

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, July 15

Monday, July 16

7:00 pm Bingo in St. Gabriel's Hall

Tuesday, July 17

Wednesday, July 18

Thursday, July 19

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

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Friday, July 20

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet

Saturday, July 21

Sunday, July 22

Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at City Hall in Prairie du Chien from Noon to 5:30 pm.

"Give the gift of Life."

Mark Your Calendars:

Parish Mission

November 11 - November 15

Holy Family
Brat Fest & Bake Sale
St. Gabriel's
July 29th



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." -Mk 6:7, 10-11



July 15, 2012 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-July 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-July 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Doscocil, Laura Meyer,
Tom Steiner
Sunday 10:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry, Jeri
Kluesner

Home Communion Ministers for July 22

John Chaffee

**Servers for Wednesday, July 18th at 5:15 pm and
Friday, July 20th at 8:15 am:**

Nathan & Macy Banasik, Katy Welsch

Servers-July 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Dominique Reilly, Anthony
Farone
Dalton & Preston Hendrix
Sunday 10:00 am Ellie & Jacob Mara
Caitlin Nolan, Faith Dillman

Lectors-July 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra
Sunday 10:00 am John Chaffee

Ushers-July 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard
Steiner, Cliff Stram, & Jim
Welsch
Sunday 10:00 am Butch Boland, Don Osterhaus,
Don Cipra & John Gillitzer

Scrip Workers-July 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Steve & Ann Farone, Trish
Hager
Sunday 10:00 am Rochelle Neisius, Melissa Jones

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-July 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-July 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Doris Krogman
Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Donna Steiner,
Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for July 22

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring, Pat McCoy

**Servers for Tuesday, July 17th at 5:15 pm and
Thursday, July 19th at 8:15 am:**

Nathan & Macy Banasik, Katy Welsch

Servers-July 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Peggy Koresh, Liz Mezera
Austin & Ashley Mezera
Sunday 8:00 am Kaitlyn & Andrew Waller
Frankee & Harlee Eastman

Lectors-July 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn
Sunday 8:00 am Sarah Mezera

Ushers-July 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert,
Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe
Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara,
Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

Scrip Workers-July 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Maureen Stark, Melissa Reilly
Sunday 8:00 am Sheri Kennedy, Vicki Waller

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, July 16 NO MASS

Tuesday, July 17	St. John's Church	5:15 pm	Joe Rod (ann.): by Family
Wednesday, July 18	St. Gabriel's Church	5:15 pm	John Feeney: by Gene & Colleen Bouzek
Thursday, July 19	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Wendy Garrity: by J.J. & Dixie Jackson
Friday, July 20	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Anne Hiebing: by George & Janet Kahler
Saturday, July 21	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Saturday, July 21	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	Frank & Esther Cipra: by Family
Sunday, July 22	St. John's Church	8:00 am	Mary Ellen Linder: by Elaine Moris
Sunday, July 22	St. Gabriel's Church	10:00 am	Bob Osterhaus: by Family

Holy Family Parish

CONVICTION OR CONVENTION

How do we define our faith? Are we Catholic by conviction or convention? This is a critical question for us to ask, especially as we face *the dictatorship of relativism*, as Pope Benedict puts it. According to Webster, relativism is:

- a) a theory that knowledge is relative to the limited nature of the mind and the conditions of knowing
- b) a view that ethical truths depend on the individuals and groups holding them

Both of these definitions would deny that there are objective truths, either in nature or in morality. But we Christians hold that Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life. So, in effect, if we deny that there is objective truth, we deny a basic truth taught by Christ, and from there it is a short step to deny Christ in the practice of our daily living, if not outright.

Convention or conviction: A question in last week's homily, are we simply Catholic because it is what our parents or grandparents were? Are the practical effects of our faith seen in our lives? Do we make sacrifices and priorities that reflect our faith? Is God a priority in our lives? Or is He simply one of many influences? Do I live an intentional Catholicism? Or is my faith one of routine, practices that I really do not understand, but simply what I do?

This is a foundational question for each of us, and it has a direct impact on the entirety of our lives, not only on our faith life. How and where we choose to educate our children, how we spend our leisure time, the movies we choose to see, the friends we associate with; all of these and more directly impact our Christian lives because our faith life cannot be compartmentalized into an hour a week; rather that hour each week has to be the lifeblood of everything we say and do throughout the week. If this is to be the center of our life, the foundation has to be solid. If not, we will be like surfers standing on their boards, with the possibility of a wipeout only a brief moment away.

So how do we answer this question?

Do we live a faith life of conviction or convention? Do we have a relationship with God, with Jesus, with the Holy Spirit? Does this relationship impact our lives or is it a peripheral relationship; one we can call on when we are in need but doesn't get that much attention day to day. This question is the heart of Pope Benedict's *Year of Faith* that begins in October. This will be an opportunity for all of us to rediscover the beauty of the gift of faith we have been given, and allow us to become more and more Catholics of conviction.

God bless

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 Linda Vance, Adrienne Kortas, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Marge Noggle, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, Dennis Brandt, Mary Nash, Payton Kay Kazda, Harry Konichek, James Thompson, Rick Sime, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Bob Waller, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Richard Mergen, Mary Ann Heisz, Sena Breuer, Jerry Matousek, Chris Gremore, Bob Willms and Bill McCoy.

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

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for July 8th	\$9,523.25	\$8,967.32
Plate for July 8th	803.32	1,064.97
Total	\$10,326.57	\$10,032.29

The second collection came to **\$779.50** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Over the summer months please continue to save Campbell's Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, "Cash for Caps" - Swiss Valley Milk Caps, Give "Em" Five - Kemps Milk Caps, Kwik Trip - Milk Moola Tops, old cell phones & used/empty printer cartridges. Our School can benefit greatly from these redemption programs. Thank you to every one who saves these items for us.





Bingo Winners from Monday, July 2nd: \$25.00 - Cecilia Mara, Pat Check, Mary Ann Baker, Karolyn Priebe; \$30.00 - Deb Schultz; \$45.00 - Sandy McCoy; \$100.00 - Kathy Tittle; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Kimberly Hierlmeier; 50/50 (\$59.00) - Sara Carlin

Bingo Workers for Monday, July 16th: **Check Writer:** Cathy Bierman; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman, Holly Nicholson & Amy Young; **Callers:** Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers; **Food Preparation:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Chas Sagedahl & Wesley Schwager

Holy Family Parishioners:

"BOX TOPS POINTS ARE QUADRUPLED."

Believe it or not "Back-to-School" products are being advertised in the new Wal-Mart flyer. Everything from cereals, hamburger helper, fruit snacks, potatoes, cookies and all your school supplies are included in the items you need to get your children ready for back-to-school. Now is the time to start collecting "BOX TOPS" as we start earning more FREE MONEY for Prairie Catholic Schools. To date, we've earned \$16,000 since 1996.

Rhonda Stubbe,

Prairie Catholic Coordinator

REMINDER: If you have moved to a new address, please inform the rectory office of your change of address. If you use a cell phone as your main phone, please inform us of your cell phone number. Thank you!

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Laurayne M. Prew** and **Timothy D. Cipra** in your prayers. Their funerals were held last week. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God is our shepherd. God's spirit is here to lead and guide us, but it is up to us to hear his voice. Is the Spirit of God leading and guiding you in your marriage? Find out how you can be more open to God plan in your marriage by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on August 10-12 in Brookfield, WI; Sept. 14-16 in Crystal Lake, IL or Oct. 26-28 in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Did you know that Scrip is a very easy way to make extra funds for our churches & school? Everyone has to buy groceries, gas, etc. Our gift cards make great birthday or wedding gifts or purchase some of our local scrip which can be used at several local businesses. You can purchase Scrip after Mass on the weekend or at the rectories.

BAKE SALE....We will again be having a bake sale at the **Brat Fest** on Sunday, July 29th. Bars, Breads, Brownies, Cakes, Candy, Cookies, Cupcakes, Fruit Pies, Jams, Jellies, Nutmeats, Pickles, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Garden Produce is also most welcomed. For more info, please call 326-6104. Thank you in advance for helping us out.

Readings for the Week of July 15, 2012

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Holy Family Parish-Prairie du Chien WI

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm St. Gabriel's
 7:00 pm St. John's

Sunday 8:00 am St. John's
 10:00 am St. Gabriel'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
No 3:00 pm confessions on days with weddings or funerals.