

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**

## This Week at the Parish

**Sunday, December 23**

**Monday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm Mass at St. John's

5:30 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's  
(Children's Mass)

10:00 pm Mass at St. John's

**Tuesday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

**Wednesday, December 26**

**Thursday, December 27**

5:30 pm Harmony Choir  
practice at St. John's and carol-  
ing at Prairie Maison at  
6:00 pm

**NEW VOICES WELCOME**

Adoration after the 8:15 am  
Mass at St. John's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

**Friday, December 28**

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Devo-  
tions at St. John's Church

**Saturday, December 29**

**Sunday, December 30**

On Sunday, January 6th  
Holy Family Parish will  
host a guest speaker at St.  
Gabriel's School Hall from  
11:30 am to 4:00 pm for  
college & high school  
students. Rich Curran is a  
motivational & inspira-  
tional speaker. Mark the  
date.

Everyone is invited.



*St. Gabriel Archangel*

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



*St. John Nepomuc*

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:43-45



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**December 23, 2012 – 4th Sunday of Advent**

## **ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**

### **Offertory Gift Bearers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

### **Eucharistic Ministers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Howard  
Gillitzer, Lyle Marfilus

Sunday 8:00 am Jeri Kluesner, Rhonda Stubbe, &  
Ann Lessard

### **Home Communion Ministers for December 30**

Nancy DuCharme

### **Servers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 4:00 pm Clayton DuCharme & Bryce  
Bedward

Dalton & Preston Hendrix

Sunday 8:00 am Clare, Ben & Evan Teynor,  
Taylor Lutz

### **Lectors-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### **Ushers-Dec. 29/30**

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek,  
Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar

### **Scrip Workers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 pm Volunteers

**\*\*See page 4 for Christmas Eve/Day Servers &  
Liturgical Minister Schedules**

## **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

### **Offertory Gift Bearers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

### **Eucharistic Ministers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Patty Schauf-  
Yager, Windy Mezera

### **Home Communion Ministers for December 30**

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

### **Servers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 7:00 pm Jenna & Breann Holler

Peggy Koresh & Zachery Rod

Sunday 10:00 am Nolan Stram & Kierstyn Rogers  
Made & Jack Peterson

### **Lectors-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

### **Ushers-Dec. 29/30**

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

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

### **Scrip Workers-Dec. 29/30**

Saturday 7:00 pm Cathy Irvin

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

**\*\*See page 4 for Christmas Eve/Day Servers &  
Liturgical Minister Schedules**

## **Holy Family's Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday, December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve St. John's</b>	5:00 pm	Priest's Intention
	<b>Christmas Eve St. Gabriel's</b>	5:30 pm	Priest's Intention
	<b>(Children's Mass)</b>		
	<b>Christmas Eve St. John's</b>	10:00 pm	Priest's Intention
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day St. Gabriel's</b>	9:00 am	Priest's Intention
<b>Wednesday, December 26 NOMASS</b>			
<b>Thursday, December 27</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Fred & Marcella Zins: by Linda Ginkel
<b>Friday, December 28</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Lawrence David: by Margaret Key
<b>Saturday, December 29</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	4:00 pm	Pat & Joe Ertel: by Family
<b>Saturday, December 29</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	7:00 pm	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
<b>Sunday, December 30</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:00 am	Ursula & Jack Kasperek: by Family
<b>Sunday, December 30</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	10:00 am	Evelyn Picha: by Sue Rider

# Holy Family Parish

## Why do we need a Savior?

A Savior has come to us as a baby, born in a manger, in the small town of Bethlehem. This Savior comes to restore us to friendship with God, a friendship we cannot re-establish on our own, but which requires God's action. Let's take a closer look.

In these days surrounding Christmas we will hear the proclamation of the Angel to the shepherds "I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." Jesus is born as the Christ, the Anointed One of God, who brings salvation to His people. The name Jesus itself means "God saves."

Salvation is the restoration of friendship with God. The constant teaching of the Bible is that this friendship was lost by the sin of Adam and Eve. We need to have God restore that friendship because we cannot do it on our own. Even a human friendship is a freely bestowed gift. If I betray my friend's trust I would lose all "rights" to that friendship. I may recognize I've done something wrong and may try to repair the broken relationship, but I cannot restore it on my own. The friendship can only be restored by my friend's forgiveness and mercy. If this is the case with human friendship, how much more is it true of the lost friendship with God?

Any action which will restore us to God's friendship must come first from God. That's why we need a Savior. We can't do it on our own. Jesus is born in a manger so that we might understand that it is God's love we are in need of and that God willingly provides that love when He sends us His Son, Jesus Christ. It is so commonly part of all the world's religions that certainly it is wired into our human nature that we strive to commune with God.

With Jesus Christ, God reverses that usual searching of humanity for God and instead God comes to us. So the Angel says, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy." God wants to restore friendship with us. God wants to set things right. God wants us to live our lives to their fullest here and now and enjoy his friendship for eternity.

The novelty of Christmas is not that a baby is born, but that this Child born in Bethlehem is the very presence of God's love come into the world so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Jesus is the Savior whom we need because in Him is the grace necessary for us to overcome all of the dysfunction, sinfulness, shame and guilt which separates us from God and from one another. In Him is the grace to overcome all obstacles to friendship with God. In Bethlehem "a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."

The above is from *The Year of Faith* Diocesan series.

Know my prayers are with you and may all of you have a blessed Christmas.

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, 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, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Mary Kann, Ethel Sebastian, Don Walters, Jeff Krohn & Leone Peloch.

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 Dec. 16th	\$10,864.00	\$8,949.10
Plate for Dec. 16th	571.88	516.15
Dec. Unit	<u>160.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$11,595.88	\$9,545.25

The second collection came to **\$994.35** and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Tickets for our 1st Annual CAR & CASH drawing** can be purchased at both rectories and schools or from Mary Neisius (326-2366) 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.

## WEDDING BANNS

**Ramon Gonzalez & Veronica Hernandez (II)**

**Knights of Columbus Council 8178 of Monona, IA will be hosting their annual free throw contest on Sunday, January 13th, 2013** at the MFL Mar Mac High School gymnasium in Monona. Warm-up & registration begin at 12:00 noon with competition to begin at 1:00 pm. Competition is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14 (age as of January 1, 2013). Please call Mark Fohey with any questions at 563-539-4238. Trophies will be given to the winners and runners-up. Winners advance to the district competition in Feb. Snow date will be on January 27th, 2013.



**Bingo winners from Monday, December 17th:**  
**\$25.00** - Jennifer Hines, Nathan Heins; **\$30.00** - Betty Cejka, JoDee Bedtka; **\$35.00** - Alice Schlitter; **\$40.00** - JoDee Bedtka; **\$125.00** - JoDee Bedtka, **Progressive Jackpot Winner (\$963.00)** - Roxie Shipley; **50/50 winner (\$134.00)** - Greg Kelly

**NO bingo on Monday, December 24th or Monday, December 31st. It will resume on Monday, January 7th, 2013.**

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule at Holy Family for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm at St. John's Church:** Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Steiner, Patty Schauf Yager & Doris Krogman; **Lector** - Jerry Cummings; **Servers** - Jon & Josh Dyer, Nathan Banasik & Paige Rickleff; **Ushers** - Bernie Mayer, Tim Looney, Doug & John Rickleff

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 5:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Church** Eucharistic Ministers - Howard Gillitzer, Kathy Schneider, Laura Meyer; **Lector** - Students; **Servers** - Ben Teynor, Chas Sagedahl, Eric & Alexis Nolan; **Ushers** - Richard Steiner, Bob, Jeffery, & Nicholas Ziel

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 10:00 pm at St. John's Church** Eucharistic Ministers - Verna Panka, Mary Ellen Pellock, Tim Steger; **Lector** - Steve Schwager; **Servers** - Mitchell & Brady Luster, Emily Steger & Aaron Neisius **Ushers:** Dennis Mezera, Tim Looney, Ron Trautsch, Merle Frommelt

**Christmas Day, December 25th at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's Church** Eucharistic Ministers - Ann Lessard, Donna Teynor, Mary Osterhaus; **Lector** - Eric Teynor; **Servers** - Jerrod Osterkamp, Josh & Jonah Linder, Caitlin Nolan; **Ushers** - Butch Boland, John Chaffee, Nathan Mezera, Don Osterhaus

**IF THE ABOVE TIMES DO NOT FIT INTO YOUR SCHEDULE PLEASE GET A SUB. THANK YOU.**

**MANY THANKS** to Arlene Willms for the generous donation to Holy Family Parish in memory of her husband, Robert. We are very grateful for this generous gift.

**School News....**The Prairie Catholic Student Council officers are Evan Teynor, President; Jonathan Dyer, Vice President, and Peggy Koresch, Secretary. The Class Representatives are Chas Sagedahl, Emily Steger, Evan Boisvert, Sam Peterson, Lauren Kennedy, Morgan Kiesau, Joshua Linder & Kaitlyn Waller. This year the student council cleaned up the church and school grounds after the Holy Family Fall Bazaar, planned and sponsored the Halloween party at the middle school, acknowledged and made locker tags for the honor roll and high honor students, helped with the Operation Santa food drive and made treats and individual thank you notes for a group of people who deserved to be recognized. The student council members also read prayers and lead the Pledge of Allegiance over the intercom at school.

The Prairie Catholic Student Council would like to wish everyone a very *Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.*

**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 four to six 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 first week for these names.** Michael & Zita Balk, Bernard & Bonnie Boland, Donald & Joan Draka, Irving & Carol DuCharme, Edgar & Virginia Eichmann, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, Skip & Donna Gjolberg, Walter & Eileen Hermsen, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, Connie Hudson, Sheri Jackson, Kurt & Teresa Jaynes. Robert & Rita Kazda, Jan & Odean Kieser, Patricia Kramer, Kurt & Marie Kravchuk, Armella Kueter, Mark & Patricia Lester, Donald & Mary Lyons, Patricia Mezera, Kenneth & Julie Moret, Elaine Moris, David & Karen Nelson, Mary Prindle, Mattie Rademacher, Michael & Kristine Rogge, Donald & Charlene Roh, Marita Seitz, Mary T. Shedivy, Ronald Shipley, Scott & Peggy Sklenar, Edward & Donna Steger, Thomas & Karen Steiner, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Bruce & Vicki Waller, Thomas Whetston.

**Sweepstake Calendars are now available from either rectory and school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. These make great Christmas gifts!**



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

**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.