

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, March 11

9:00 am Holy Name Society meeting in St. Gabriel's Hall

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

6:30 pm Faith Alive Book Study at St. John's Church

Monday, March 12

10:00 am Faith Alive Book Study in St. John's Church

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, March 13

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 14

5:30 pm Choir rehearsal in St. John's Church

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

Thursday, March 15

6:30 am Men's Group at St. John's Church

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

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

Friday, March 16

Stations of the Cross:

Following 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's & 3:15 pm at St. John's

Adoration: 9:00 am Friday to 8:00 am Saturday

Saturday, March 17

8:00 am Benediction & Mass at St. Gabriel's

Sunday, March 18

10:45 am to 1:00 pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner in St. Gabriel's School Hall - carryout's anytime

Food Collection for our local Food Pantry next weekend - there are boxes provided in the back of both Churches

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER
SUNDAY, MARCH 18
ST. GABRIEL'S
SERVING
10:45 AM - 1:00 PM
Hickory Smoked Ham
Carry-outs Available
ALL ARE INVITED**



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a



March 11, 2012 - Third Sunday of Lent

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 17/18

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

Eucharistic Ministers-March 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Nancy
DuCharme, Richard Ambrose
Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins & Mary
Osterhaus

Home Communion Ministers for March 18th:
Eileen Hermesen, Sheila Linder

Servers-March 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Kama & Liz Tesar
Karly Jaynes & Faith Dillman
Sunday 8:00 am Ben & Evan Teynor
Made & Jack Peterson

Lectors-March 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Daskocil
Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

Ushers-March 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
Russell Eulgem, Bob Ziel
Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee,
Don Cipra & John Gillitzer

Scrip Workers-March 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Vicki Waller & Tom Sebastian
Sunday 8:00 am Leslie Orr & Colleen Teynor

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 4th	\$4,964.00	\$4,164.00
Plate for March 4th	276.10	348.56
Heat Envelopes	.00	110.00
Total	\$5,240.10	\$4,622.56

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to **\$863.36** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, March 24, 2012 the Prairie du Chien Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold their spring meeting at St. Patrick's in Seneca at 9:00 am. More information to follow.

A Seder meal will be held in St. Gabriel's Church Hall on Thursday, March 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please contact Ann Grunwald at 326-5459 or e-mail at: magrunwald@centurytel.net or the parish rectories if you would like to attend or if you have questions. Please respond by March 22nd.

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 12

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 13

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 14

8:15 am Tracy L. Horner: by Family

Thursday, March 15

NO MASS

Friday, March 16

8:15 am Rudy Long: by Family

Saturday, March 17

4:00 pm Cletus Steffensmeier: by Family

Sunday, March 18

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Work List

Sunday, March 18, 2012 - St. Gabriel's School Hall

Chairpersons: John & Norma Gillitzer, Ed Steger

Dining Room Chairpersons: Tammy Nolan & Angela Fishler; **Unit Chairpersons:** Janette DuCharme,

Norma Gillitzer, Mary Jane Mezera; **Tickets:** Russ Eulgem, Mark Eulgem, Mark Gilberts, Lyle Marfilus;

Raffle: Don Cipra, Mark Hamann & Bill Nicholson;

Ushers: Gary Howe, Randy Bushnell, Gary Keeney;

Cooks: Ed Steger, Brad Steiner, Bob Ziel, Jim & Dan Welsch, John Gillitzer, Keith Neisius, Brad Linder;

Meat Cutters: Dick Tesar, Scott Kozelka; **Carry-**

outs: Mary Daskocil, Mary Jane Mezera, Vickie Waller, Nancy Becker, Laura Meyer; **Salads, Bread,**

Relish: Kathy & Sara Schneider, Donna Gilbert, Linda Schneider; **Pie Cutters:** Monica Shedivy, Zita

Balk, Theresa Heal; **Pie Table:** Sheila Linder; **Coffee:** Pete Prew; **Meal Delivery:** Ed Gilkes & Chris

Mara **Kitchen Sink: 9:00 am -** Larry Dahman, Brian Nelson; **11:00 am** Joe Gillitzer, Russ Gillitzer; **Serv-**

ing Line: Jenny Nack, Mary Huser, Janet Steiner, Bonnie Reilly, Lori Waller, Jane Bushnell; **Dish**

Washing: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm - Dave Walz, Mark & Steve Wachuta, Jim McGrath, Gary Adams, Eric

Teynor, Bob Vance, Ryan Fox, Brian & Jeff Groom; **12:30 to 2:30 pm:** Dirk Steiner, Ron Bunders, Brian

Steiner, Jeff Nack, Derrick Eastman, Ken, Sam & Jack Stoeffler; **Kitchen Clean-up - 12:00 till finish:** Tim,

Terry Steger, Tom Cejka and **Volunteers????**

Saturday Morning Food Prep - 7:00 to 9:00 am: Ed Steger, John Gillitzer, and **Volunteers????**

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Erin Anastasia Nolan**, daughter of John & Carrie (Aleson) Nolan, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless Erin and her family.

Holy Family Update

As I mentioned at the Masses last week-end, Bishop Callahan has approved the name of Holy Family for our parish here in Prairie du Chien. This helps us continue moving forward on this, as the 1st of July will be here before we know it, and there is much to be accomplished. The next step is 2 meetings, one for each parish. These next meetings will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Please check the bulletin next week for the times and locations. There is one difference for these next meetings; the one held at St Gabriel will be for St Gabriel parishioners, and the one held at St. John's will be for St. John's parishioners. These will be opportunities to speak about any concerns you might have as we move forward. After this, we will again have joint meetings to bring our entire community together so everything can be addressed.

Lenten Programs

We are in the midst of our Lenten programs at our parish as well. The 2 Faith Alive groups are well attended and moving along. If you have the time open and are interested, it is not too late to get involved. Simply show up at one of the meetings and begin. The new men's group is off to a good start, with more than 10 men getting together on Thursday mornings. This is a group that will shift course a bit following Easter, and all men (non-Catholics as well) are welcome. Where this group goes will be determined by the group itself; we would love to see you there.

You may have noticed that there will be a Seder Meal this Lent as well, and may be wondering what a Seder meal is. It is an opportunity to share in a traditional Passover meal, and see how the roots of our faith are tied to the Jewish faith. There will be a Jewish Rabbi in attendance to explain the religious significance and meaning to the various aspects of the meal.

We will also have our **Tenebrae** service at night on Good Friday. This can be a powerful experience of the passion, death and burial of Christ. It is a simple candlelight program with readings from sacred Scripture. This is a fairly short service, and has grown since we began holding it. We also have the normal Holy Week schedule, continuing the custom of the past few years of alternating between our 2 church buildings for the various services. Schedules will be in next week's bulletin.

You are in my prayers as we continue our Lenten journey.

Fr James Weighner

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, Janelle Becwar, Tom Banasik, Virginia Eichmann, Wendy Garrity, Dennis Brandt, Mary Nash, Payton Kay Kazda, Harry Konichek, Helen Tarrence, James Thompson & Carissa Waldo.

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

SCHOOL NEWS.....This past February, the 4th Graders worked on a science project culminating all facts that they had learned about animals. Their project was to create an imaginary animal and write a report about this animal. The 4th Grade students did an excellent job writing their reports and they were very creative in the design of their animal.

For the month of March, the 4 graders participated in the Opera for the Young. They were part of the actors for the play, "*Hansel and Gretel*." They did an excellent job. They also have written limericks, which are of the Irish heritage for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Also, grades 2nd through 8th participated in a nationwide "*accelerated Reader*" test day on Friday, March 3rd.

4th Grade Teachers

Mrs. Becwar & Mrs. Post

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL announces Kindergarten Screening & Open House on Monday, March 19th for the 2012-2013 school year. Please call St. Gabriel's School Office (326-8624) Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm by March 16th to set up a screening time for your child. Please have the following information when you call the school: Child's full name, date of birth, address, phone, and a preferred time between 8:30 am - 3:00 pm for the screening day. The actual screening day is Monday, March 19th. Please bring your child's Baptismal (or Birth Certificate) and Immunization Record to the screening. If you have any questions, contact the school office at 326-8624.

Third Sunday of Lent

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-March 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

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

Home Communion Ministers for March 18th

Kathleen Deluhery, Anne Mezera & Joan Poots

Servers-March 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Jack Stoeffler, Wesley
Schwager, Nathan Banasik, &
Nick Rogge

Sunday 10:00 am Ethan & Zach Swiggum
Chad Mara & Peyton Hall

Lectors-March 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

Ushers-March 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer,
Alex Schaefer, Tim Looney

Sunday 10:00 am Ron Trautsch, Mark Mara &
Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-March 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Cathy Irvin & Charlene Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Heidi Dickman & Jean Dillman

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 4th	\$6,358.00	\$5,341.00
Plate for March 4th	236.95	340.75
Units	90.00	.00
Total	\$6,684.95	\$5,681.75

The second collection at St. John's came to **\$511.63** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

"The Family Life Committee would like to remind all Confirmation prayer partners to contact your 8th grader with a short note or prayer card sometime in the next couple of weeks. Keep your partner in your prayers throughout the season of Lent."

The Diocese of LaCrosse is again sponsoring the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for those couples celebrating 50 years of marriage. On August 5th it will be held at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse. Bishop Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend this celebration. If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend, please call your name into your rectory office.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 12

5:15 pm Pluemer Family: by Jan Duve

Tuesday, March 13

8:15 am Charles Krogman (ann.):
by Doris Krogman

Wednesday, March 14

NO MASS

Thursday, March 15

8:15 am Bob Matejka:
by Jennifer & Jeff Matejka

Friday, March 16

NO MASS

Saturday, March 17

7:00 pm Don Shea: by JoAnn Shea

Sunday, March 18

10:00 am Hazel Lechnir: by Elaine Moris

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, March 5th: \$25.00

- Judy Pritchard, Virginia Meana, John Wolfram;
\$45.00 - Edward Foster, **\$50.00** - Helen Ploessl,
Ann Tippery; **\$100 Progressive Consolation** -
Karen Shulka; **50/50 Winner (\$59.00)** - Roger
Goodman

Bingo Workers for Monday, March 12th: Check

Writer: Cathy Bierman; **Floor Workers:** Becky
Rooney & Deb Schultz; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Food**
Preparation: Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:**
Parents of Isabella Blondin & Elizabeth Carlson

The Progressive Bingo Jackpot for next Monday
will be \$540.00 plus 50% of the progressive jack-
pot card sales in 54 numbers or less

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.

Jeffery & Tammy DuCharme, Michael & Wendy Garrity, Sandy Halverson, Kenneth & Julie Moret.

Easter Flower Fund.....If you would like to make a donation to the "**Easter Flower Fund**" at St. John's or St. Gabriel's in memory of a loved one, you can do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked "**Easter Flowers**" and place it in your parish collection.

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		Website: www.prairiecatholic.org 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