

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls at St. John's plus drawing for the Lottery Calendar Sweepstake winners

Monday, January 2

NO BINGO

Tuesday, January 3

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mission

Wednesday, January 4

5:30 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church - New singers are welcome

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

Thursday, January 5

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

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

Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8

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

Mark Your Calendar:

Prairie Catholic 7th Grade Washington D.C. Fundraiser Soup & Chili Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 11th from 4:30 to 6:45 pm in St. Gabriel's School Hall. Menu: Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken Dumpling Soup, Tomato Soup & Chili, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Bars & Cookies. Adults - \$6.00 and Students - \$4.00. Pre-sales available. Prairie Catholic 7th Graders will also be selling raffle tickets and the winners will be drawn on January 11th.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

**Happy
New Year**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

- Lk 2:16-17



January 1, 2012 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-January 7/8

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

Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermesen, Arlene Willms,
Megan Pedretti

Home Communion Ministers for January 8th

Nancy DuCharme & Volunteer

Servers-January 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Matthew & Diana Jelinek
Renaë & Anthony Irvin

Sunday 8:00 am Ben & Evan Teynor
Jacob & Josh Linder

Lectors-January 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

Ushers-January 7/8

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

Sunday 8:00 am Jim McGrath, Dick Tesar, Don
Cipra, Tom Stram

Scrip Workers-January 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Scrip Workers will be notified by
phone

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**IF ANY PARISHIONERS ARE INTERESTED
IN SELLING SCRIP ONCE A MONTH CALL
306-1460**

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Dec. 25th	\$3,782.00	\$3,197.00
Plate for Dec. 25th	1,220.60	596.18
Christmas Envelopes	9,297.00	10,316.49
Total	\$14,299.60	\$14,109.67

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to
\$446.07 and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

St. Gabriel's Mass Intention

Monday, January 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 4

8:15 am Bob Boland: by Roger & Edna Forst

Thursday, January 5

NO MASS

Friday, January 6

8:15 am Betty Berns: by Mary Frydenlund

Saturday, January 7

4:00 pm Richard DuCharme: by Janette & Family

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Marguerite & John Henry Barrette:
by Family

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

**We would like to thank the following parish-
ioners 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.**

Florence Becwar, Anita Cowie, Jan Duve, Thomas &
Lisa Dyer, Nicholas & Andrea Gilberts, Philip &
Kristine Henna, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Ivan &
Mary Hoffland, Gary & Arleen Kozelka, Armella Ku-
eter, Lucien & Rita Krahn, James & Patricia LaBonne,
Don & Norma Lochner, Mark & Lisa Mara, Terry &
Ann Meyer, Fred & Darlene Moris, Pete & Mary
Neisius, Earl & Janette Nicholson, Leslie Orr, Clyde
& Margaret Noggle, Kathleen Novey, Maurice &
Letty Oehler, Gregory & Ann Quick, Wm. & Lorraine
Rice, Don & Charlene Roh, Mick & Becky Rooney,
Caroline Schmidt, Melanie Schneider, Mary Schultz,
Vicki Sebastian, Monica Shedivy, Gregory & Diane
Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Richard & Jeanette Steiner,
Tom & Karen Steiner, Helen Tarrence, Damian &
Stephanie Vlaming, Pam Waller, Martin & Judy
Warpinski, Dennis & Sandy White, Charles & Susan
Zeeh, Fred & Darlene Zenz.

Christmas Flowers at St. Gabriel's were given in memory of:

Helen Wilkinson, Robert "Gabby"
Walz, Helen & Francis Wall, Jack Steiner, Wm. &
May Balk, Bernice Rupp, Jerome & Jeanne Jackson,
Jess & Loretta Fisher, Duane D. McGrath, Agnes
Ocenosak, June Tyler, Lyle Lester, deceased members
of Aloysius & Anna Gillitzer Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jo-
seph Jelinek, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Selch, John Henry
& Marguerite Barrette, George & Adeline Becwar, Ed
& Martha Wachter, Ken & Evelyn Picha, Fred
Becwar, Mary Rose Novey, Betty E. Rodenkirch, de-
ceased members of the Ernest Michel Family, Mr. &
Mrs. Don McGuire, Sr., Leslie Poots, Loretta Tesar,
Mary & Mike Elliott, Ivan Heisz and Bob Boland.

Time is running out!!!

Don't forget to purchase your Sweepstake Lottery
Calendars for the coming year. They are avail-
able at the rectory offices, school offices or call
John Fischer at 326-2827. 30 monthly prizes - 5
\$100.00 Winners; 5 \$50.00 Winners and 20
\$25.00 Winners. Cost of calendars \$20.00 each or
6 for \$100.00. The first drawing for the new year
will start in February.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Greetings as we enter into a new year. It is normal at this time of year to reflect on some things we might want to change in our lives. It seems as if this is almost built into our psyche: the coming year will be better than last year; this year I will be happier; I will be better organized; I will lose those 10 lbs. I meant to last year, etc. etc. New Year's resolutions are common and are good things, as they focus and inspire us to be better. The New Year is also an opportunity to tune up our spiritual life.

How was our Advent? Were there some things I noticed that I would like to change? This is a good time to put into practice some of the changes that were put aside because we were too busy preparing for Christmas. Perhaps we felt called to pray a bit more, to be more faithful to my Sunday obligation, to be more patient with my spouse or family. There are many, many things in every one of our lives that we can change. But what is at the center of this change? If it is simply a worldly desire, then we will be left empty, even if we are successful. However, if it is a desire to put God at the center of our life, and we strive to attain the virtue of hope, we will be successful even if we fail in some of the objectives of our resolutions.

Good luck to all on their resolutions, whatever they may be. I pray for God's blessings on all of you; on your families, education, businesses and employment. May 2012 be a blessed year for all. Fr. Jim

UPDATE ON DIOCESAN APPEAL

Congratulations to all on another successful diocesan appeal, and thank you for your continuous expression of faith in me as your pastor. This is the third year running that we have attained the goal we have been given at both St John's and St. Gabriel's. This year we have published the list of donors as a means of thanking those who are participating, and we also have the list posted in the churches. Currently, around 25% of registered members at St Gabriel's have responded along with around 32% of St John's members. This remains the number one priority in this appeal; how do we encourage those who do not participate?

As a reminder, this drive goes through June, so it is not too late to become a part of this important program with your fellow parishioners. As we have now met our goal, 100% of any additional donations coming in through the appeal are sent directly to the parish (in comparison, .70 of each dollar of normal collections are retained, with .30 going to the diocese), and commitment cards are available at the parish offices.

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, Kathy Kelly, Odelia Matt, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Jack Kluesner, Marge Noggle, James Thompson, Emma Becwar, Janelle Becwar, Tom Banasik, Virginia Eichmann, Wendy Garrity, Cleo Mercaitis, Dennis Brandt, and Viola Tesar.

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

Bingo will not be held on Monday, January 2nd. It will resume on Monday, January 9th. The progressive jackpot will be at **\$874.00** plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 58 calls or less.

Reminder to all parishioners of both Churches....Your annual contribution statements will be mailed to you before January 31st, 2012. A reminder that your contribution statements for the Annual Appeal & We Belong to Christ Campaign will be sent to you from the Diocesan office.

The Parishes received the following thank you from Rev. Roger J. Scheckel, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

"On behalf of the many women and men who serve Christ in the foreign missions, the Diocesan Mission Office extends to you a heartfelt thank you for your financial generosity on World Mission Sunday. We have received the contribution from St. John's in the amount of \$1,515.78 and the contribution from St. Gabriel's in the amount of \$973.60. These amounts will be forwarded to the National Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. May God bless you for the financial and spiritual help you offer the missions."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Octave of Christmas Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle & Barb Frommelt

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara Family

Eucharistic Ministers-January 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Nash

Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Doris Krogman,
Peggy Gallagher

Home Communion Ministers for January 8th

Kathleen Deluhery, Anne Mezera & Joan Poots

Servers-January 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Evan Boisvert & Bailey Ottaway
Brooke Trautsch & Morgan

Kiesau

Sunday 10:00 am Carter Steger & Anna Zeeh
Peggy Koresh & Belle Blondin

Lectors-January 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Sarah Mezera

Ushers-January 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff,
John Rickleff, Dan Schickert

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik, Ron
Trautsch

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Christmas Envelopes	<u>\$7,679.00</u>	<u>\$10,087.37</u>
Total	\$12,327.01	\$13,722.37

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$800.54**
and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please inform your rectory office of the
change.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Mary Ellen Linder** in your
prayers. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, De-
cember 27th at St. John's Church. May God
grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 3

8:15 am Pat Ertel: by Family

Wednesday, January 4

NO MASS

Thursday, January 5

8:15 am Fred & Marcella Zins:
by Linda Ginkel & Family

Friday, January 6

NO MASS

Saturday, January 7

7:00 pm For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, January 8

10:00 am Ken DesRocher:
by the DesRocher Family

**Christmas Flowers at St. John's were given in
memory of:** Bob Cejka, Bob Cejka, Jr., Donald
Fischer, deceased members of the Saunders &
Lochner Families, Courtney Nash, Sam Nash,
Wm. & Mary Crowley, Jim & Carol Coorough,
Harold & Veronica Duffy, Marilla Coorough,
Vencil & Mildred Forst, John & Veronica Linder,
Mary Marcella MacEachern, Bruce R. Novey, Ed-
ward J. Novey, Ed & Fae Schneider, Ray & Evelyn
Sprosty, Loretta Jamnik, Greg Opprieht, Char-
lotte C. Voth, William & Lora Young, Roger Wm.
& Raoul G. Steiner, Ray & Monica Sweeney,
Bruce Dillman, Robert Dillman, Helen & Laur-
ence Cummings, Bernadine & Stanley Daggett,
deceased members of the Anthony Mezera Fam-
ily, deceased member of the Knutson, Roever &
Lubawy families.

**The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-
ends** are Jan. 27-29 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 17-19 in
Crystal Lake, IL; March 23-25 in Madison, WI. Early
registration is highly recommended. For more infor-
mation visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call
(888) 574-5653.

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-
38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-
12

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
 ljgratace@hotmail.com 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