

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes
Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, January 17

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, January 18

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

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

7:00 pm Family Life meeting will be held in St. Gabriel's School

Thursday, January 19

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

7:00 pm Joint Parish Council meeting in St. John's Church Hall

Friday, January 20

2:45 pm Divine Mercy Bible Study in St. John's Church

Saturday, January 21

Sunday, January 22

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

Non perishable food collection for our local Food Pantry will be held next weekend at both parishes. The containers for these items are in the back of each Church

Mark Your Calendar.....

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Tests 2012 will be held at St. John's School - Monday, January 30th at 4:00 pm
More info in next week's bulletin

Swiss Steak Dinner
Sunday, February 5th
St. Gabriel's Hall
ALL ARE INVITED



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"--which translated means Teacher--"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a



January 15, 2012 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory Gift Bearers—January 21/22

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

Eucharistic Ministers-January 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Nancy
DuCharme, Richard Ambrose
Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry,
Rhonda Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for January 22nd

Eileen Hermesen, John Chaffee

Servers-January 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Brice Bedward & Preston
Hendrix
Maddie & Jack Peterson
Sunday 8:00 am Gunnar Kravchuk & Adam
Groom
Sean & Ryan McGrath

Lectors-January 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits
Sunday 8:00 am Mark Grunwald

Ushers-January 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard
Steiner, Cliff Stram & Jim
Welsch
Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, Don Cipra, Mark
Hamann, Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-January 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Vicki Waller/Deanne Lutz
Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius/Judith
Sagedahl

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for January 8th	\$4,027.00	\$3,961.00
Plate for January 8th	463.27	202.25
Heat Envelopes	25.00	.00
Total	\$4,515.27	\$4,163.25

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$679.75** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....On Sunday, Feb. 5th St. Gabriel's will host their annual Swiss Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. Serving from 10:45 am to 1:00 pm.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Mary Lou Shawley** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's on Thursday, January 12th. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 16

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 17

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 18

8:15 am Bob Boland: by Wayne & Therese Levi

Thursday, January 19

NO MASS

Friday, January 20

8:15 am Esther Fagan: by Monnie Key

Saturday, January 21

4:00 pm Cletus Steffensmeier: by Family

Sunday, January 22

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor



Bingo Winners from Monday, January 9th:
\$30.00 - JoDee Bedtka, Ashley Erickson; \$35.00 - Clarissa Kramer, JoDee Bedtka; \$40.00 - Sherry Losch, Peggy Bauer; \$50.00 - Diane Malsack; \$125.00 - Bob Wallin; **Progressive Consolation (\$50.00 each)** - Tanner Clausen & Tiffany Upton; **50/50 winner (\$93.00)** - Helen Ellenbolt

Bingo workers for Monday, January 16th:
Check Writer - Cathy Bierman; **Floor Workers** - Amy Young, Barb Stram, & Sheila Eastman; **Caller** - Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers; **Food Preparation** - Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff

The Progressive Jackpot for January 16th will be **\$1,008.00** plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 59 calls or less.

Holy Name Raffle Winners for January 2012

\$10.00 - Evan Horihan, Houston, MN; Gary Kozelka, Eastman; Dustin Flansburgh, PdC; Ron Franklin, PdC; Bernie O'Connell

\$25.00 - Russ Gillitzer, PdC, Jackie Stram, PdC

\$100.00 - Rose Trautsch & Gene Kirschbaum, PdC

School News.....

Our Art students at Prairie Catholic have been working hard on special projects to be displayed at Effigy Mounds the weekend of March 17th thru the 19th. We are hoping many of you will be able to stop in and see our beautiful art work. Please mark your calendars to keep this weekend open.

Mrs. Colleen Welter

Ordinary Time

Once again, we enter into Ordinary Time in our Church calendar. Christmas is put away, and Lent is something that we aren't quite ready to begin thinking about just yet. But Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. In fact, time itself is not ordinary, it is a gift, created by God our Father, and given to us for our salvation. At some point, time itself will cease to exist, and we will begin to exist as we will for all eternity; either in the presence of our loving Father or separated from him. The seeds of that eternity are planted here in this life, with every choice, every action we make and every word we speak. When we realize this, our approach to 'Ordinary Time' changes; in fact it can be the thing that calls us to a deeper sense of whom we are and who we are called to be.

As humans, we don't live in the big events of life all the time. Our birthdays, weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, and ordinations; these are all special events. The life we live between these events are what make them special, the daily struggles and simple joys of life. Within the Church, it is similar. Christmas and Easter are great events we celebrate each year, we look forward to them, but we need the normal, everyday things to make them special.

We are called to live this 'Ordinary Time' in an extra-ordinary fashion, for it is central to our faith. What was the 'ordinary time' of Jesus' life? The time spent between the 1st Christmas and the 1st Easter; 30 years living quietly in Nazareth, learning a trade as a carpenter, taking care of the family after his dad passed away, becoming more and more fully aware of who he was, God's only son. Three years of public ministry, challenging everyone he came into contact with to assess their relationship with God. This is also what we are called to do in the ordinary time of our life. Assess and reassess our relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Where am I in this relationship; where is God calling me to be? How is my prayer life? How is my sacramental life? Am I just getting by, or am I making the effort to be the best spouse, daughter or son of God I can be? Far from ordinary.

God's blessings to all.

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, Emma Becwar, Janelle Becwar, Tom Banasik, Virginia Eichmann, Wendy Garrity, Cleo Mercaitis, Dennis Brandt, Viola Tesar, Mary Nash, Marie Fernette, 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.

A THANK YOU FROM JEAN JOZEFOWICZ

I am overwhelmed. So here are the questions. Where do I begin? How can I thank so many people, most who remain anonymous? Where is God in all of this?

On October 25th of last year, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. The same lump had been tested in the past and the result was negative. This time, about a week before my husband's health insurance was to lapse, the test came back positive.

The options available to me indicated that immediate surgery was the most prudent path to follow, and so began my quest to regain my health through a double mastectomy. Thanks be given to God that the cancer was detected when it was! We were able to extend our health insurance through cobra so that the majority of the medical costs would be covered. Unfortunately, the cost of the insurance plan is very expensive.

Prayers were prayed, schedules were adjusted, the surgeries were a success and I saw the effect of prayers. To get the surgeries, two surgeons, an operating theater, and other tests all had to come together in a very short period of time. It all happened on November 9th about two weeks after the cancer was discovered. Clearly God was with me and prayers were answered.

The only problem that remains is paying the deductibles, and continuing the health insurance until reconstruction surgery is completed. That's were all of you come in.

Again, an answer to prayers all of you stepped forward to help us. That is Christianity in action. The workers, baskets for the silent auction, cooks, and efforts of the Stoeffler's will help us pay an addition month of health insurance to allow me to complete the reconstruction surgery.

I don't know how to even begin to express my gratitude for all of your generosity. I am overwhelmed.

Jean Jozefowicz

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-January 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

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

Home Communion Ministers for January 22nd

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

Servers-January 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Emily Steger & Gracie Colson
Jenna & Breann Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Emily Trautsch & Nick Rogge
Lauren Kennedy & Paige
Rickleff

Lectors-January 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Sharon Boylen

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

Ushers-January 21/22

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

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

Scrip Workers-January 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Charlene Steger/Brooke/Kyle
Teynor

Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy/Tammy Nolan

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for January 8th	\$5,299.00	\$4,787.00
Plate for January 8th	500.27	153.31
Heat Envelopes	80.00	.00
Units & Dues	156.00	240.00
Total	\$6,035.27	\$5,180.31

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$676.95** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sweepstake Calendars are available from either rectory and school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. There are 30 monthly prizes. Five - \$100.00 winners; Five - \$50.00 winners and Twenty - \$25.00 winners. The profit for this fundraiser helps to support our Catholic schools. The next drawing will be held on February 5th at St. Gabriel's Swiss Steak Dinner.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 16

5:15 pm Violet Graap & Marie Rippel
by Lora Chamberlain

Tuesday, January 17

8:15 am Dr. Roger Rademacher:
by Dick & Annie Beinborn

Wednesday, January 18

NO MASS

Thursday, January 19

8:15 am Al Duve: by Jan Duve & Family

Friday, January 20

NO MASS

Saturday, January 21

7:00 pm Joe Rod: by Family & Friends

Sunday, January 22

10:00 am Bill Fillbach: by Gary & Phyllis Bell

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.

Michael & Zita Balk, Carrie Breuer, Art & Carolyn Conley, Janette DuCharme, Al & Sandra Krieg, Lester Marx, Patrick & Tammy Nolan, John & Annette Powers, Scott & Peggy Sklenar, Ken & Mary Stoeffler, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Carol Walz, Robert & Arlene Willms.

Soup at Noon will be held at **Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Wauzeka** on Sunday, January 22nd with serving from 11 am to 1 pm. Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Creamy Vegetable, Bean and Ham, Sandwiches, Desserts. A Bake Sale & Basket Raffle will be also be held. Carryouts will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Sacred Heart CCD Program. All are invited to attend.

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2012

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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
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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