

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, September 9

6:00 pm Final preparation meeting for our Fall Bazaar in St. John's Hall. Unit Chair-people - please attend

Monday, September 10

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

Tuesday, September 11

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, September 12

6:30 pm Teachers/Staff In-Service for CCD in St. John's School

Thursday, September 13

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Council will meet in St. John's Hall

Friday, September 14

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sunday, September 16

Holy Family Fall Bazaar at St. John's Church - Serving begin at 11:00 am featuring our delicious charcoal broiled chicken with all the trimmings. Supper hour begins at 5:00 pm

Next Sunday, September 16th the 8:00 am Mass will be held at St. Gabriel's and the 10:00 am Mass will be held at St. John's because of the bazaar

Next weekend is our monthly food pantry collection for non-perishable food items. There are containers in the back of both Churches for you to put your nonperishable food items in.

**HOLY FAMILY
PARISH MISSION
Nov. 11 to Nov. 15**



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404

**Holy Family
Fall Bazaar
St. John's Hall
Sept. 16, 2012**

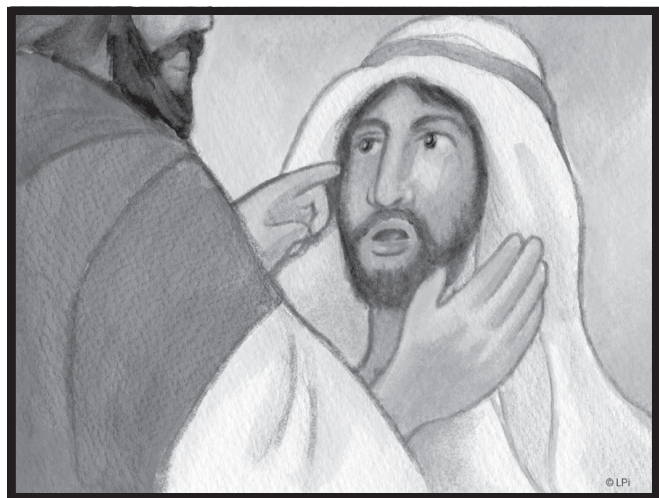


St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

**Mass Schedule
Sunday, Sept. 16th
8:00 am at St. Gabriel's
10:00 am at St. John's
(because of the Bazaar)**

Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"- that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35



September 9, 2012 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-Sept. 15/16

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

Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Rhonda
Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for Sept. 16th:

Eileen Hermsen, Sheila Linder

Servers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Paige & Ryan Severson
Molly & Sam Peterson

Sunday 8:00 am Josh & Jonah Linder
Frankee & Harlee Eastman

Lectors-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Mary Stoeffler

Ushers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard
Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Don Osterhaus,
Jim McGrath & Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Vicki Waller, Kathy Welter

Sunday 8:00 am Tammy Nolan, Sheila Eastman

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Peggy
Gallagher, Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for Sept. 16th:

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

Servers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick Rogge & Tyler Elmquist
Bailey Ottaway & Breanna
Teynor

Sunday 10:00 am Clare, Ben & Evan
Teynor & Matthew Chase

Lectors-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

Ushers-Sept. 15/16

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

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

Scrip Workers-Sept. 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Maureen Stark, Melissa Reilly

Sunday 10:00 am Sue Groom, John & Heather
Luster

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, September 10 NO MASS

Tuesday, September 11 St. John's Church 8:15 am Al Duve: by Jan Duve

Wednesday, September 12 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Ed & Martha Wachter:
by Florence Becwar

Thursday, September 13 St. John's Church 8:15 am Jack Kluesner: by JoAnn Shea

Friday, September 14 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am "Rockie" Shedivy: by Family

Saturday, September 15 St. Gabriel's Church 4:00 pm Tracy L. Horner: by Family

Saturday, September 15 St. John's Church 7:00 pm For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, September 16 St. Gabriel's Church 8:00 am Glen & Darrell Beneker:
by Irene Beneker

Sunday, September 16 St. John's Church 10:00 am John Feeney:
by John & Betty Fischer & Rachael

Holy Family Parish

This week's article is based on an article by Bishop William Lori written this past Aug, and this topic continues to be a concern as we prepare our consciences for this fall's elections. The full letter can be found on the bishop's website: www.usccb.org

HHS mandate shouldn't require leaving faith, values at home

Religion is a seven-day-a-week commitment. Pope Benedict XVI made that clear when he asked in 2008: "Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?" In defending the Obama administration's contraceptive mandate for almost all private health plans this past month, Justice Department attorneys insisted that the answer to this is that Catholics not only may, but must, leave their faith and values at the door when they operate a business during the week. Thankfully, on July 27, U.S. District Court Judge John Kane ruled that the Obama administration has a weak argument.

The case, *Newland v. Sebelius*, involved a final rule published Feb. 15 forcing private health plans to provide coverage for female sterilization, all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs and devices (including those that may induce an early abortion), and "counseling and education" to promote these to women and teenage girls. Two dozen law suits, representing 58 plaintiffs, have been filed against this mandate on religious freedom grounds. One suit was brought by Hercules Industries, which makes and distributes heating and cooling equipment in Colorado, and the four Newland siblings who own and operate the company. Devoutly Catholic, the Newlands have a generous health plan for employees that exclude procedures that violate their Catholic faith such as sterilization and contraception.

In granting the injunction to Hercules Industries, Kane pointed out that the government's "compelling interest" claim is undermined by its failure to apply the mandate to millions of other employees (such as those covered by older health plans that have "grandfathered" status). These exemptions are granted on far less fundamental grounds than religious freedom. Notably, Kane found that any "public interest" in imposing the mandate on this business was "countered, and indeed outweighed, by the public interest in the free exercise of religion." These law suits raise a broader question about the public interest as well.

Where indeed does the public interest lie on this matter of religious freedom? At a time when the government is rightly trying to move toward universal health coverage, does it serve the public interest to tell some nonprofit and for-profit organizations that they must violate their deepest beliefs or drop their health coverage?

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At a time when people recognize that the United States' financial crisis was caused in part by corporations that operated without regard to moral values, does it really help the country to say that corporations must operate without deeply held beliefs and values? If an employer's dealings with its employees and customers may not follow a Christian ethic, what ethic if any must it operate by?

Pope Benedict's answer to the question he raised in 2008 was that "any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel." I (Bp. Lori) would add that only then can they truly make their contribution to our wonderfully diverse and pluralistic society, in which the business world – no less than the political world – could use a healthy dose of values. I hope even the federal government will come to recognize this truth.

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, Mary Nash, Payton Kay Kazda, Harry Konichek, James Thompson, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Richard Mergen, Mary Ann Heisz, Sena Breuer, Jerry Matousek, Chris Gremore, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Adam Heiring, Tom White, Roger Pellock, Ann Dohse and Don Brus.

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

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Sept. 2nd	\$8,553.00	\$9,082.00
Plate for Sept. 2nd	897.75	899.00
Total	\$9,450.75	\$9,981.00

The second collection came to **\$1,200.25** and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Bingo Workers for Monday, September 10th:
Check Writer: Cathy Bierman; **Floor Workers:** Becky Rooney & Deb Schultz; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Lunch Provided by:** Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Brogan Brewer and Emma Bjurquist

The Progressive Jackpot for Bingo on Monday, September 10th will be at **\$785.00** plus 50% of the progressive bingo jackpot card sales in 56 calls or less.

September Sweepstake Calendar Winners

\$100.00 - Luanne Esser, PdC; Anita Steger, PdC; Ricky A. Brown, PdC; Laura DuCharme, PdC; Drew Gillitzer, PdC

\$50.00 - Therese Hromadka, Patch Grove; Steve Schwager, PdC; Dee Kussmaul, PdC; Millie Senesac, PdC; Tom & Ann Lessard, PdC

\$25.00 - Roger Check, PdC; Sagedahl Family, PdC; Gillitzer Kids, PdC; Roger Osterhaus, Bloomington; Sarah & Mike Ott, Baraboo; Paul Moris, PdC; Peter M. Prew, PdC; Payton Hall, PdC; Brad & Pam Kiesau, PdC; Pat & Iva Mulhern, PdC; Karen Fritsche, PdC; John Reinke, PdC; Valerie Achenbach, PdC; Terry & Linda Thompson, PdC; Valerie Steiner, PdC; Lori Bierman, PdC; Nick & Barb Coorough, Kettering, OH; Gary Thurn, Elkader, IA; Ronald Robbel, Bend, OH; Dave Nauman, Sherrill, IA

Readings for the Week of Sept. 9, 2012

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

BAZAAR NOTES

Wanted: Quart size glass jars with lids for our Fall Bazaar to use for carry-outs for our Chicken Noodle Soup. If you can help us out with some jars - please bring them to the church hall at St. John's. Thank you.

PARCEL POST ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR....We need donations of children's items (appropriate for ages 2 up to 14) for the parcel post stand. Items should be gift wrapped and labeled boy or girl, and the appropriate age range. Popular items include puzzles, drawing supplies, stuffed animals, etc. Also looking for several high school students to work in the stand on Sunday, September 16th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please contact Debbie Mara at 326-4737 if you would be willing to help out. Thank you.

Wanted Glassware: glasses, cups, bowls, etc. for the Dine Toss for the Fall Bazaar. Please bring to St. John's Church.

Prairie Catholic Daycare

Holy Family is proud to announce that Julie Schwager has taken over as lead teacher of the Prairie Catholic Daycare. There have been some changes made to the schedule but it will again offer daycare for students age three and older. The center is open from 7:30 am through 5:30 pm. Along with traditional students, the center will also host before and after school care for school age students. If you are interested please call St. Gabriel's Elementary School 326-8624 or the daycare itself at 326-5383.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **Kendall Mae McCoy**, daughter of Ryan & Corissa (Pintz) McCoy and **Abigail Julita Lindner**, daughter of Roland, Jr. & Ashley (Pintz) Lindner through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Kendall Mae** and **Abigail Julita** and their families.

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