

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

This Week at the Parishes

Sunday, May 27

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

NO BINGO

Tuesday, May 29

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mai-
son

Wednesday, May 30

Thursday, May 31

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

Friday, June 1

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Prayer
Group will meet in St. John's
Church

Saturday, June 2

Sunday, June 3

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00
am Mass in St. John's Hall plus
the drawing for the Lottery
Calendar Sweepstakes

Reminder: Scrip gift cards
make great graduation gifts.

**Starting on Sunday, June
3rd the Mass times will be:**

8:00 am at St. John's

10:00 am at St. Gabriel's



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



**Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom
I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that pro-
ceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26**



May 27, 2012 - Pentecost Sunday

Offertory Gift Bearers-June 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-June 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra,
Lyle Marfilus

Sunday 10:00 am Mark Gilberts, Mary Osterhaus
& Karen Fritsche

Home Communion Ministers for June 3rd

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

**Servers for Wednesday, May 30th at 8:15
am & Friday, June 1st at 8:15 am - Ella Hager
& Jack Stoeffler**

Servers-June 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Dalton & Preston Hendrix
Clayton DuCharme & Taylor
Lutz

Sunday 10:00 am Sean & Ryan McGrath, Peyton
Hall & Gunnar Kravchuk

Lectors-June 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Lyle Marfilus

Sunday 10:00 am Dr. Mark Grunwald

Ushers-June 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
Russell Eulgem, Bob Ziel

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

Scrip Workers-June 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Sebastian, William & Holly
Nicholson

Sunday 10:00 am Jenni & Brad Linder/Tom &
Lisa Dyer

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for May 20th	\$3,134.00	\$5,057.00
Plate for May 20th	295.00	366.00
Ascension Envelopes	325.00	.00
Total	\$3,754.00	\$5,423.00

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to \$243.00 and will be used for school expenses

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning next Sunday, June 3rd Mass times will be switched. The 8:00 am Mass on Sunday will be at St. John's and the 10:00 am Mass will be held at St. Gabriel's.

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, May 28

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 29

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 30

8:15 am Tracy Horner: by Family

Thursday, May 31

NO MASS

Friday, June 1

8:15 am Vi Tesar: by Family

Saturday, June 2

4:00 pm Louis Degenhardt: by Steve Stoeffler

Sunday, June 3

10:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor



Bingo Winners from Monday, May 21st: \$25.00 - Millie Senesac, Sue Breuer, Gloria Hudson, John Wolfram & Sandy McCoy; **\$30.00 -** Sue Breuer; **\$45.00 -** Merilee Pleggenkuhle; **\$100.00 -** Chelsea Bierman; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00) -** Helen Upton; **50/50 Winner (\$70.00) -** Shirley Thornton

NO BINGO ON MONDAY, MAY 28TH DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE. Bingo will resume again on Monday, June 4th.

Finance Council:

Tom Farrell, Mark Mara, Phil Mezera, Lucy Cornford, Brad Linder, Joe Atkins, Rose Trautsch, Marty MacEachern, Megan Pedretti. Thank you to Mary Jaynes for her years of service as she steps down

Parish Council:

Jim McGrath, Holly Nicholson, Charlie Connell, Mark Forsythe, Mark Grunwald, Keri Weber, Patrick Nolan, Keith Neisius, Katie Fox, Terry Meyer, Debbie Morovits and Mary Novey. Thank you to Steve Schwager and Pat Mercaitis for their years of service as they step down this year

Education Committee:

Sarah Holler, Colleen Teynor, Rochelle Neisius, Pam Kiesau, Tim Steger, Misty Rogers, Gene Carlson. Lara Czajkowski and Kim MacEachern

PENTECOST & MEMORIAL DAY

This is the traditional weekend that kicks off our summer season. I know that there are many of us looking forward to a bit more relaxed schedule, more outdoor activities and perhaps a bit of time off from work or school. This year we also celebrate the Feast of Pentecost the same weekend. A good question to ask ourselves: can the Feast of Pentecost help us to a better celebration of Memorial Day? I think the answer is a resounding 'Yes'.

Memorial Day is a time to remember all those that have sacrificed for our nation and for freedom. This Memorial Day we need to recall what freedom truly is, and where it comes from. Freedom is written into human nature, and for that reason our ancestors and nation have fought for our own freedom, and for others. Freedom is not about doing what we want when we want to do it; that is license. Freedom directs us toward the Truth and allows us to choose the truth. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us: The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to the 'slavery of sin.'* (CCC 1731 -34)

Once we understand we are created in the image and likeness of God, that we are body and soul and we have the gift of reason and free will, we can begin to grasp the Church's teaching of freedom. The perfection of any being is to act in accord with its nature; and this gives glory to its creator. A dog simply being a dog gives God glory; a tree being a tree gives God glory etc. Human beings are the only creature that can freely choose to act in ways not in accord with their nature; we can turn from God and from our nature. However, this is an abuse of freedom and enslaves us rather than freeing us.

I think to understand what freedom is we need the gift of understanding and knowledge the Holy Spirit brings. To stand up to the abuses and attacks that have begun and will continue to come our way we will need the gifts of fortitude, fear of the Lord, and perseverance. To make persuasive arguments we will need the gifts of wisdom and counsel. Where the attacks of religious freedom leads, no one can be sure, but we are sure that there will be battles on this in the coming months, and we need to do our part to prepare for these.

So this Memorial Day, it is right and good to honor our ancestors, our brothers and sisters who have died so we may live in freedom; but we should also remember our Church and all those that have defended freedom and the dignity of the human person for over 2000 years. Come Holy Spirit! May God bless and watch over you and your loved ones this summer.

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, Walter Hermesen, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, and Bob Waller.

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 Prairie Catholic Class of 2013 would like to thank those who have guided us these past 9 years: our teachers, principals, and priests. We especially want to thank our parents for giving us the opportunity to experience a quality Catholic education. We have grown spiritually by celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Academically, we have gone from memorizing our math facts to finding probabilities and from learning the alphabet to diagramming sentences. Personally, we have matured physically and mentally. We still have much to learn on our personal, academic, and spiritual journey, but we will always carry the memories and beliefs we gained at Prairie Catholic.

Congratulations to our Prairie Catholic 8th grade graduates:

Makayla Mae Gerhards, Adam Robert Groom, Peyton Michael Hall, Seth Joseph Harvat, Severin Gunnar Kravchuk, John Alton Luster, Chad Arnold Mara, Sean James McGrath, Douglas Gregory Mezera, Connor Patrick Murray, Zachary John Neisius, Lauren Maria Nicholson, Levi James Orr, Paige Faith Rickleff, Joyanna Florence Steiner, Emily Elizabeth Trautsch, Nicholas Killian Weber, and Anna Marie Zeeh.

Pentecost Sunday

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-June 2/3

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

Eucharistic Ministers-June 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka
Sunday 8:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner,
& Barb Frommelt

Home Communion Ministers for June 3rd:

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

**Servers for Tuesday, May 29th at 8:15 am &
Thursday, May 31st at 8:15 am - Ella Hager &
Jack Stoeffler**

Servers-June 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Jack Hromadka, Emily Steger,
Jerrod Osterkamp, & Zachary
Mara
Sunday 8:00 am Evan & Ben Teynor, Aaron &
Zachary Neisius

Lectors-June 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Al Krieg
Sunday 8:00 am Norb Aschom

Ushers-June 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaeffer, & Mark Forsythe
Sunday 8:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara,
Mark Mara & Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-June 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski/Melissa Reilly
Sunday 8:00 am Bart Zeeh & Michelle Kirchman/
Melissa Jones

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for May 20th	\$6,644.00	\$4,618.00
Plate for May 20th	259.14	242.55
Ascension Envelopes	180.00	.00
Units	85.00	.00
Total	\$7,168.14	\$4,860.55

The second collection at St. John's came to \$304.21 and was used to defray the cost of the Polka Band.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all who attended our Bohemian celebration last Sunday. **Many thanks** to all who worked at our dinner. We appreciate your hard work and the good food. The Money Barrel winners were Carol Mullikin & Carol Walz (\$85.00 each.) As soon as all the bills are in and paid we will publish the profit figure in the bulletin.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, May 28

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 29

8:15 am Emma Becwar: by June Looney

Wednesday, May 30

NO MASS

Thursday, May 31

8:15 am Cleo Mercaitis: by Nell Bowar

Friday, June 1

NO MASS

Saturday, June 2

7:00 pm Marie Wall: by Rich & Pat Kozelka

Sunday, June 3

8:00 am Helen Cummings:
by Maury & Letty Oehler

Going to College? Know someone who is? Do you know someone who is heading off to college this fall? Would you like to help them connect with people of faith when they get there? A new website sponsored by the Serra Club can help, at:

www.collegeconnectionforcatholics.org Your students coming to campus can sign up to receive information about campus ministry at prospective schools across the nation, as well as an invitation to get involved. The college years can be an important time to meet great people and experience the prayer, service, and social events that campus ministries offers. If you know someone going to college, make sure they visit www.collegeconnectionforcatholics.org

Congratulations to our new Parish Transition Team /Council members: The new members are Terry Meyer, Debbie Morovits and Mary Novey. Thank you to all that put your names forth. We are always in need of men and women to serve in various capacities to keep our parish vibrant. We need to remember that things do not just get done, committees do not simply fill up; and when we think that 'somebody else' is going to do it, remember, you may be that *somebody*.

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 1st; if interested please contact one of the school offices or Ken & Mary Stoeffler to sign up

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