

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

## This Week at the Parishes

### Sunday, February 12

9:00 am Holy Name Society will meet in St. Gabriel's School Hall

6:00 pm RCIA Classes will be held at St. John's School

### Monday, February 13

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

### Tuesday, February 14

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### Wednesday, February 15

5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal at St. John's Church

6:45 pm Grade School CCD Classes will be held in St. John's School

### Thursday, February 16

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

7:00 pm Parish Council will meet in St. John's Church Hall

### Friday, February 17

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

### Saturday, February 18

4:30 - 6:30 pm Chili Supper in St. John's Hall - serving Chili, Grilled Cheese & French Fries, Dessert, Coffee & Milk

### Sunday, February 19

Next weekend is our monthly collection for our local Food Pantry. Please put the non-perishable food items in the containers in the back of the churches. Thank you to all who donate to this cause.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



Saturday, Feb. 18

4:30 to 6:30 PM

St. John's Hall

Free Will Offering

Bring the Family

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.-Mk 1:44-45b



February 12, 2012 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Offertory Gift Bearers-February 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers  
 Sunday 8:00 am Jerry & Rose Wright

### Eucharistic Ministers-February 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Nancy  
 DuCharme & Richard Ambrose  
 Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Donna  
 Teynor

### Home Communion Ministers for February 19th:

Eileen Hermesen, Sheila Linder

### Servers-February 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Zachary & Ethan Swiggum  
 Renae & Anthony Irvin  
 Sunday 8:00 am Hailee Lynn & Nolan Stram  
 Adam Groom & Levi Orr

### Lectors-February 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch  
 Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### Ushers-February 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Bob Ziel, Joe Barrette, Stu  
 Bosworth & Russell Eulgem  
 Sunday 8:00 am Jim McGrath, Don Cipra, Butch  
 Boland

### Scrip Workers-February 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Vicki Waller/Melanie Schneider  
 Sunday 8:00 am Sue Groom/Michele Pattison

### Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Feb. 5th	\$5,432.25	\$4,764.00
Plate for Feb. 5th	342.82	340.19
Heat Envelopes	300.00	.00
Total	\$6,075.07	\$5,104.19

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$542.60** and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Thank you to all who worked at the **Swiss Steak Dinner** and thank you to all who attended. We served over 600 meals! As soon as all the bills are in and paid we will publish the profit figure.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Have we worked to make our marriage of God, or is it of the worldly things? Come and learn how to bring God into your marriage. The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* are March 23-25, 2012 at Madison, WI; May 18-20, 2012 at Brookfield, WI; June 8-10, 2012 at Rockford, Illinois; Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alife-timeoflove.org](http://alife-timeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

### St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

#### Monday, February 13

NO MASS

#### Tuesday, February 14

NO MASS

#### Wednesday, February 15

8:15 am Marguerite Caya:  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nolan

#### Thursday, February 16

NO MASS

#### Friday, February 17

8:15 am Betty Berns: by Mary Steiner

#### Saturday, February 18

4:00 pm Dennis Forst: by Kurt & Peggy Smith

#### Sunday, February 19

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor



**Bingo winners from Monday, February 6th:**  
**\$25.00** - Deb Schulz, Virginia Meana, Gloria Hudson, Betty Marmann; **\$30.00** - Deb Schultz; **\$45.00** - Jeanne Moris; **\$100.00** - Donna Becwar; **Progressive Consolation (\$50.00 each)** - Gayle Aspenson, Barb Mergen; **50/50 Winner (\$57.50)** - Randy Mara

**Bingo Workers for February 13th:** Check Writer - Melissa Reilly; **Floor Workers** - Deb Schultz, Becky Rooney; **Caller** - Bill Schultz; **Food Preparation** - Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers** - Parents of Ella Hager & Kennedy Kirschbaum

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We would like to thank the following parishioners who have made the sacrifice to support the annual appeal this year. Please note that we only publish names two weeks in a row in the bulletin but all names are listed on the bulletin boards in both churches.

Andrew & Melissa Banasik, Randy & Jane Bushnell, John & Patricia Check, Arnie & Pat Mueller.

### Readings for the Week of February 12, 2012

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34--9:1  
**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10 /Mk 9:2-13  
**Next Sunday:** Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

## Eucharistic Adoration

As you may or may not know, we offer Eucharistic Adoration each Thursday morning following our Mass. Some of the organizers have asked if we could expand this, so we will try to offer an expanded time this Lent. Before we do this, I think it might be good to review what Eucharistic Adoration is. Following is most of an article written by Victoria Tufano that appeared in the U.S. Catholic magazine (V76, N 3, pp46).

**It seems that a lot of parishes are starting to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, either as a regular practice or just on occasion. Is this something new? Isn't the celebration of the Mass enough?**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not something new. It is a centuries-old practice rooted in an essential teaching of Catholic Christianity: Jesus Christ is truly and completely present in the Eucharist. Like many practices of our faith, however, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament developed gradually.

In the earliest years of Christianity, consecrated bread would be brought home from the celebration of the Eucharist to be given to those not able to be present at the liturgy because of illness. It was also to be consumed by the faithful during the week to keep them connected to the Eucharist and the community they celebrated with.

In about the fourth century monasteries began to reserve the Eucharist, and by the 11th century, reservation—still mainly for the sick and dying—was a regular feature of churches. While reverence was certainly given to Christ present in the sacrament, it was not yet customary to pray before the reserved sacrament.

In the 11th century the French monk Berengar of Tours began to teach that the bread and wine in the celebration of the Eucharist could not change physically into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Pope Gregory VII demanded a retraction from Berengar saying that the body and blood of Christ were truly present in the Eucharist. This resulted in a refining of the church's teaching on the real presence. In response, Eucharistic devotion burst forth throughout Europe: processions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and other prayers focused on the reserved sacrament became part of Catholic life. Times of extended exposition of the Blessed Sacrament outside the Mass grew out of this action, and eventually a blessing with the exposed Eucharist, or benediction, developed.

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Since the Second Vatican Council, a great deal of attention has focused on the reform of the liturgy and a deepening of eucharistic theology and piety, but the practice of adoration remained in many places. Like the practice of the earliest Christians, adoration can keep us connected to the community's celebration of the Eucharist.

I hope this gives you a deeper understanding of Eucharistic Adoration. If you are interested, we will have sign-up sheets for Friday – Saturdays during Lent at St. Gabriel church, where we will offer Adoration following the Friday morning Mass and conclude it with a Saturday morning Mass. 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 Arleen Gillitzer, Linda Vance, Adrienne Kortas, Odelia Matt, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Jack Kluesner, Marge Noggle, Janelle Becwar, Tom Banasik, Virginia Eichmann, Wendy Garrity, Dennis Brandt, Mary Nash, Anne Hiebing, Payton Kay Kazda and Mary Ann Heisz.

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

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a Chili Supper on Saturday, February 18th serving from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in St. John's Hall prepared by the men of our parishes. The menus will include Chili, Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Dessert, Milk & Coffee This will be a free will offering. Bring your family & friends.

**SCHOOL NEWS.....**Mrs. Huser's Kindergarten students are having fun with math skills. They are learning about measurements and money. The students are also learning to make comparisons about the length of objects (longer/shorter.) They are also exploring the concept of weight by using a scale to determine light and heavy. A pretend classroom store helps them count pennies, nickels and dimes.



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. John's Church

#### Offertory Gift Bearers-February 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

#### Eucharistic Ministers-February 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

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

#### Home Communion Ministers for February 19th:

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

#### Servers-February 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Bailey Ottaway & Lauren  
Kennedy

Caitlin Pattison & Morgan  
Kiesau

Sunday 10:00 am Nick & Kylie Weber  
Brooke Trautsch & Emily  
Trautsch

#### Lectors-February 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

#### Ushers-February 18/19

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

Sunday 10:00 am Ron Trautsch, Mark Mara &  
Dennis Mezera

#### Scrip Workers-February 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Champion/Melissa Reilly

Sunday 10:00 am Melissa Jones/Tammy Nolan

#### Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Feb. 5th	\$5,291.00	\$4,060.00
Plate for Feb. 5th	178.95	122.00
Units	105.00	.00
Heat Envelopes	<u>10.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$5,584.95	\$4,257.00

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$523.25** and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Need a Gift for Valentine's Day or for a birthday? We have a lot of gift cards that would make great gifts. Scrip can be purchased after Mass on the weekends or at either rectory office during the week.**

#### IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Emma Becwar** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. John's Parish on Saturday. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

#### St. John's Mass Intentions

##### Monday, February 13

5:15 pm Cleo Mercaitis: by Nell Bowar

##### Tuesday, February 14

8:15 am Bob Matejka:  
by Jerry & Carol Matejka

##### Wednesday, February 15

**NO MASS**

##### Thursday, February 16

8:15 am Al Duve: by Jan Duve

##### Friday, February 17

**NO MASS**

##### Saturday, February 18

7:00 pm Joe & Ronald Becwar: by Family

##### Sunday, February 19

10:00 am Arnold Mara: by Audrey & Family

#### Feb., 2012 Lottery Sweepstake Calendar Winners

**\$100.00** - Jeff Krocak, LeCenter, MN; Joe Bierman, PdC; Ed & Dawn Selch, Carson, WA; Carol Walz, PdC, WI; Brad Steiner, PdC

**\$50.00** - Keith Neisius, PdC; Derek & Heidi Krahn, Bridgeport, Texas; Kerry Hipenbecker, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rob Steger, PdC; Kevin Moraenthaler, Onalaska, WI

**\$25.00** - Lu & Rita Krahn PdC; Teresa & Michael Beers, Eastman; Jason Adamany, PdC; Sam Peterson, PdC; Sean McGrath, PdC; Mick Redman, PdC; Tina Stoeffler, PdC; Tim Cipra, PdC; Andrew & Kris Prew, LaCrosse; Derek & Jasmine Frommelt, Clive, Iowa; Mary Dixon, LaCrosse; Bob & Betty Kiesau, Monona, IA; Brian & Rhonda Kazda Family, Mt. Hope; Terry Skelly, Lone Rock; Dennis Swiggum, Soldiers Grove; Martina Meyer, Verona; Mary Pellock, PdC; Matthew Long, Cascade, Iowa; Rosella Stagman, PdC, Molly Kirschbaum, PdC.

#### Parishioners of Prairie Catholic:

It's time once again to remind everyone of our annual March 1st mailing for our BOX TOPS program. With everyone's help we hope to surpass our goal of \$4,000. We're getting close. If you've been holding onto any bonus certificates or little .10 labels, now is the time to turn them in. There are big blue collection boxes at the back of both churches and schools. You may also drop them off at my home, 328 North Beaumont Road. **I'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM ALL TURNED IN BY MONDAY, FEB. 27TH** so I can get them counted and sorted. Since "2002" we've raised over \$13,000 for Prairie Catholic schools. Please continue to save these labels and help our schools earn FREE money. Many thanks.

Rhonda S. Stubbe

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday**      **4:00 pm**  
                     **7:00 pm**

**St. Gabriel's**  
**St. John's**

**Sunday**            **8:00 am**  
                         **10:00 am**

**St. Gabriel's**  
**St. John's**

**E-mail Addresses:** [sgp@prairiecatholic.org](mailto:sgp@prairiecatholic.org)  
[ljgratace@hotmail.com](mailto:ljgratace@hotmail.com)

**Website:** [www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org)  
[pastor@prairiecatholic.org](mailto: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