

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, January 22

11:00 am to 1:00 pm - *Soup at Noon* at Sacred Heart Church, Wauzeka

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

Monday, January 23

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, January 24

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, January 25

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

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

Thursday, January 26

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass with Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 29

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

11:15 am Town Hall meeting on the merger of our churches will be held in St. John's Church following the 10:00 am Mass

Catholic Schools Week **January 29th - February 3rd**

On Sunday, February 5th St. Gabriel's will host their Swiss Steak Dinner from 10:45 am to 1:00 pm in St. Gabriel's School Hall. Carryout's will be available. Tickets are available at both rectories, True Value, Peoples State, Hartig Drug, Creative Cuts and Anchor Bank. All Are Welcome

**ST. GABRIEL'S
SWISS STEAK DINNER
SUNDAY, FEB. 5TH
10:45 AM TO 1:00 PM**



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

Mark your Calendar
Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 29th
after the 10:00 am

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20



January 22, 2012 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 28/29

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

Eucharistic Ministers-January 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Debbie Morovits, Kathy Schneider
Sunday 8:00 am Mary Osterhaus, Donna Teynor, Megan Pedretti

Home Communion Ministers for January 29th

Nancy DuCharme

Servers-January 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Spencer Pedretti & Nathan Specht
Kama & Liz Tesar
Sunday 8:00 am Mitchell & John Luster
Zachary & Aaron Neisius

Lectors-January 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner
Sunday 8:00 am J.J. Jackson

Ushers-January 28/29

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

Scrip Workers-January 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Sarah Knapp/Jenni Severson
Sunday 8:00 am Risha Murray/Ann Farone

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Jan. 15th	\$4,117.00	\$2,980.00
Plate for Jan. 15th	197.40	300.96
TOTAL	\$4,314.40	\$3,280.96

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$225.86** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A message to all parishioners...If you donated to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or We Belong to Christ Campaign your statement for 2011 will be mailed to you from the Diocese. The amount will not be on your contribution statement from your parish.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Viola M. Tesar** and **Marie C. Fernette** in your prayers. Marie's funeral was held on Thursday, January 19th and Viola's funeral was held on Saturday, January 21st. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their family.

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 24

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 25

8:15 am Albert Becwar: by Family

Thursday, January 26

NO MASS

Friday, January 27

8:15 am Louis Degenhardt & Hazel Lechnir:
by Jim & Carolyn McGrath

Saturday, January 28

4:00 pm Betty Berns: by Mary Ann Heisz

Sunday, January 29

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs Lawrence Geisler: by Family



Bingo winners from Monday, January 16th:

Check Writer: Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman, Karen Fischer & Sue Groom; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch Provided by:** Denise & Larry Rod & Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Thomas Mara & Teagan Radloff.

Bingo Winners from Monday, January 16th:

\$25.00 - Pete Mara, Jeanne Moris, Erika Dedrick, Gayle Senesac, Nancy Donlon, Pat Vaske, Melody Igou; **\$30.00** - Peg Stoeffler; **\$35.00** - Pete Mara; **\$40.00** - June Petsche, Arlien Balk, Cheryl Neirling; **\$50.00** - Donald Losch; **\$125.00** - Doris Krogman; **Progressive Jackpot Winner (\$1,145.00)** - Walter Ready, Jr., **50/50 Winner (\$91.50)** - Sandy McCoy

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

PARISH MERGER AND NAME

There was a special letter waiting for me when I returned from my retreat last week. It was a letter from Bishop William Callahan concerning our parishes here in Prairie du Chien, and the process of our merging into one parish. As we have stated in various letters and at meetings, Canon Law requires the diocesan bishop to consult with various councils before a merger can proceed. These councils are the presbyteral council, diocesan finance council, diocesan deanery council and the diocesan pastoral council. Now that these meetings have been completed, it is time to proceed with the next step.

We have received a number of suggestions over the past few weeks, and after consulting with our council, we will hold a town-hall style meeting on Sunday, Jan 29th after the 10:00 Mass at St. John's church. This meeting will begin around 11:15 (after the 10:00 Mass), and all are invited. The main purpose of this meeting will be to discuss some of the suggested names so we can make a proposal to the diocese. The final decision will be made in consultation with the pastoral planning commission, the board of trustees and the bishop. If we can send our proposal by the 1st week of Feb, we should have a decision by the end of Feb.

We are planning on another couple meetings as we progress along this path of bringing our parishes under a common name. Hopefully all concerns will be met, but if there are specific topics you would like addressed, please let me or a council member know. The more information that can be presented, the less confusion there will be. I believe that this is an important factor in bringing our parishes together in mind and heart. Thank you for your continued support and prayers, and may God bless you and your loved ones.

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, Emma Becwar, Janelle Becwar, Tom Banasik, Virginia Eichmann, Wendy Garrity, Cleo Mercaitis, 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.

HURRY TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!!!!!!!!

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 first drawing for the new year will be held on February 5th at St. Gabriel's Swiss Steak Dinner.

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Tests

The Knights of Columbus Campion Council 1840 invites **ALL 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students** in public, parochial and home school to participate in a Knowledge Contest (either Math or Spelling). The contests will be held at Prairie Catholic Middle School - St John's Campus on Monday January 30, 4:00 pm. The tests will take 30 minutes, and all students will receive participation certificates. First place winners can proceed to the District competition. Second place winners will be alternates. The District winners can proceed to State competition. A number of Prairie Du Chien students have done well at the District and State competition in past years, so come and challenge yourself! Direct any questions to Stu Bosworth 326-4823.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers-January 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Donna Steiner, Peggy Gallagher
& Doris Krogman

Home Communion Ministers for January 29th:

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

Servers-January 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Kierstyn Rogers & Emily Fishler
Eric & Alexis Nolan

Sunday 10:00 am Wes Schwager & Nathan
Banasik
Chas & Brytta Sagedahl

Lectors-January 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

Ushers-January 28/29

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 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum/Cathy Irvin

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman/James Sturgeon

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Jan. 15th	\$3,619.00	\$3,082.00
Plate for Jan. 15th	300.29	145.49
Heat Envelopes	327.00	486.00
Units	185.00	.00
Total	\$4,431.29	\$3,713.49

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$361.75** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Fr. Jerome's Address:

Fr. Jerome Naduvathaniyil, OSB
31802 County Road 159
P. O. Box 2015
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321-2015

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **David G. Modjeski** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. John's Church on Thursday, January 19th. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23

5:15 pm Marcella (Sally) Leibfried:
by Marita Seitz

Tuesday, January 24

8:15 am Joan Tautges:
by Mary Kann & Ceil Benda

Wednesday, January 25

NO MASS

Thursday, January 26

8:15 am Bob Matejka: by Mike & Marian Matejka

Friday, January 27

NO MASS

Saturday, January 28

7:00 pm For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, January 29

10:00 am Mary Jane Waite: 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.

Michael & Zita Balk, Irene Beneker, Carrie Breuer, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Joe & Joanne Prew, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Carol Walz, Robert & Arlene Willms.

Soup at Noon will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Wauzeka today Sunday, January 22nd with serving from 11 am to 1 pm. Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Creamy Vegetable, Bean & Ham, Sandwiches, Desserts. All are invited.

Roast Beef Sandwich Dinner & Euchre Tournament to be held January 28th, 2012 in the basement of St. Mary's Church Bloomington. We will be serving a hot beef sandwich dinner with beverages and dessert all for only \$7.00. Childs dinner is \$4.00. If you buy dinner, euchre is included in the cost. If you just come for euchre, there will be a \$2.00 charge. There will be cash prizes and a door prize. Come and have a good time. The meal will start at 5:00 p.m. and euchre tournament is at 7:00 pm. Pop and beer will be available.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is January 27-29 in Brookfield, WI. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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

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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