

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am to Noon Breakfast
hosted by the Youth Group in
St. Gabriel's School Hall

Monday, December 3

10:00 am Faith Alive Bible
Study at St. John's Church
7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's
School Hall

Tuesday, December 4

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie
Maison

Wednesday, December 5

5:30 pm Harmony Choir
practicing for Christmas Eve
at St. John's - **NEW VOICES
WELCOME!**

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

Thursday, December 6

Adoration after the 8:15 am
Mass at St. John's
Benediction at 1:00 pm
7:00 pm Holy Family
Education Committee meeting
at St. John's School

Friday, December 7

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Devo-
tions at St. John's Church
5:15 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's
Vigil for Holy Day

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

7:30 am Mass at St. John's
9:00 am Mass at St. John's

Sunday, December 9

6:30 pm Youth Group will
meet at St. Gabriel's School

**The Holy Family Youth
Group will be caroling on
Sunday afternoon, December
16th - if there are any elderly
or shut-ins who would like
them to stop at their residence
- please inform either rectory
office. (326-6511 or 326-2404)**

**Our *Youth Group* will
be hosting a Breakfast in
St. Gabriel's School Hall
on Sunday, December
2nd from 8:00 am to
Noon. All proceeds for
our newly formed *Youth
Group* to help with ser-
vice projects. All are
invited to attend.
Free will offering.**



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



First Sunday of Advent

Holy Day Masses

**Fri. Dec. 7 - 5:15 pm
at St. Gabriel's**

**Sat., Dec. 8 - 7:30 am &
9:00 am at St. John's**

"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:26-28



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December 2, 2012 - First Sunday of Advent

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Jackie Stram & Family
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Howard Gillitzer,
Laura Meyer
Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermesen, Megan Pedretti
& Ann Lessard

Home Communion Ministers for December 9th
Nancy DuCharme

Servers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Gracie Colson & Faith Dillman
Lindsey & Jon Nicholson
Sunday 8:00 am Brett Sanders & Tanner Gillitzer
Jacob & Emily Fishler

Lectors-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Daskocil
Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

Ushers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard
Steiner, Cliff Stram & Jim
Welsch
Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, Don Osterhaus,
Don Cipra & Nathan Mezera

Scrip Workers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Vicki Waller, Carrie Colson
Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle & Barb Frommelt
Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara Family

Eucharistic Ministers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock
Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner
& Patty Schauf-Yager

Home Communion Ministers for December 9th
Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring & Pat McCoy

Servers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Madelyn & Makennan Gerhards,
Austin & Ashley Mezera
Sunday 10:00 am Sean & Ryan McGrath
Gunnar Kravchuk & Paige
Rickleff

Lectors-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik
Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

Ushers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff,
John Rickleff
Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik &
Ron Trautsch

Scrip Workers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Sarah or Steve Holler, Deanna
Koresh
Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3 NO MASS

Tuesday, December 4 St. John's Church 8:15 am Wendy Garrity: by Law. & Ann Scheckel

Wednesday, December 5 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Lawrence David: by Elaine Moris

Thursday, December 6 St. John's Church 8:15 am Mary Alice (Luster) Kane:
by John & Joyce Luster

Friday, December 7 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Arleen Gillitzer: by Rita Lester

Friday, December 7 St. Gabriel's Church 5:15 pm Bob Boland: by Butch & Bonnie Boland
(Vigil for Holy Day)

Saturday, December 8 St. John's Church 7:30 am Donald A. Slama

Saturday, December 8 St. John's Church 9:00 am Donald & Norma Lochner
(Masses for Holy Day) 68th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 8 St. Gabriel's Church 4:00 pm Bob & Dorothy Jelinek: by Family

Saturday, December 8 St. John's Church 7:00 pm Charles, Doris, Steve & Brent Jelinek:
by Family

Sunday, December 9 St. Gabriel's Church 8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, December 8 St. John's Church 10:00 am Glen & Darrel Beneker: by Irene Beneker

Holy Family Parish

ADVENT 2012

What a difference a year makes. At this time last year, we were in the planning stages for the merging of St. John's and St. Gabriel into Holy Family Parish. It was also the first Sunday of Advent that we began using the new translation of the Roman Missal. These two milestones in our parish life and in the faith life of the Church in the English speaking world in less than a year's time span will be long remembered here in Prairie du Chien. What will this year bring? We never know, but we can be sure that if we continue to walk with open hearts, the Holy Spirit has untold gifts in store.

This year has been designated as the *Year of Faith* by Pope Benedict XVI. So, we have the opportunity to celebrate an Advent of Faith for the next 4 weeks leading up to Christmas. Bringing our liturgical year to a close changes the tone of the readings at Mass. For the last month or so we have been looking at the last 4 things; death, judgment, heaven and hell. Four realities all of us will face at some point or another. These lead us to reflect on the meaning of Advent; preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ. Not just any old birthday, a day to remember the past year, but for a true birth of Christ in our hearts so we can be his witness into the world. This can only be done in faith. To help begin our Advent of Faith, I offer the following meditations on the first mystery of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary from *The Magnificat Year of Faith* booklet:

The Annunciation: The Blessed Virgin Mary received the Word of God in deep humility and obedience. May I share in our Lady's faith so as to be ever open to the will of God and to the re-creation brought forth by his Holy Word. Come, Holy Spirit- come through Mary into my life to perfect it and to sanctify it. God bless. Fr. Jim



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, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, Dennis Brandt, Harry Konichek, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Sena Breuer, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Adam Heiring, Tom White, Roger Pellock, Bryce Kazda, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Mary Kann, & Ethel Sebastian.

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 Nov. 25th	\$7,310.00	\$7,593.00
Plate for Nov. 25th	<u>712.51</u>	<u>613.15</u>
Total	\$8,022.51	\$8,206.15

The second collection came to **\$851.47** and will be used for school expenses and CCD Religious Education expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CONGRATULATIONS to Donald & Norma Lochner on the occasion of their 68th Wedding Anniversary and congratulations to Bob & Deb Wachter on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless both of these couples.

Tickets for our 1st Annual Car & Cash Drawing can be purchased at both rectories and schools. Your chance to win a 2012 Ford Focus, \$5,000.00 or \$500.00. \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Only 2500 tickets will be sold.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Wyatt Jon Welter**, son of Erich J. & Meghan E. (Cooley) Welter through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Wyatt Jon** and his family.

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, November 26th:
\$25.00 - Katie Lenzendorf, Merilee Pleggenkuhle, Sue Butler; **\$45.00** - Linda Nelso; **\$100.00** - Sandy McCoy; **Progressive Jackpot Consolation (\$100.00)** - Betty Cejka; **50/50 (\$62.50)** - Shirley Leamy

The progressive Bingo Jackpot for December 3rd will be \$684.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 56 calls or less.

The Bingo Workers for Monday, December 3rd:
Check Writer: John Fischer; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Peggy Fischer, Betty Fischer & Kati Forsythe; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Lunch Preparation:** Tammy Cram & Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Peggy Koresh & Caitlin Nolan

The following names were omitted from our 2011/2012 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Jeff & Tammy DuCharme, Irving & Carol DuCharme. Again our apology.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - 2012/2013

We would like to thank the following parishioners who have made the sacrifice to support the annual appeal this year. Please note if your pledge card was given or sent to us in the past few weeks - it has not been processed yet and your name will appear in later bulletins. We will publish the names two weeks in a row. This is the second week for these names.

Eugene & Mary Ackerman, Joseph & Sharon Atkins, Dorothy Baures, Robert & Nancy Becker, Robert & Cecelia Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Cecilia Benda, Avalo & Lucille Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Ruth Brus, Richard & Lora Chamberlain, Dale & Teresa Champion, Mary Check, Richard & Jacqueline Cherrier, Gerald & Eldora Coorough, James & Patricia Coorough, Sarah Copsey, James & Lucy Cornford, Patricia Cota, LeAnn Craig, Frank & Eileen Crowley, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Thomas & Diana Deeney, Michael & Patricia DeMuth, Michael & Mary Jane Faas, Stephen & Ann Farone, Thomas & Jean Farrell, Janice Fillbach, Elaine Fischer, John & Betty Fischer, John Forst, Merle & Barbara Frommelt, Michael Garrity, James & Ruth Gates, Frances & Scott Geisler, Roy & Vicki George, Michael & Angela Gillitzer, Howard Gillitzer, John & Norma Gillitzer, Randal Ginsterblum, Richard Ginsterblum, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Mark & Ann Grunwald, William & Mary Halpin, Robert Heilmann, Jean Heiring, Mary Ann Heisz, Phillip & Kristine Henna, Monica Horner, Francis & Sharon Hrubes, William & Yvonne Hubbard.

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Bryan & Cathy Irvin, James Jackson, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Joanne Jones, Mary Kann, John & Sheri Kennedy Rose Kramer, Charles & Linda Kramer, Doris Krogman, Lavonne Laskaskie, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Jeff & Brenda Lenzendorf, Rita Lester, Bradley & Jennifer Linder, Paul Lochner, Michael & Shirley MacEachern, Michael & Deborah Mara, Lewis Marfilus, Lyle & Roberta Marfilus, Jerry & Judy Matousek, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, William & Patricia McCoy, Stephen & Patricia Mercaitis, Terry & Ann Meyer, Aelred & Marijane Mezera, Nathan Mezera, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Catherine Mezera, Mark & Mary Jane Mezera, Anne Mezera, William & Windy Mezera, Paul & Nora Moris, Debra Morovits, Patrick & Iva Mulhern, John Mulrooney, David & Marilyn Nies, Patrick & Tammy Nolan, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Joyce Novey, Marilyn Ocenosak, Thomas Shirley Panka, Kyle & Michele Pattison, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Tracy & Laurie Pedretti, Roger & Mary Ellen Pellock, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, Roger & Patricia Prew, Peter Prew, Joseph & Joanne Prew, John & Ann Rink, Donald & Edith Ritchie, Millicent Ronnfeldt, Michael & Becky Rooney, Herbert & Helen Schneider, Steve & Julie Schwager, Robert & Ethel Sebastian, Millie Senesac, JoAnn Shea, Monica Shedivy, Mary E. Shedivy, David & Joan Skemp, Betty Standorf, Louis & Anita Steger, Gregory & Diane Steger, Russell & Mary Steiner, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Kenneth & Mary Stoeffler, Gerald & Elaine Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Mary Stuckey, Agnes Tesar, Sue Tiller, Shane & Denise Toberman, LeRoy & Deanna Trautsch, Rose Trautsch, Loren & Cathryn Vondrum, Robert & Debra Wachter, Patricia Wachuta, Steven & Jennifer Wachuta, Gerald Wachuta, Joshua & Angela Wagner, James White, Lyle Wilkinson, Arlene Willms, Elmer Wisnefky, Larry & Phyllis Yeomans, Fred & Dianne Zenz.

SCHOOL NEWS....The junior high students are applying their English writing skills in Religion class to explain the true meaning of Christmas. My hope and prayers are that by this writing experience Christmas will have a deeper meaning for them this year and will help them grow closer to Jesus. In addition their writing skills will be further developed as they prepare their research papers next term. These writing skills will help the students prepare for term papers that they will face in high school.

Mrs. Jean Jozefowicz

Reminder: Picture Directories can be picked up at St. John's Rectory during regular office hours.

Holy Family Parish-Prairie du Chien WI

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
 lgratace@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

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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.