

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**

## **This Week at the Parishes**

### **Sunday, March 25**

2:00 PM Healing Prayers/

Adoration at St. Gabriel's

2:45 pm Benediction

3:00 to 4:00 pm Penance/  
Confessions

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

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

### **Monday, March 26**

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

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

### **Tuesday, March 27**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mai-  
son

6:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St.  
Gabriel's

### **Wednesday, March 28**

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

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

### **Thursday, March 29**

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

Adoration after the 8:30 am  
Mass at St. John's Church with  
Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 PM Seder Meal in St.  
Gabriel's Hall

7:00 pm Education Commit-  
tee meeting at St. John's

### **Friday, March 30**

#### **Stations of the Cross:**

Following 8:15 am Mass at St.  
Gabriel's & 3:00 pm at St. John's

**Adoration:** 9:00 am Friday to  
8:00 am Saturday at St.  
Gabriel's

### **Saturday, March 31**

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

### **Sunday, April 1 - Palm Sunday**

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls in St.  
John's Hall plus drawing for  
the monthly Calendar Winners



**St. Gabriel Archangel**

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



**St. John Nepomuc**

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



**SUNDAY MARCH 25**  
**ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH**  
**HEALING PRAYERS / ADORATION 2:00 PM**  
**BENEDICTION 2:45 PM**  
**PENANCE / CONFESSIONS 3:00 – 4:00 PM**  
**CLOSING PRAYER 4:00 PM**  
**(Priests will remain until all confessions are heard)**

Guidelines for receiving Anointing of the Sick: Although no longer considered 'Last Rites' it remains a sacrament for those in need of healing for serious reasons, and is not to be taken lightly, even when it is offered in a common service. Common colds or normal health issues do not suffice, nor do normal spiritual battles in our marriages or family issues. It is reserved for serious, life-threatening issues or for those in ill health due to age.

**March 25, 2012 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

St. Gabriel's Church

**Offertory Gift Bearers-March 31/April 1**

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

**Eucharistic Ministers-March 31/April 1**

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Doscocil, Laura Meyer,  
Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Jeri Kluesner,  
Karen Fritsche

**Home Communion Ministers for April 1st:**

John Chaffee

**Servers-March 31/April 1**

Saturday 4:00 pm Jacob & Ellie Mara  
Dalton & Preston Hendrix

Sunday 8:00 am Gunnar Kravchuk & Brett  
Sanders  
Ryan & Sean McGrath

**Lectors-March 31/April 1**

Saturday 4:00 pm Ann Grunwald & Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee & Natalie Stram

**Ushers-March 31/April 1**

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 31/April 1**

Saturday 4:00 pm Brent Heal/Carrie Colson

Sunday 8:00 am Jenni/Brad Linder & Risha  
Murray

**Parish Support**

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 18th	\$3,388.04	\$4,045.00
Plate for March 18th	282.53	283.42
Total	\$3,670.57	\$4,328.42

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to \$277.81 and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 26**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, March 27**

NO MASS

**Wednesday, March 28**

8:15 am Bob Boland: by Rosemary Boland

**Thursday, March 29**

NO MASS

**Friday, March 30**

8:15 am Tracy Horner: by Family

**Saturday, March 31**

4:00 pm Betty Berns:  
by Charles & Theresa Morel

**Sunday, April 1**

8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor



**Bingo Winners from Monday, March 19th:**

**\$25.00** - Bridget Nichols; **\$30.00** - Lyle Nierling, Betty Marmann; **\$35.00** - Glenda Wolfram; **\$125.00** - Burnell Wilker; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Jeanne Moris; **50/50 winner (\$72.50)** - Cheryl Neirling

**Next week's Progressive Jackpot** will be at \$720.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 56 calls or less.

**Bingo Workers for Monday, March 26th: Check**

**Writer:** Cathy Bierman; **Floor Workers:** Karen Fischer, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch provided by:** Denise & Larry Rod & Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Jerrod Osterkamp and Carter Steger

**Readings for the Week of March 25, 2012**

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-  
Jn 12:20-33

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk  
1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is  
50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--  
15:47 or 15:1-39

**"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 week if you haven't already. Keep your partner in your prayers throughout the season of Lent."**

## To Be Reconciled By Christ

The following reflection is based on an article by Pope Benedict on the Sacrament of Penance, its importance and an encouragement to take advantage during these weeks of Lent. Our Holy Father tells us that the Church has long encouraged the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Penance for a meaningful celebration of Easter. In fact, the sacrament is kind of like a mini-death and resurrection for each of us. In the ancient church, many bishops would preside at this sacrament on Holy Thursday (still practiced by bishops in La Crosse).

To make a good confession requires preparation, and when done properly, it makes real the possibility of a new beginning and a fresh start in the joy of the risen Christ. To more powerfully participate in this sacrament, we begin by acknowledging that we are sinners; but more importantly we trust in God's mercy. The forgiveness offered by Christ is a source of both interior and exterior peace, and it makes us apostles of peace into the world; a world of divisions, suffering, doubt, injustice, hatred and violence we know all too well today. As we experience these things in our lives, they can keep us from being reconciled with each other as well. But we know that these things do not have the last word, because Christ put all evil on his shoulders and nailed it to the cross where it was overcome for good with the resurrection. It is the resurrection of Christ that gives us this certainty; despite the darkness, the doubt and the suffering in the world, evil does not have the last say. Being reconciled with Christ, we can go forth with greater conviction, courage and enthusiasm to commit ourselves to the birth of a more just world, beginning right at home.

**With this in mind, I would like to invite everyone to participate in the upcoming penance service which we will hold this Sunday afternoon at St Gabriel church.** We will begin with a healing service at 2:00, with an hour of adoration. During adoration we will offer some reflections and music as well as anointing of the sick for those in need. We will then have Benediction, followed by individual reconciliation at 3:00 PM (there will be 3 priests available to hear confessions). There may be some who do not like to come to these penance services because of a misunderstanding of what they are, or what they are not. It is not general confession or absolution. We begin and end with a reading from Sacred Scripture, and then it is a normal confession followed by penance, after which you are free to remain for the closing prayer or go. We will close at 4:00 PM, although we will remain until all are heard. Hope to see you there. 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 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, Dennis Brandt, Mary Nash, Payton Kay Kazda, Harry Konichek, Helen Tarrence, James Thompson, Rick Sime, Carissa Waldo and Earl White.

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

**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.

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](mailto:magrunwald@centurytel.net) if you have questions.

**School News.....**The fifth graders are studying Earth Science. We have explored the layers that make up the earth, and discovered how weathering, erosion, and deposition change the earth. Currently, we are identifying water, land, and air as important resources of the earth. Reducing, reusing and recycling, will make us all better stewards of the earth.

-Mrs. Igou

## SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	7:00 PM	St. John's
Good Friday	1:30 PM	St. Gabriel's
Tenebrae (Friday)	8:00 PM	St. John's
Easter Vigil	8:00 PM	St. Gabriel's
Easter Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Gabriel's
Easter Sunday	10:00 AM	St. John's

## 5th Sunday of Lent

### St. John's Church

#### Offertory Gift Bearers-March 31/April 1

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

#### Eucharistic Ministers-March 31/April 1

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

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

#### Home Communion Ministers for April 1st

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

#### Servers-March 31/April 1

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick Rogge & Jack Hromadka  
Peggy Koresh & Elizabeth Carlson

Sunday 10:00 am Faith Dillman & Mark Welter  
Anna Zeeh & Paige Rickleff

#### Lectors-March 31/April 1

Saturday 7:00 pm Al Krieg

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

#### Ushers-March 31/April 1

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

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

#### Scrip Workers-March 31/April 1

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanna Koresh/Maureen  
Gerhards

Sunday 10:00 am Bart/Michelle Kirchman & James  
Sturgeon

#### St. John's Mass Intentions

##### Monday, March 26

5:15 pm Ron Cherrier:  
by Mike & Shirley MacEachern

##### Tuesday, March 27

8:15 am Fred & Marcella Zins:  
by Linda Ginkel & Family

##### Wednesday, March 28

##### NO MASS

##### Thursday, March 29

8:15 am Frank Fischer: by Elaine Fischer

##### Friday, March 30

##### NO MASS

##### Saturday, March 31

7:00 pm Living & deceased members of  
Bernard & Marcella Gillitzer:  
by Mark & Mary Jane Mezera

##### Sunday, April 1

10:00 am Joe Rod: by Family & Friends

**The April Unit Chairpeople for St. John's are:**  
Susan Zeeh and Lori Bedward.

**Coffee & Rolls** will be served at 9:00 am in St. John's Church Hall next Sunday, April 1st. The drawing for the monthly Lottery Sweepstake Calendar will also be held at that time

#### Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 18th	\$4,789.00	7,085.00
Plate for March 18th	314.72	326.75
Units	.00	155.00
Total	\$5,103.72	\$7,566.75

The second collection at St. John's came to \$303.30 and will be used for school expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Prairie Catholic's Web Site....**Lots of information on the school and churches. Check it out at [www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org)

#### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **Ella Marie Heilmann**, daughter of Paul & Andrea (Walz) Heilmann and **Kyla Novey Gapstur**, daughter of Cory Gapstur and Sarah Novey, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Ella Marie & Kyla Novey** and their families.

#### IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Wendy K. Garrity** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. John's Church on Monday, March 19th. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her 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.

Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Skip & Donna Gjolberg, Bruce & Ruth Klang, David & Renee Martin, Todd & Dee O'Connell, Bernard O'Connell, John & Judy Doll, James & Yvonne Pitzer, Norma Bloyer, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Pat Lenzendorf, Robert & Linda Schneider.



Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's</b> <b>St. John's</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's</b> <b>St. John's</b>
<b>E-mail Addresses:</b> <a href="mailto:sgp@prairiecatholic.org">sgp@prairiecatholic.org</a> <a href="mailto:ljgratace@hotmail.com">ljgratace@hotmail.com</a>		<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.prairiecatholic.org">www.prairiecatholic.org</a> <a href="mailto:pastor@prairiecatholic.org">pastor@prairiecatholic.org</a>

**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