

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, December 30

Monday, December 31

4:00 pm Vigil for the
Holy Day - Mass at St. John's

NO BINGO

Tuesday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Mass at St. John's

Wednesday, January 2

5:30 pm Harmony Choir
practice at St. John's

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

Thursday, January 3

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

7:00 pm Education

Commission will meet in St.
John's Hall

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

Sunday, January 6

9:00 am Holy Name meeting
in St. Gabriel's School Hall
plus drawing for the Lottery
Calendar winners and Holy
Name Raffle - Coffee & Rolls
will also be served

11:30 am to 4:00 pm Holy
Family will host Rich Curran,
a motivational & inspirational
speaker for the college & high
school students in St. Gabriel's
School hall.

MASS SCHEDULE **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY**

December 31, 2012

4:00 pm - St. John's

January 1, 2013

8:00 am - St. Gabriel's

10:00 am - St. John's



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404

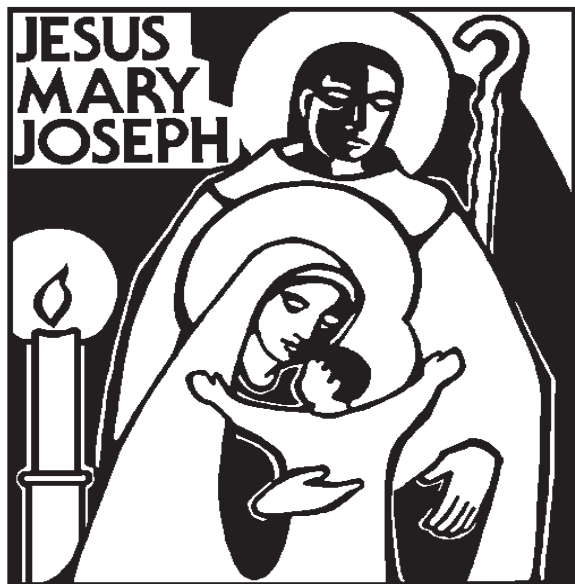


St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



December 30, 2012 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-January 5/6

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Karen Fritsche,
Mary Osterhaus

Home Communion Ministers for January 6th

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Lizzie & Kama Tesar
Katie Welsch & Elizabeth
Carlson

Sunday 8:00 am Josh & Jonah Linder
Nathan Specht & Adam Groom

Lectors-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

Ushers-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard
Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim Welsch

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

Scrip Workers-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider, Laurie
Pedretti

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner
& Jean Ann Dillman

Home Communion Ministers for January 6th

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith, Mary Check

Servers-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Macy & Nathan Banasik
Jack Stoeffler & Wesley
Schwager

Sunday 10:00 am Josh & Jon Dyer
Brytta & Chas Sagedahl

Lectors-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Linda Moser

Ushers-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara,
Mark Mara & Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski, Cathy Irvin

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 31	St. John's Church	4:00 pm	Jerome & Jeanne Jackson: by Family
	Vigil for Holy Day		
Tuesday, January 1	St. Gabriel's Church	8:00 am	Arleen Gillitzer: by Sara Rybarczyk
	St. John's Church	10:00 am	Lora Young: by Family
	Mary the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)		
Wednesday, January 2	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Fred Becwar: by Florence Becwar
Thursday, January 3	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Marguerite Caya: by Jerry Wachuta
Friday, January 4	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Eli Shedivy: by Myrt Craig
Saturday, January 5	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Pat Ertel: by Ruth Ertel
Saturday, January 5	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	Living & deceased members of the Rose & Matt Mezera Family: by Mark & Mary Jane Mezera
Sunday, January 6	St. Gabriel's Church	8:00 am	Richard DuCharme: by Janette DuCharme
Sunday, January 6	St. John's Church	10:00 am	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Holy Family Parish

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

This year marks our 1st celebration as Holy Family Parish. Coming together as one under the title of the Holy Family has been a time of challenges and rewards. I am sure this will continue to be the case as we move forward, as that is the case in every family, and our parish family is no different. Each family has specific traditions and we are no different. These traditions, however, grow and adapt as the family grows and new additions are made. As the family expands, so do the meanings that lie behind some of these traditions. At some point, there may be things our parents or grandparents did that we no longer cling to. And this is normal for any ever expanding family.

It is really no different for a parish family. We are blessed to have one of the oldest churches in the state of Wisconsin, and we are equally blessed to be one of the newest parishes in the state at the same time. This blend of old and new will keep us young at heart, allowing us to keep the best of the traditions each church holds dear to their heart, and introducing new ones in the future as we grow into one family. I don't believe there is a better title to symbolize our coming together as one than the Holy Family.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are a manifestation of the Church in the world. Living in fear of the Lord, that is by honoring God through their lives and actions; in their righteousness the Christ child grew. We too are called to live in righteousness and honor God with our lives, so Christ can continue to grow in our families, in our parish family and in the world. As Pope Benedict puts it, *the family is an institution between the individual and society, and nothing can take its place. It is a school where we learn to be generous and self-giving, and grow to the full measure of our humanity.*

May the Holy Family protect your family and our parish family this New Year. God Bless.

Fr. Jim

Thank you to all for your prayers and support this past year. I would also like to thank all that sent cards and letters and for the many gifts I received. I cannot express the gratitude in my heart for the love these express. We have had a very eventful year at Holy Family Parish, and I look forward to continuing my service to you as your pastor. Again, thank you and may God continue to watch over and protect you and your loved ones.

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

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 23	\$9,418.00	\$8,949.10
Plate for Dec 23	637.69	516.15
Total	\$10,055.69	\$9,465.25

The second collection came to **\$1,039.03** and will be used for school expenses and our Religious Education Program.

	This Year	Last Year
Christmas Collection \$	\$20,149.17	\$19,235.61

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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.

WEDDING BANNS

Ramon Gonzalez & Veronica Hernandez (III)

**HAVE A SAFE
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Christmas Flowers were given in memory of:

Charlotte C. Voth, deceased members of Roger G. Steiner Family, William & Lora Young, Mary Ellen Linder, deceased member of the Jeff Panka Family, Leo & Birdie Stram, Intention for the Vondrum Family, Bob Willms, Lyle Lester, deceased members of the Aloysius & Anna Gillitzer Family, Don Fischer, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Agnes Ocenosak & June Tyler, Helen Wilkinson, Bob Boland.

John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, Evelyn & Ken Picha, Robert Waller, Brian Waller, Wencil & Leona Swatek, Jack Steiner, William & May Balk, Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Ed & Fae Schneider, Bill & Mayme Quinn, Jerome & Jeanne Jackson, Joseph & Elizabeth Jelinek, Edward & Elizabeth Selch, Mary Rose Novey, Betty M. Rodenkirch, Harold Hamann, Debbie Hamann, Jonathan Steger, Loretta Koecke, Loretta Tesar.

Reminder: Check out our website at www.prairiecatholic.org You can read the weekly bulletin or the weekend homily. Check out what's going on in our school, calendar of upcoming events and all sorts of information.

Reminder to all parishioners of Holy Family Parish.....If you want to have a donation credited to your 2012 contributions - please have the donations to us by January 6th. Your annual contribution statements will be mailed to you by January 31, 2013. A reminder that your contribution statements for the Annual Appeal & We Belong to Christ Campaign will be sent to you from the Diocesan office.

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2012

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24 28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 second 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.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Doug & Veronica Dickman on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.

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.