, Kathy Tittle; \$35.00 - Janette DuCharme, Jayne Benoy; \$125.00 - Ruth French, **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Helen Ploessl; 50/50 (61.50) - Kaliann Bauer

Next Monday the Progressive Jackpot will be at \$698.00 plus one half of the progressive bingo jackpot card sales in 55 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, August 27th: Check **Writer:** Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Karen Fisher, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch Provided by:** Denise & Larry Rod, Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Josie Kramer & Gabriel Munson-Fishler

Pat Prochaska would like to thank the following who have donated religious items and school supplies to our CCD/Religious Education Program: Laura Meyer, Paul & Nora Moris, Ann Meyer, Mick Klema, Deanne Hromadka, Mary Pellock, and all other parishioners. **We appreciate YOU!**

If you need a gift for a birthday or wedding - why not give a Scrip Gift Card. We have several to choose from. Remember it's the gift that will not be returned. Scrip can be purchased at either rectory or after the weekend Masses.

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2012

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 /Mk 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Wanted: Quart size glass jars with lids for our Fall Bazaar to use for carry-outs for our Chicken Noodle Soup. If you can help us out with some jars - please bring them to the church hall at St. John's. Thank you.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

The "Basket Raffle" **HAS BECOME A MAJOR ATTRACTION** at the Holy Family Fall Bazaar. Once again, very generous people are busy creating theme baskets for this year's event. Baskets will be displayed in the basement of St. John's Church the day of the bazaar. Please stop down and check out these fabulous baskets on Sunday, Sept. 16.

The next **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDs** are on Sept. 14-16 in Crystal Lake, IL or Oct. 26-28 in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alife-timeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember Robert Waller in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. John's on Saturday. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

You are invited to St. Wenceslaus Parish, Eastman, Picnic & Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012. Mass at 10:00 am followed by a delicious Ham & Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings. Serving from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Games & entertainment all day.

**HOLY FAMILY
PARISH MISSION
Nov. 11th - Nov. 15, 2012**

Holy Family Parish-Prairie du Chien WI

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 7:00 pm

St. Gabriel's
St. John's

Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 am

St. John's
St. Gabriel's

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

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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
No 3:00 pm confessions on days with weddings or funerals.