

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, March 18

10:45 am St. Patrick's
Day Dinner in St. Gabriel's
School Hall

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

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

Monday, March 19

10:00 am Faith Alive Book
Study in St. John's Church
7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, March 20

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mai-
son

Wednesday, March 21

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

6:00 pm Parish Merger meet-
ing at St. Gabriel's Church for
St. Gabriel's parishioners

7:15 pm Parish Merger meet-
ing at St. John's Church for St.
John's parishioners

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

Thursday, March 22

6:30 am Men's Group will
meet in St. John's Church

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

6:30 pm Family Life meeting
in St. John's Church Hall

Friday, March 23

Stations of the Cross:

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

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

Saturday, March 24

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Sunday, March 18th
10:45 am - 1:00 pm
Carryouts Available
Hickory Smoked Ham
ALL ARE INVITED



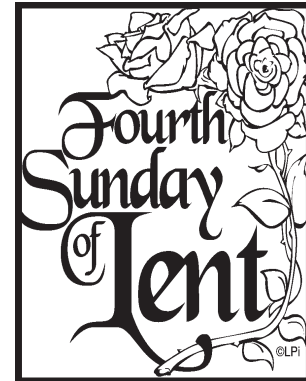
St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

- Jn 3:20-21



March 18, 2012 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 24/25

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

Eucharistic Ministers – March 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Kathy
 Schneider & Tom Steiner
 Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry &
 Rhonda Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for March 25th
 John Chaffee

Servers-March 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Renae & Anthony Irvin
 Ryan & Paige Severson
 Sunday 8:00 am Ben & Evan Teynor
 John & Mitchell Luster

Lectors-March 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Lyle Marfilus
 Sunday 8:00 am J. J. Jackson

Ushers-March 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard
 Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim Welsch
 Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek,
 Jim McGrath, Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-March 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm William & Holly Nicholson
 Barbara Welsch
 Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius & Judy
 Sagedahl

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 19
 NO MASS
Tuesday, March 20
 NO MASS
Wednesday, March 21
 8:15 am Clara Shulka: by Dorothy Baures
Thursday, March 22
 NO MASS
Friday, March 23
 8:15 am Roberta Prew: Family
Saturday, March 24
 4:00 pm Albert Becwar (ann. 3/18): by Family
Sunday, March 25
 8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Bingo winners from Monday, March 12th: \$25.00 - Barb Groom, Dorothy Degenhardt, Ann Tippery; **\$45.00 -** Terry Crabtree; **\$50.00 -** Kayla Tippery, Walter Ready; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00) -**JoDee Bedtka

Bingo workers for Monday, March 19th: Check Writer: Debbie Morovits; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman, Sarah Holler, & Amy Young; **Caller:** Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers; **Lunch Preparation:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Sophie Miller and Zachary Mara

The Progressive Jackpot for March 19th will be \$626.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot bingo card sales in 55 calls 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, Kenneth & Julie Moret, Joan Poots and Danielle Swiggum.

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 11th	\$3,702.10	\$6,382.00
Plate for March 11th	198.00	231.25
Heat Envelopes	.00	150.00
Total	\$3,900.10	\$6,763.25

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to \$379.05 and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Name Raffle Winners for March 2012:

\$25.00 - Tom Frye, PdC; Don Osterhaus, PdC; Scott Bugenhagen, Franklin, WI; Glen Gillitzer, PdC; Mike Garrity, PdC; **\$25.00 -** Dennis Mezera, PdC; Dee Martin, PdC; **\$100.00 -** Julie Hazen, PdC

"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."

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL announces Kindergarten Screening & Open House on Monday, March 19th for the 2012-2013 school year. You can still call the school office on Monday to have your child screened on Monday. 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. 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.

Town-Hall Meetings

This Wednesday evening March 21, we will have 2 meetings for the members of our parish community. The first will be held at St Gabriel's at 6:00 PM and the second will be held at St John's at 7:15 PM. Both meetings will take place in the churches, and it is anticipated that they will last no more than an hour. The meeting at St Gabriel's is for St Gabriel parishioners, and the meeting at St John's is for St John's parishioners. These meetings are to address any concerns about the upcoming merger that may have been overlooked or hopefully clear up anything that remains in doubt. We will also be looking for some to fill working committees for the Holy Family Parish as well. Please plan on attending and let your voice be heard. If needed, we will hold another meeting the following week to address anything that may need researching.

These meetings are very important as they give everyone a chance to be heard. As we have noted all along, there are many things about coming together as Holy Family Parish that will only be answered as we progress. If we are seeking a simple dollar and cents approach, the merger may not be a clear-cut decision. But if we take a long term look, and investigate the spiritual benefits that this will bring to our community, the merger will be a boost for our faith community. In addition, there are many benefits in parish administration that will cease to be duplicated and will become much simpler.

A question that continues to come up is the school. However, this is a separate issue. We have a committee looking at facilities for our schools and office needs as a single parish. We will get together to discuss these as they finish their work, and make their proposals to the parish councils. I look forward to getting together this Wednesday evening.
God bless

Fr. Jim

THANK YOU

To all that helped in any way in putting together another fine Friday Fish Fry last week. Thank you to all that took advantage of this to come out for a terrific meal. (Over 500 meals sold!) And a special note of thanks to *Cabella's* for the generous donation of cooking oil and to *Hardee's* for donating French Fries for our parish dinners. May God continue to bless the generous spirit in our parish community.

50/50 Winners were: Terry Steger & Maria Mezera (\$105.00 each); **Easter Baskets** - Julie Hazen & Holly Nicholson; **\$10.00 Hardee Gift Cards** - Dave Hemmer & Zita Balk

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, 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.

The LaCrosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) will be having their Biennial Convention on April 13th & 14th at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 E. Avenue South, LaCrosse, WI. This year the Convention will be hosted by La-Crosse & Richland Center Deaneries. This year's theme is "*Being Truly Catholic.*"

If you would like additional information:

www.dioceseoflacrosse.com or www.ldccw.org
or you can contact: Sandy Zdun at (715) 486-8237

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 or call the parish rectories if you would like to attend or if you have questions. Please respond by March 22nd.

We will be cleaning up the cemeteries at St. Gabriel's & Calvary. If you have any items (artificial flowers, etc.) that you would like to save, please remove them by Wednesday, March 21st - otherwise they will be thrown away. Thank you.

4th Sunday of Lent

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 10:00 am Neil Gillitzer Family

Eucharistic Ministers-March 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger
Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Sherry Ariss,
Donna Steiner

Home Communion Ministers for March 25th:
Kathleen Deluhery, Anne Mezera & Joan Poots

Servers-March 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Breann Holler & Morgan Kiesau
Gracie Colson & Hannah
Dickman
Sunday 10:00 am Makayla, Makennan, & Madelyn
Gerhards & Joy Steiner

Lectors-March 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern
Sunday 10:00 am Sarah Mezera

Ushers-March 24/25

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 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum, Brooke &
Kyle Teynor
Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy & Melissa Jones

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for March 11th	\$3,952.00	\$6,506.00
Plate for March 11th	345.22	542.45
Units	75.00	.00
Total	\$4,372.22	\$7,048.45

The second collection at St. John's came to \$783.24 and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS CAN MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC. YOU CAN PURCHASE SCRIP AFTER MASS OR AT THE RECTORY OFFICES.

The Diocese of LaCrosse is again sponsoring the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage.

The dates and locations for this year's events are: July 15th at St. Mary's in Altoona; August 5 at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse and August 12th in St. Bronislava in Plover. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend a celebration, in their honor. If you are celebrating a 50th Wedding Anniversary this year and are interested in attending call your name into your rectory office.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 19

5:15 pm Deceased members of the
Roger G. Steiner Family:
by Lora Chamberlain

Tuesday, March 20

8:15 am Ed & Martha Wachter:
by Sharon & Jon Miller

Wednesday, March 21

NO MASS

Thursday, March 22

8:15 am Jane Peterson Mullen:
by Leary E. Peterson

Friday, March 23

NO MASS

Saturday, March 24

7:00 pm Bill Fillbach : by Merle & Barb Frommelt

Sunday, March 25

10:00 am Patricia Tiller: by Frank Tiller

February 2012 Sweepstake Calendar Winners:

\$100.00 - Pam & Paul Steinberg, PdC; Jermyn Balk, Cashton; Richard & Jeanette Steiner, PdC; Millie Senesac, PdC; Greg Novey

\$50.00 - Larry & Denise Rod, PdC; Nick Gillitzer, PdC; Lynda Welter, PdC; Jan Rutter, PdC; Larry Dahman, PdC

\$25.00 - Kennedy Kirschbaum, PdC; David P. White, PdC; The Kluesner Family, PdC; Mark Polodna, Winona, MN; Paul Flansburgh, PdC; Lori Bierman, PdC; Charles W. Zeeh, PdC; Roger Lindh, PdC; Jessie Novey, Eden Prairie, MN; Tom & Jan Kozelka, PdC; Fay & Bonnie Yost, PdC; Rick Peterson, PdC; Lucy Boxrucker, PdC; David Check, PdC; Raymond Check, PdC; Matt Cram, PdC; Logan Higgins, Wauzeka; Linda Nauman, Sherrill, IA; Darci Becwar, Eastman; Yvonne Gillitzer, PdC

Wanted: Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to the homebound one Sunday a month. If this is something that might interest you please call Sandy at 326-2404 or Nancy DuCharme at 326-2343 .

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Colin Isaac Vlaming**, son of Damian & Stephanie (Radsek) Vlaming, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Colin Isaac** and his family.

St. Gabriel / St. John, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

Mass Schedule

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

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