

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, December 9

10:00 am RCIA will meet at the Grunwald residence

6:30 pm Faith Alive Bible Study will meet at St. John's

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

Monday, December 10

10:00 am Faith Alive Bible Study at St. John's

6:00 pm Advent Penance Service at St. Wenceslaus Church, Eastman

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, December 11

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, December 12

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

Thursday, December 13

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Council meeting at St. John's

Friday, December 14

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's for 2 hours

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

Sunday, December 16

Youth Group will be caroling this afternoon— if there are any elderly or shut-ins who would like them to stop at their residence - please inform either rectory office by Dec. 12

3:00 pm Advent Penance Service at St. John's Church

Food Pantry Collection next weekend



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths." -Lk 3:4*



December 9, 2012 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Lyle Marfilius
Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Rhonda
Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 16th

Eileen Hermsen, Sheila Linder

Servers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Katie Welsch & Bryce Bedward
Kama & Lizzie Tesar

Sunday 8:00 am Made & Jack Peterson
Josh & Jonah Linder

Lectors-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

Ushers-December 15/16

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Don Osterhaus,
Jim McGrath & Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Barbara Welsch, Lisa Tesar

Sunday 8:00 am Jenni or Brad Linder

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am High School Students

Eucharistic Ministers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris
Krogman, Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 16th

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

Servers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Madelyn Gerhards & Emily
Steger

Rebekah Champion & Elizabeth
Carlson

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

Lectors-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am High School Students

Ushers-December 15/16

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

Sunday 10:00 am High School Students

Scrip Workers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes, Cathy Irvin

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 10 NO MASS

Tuesday, December 11 St. John's Church 8:15 am Les Poots: by Joan Poots & Family

Wednesday, December 12 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Tracy Horner: by Family

Thursday, December 13 St. John's Church 8:15 am Joe Rod: by Family & Friends

Friday, December 14 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Regina Statz:
by Paul & Matilda Flansburgh

Saturday, December 15 St. Gabriel's Church 4:00 pm For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Saturday, December 15 St. John's Church 7:00 pm Roger W. Steiner: by Lora Chamberlain

Sunday, December 16 St. Gabriel's Church 8:00 am Hazel Lechnir: by Family
Sunday, December 16 St. John's Church 10:00 am Dr. William Nugent: by Nick Nugent

Holy Family Parish

Advent Week II

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9)

Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like bananas. (Just in case anyone misses Fr. Jack) Thanksgiving deer hunting and Black Friday/Cyber Monday have all come and gone. Hopefully everyone was able to be with family and friends, remembering all the good things God has given us in this past year. Even the first week of Advent has already passed by. This just shows that if we blink, it is so easy to miss the Advent season. The business of our normal life gets ramped up at this time of year, so we have to intentionally slow down; we have to intentionally simplify our lives. If we don't take the time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, it will pass by as just another Christmas. In all of our lives, there are special times of anticipation: a wedding, the birth of a child or a special vacation. We spend time and energy in preparations, and these make the event so much more special. Often we see Christmas as just another season, and a busy time to boot, something we have every year, so it can become routine. If this is the case, perhaps this is the year that we can open our hearts to the true meaning of Christmas.

We do not celebrate Christmas in order to receive gifts, but rather to receive The Gift. God, in His love for His children, sent His own Son to become man. Through him, we become adopted sons and daughters of God. Advent is the short time that we have to prepare our hearts to receive this gift. Traditionally, this is a time of penance as well in the Church. The color of the season, violet, the simpler decorations and liturgies all reflect this sentiment. It is a beautiful time to reflect upon our lives, and see how we might improve our relationship with God, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is a time to join our Blessed Mother Mary and St Joseph as they anticipate the birth of their child.

Perhaps one of the best ways to prepare ourselves is through the Sacrament of Penance. There are many good examinations of conscience forms available. If you would like help in locating one, please let me know, and I can help you. St. Wenceslaus in Eastman will have a Penance service on Monday evening December 10th, and Holy Family will hold a Penance service on Sunday December 16th at St John's church. Please consider taking part in one of these services, as they are a great way to prepare our hearts for the gift God wants each of us to receive this year.

May God bless you the Holy Season!

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, 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, Bryce Kazda, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Mary Kann, Ethel Sebastian, & Don Walters.

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. 2nd	\$15,999.00	\$12,942.00
Plate for Dec. 2nd	<u>653.21</u>	<u>458.53</u>
Total	\$16,652.21	\$13,400.53

The second collection came to **\$1,930.50** and will be used for school expenses and CCD Religious Education expenses

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Many thanks to the Men's Club and to everyone who supported the parish breakfast last Sunday that was hosted by our Youth Group. It was a great success.

Christmas Poinsettias for Church... If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays please deposit names and donations in the collection basket or drop off at one of the parish offices. You can take your poinsettia home after the Christmas season.

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!

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, December 3rd:

\$25.00 - Melody Igou, Dorothy Degenhardt, Shirley Vandereide; **\$30.00** - Linda Kelly; **\$45.00** - Maureen Stark; **\$100.00** - Melody Igou; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Renee Ingle; **50/50 (\$67.00)** - Mary Krachey

Bingo Workers for Monday, December 10th:

Caller: Bill Schultz; **Floor Workers:** Pam Kiesau, Becky Rooney, Deb Schultz; **Food Preparation:** Gayle Aspenson & Jan Rutter; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Clayton DuCharme & Kylee Weber

The Progressive Jackpot for December 10th will be at **\$756.00** plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 57 calls or less.

The Diocese of LaCrosse June 30, 2012 audited financial statements, along with *Frequently Asked Questions and Answers* about the financial statements can be found at www.dioceseoflacrosse.com. The audited June 30, 2012 financial statement are also available for St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc. at www.stambrosefinancial.com.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Family Life Committee for their excellent work in planning and hosting the November Mission by Father Tony Stephens, Fathers of Mercy. The Mission talks by Father Tony were attended by approximately 300 parishioners every night. In addition, Father met with the youth, concelebrated Mass daily, and heard confessions. The Council would like to encourage parishioners to consider becoming involved in family life committee activities. The Committee meets monthly with times listed in the bulletin. For further information contact the parish offices, Verna Panka 326-2196, or Mary Novey 326-4071.

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.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Violet M. Heiar and Jeanne Huff**, mother of Fr. Tom Huff in your prayers. May God grant Violet and Jeanne eternal life and comfort to their families.

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.

Richard & Shirley Ambrose, James & Sherry Ariss, Norbert & Nancy Aschom Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Mary Barrette, Rose Bauer, Timothy & Catherine Betzle, Darol & Dale Boldt, Patricia Boldt, Stewart & Kathryn Bosworth, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Gene & Donnette Carlson, Thomas & Karen Cejka, Mark Check, Roger & Joan Check, Linda Cherrier, Charles & Teresa Connell, Larry & Sharon Dahman, LaVon David, Diane Day, Von & Jean Dellinger, Loren & Ann Dohse, Mark & Pamela Eulgem, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Loren & Diane Fishler, Leo & Patti Flanders, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Katie Fox, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Sylvia Gilberts, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Glen Gillitzer, Mavis Godden, Michael & Trisha Hager, William & Rita Hamann, Gary & Kelly Hamann, Theresa Heal, Donald & Teresa Heal, Dennis & Martha Hoeger, Irmagard Hogenson, Gary & Joan Howe, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Jr., Gene & Helen Jelinek, Larry & Edith Jelinek, Ronald & Mary Jones, Geraldine Kluesner, Ray & Marsha Konichek, Virginia Konichek, Mary Konichek, Justina Koresh, Gary & Arleen Kozelka, Lucien & Rita Krahn, Eugene LaPointe, Jack & Mary Leake, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Patricia Lenzendorf, Donald & Norma Lochner, June Looney, Donna Mara, David & Renee Martin, James & Caroline McGrath, Dennis Mezera, Frederick & Darlene Moris, Elizabeth Munson, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, Janet Nelson, Frank & Betty Nolan, James & Carol O'Meara, James & Yvonne Pitzer, Terry & Clara Powers, Joe & Patricia Prochaska, Greg & Ann Quick, Terry & Anita Reglin, William & Lorraine Rice, Jeffrey & Amy Roach, Lauretta Rod, Curt & Shelly Root, Wilbur Rupp, Mary Rupp, Jan Rutter, Robert & Linda Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Mary Schultz, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Anne Mae Steffensmeier, Catherine Steger, Terence Steger, Timothy & Charlene Steger, Michael & Donna Steiner, Mary Steiner, Clement & Jacqueline Stram, Michael & Sharon Strnad, Kenneth & Phyllis Tichenor, Ronald & Arlene Trautsch, Juanita Tully, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, James & Margaret Walz, Carol Walz, Rev. James C. Weighner, James & Barbara Welsch, Ronald & Karen White

Community Blood Drive at Prairie du Chien City Hall on Monday, Dec. 17th from Noon to 5:30 pm. **GIVE BLOOD AND YOU COULD HELP SAVE LIVES.**

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.