

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes
Sunday, February 26

6:00 pm RCIA Classes in St. John's School

6:30 pm First Session of Faith Alive Book Study in St. John's Church. Our book is entitled *Death on a Friday Afternoon* by Richard John Neuhaus

Monday, February 27

10:00 am Faith Alive Book Study in St. John's Church

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, February 28

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mai-son

Wednesday, February 29

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

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

Thursday, March 1

6:30 am Men's Group will meet in St. John's Hall

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

Friday, March 2

Adoration after the 8:15 am mass at St. Gabriel's on Friday until the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday

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

Saturday, March 3

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Sunday, March 4

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls will be served in St. John's Hall by the March Unit

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

6:30 pm Faith Alive Book Study in St. John's Church



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



Friday, March 9th
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- Mk 1:14-15



February 26, 2012 - First Sunday of Lent

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-March 3/4

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Jeri Kluesner, Karen Fritsche

Home Communion Ministers for March 4th:

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-March 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Jacob & Ellie Mara

Andrew & Kaitlyn Waller

Sunday 8:00 am Frankie & Harlee Eastman
Gunnar Kravchek & Adam Groom

Lectors-March 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

Ushers-March 3/4

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

Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee, Don Cipra, John Gillitzer

Script Workers-March 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe/Shannon Bontien

Sunday 8:00 am Jenni & Brad Linder, Danielle Swiggum

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 28

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 29

8:15 am Clara & James Powers:
by Jon & Sharon Miller

Thursday, March 1

NO MASS

Friday, March 2

8:15 am Carrie & Lawrence Gillitzer: by Family

Saturday, March 3

4:00 pm Evelyn Picha: by Susan Rider

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor



Bingo Winners from Monday, February 20th:

\$25.00 - Bridget Nichols, Diane Malsack, **\$30.00** - Mary Ann Baker, **\$45.00** - Donna Becwar; **\$100.00** - Val Ingle; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Deb Schultz; **50/50 (\$73.00)** - Val Ingle

Bingo Workers for Monday, February 27th:

Check Writer: Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Sue Groom, Karen Fischer, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Food Preparation:** Denise & Larry Rod & Mary Stoefler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Karly Jaynes & Kathryn Welsch

Thank you to all who attended the Chili Supper last Saturday evening. The Money Barrel winners were Nicole Rickleff & Butch Boland. (\$75.00 each). A special **thank you** to all who helped in any way at the supper. The profit will benefit our Catholic school.

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2012

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Feb. 19th	\$3,398.15	\$2,521.00
Plate for Feb. 19th	391.65	196.25
Heat Envelopes	.00	60.00
Total	\$3,789.80	\$2,777.25

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$275.40** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Name Raffle Winners for February, 2012:

\$10.00 - Noelle Hill, McGregor; Judy Matousek, PdC; Vicki Sebastian, PdC; Bill Rice, Lynxville; Bill Mezera, PdC;

\$25.00 - Nick Nugent, PdC; Patsy McGuire, PdC

\$100.00 - Mary Redman, PdC

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Anne Hiebing** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's on Monday, February 20th. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

LENTEN REFLECTION

There is a Malaysian saying about a stalk of rice. Those with few grains of rice raise high in the sky, while those that are fruitful bend to the ground. As we begin our Lenten journey this year, I believe there is something here we can apply to our lives. For many of us, we see lent as a time of offering up things or going without something, and this is true. However, there is more to it than that. The Church gives us this season of lent to help us grow in our spiritual lives, to deepen our relationship with Christ, and extend that to our relationships within our family, our friends and all those God has put into our life, whether for a minute or for a lifetime.

Are we like the stalk of rice that has no fruit? Are we independent in our thoughts and in our faith life? Are we like the Pharisee in the parable, thanking God that He has not made us like others around us? Are we sensitive to the sins of others, but blind to our own? Or are we like the plant rich with fruit, bending in humility, knowing *'there I go but for the grace of God'*?

This lent, let us take advantage of growing in our spiritual life. Whether we decide to make extra sacrifices by offering something up or by adding a devotion to our lives, we need to always retain the reason we do these things. They are not to increase our pride, so we can show others how holy we are. Rather they are to increase our humility, to help us realize how much we are in need of God's graces in our everyday lives, and to increase our gratitude for the sacrifice Christ made for us; laying down his life that we may have eternal life with him.

I pray that each of us may be blessed with a deeper relationship with our Savior this Lenten season, and may God bless you and your families.

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 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, and Payton Kay Kazda.

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

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?

COME JOIN US ON THURSDAY MORNINGS OF LENT.

6:30 AM, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL

As iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another.

Together we can become the witnesses we are called to become.

SCHOOL NEWS....Prairie Catholic 2nd graders recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was an exciting day as they put into practice what they have been learning about sin, penance, and God's forgiveness. Now the 2nd graders are preparing to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The students are learning to take a more active role in the Mass by singing, saying the prayers, lecturing, and listening attentively to the Good News. As the children prepare for their First Communion they will grow in understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. Please pray for our 2nd graders as they continue on this journey to know and follow Jesus.

Mrs. Wachuta

First Sunday of Lent

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-March 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris Krogman, Patty Schauf-Yager

Home Communion Ministers for March 4th:

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring, Pat McCoy

Servers-March 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Angela & Tyler Elmquist
Evan Boisvert & Bailey Ottaway

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

Lectors-March 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

Ushers-March 3/4

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-March 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Sarah & Steve Holler & Amy
Young

Sunday 10:00 am Bart Zeeh & Michelle Kirchman
& James Sturgeon

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Feb. 19th	\$4,246.00	\$3,150.00
Plate for Feb. 19th	233.46	170.25
Units	120.00	105.00
Total	<u>\$4,599.46</u>	<u>\$3,425.25</u>

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$508.58** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Seder Meal

On Monday March 29th we will be holding a Seder meal in honor of Passover as Jesus would have celebrated at The Last Supper. A Messianic Jew Clergy from Madison will conduct the special event that will enrich our Lenten experience. More details will follow in future bulletins.

The Unit Chairpersons for March at St. John's Parish are: Theresa Looney, Susan Lynch, & Marilyn Nies

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 28

8:15 am Patricia Tiller: by Frank Tiller

Wednesday, February 29

NO MASS

Thursday, March 1

8:15 am Helen Cummings: by Ceil Benda

Friday, March 2

NO MASS

Saturday, March 3

7:00 pm Bill Fillbach: by Gerald & Mary Jane Kerr

Sunday, March 4

10:00 am Arnold Mara: by Family

PLEASE...if you have any Box Tops for Education they need to be turned into one of the schools or to Rhonda Stubbe (328 N. Beaumont Rd.) by **Monday, February 27th.** THANK YOU!

Parish Directory....If anyone would like to submit a photo or photo's for our parish directory, please do so by March 7, 2012. Please identify all individuals in photo. Hard copies only, no email or jpeg files. Families or parish group photo's are welcome.

Faith Alive Book Study will begin this Sunday, Feb. 26th at 6:30 pm and again on Monday, Feb. 27th at 10:00 am. The Study Group will be focusing on the book *Death on a Friday Afternoon* by Richard John Neuhaus. The group will meet in St. John's Church.

"The Family Life Committee would like to remind all Confirmation prayer partners to contact your 8th grader with a short note or prayer card sometime in the next couple of weeks. Keep your partner in your prayers throughout the season of Lent."

The Diocese of LaCrosse is again sponsoring the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. The dates and locations for this year's events are: July 15th at St. Mary's in Altoona; August 5 at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse and August 12th in St. Bronislava in Plover. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend a celebration, in their honor. If you are celebrating a 50th Wedding Anniversary this year and are interested in attending please call your name into your rectory office.

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.

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Sandy Halverson

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Parish Nursing Program
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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