

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**  
**Pastor**

## This Week at the Parishes

**Sunday, June 24**

**Monday, June 25**

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

**Tuesday, June 26**

5:15 pm Patrick McConnell  
will celebrate a Mass of  
Thanksgiving for his priestly  
ordination at St. John's Church  
All are welcome to come and  
celebrate with Fr. Patrick

**Wednesday, June 27**

**Thursday, June 28**

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

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie  
Maison

**Friday, June 29**

2:55 PM Divine Mercy Prayer  
Group at St. John's Church

**Saturday, June 30**

6:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's  
with Bishop William Callahan.  
Reception to follow

There will not be a Saturday  
evening Mass at St. John's  
**Sunday, July 1**

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls will  
be served in St. John's Church  
Hall plus the drawing for the  
Lottery Sweepstake Calendars  
will take place at that time also

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Next Weekend - June 30/  
July 1**

**Saturday** - 6:00 pm at St.  
Gabriel's Church with Bishop  
William P. Callahan

**No Saturday evening Mass at  
St. John's**

**Sunday** - 8:00 am at St. John's  
**Sunday** - 10:00 am at St.  
Gabriel's

Next Saturday, June  
30th - there will be only  
one Saturday evening  
Mass. It will be held at  
St. Gabriel's at 6:00 pm.  
Bishop William Callahan  
will preside over the es-  
tablishment of Holy  
Family Parish in Prairie  
du Chien.

**Please join us for a recep-  
tion following the Mass.**



**St. Gabriel Archangel**

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404

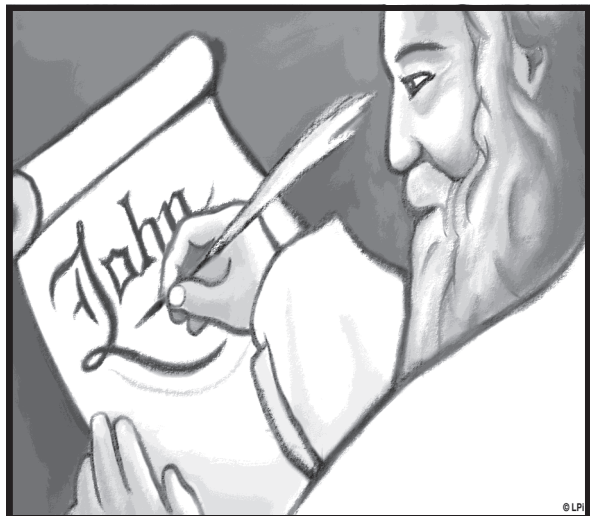


**St. John Nepomuc**

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



**They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. - Lk 1:62-64**



**June 24, 2012 - Nativity of John the Baptist**

## Offertory Gift Bearers-June 30/July 1

Saturday 6:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

## Eucharistic Ministers-June 30/July 1

Saturday 6:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra,  
Lyle Marfilus

Sunday 10:00 am Mark Gilberts, Karen Fritsche &  
Jeri Kluesner

## Home Communion Ministers for July 1st

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

## Servers for Wednesday, June 27th at 5:15 pm and

Friday, June 29th at 8:15 am: Jonah & Joshua  
Linder

## Servers—June 30/July 1

Saturday 6:00 pm Nathan Banasik, Joe Linder,  
Jacob Linder, Grant Sklenar,  
Jack Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Paige & Ryan Severson  
Frankee & Harlee Eastman

## Lectors-June 30/July 1

Saturday 6:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 10:00 am Eric Teynor

## Ushers-June 30/July 1

Saturday 6:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,  
Russell Eulgem & Bob Ziel

Sunday 10:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek,  
Jim McGrath, & Dick Tesar

## Scrip Workers-June 30/July 1

Saturday 6:00 pm Jenni & Brad Linder

Sunday 10:00 am Jenni Severson/John & Heather  
Luster

## Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for June 17th	\$4,197.00	\$3,370.00
Plate for June 17th	562.86	547.65
Total	\$4,759.86	\$3,917.65

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to  
**\$255.00** and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## LAUGHTER-GOOD FOR THE HEART AND

**SOUL.....**While laughter is hardly a cure-all, research has shown that positive emotions can have an impact on your health. A good laugh can help relieve stress and muscle tension. Many of us go through our daily lives stressed out because we forget to give ourselves time to just have fun. When you need a little comic relief, try a funny movie or read a humorous book. Try to see the humor in everyday events. You'll be laughing before you know it!

## St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

### Monday, June 25

NO MASS

### Tuesday, June 26

NO MASS

### Wednesday, June 27

5:15 pm Eileen Cornwell: by Family

### Thursday, June 28

NO MASS

### Friday, June 29

8:15 am John Feeney: by Gene & Colleen Bouzek

### Saturday, June 30

6:00 pm Louis Degenhardt: by Steve Stoeffler

### Sunday, July 1

10:00 am Wencil Slama: by Gladys Slama



### Bingo Winners from Monday, June 18th:

**\$25.00** - Millie Senesac, Carol Walz, Courtney Smith;  
**\$35.00** - Karen Shulka, Mary Ann Baker; **\$40.00** -  
JoDee Bedtka; **\$125.00** - Barb Nebendahl; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Jan Rutter; **50/50 (71.00)** - Kathy Tittle

**Next Monday, June 25th the Progressive Bingo Jackpot will be at \$805.00 plus 50% of the progressive bingo jackpot card sales in 57 calls or less.**

### Bingo Workers for Monday, June 25th - Check

**Writer:** Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Sue Groom, Karen Fischer, Becky Rooney **Callers** - Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch Stand Provided by** Larry & Denise Rod & Mary Stoeffler, **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Hailee Lynn and Jacob Mara

### Readings for the Week of June 24, 2012

**Sunday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Well, it's here. Next Saturday, Bishop Callahan will be in Prairie du Chien to establish our new existence as a single parish in Prairie du Chien, Holy Family Parish. Although the formal process of becoming one began a little over 1 year ago, this is the official stage of a process that has been many years in the making. I would say it began at least in 1989 when the Jesuit fathers were asked to take both parishes into their care. In 1992 another step was taken when the 2 parish schools were combined, and Prairie Catholic School was formed. Since then, there have been many joint efforts between St. Gabriel's and St. John's in their finance and pastoral councils working together as well as coming together to promote various school and parish activities.

As I have mentioned at our town hall style meetings, I am simply the priest assigned at the time of the merger. Although I do think that there are many blessings that will come to our community here in Prairie du Chien, there will be some road bumps as well. I would like to encourage all members of our parish to see what can be rather than what was. We do not want to forget our past, as we have a rich tradition in this area as leaders in the church and in the community, but we need to build upon what we have so we can continue to have an impact on the lives of all who call this piece of God's Country home.

On the practical level, you will notice a few changes in the bulletin template in the coming weeks as well. We hope that this will provide an easier format to share information. Also, we will be making adjustments in office hours at each location. Please be patient, as this will change over the summer months, but will hopefully be more regular as we head into a new school year. May God watch over you and bless you.

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, Helen Tarrence, 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 and Jerry Matousek.

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

**WELCOME DAN THELEN:** Most of you had the opportunity to see and meet our summer seminarian. Dan will be around for 8 weeks, and is looking forward to getting to know as many as he can. I will let him tell you a bit about himself in his own words.

Biography  
Dan Thelen - Seminarian

My story begins in Clear Lake, Wisconsin where I grew up on a dairy farm. My family instilled a strong Catholic identity within me from my youth. We prayed the rosary often and were quite involved in our local church. At about the age of ten I felt a call to the priesthood and made a career day poster on this vocation. However, the idea slowly slipped away and by the time I was discerning colleges, seminary was far from mind. I eventually went to UW-River Falls and later worked and eventually even bought a house.

However during the year of 2007, I was blessed to find Notre Dame Parish in Chippewa Falls. Through this parish and the parish community I began to discover God's great love for me and the beautiful treasure that our Catholic faith is. Father Weighner was also at this parish at this time. Eventually my involvement with this parish led to my entrance into seminary three years ago. Currently I am blessed to be studying in Rome and will have three more years of theology before I am ordained to the Priesthood (God willing). Thank you very much for your generosity and friendliness. It is a pleasure to be a part of your faith community this summer!

Dan Thelen

**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. Prairie Catholic School can benefit greatly from these redemption programs. **Thank you to all who have been saving these for us.**



**Offertory Gift Bearers-July 1**

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

**Eucharistic Ministers-July 1**

Sunday 8:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner,  
& Lucy Cornford

**Home Communion Ministers for July 1**

Shirley MacEachern, Arlene Balk, Merle & Barb  
Frommelt

**Servers for Tuesday, June 26th at 5:15 PM  
and Thursday, June 28th at 8:15 am:** Jonah &  
Joshua Linder

**Servers-July 1**

Sunday 8:00 am Clare & Ben Teynor  
Evan Teynor & Matthew Chase

**Lectors-July 1**

Sunday 8:00 am Norb Aschom

**Ushers-July 1**

Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara,  
Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

**Scrip Workers-July 1**

Sunday 8:00 am Bart Zeeh/Michelle Kirchman  
and Danielle Swiggum

**Parish Support**

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for June 17th	\$4,179.50	\$4,038.00
Plate for June 17th	355.73	340.75
Units	.00	75.00
Total	\$4,535.23	\$4,453.75

The second collection at St. John's came to  
**\$1,574.00** and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Coffee & Rolls will be served next Sunday,  
July 1st in St. John's Hall after the 8:00 am  
Mass. The drawing for the Lottery Sweep-  
stake Calendar Winners will also take place  
at that time.

**Patrick McConnell will celebrate a Mass  
of Thanksgiving for his priestly ordina-  
tion on Tuesday, June 26th at the 5:15  
pm Mass at St. John's Church. All are  
welcome to come and celebrate with Fr.  
Patrick.**

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS  
FOR BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS, ETC. CHECK  
OUT OUR SELECTIONS.**

**St. John's Mass Intentions**

**Monday, June 25**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, June 26**

5:15 pm Al Duve: by Janice Duve

**Wednesday, June 27**

NO MASS

**Thursday, June 28**

8:15 am Wendy Garrity: by the Nugents

**Friday, June 29**

NO MASS

**Saturday, June 30**

NO EVENING MASS AT ST. JOHN'S

**Sunday, July 1**

8:00 am Helen Cummings: by Rose Bauer

**SERVER BASEBALL TRIP:** Again this year,  
we are putting together a server (servers  
grade 4 - 8 )trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers  
play. This year's trip is August 1<sup>st</sup>; if interested  
please contact one of the school offices or Ken  
& Mary Stoeffler to sign up.

**The next Worldwide Marriage Encoun-  
ter Weekends** are July 20-22 in Madison,  
WI; August 12-14 in Brookfield, WI and Sept.  
16-18 in Crystal Lake, IL. Early registration  
is highly recommended. For more informa-  
tion visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org)  
or call (888) 574-5653.

**Congratulations to the former Prairie  
Catholic students who graduated  
from Prairie High this Spring:** Morgan  
Banasik, Nicole Boisvert, Nolan Bowar, Barron  
Dillman, Caitlin Forsythe, Michael Garrity,  
Erik Halverson, Erin Hemmer, Brady Kozelka,  
Jeffrey Kussmaul, Rachel Mezera, Taylor  
Moret, Connor Morovits, Taylor Novey,  
Clarissa Oehler, Colin Roach, Rebecca Steele,  
Jesse Steiner, Matthew Steiner, Nikki Stevens,  
Samuel Stoeffler, Daniel Welsch and Emily  
Zabel.

Special recognition to the Salutatorian, Cierra  
Steiner and Valedictorian, Chardae  
Mara. Blessings and best of luck in the future

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