

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, October 28

3:00 pm The KC's will be showing the movie "For Greater Glory" in St. John's School Library; they will also show a children's movie at the same time

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

6:30 pm Youth Group will meet at St. Gabriel's School Hall

Monday, October 29

10:00 am Faith Alive Bible Study at St. John's Church

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School Hall

Tuesday, October 30

Wednesday, October 31

Thursday, November 1

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses:

8:30 am at St. Gabriel's

12:10 pm at St. John's

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal before All Saints Day Mass

7:00 pm at St. John's

Friday, November 2

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Bible Study at St. John's Church

Saturday, November 3

Following the 7:00 pm Mass the KC's will be showing the movie "For Greater Glory" at St. John's School Library; they will also be showing a children's movie; refreshments & snacks provided

Sunday, November 4

10:45 am Holy Family Fall Fest at St. Gabriel's - Chicken & Ham Dinner with all the trimmings - Cafeteria supper begins at 4:30 pm - All are invited to attend

Holy Family Fall Fest St. Gabriel's November 4th

**Family Style Dinner
Chicken & Ham
Cafeteria Supper
Bake Sale, Crafts,
Country Store
Raffle, Prizes**



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



Nov. 11 - Nov. 15

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF A PARISH MISSION

O Jesus, most holy Redeemer, our Master and our King, it is to Your Sacred Heart, that ocean of love and goodness, that we owe the inestimable blessing of a Parish Mission. Touched with compassion at the sight of our miseries and the eternal unhappiness that threatens us, You have resolved to save us. The missionary who is coming to us is Your representative; in Your person he will break for us the bread of God's Word and will bring to us the joy of forgiveness. Grant, O Lord, that we may be faithful to Your grace and correspond zealously with the advances of Your Divine Mercy. Let the preaching of Your eternal truths enlighten and quicken our minds, and deeply move our hearts, so that we may realize our shortcomings and sincerely repent of them. To the poor souls plunged in the darkness of ignorance and error, please grant the light of faith. To those who have saddened You by a wicked life, please give the grace of a sincere conversion. Bestow fresh fervor upon the lukewarm, and upon the just true progress in the way of virtue. Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon all of us, and the face of this parish shall be renewed. O Holy Mary, immaculate Virgin and Mother of Perpetual Help, you are the refuge and advocate of poor sinners; the more guilty they are, the more claim they have upon your tenderness. It is for this reason that we make bold to implore your powerful and motherly protection with all confidence. Our salvation is in Your hands, plead our cause and intercede for us with your divine Son. Amen.

October 28, 2012 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-November 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-November 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Howard
Gillitzer, Tom Steiner
Sunday 10:00 am Mark Gilberts, Karen Fritsche, &
Mary Osterhaus

Home Communion Ministers for November 4:

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-November 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Jack Stoeffler & Ella Hager
Kennedy Kirschbaum &
Makenzie Knapp
Sunday 10:00 am Gunnar Kravchek & Chase
Fisher
Sean & Ryan McGrath

Lectors-November 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits
Sunday 10:00 am J.J. Jackson

Ushers-November 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
Russell Eulgem, Bob Ziel
Sunday 10:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee,
Don Osterhaus, Nathan Mezera

Scrip Workers-November 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider, Vicki Waller
Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-November 3/4

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

Eucharistic Ministers-November 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger
Sunday 8:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner,
Sherry Ariss

Home Communion Ministers for November 4

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barbara
Frommelt

Servers-November 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Bryce Bedward & Marissa
Anderson
Gina & Angela Sebastian
Sunday 8:00 am Josh & Jonah Linder
Harlee & Frankie Eastman

Lectors-November 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn
Sunday 8:00 am Linda Moser

Ushers-November 3/4

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

Scrip Workers-November 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski, Melissa Reilly
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, October 29 NO MASS

Tuesday, October 30 St. John's Church 8:15 am Bob Matejka: by Tom Ganser

Wednesday, October 31 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Peter Prew: by Family

ALL SAINTS DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, November 1 St. Gabriel's Church 8:30 am Rose Ginsterblum: by Richard Ginsterblum
St. John's Church 12:10 pm Vulmar Bohnenkamp: by Tim & Cheryl Spaeth
St. John's Church 7:00 pm Robert A. Waller: by Family

Friday, November 2 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Bill Hiebing, Jr.: by Family

Saturday, November 3 St. Gabriel's Church 4:00 pm Kenneth Kane: by Family

Saturday, November 3 St. John's Church 7:00 pm Bill Fillbach: by Larry & Barb Crociani

Sunday, November 4 St. John's Church 8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, November 4 St. Gabriel's Church 10:00 am Arlene Gillitzer: by Monnie Key

Holy Family Parish

THE YEAR OF FAITH:

A reflection by Fr David Olson

What is spiritual blindness?

The Gospels often use physical ailments to point out many things much more difficult to diagnose. For instance, they will use a story of a withered hand to reflect on how sin affects our hearts and souls; and they will use deafness to point out how we often have difficulties hearing God's Word, and they will use stories of physical blindness to point out our spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness can and does affect all of us to some degree or another, but there is a cure as well.

Spiritual blindness is when we want the wrong things and then choose the wrong things. It is when we are blind to what God wants for us. Sometimes its effects are obvious, but sometimes it is just a nagging sense that all the things in my life just aren't fulfilling. The result is our relationship with God and those around us is not right.

Spiritual blindness begins with Original Sin. Original Sin is the name we give to what our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, did that separated them from God through the loss of grace. To be sure, the story of Adam and Eve is told in a figurative way. It is, however meant to convey a great truth about them and consequently about us.

Our first parents had a special relationship with God, but they sinned and thereby abandoned that relationship through the loss of grace. That Original Sin ended up wounding their human nature. This fallen human nature is what we have passed down to us, not the "better" human nature which Adam and Eve first started out with. We all inherit Original Sin and its effects which include a weakened intellect and weakened will. Our intellect is how we know what is good for us and our will is how we choose what is good for us.

Here is the diagnosis. Our weakened intellect doesn't always know what is really good for us and our weakened will chooses some things even when we know they aren't really good for us, like having a dozen Oreo cookies for a snack instead of one. When we come to moral and spiritual choices the decisions often times are harder. When we perceive things wrongly and choose wrongly, it is a sign of spiritual blindness. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that spiritual blindness is the result of sin, both the effects of Original Sin and personal sin. What we knowingly and deliberately do wrong can keep us locked in a cycle of sin and spiritual blindness. Sin ruptures the right relationship with our own self, with God, and with those around us.

The Good News is that Baptism opens us to God's grace. Receiving God's grace is a daily necessity to overcome the effects of Original Sin which stay with us even after Baptism.

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The Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, give us grace and the better we are prepared for the Sacrament the more grace we can take in. If you are aware of serious sin in your life make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that the doorway to grace is re-opened. Develop a regular prayer life and perform works of charity to help form the habit of choosing and doing what is truly good, not only for you, but for your neighbor as well.

Parish Support

| | <u>This Year</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes for Oct. 21st | \$8,593.00 | \$7,474.00 |
| Plate for Oct. 21st | 588.00 | 738.82 |
| Total | \$9,181.00 | \$8,212.82 |

The second collection was for Mission Sunday. The amount of the collection was **\$2,071.16**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to the family of Robert A. Waller for the generous gift to our Prairie Catholic School. We are most grateful for this generous donation to our school.

Wanted: Volunteers to help with Mass on Tuesdays at Prairie Maison. This would only be a few hours and would consist of mainly bringing the residents to and from Mass. Please call the rectory at 326-6511 if you would be able to help us out. Thank you.

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, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Marge Noggle, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, Dennis Brandt, Harry Konichek, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Sena Breuer, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Adam Heiring, Tom White, Roger Pellock, Ann Dohse, Bryce Kazda, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling and Earl Nye.

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



Bingo Winners from Monday, October 22nd: \$25.00 - Roger Goodman, Jeanne Moris, Nancy Donlon; \$30.00 - Pam Compton; \$45.00 - Ruth French; \$100.00 - Virginia Meana; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Nancy Donlon; **50/50 Winner (\$56.00)** - Nancy Donlon

Bingo Workers for October 29th: Check Writer: Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Sue Groom & Becky Rooney; **Caller:** Dave Hemmer; **Lunch Provided by:** Tammy Cram, Katie Forsythe & Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Ramón Gonzales & Karly Jaynes

Baskets....We are looking for anyone interested in donating a theme basket for the Fall Fest. Please drop them off at the rectory or contact Mary Stoeffler.

There will be a **Bake Sale** at the Holy Family Fall Fest at St. Gabriel's on Sunday, Nov. 4th. We are asking for your help in providing some of the following items: **Bake Sale:** Bars, Breads, Brownies, Cakes, Candy (Fudge & Divinity), Caramel Corn, Coffee Cakes, Cookies, Cup Cakes, Jams, Jellies, Jelly Roll, Noodles, Pickles, Pies & Carmel Apples; **Country Store:** Fruits, Nut Meats, Plants & Vegetables; **Craft Booth:** Crafts & Fancy Work Items, etc.,

Many thanks for your generosity. You may bring the items on Saturday, Nov. 3rd from 1:00 - 3:45 pm or early Sunday morning. Any questions please call 326-6104.

Cake Baker's Needed: Cakes are needed for the Holy Family Fall Festival Cake Walk. Anyone can bring your cake to St. Gabriel's cafeteria on Saturday, November 3rd or Sunday morning, November 4th. If you have any questions, please call Rose Ziel at 326-4897.

PARISH MISSION

Our Parish Mission will be presented from November 11th to the 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Fr. Tony Stephens of the Fathers of Mercy will present the mission 5 consecutive evenings. Please make plans to attend as many of the sessions as possible. Any parish family in need of childcare during the mission are asked to contact Nancy Becker at 326-4005 to reserve a spot for your child. If you need transportation, please contact Verna Panka at 326-2196. Deadline to request either of these services is Thursday, November 8th.

School News....We have been having a wonderful time in both Art & Technology this year. We have been working on the Elements of line and color in the elementary school. We have incorporated it from pirates for 2nd grade to optical illusions in 5th grade. In middle school we have been incorporating it into getting to know ourselves better using body peons, stories and mandalas. In Technology we have been researching bugs, endangered animals, and the monuments in Washington D.C.

Our Harmony Choir will practice at 5:30 pm Wednesdays at St. John's on November 7 & 14, skipping Thanksgiving Week and practicing again November 28th. We welcome new singers, young and old, as we prepare for the Feast of Christ the King, Advent & Christmas. Call Terri Connell at 326-4240, with any questions.

There are several cake pans, bowls, etc. in St. John's Church Hall. If you are missing any of your pans & bowls, please check to see if some of these belong to you. Thank you.

BEFORE YOU VOTE

As we have been doing for the past weeks leading up to the November elections, there are some particularly good websites that present Catholic teaching on critical issues. If you are not sure what the Church teaches on the non-negotiable issues, check out these web sites:

<http://www.catholicword.com>

<http://www.politicalresponsibility.com>

<http://www.catholicadvocate.com/voter-guide-2/voter-guide>

Thursday, November 1st is All Saint's Day and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are as follows:

8:30 am at St. Gabriel's Church
12:10 pm at St. John's Church
7:00 pm at St. John's Church

Holy Family Parish-Prairie du Chien WI

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 7:00 pm

St. Gabriel's
St. John's

Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 am

St. John's
St. Gabriel's

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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

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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
No 3:00 pm confessions on days with weddings or funerals.