

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, February 19

6:00 pm RCIA Classes in St.

John's School

Monday, February 20

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, February 21

Mass **will not** be held at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Parish

12:10 pm Mass at St. John's

6:45 pm CCD Classes - Students will be attending Mass at St. John's Parish

Thursday, February 23

6:30 am Men Group will meet in St. John's Hall - more information in the bulletin

7:00 pm Education Committee meeting in St. John's Hall

Friday, February 24

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Bible Study will meet in St. John's Church

Saturday, February 25


Sunday, February 26

Bishop Callahan's Blog

There is a River

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Mass Schedule
8:15 am - St. Gabriel's
12:10 pm - St. John's
6:45 pm - St. John's



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."
- Mk 2:11-12



February 19, 2012 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory Gift Bearers-February 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-February 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Nick Nugent & Mary Doscocil
Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry & Rhonda Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for Feb. 26th:

John Chaffee

Servers-February 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Ryan & Sean McGrath
Gunnar Kravchek & Lindsey Nicholson
Sunday 8:00 am Tanner & Taylor Gillitzer
Brett Sanders & Matthew Chase

Lectors-February 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Fred Zenz
Sunday 8:00 am Arlene Willms

Ushers-February 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram & Jim Welsch
Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jim McGrath, John Gillitzer

Scrip Workers-February 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Pamela/Brad Kiesau & Trisha Hager
Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius & Brian/Shelly Trautsch

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Feb. 12th	\$3,760.00	\$3,677.00
Plate for Feb. 12th	231.01	193.72
Heat Envelopes	255.00	50.00
Total	<u>\$4,246.01</u>	<u>\$3,920.72</u>

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$503.80** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The profit for the Swiss Steak Dinner came to \$3,021.97. The winners of the Dollar Barrel (**\$114.00**) each - John F. Wachter and Lyle Wilkinson. Thank you again to all who attended and to all who worked at the dinner.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Family of God, **BRIAR ANNALEE SMITH**, daughter of Heath Michael & Juli Ann (Becker) Smith, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless Briar Annalee and her family.

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 21

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8:15 am May Balk: by St. Gabriel's PCCW

Thursday, February 23

NO MASS

Friday, February 24

8:15 am Tracy L. Horner: by Family

Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm Donna Hemmer: by Family

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor



Bingo Winners from Monday, February 13th:

\$25.00 - Annabelle Stubbe, Kathy Tittle; **\$100.00** - Jayne Benoy; **Progressive Consolation Winners (\$50.00 each)** - Kathy Tittle, Ruth Moris; **50/50 Winner (\$43.00)** - June Petsche

Bingo Workers for Monday, February 20th:

Check Writer: Cathy Bierman, **Floor Workers:** Sarah Holler & Sheila Eastman; **Caller:** Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers; **Food Preparation:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Makenzie Knapp and Kyle Quick

Greetings from Mrs. Hemmer's First Grade Class....

It's hard to believe our school year is half over. We have started our fourth reading book. In addition to this we are getting started with the Accelerated Reading Program. This allows us to read a great variety of books. We then take a comprehension test on the books using the computer. Students are then able to see their progress and challenge themselves to read harder books. Also with Lent upon us we will be busy illustrating the stations of the cross and completing a booklet that will help us better understand the love that Jesus has for us.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **John Feeny** and **Georgia Thompson** in your prayers. John's funeral was held at St. Gabriel's on Monday, Feb. 13th and Georgia's funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 18th. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their family.

Catholic Schools Office

The following was taken from an article in the Catholic Times by Franz Klien. It is part of an ongoing series of articles about the Diocesan Curia and the services they provide.

LACROSSE – Why do parents choose Catholic schools over their public school counterparts? The answers run the gamut, according to Dr. Susan Holman, the interim superintendent for Catholic schools in the Diocese of La Crosse. Whatever the mix is, the task of Holman and the staff of the Office of Catholic Schools is to preserve it and to help teachers and administrators throughout the diocese make what they offer even better.

“We provide Catholic education because we’re Catholic,” Holman said in a recent interview. “We have to be excellent in academics, in faith and to educate future active citizens...” Holman, formerly the office’s assistant director, stepped into the interim superintendent role when the office’s former director, Diana Roberts, departed last fall after several years of dedicated service to the diocese. Holman said that she hopes the office has both a permanent superintendent and an assistant by summer.

An Onalaska native and graduate of St. Patrick’s Catholic School, Holman was an administrator and teacher in Catholic schools in the Milwaukee area for many years. She earned a PhD in educational leadership from Marquette University before joining the staff of the Catholic Schools Office for the Diocese of La Crosse five years ago. The office’s staff also includes administrative assistant Jolie Lueth and secretary Sara Rudie, as well as Kimberly Huston, who came on board last fall to help with finances for the diocese’s seven unified school systems.

The diocesan directory lists the Catholic Schools Office’s official functions as:

- Providing consultation to parishes and deaneries on the administrative organization of Catholic schools in the diocese
- Developing directives for the application of diocesan policy to schools
- Providing opportunities for faith and leadership growth to administrators and teachers.

Holman explained the tasks outlined in the directory can mean anything from speaking to pastors about maintaining Catholic identity to helping evaluate principals and teachers, helping schools achieve accreditation, and discussing legal issues. Holman said that having a central diocesan office keeps pastors and administrators from having to “reinvent the wheel.” She said that there are 70 schools in the Diocese of La Crosse enrolling nearly 8,300 students, and while some are part of unified school systems, many are small, rural schools.

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Most important, the Office of Catholic Schools regulates a standardized Catholic curriculum designed to ensure that the truths of the faiths are being taught throughout a school’s various subject areas – not just in religion classes – and provides a “virtues” program to aid students in learning about, understanding and living the virtues.

“The Catholic Schools Office is at the service of teachers and administrators,” Holman said. “We’re here to help them carry out their mission.”

CATHOLIC MEN OF ST. JOHN’S & ST. GABE’S

**DO YOU FIND IT A CHALLENGE TO
LIVE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VALUES IN
TODAY’S WORLD?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A
GROUP OF LIKE MINDED MEN?**

**MEN SEEKING TO BE THE LEADERS
AND ROLE MODELS IN THEIR FAMILY
AND COMMUNITY.**

**COME JOIN US ON THURSDAY MORN-
INGS OF LENT.**

6:30 AM, ST. JOHN’S CHURCH HALL

***As iron sharpens iron so one man
sharpens another.***

***Together we can become the wit-
nesses we are called to become.***

Prairie Catholic Middle School Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honors: Lauren Kennedy, Morgan Kiesau, Alexis Nolan; **5th Grade Honors:** Gracie Colson, Hanna Dickman, Faith Dillman, Clayton DuCharme, Makennan Gerhards, Preston Hendrix, Weston Hill, Anthony Irvin, Peggy Koresh, Joshua Linder, Mitchell Luster, Ryan McGrath, Caitlin Nolan, Caitlin Pattison, Brytta Sagedahl, Benjamin Teynor, Kylee Weber

6th Grade High Honors: Evan Boisvert, Isabella Cummuta, Bailey Ottaway; **6th Grade Honors:** Breann Holler, Renae Irvin, Angela Sebastian, Kama Tesar

7th Grade High Honors: Jacob Mara, Wesley Schwager, Mariah Slaght, Evan Teynor; **7th Grade Honors:** Nathan Banasik, Jonathon Dyer, Eric Nolan, Nathaniel Oehler, Madeline Peterson, Chas Sagedahl, Nathan Specht, Jack Stoeffler, Andrew

8th Grade High Honors: Makayla Gerhards, Adam Groom, Levi Orr; **8th Grade Honors:** Peyton Hall, Severin Gunnar Kravchuk, John Luster, Zachary Neisius, Paige Rickleff, Emily Trautsch, Anna Zeeh.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-February 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-February 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Sherry Ariss, &
Donna Steiner

Home Communion Ministers for February 26th:

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

Servers-February 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Liz & Doug Mezera

Austin & Ashley Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Jack Stoeffler & Nathan Banasik

Wesley Schwager & Nathan

Specht

Lectors-February 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

Ushers-February 25/26

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

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

Scrip Workers-February 25/26

Saturday 7:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum & Teresa
Jaynes

Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy & Sheila
Eastman

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Feb. 12th	\$4,516.00	\$4,869.00
Plate for Feb. 12th	236.06	229.92
Units	60.00	90.00
Total	<u>\$4,812.06</u>	<u>\$5,188.92</u>

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$240.39** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

5:15 pm Joe Rod: by Family & Friends

Tuesday, February 21

8:15 am Kathleen (Nugent) Nohre:
by Nick Nugent

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

12:10 pm Bob Boland: by Butch & Bonnie Boland

6:45 pm Mary Ellen Linder: by Elaine Moris

Thursday, February 23

8:15 am Betty Berns: by Mary Ann Heisz

Friday, February 24

NO MASS

Saturday, February 25

7:00 pm Robert "Gabby" Walz: by JoAnn Shea

Sunday, February 26

10:00 am John Huza: by Family

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.

John & Patricia Check, Michael & Wendy Garrity, Sandy Halverson.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive which is held at the PdC National Guard Armory needs volunteers . Anyone who is interested in volunteering please contact Donna Hamann at 608-412-0809.

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

A kind deed receives compound interest.

-anonymous

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
ljgratace@hotmail.com

Website: www.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