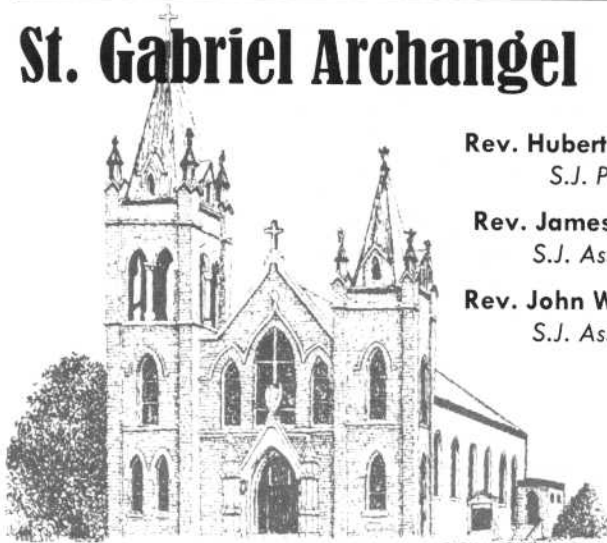


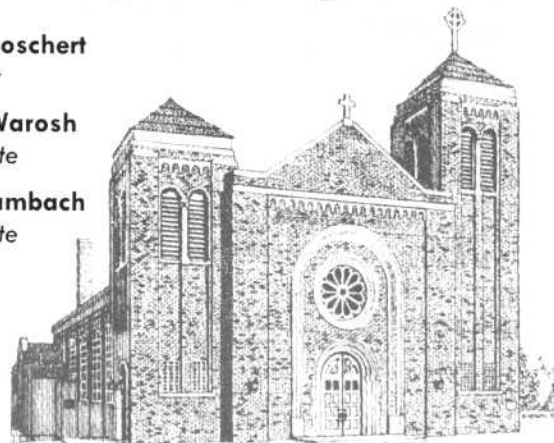
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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. GABRIEL'S

Tuesday / Thursday	6:45 am
Monday / Wednesday / Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am

ST. JOHN'S

Monday / Wednesday / Friday	6:45 am
Tuesday / Thursday	8:30 am
Saturday	7:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

Baptism Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Marriage Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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Confessions

Saturday	St. Gabriel's	3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
	St. John's	6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
	At Rectory	anytime; phone to set up a time

THIS WEEK

at St. Gabriel's and St. John's

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

1:00 PM Semi-annual church cleaning at both parishes

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00 PM Bingo at the North Campus of Prairie Catholic

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 PM Making candy in St. John's Hall
Volunteers needed

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:45 PM Grade School CCD Classes
7:00 PM Making candy in St. John's Hall
Volunteers needed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 AM Exposition & Adoration at St. John's Church until 1:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 AM Packaging of candy -
Volunteers needed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 AM St. John's ABC Bake Sale &
Craft Show at St. John's School -
Lunch will be served

AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM Coffee & Rolls will be served in St. John's Church Hall

6:00 PM Youth Group at South Campus

E-Mail Address: stgabriels@centurytel.net

November 25, 2007 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

St. Gabriel's Parish

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Karla Rogers & Family
 Sunday 8:00 am Terry Meyer Family

Eucharistic Ministers-December 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer & Tom Steiner-
 Bread
 Lyle Marfilus & Virginia
 Konichek-Cup
 Sunday 8:00 am Judy O'Kane & Rhonda Stubbe-
 Bread
 John Kluesner & Mary
 Osterhaus-Cup

Home Communion Ministers for Dec: 2nd:

Theresa Heal, Rose Trautsch

Servers-December 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Ethan Mara & Sam Neisius
 Sunday 8:00 am Becky & Dan Welsch

Lectors-December 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Stoeffler
 Sunday 8:00 am Arlene Willms

Ushers-December 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Bill Check,
 Randy Ginsterblum, Ed Steger
 Sunday 8:00 am Tom Stram, Ed Mezera,
 Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-December 1/2

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Stoeffler/Mike or Missy
 Stram
 Sunday 8:00 am Kay Tesar/Donna Steiner

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for 11/18	\$2,806.00	\$3,741.00
Plate for 11/18	423.94	347.76
Students	6.00	27.35
Total	\$3,235.94	\$4,116.11

Our average weekly goal at St. Gabriel's for adult envelopes is \$4,650.00.

The School Fund envelopes at St. Gabriel's came to \$27.00.

Thank you for your offering!

Reminder: You can help Prairie Catholic School by saving the following: "Cash for Caps" - Swiss Valley Milk Caps; "Give 'Em Five" - Kemps Milk Caps. Used Printer Cartridges; Campbell's Soup Labels/Products; Kwik Trips' Milk Moola Caps/Bags and collecting Box Tops for Education. Our schools can get valuable help by collecting and turning in these items. These can be dropped off at either school office. Thank you to all who help us with this.

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions**Monday, November 26**

8:30 am †Donald "Duke" Peloch
 by Gene & Mary Kirschbaum

Tuesday, November 27

6:45 am †Poor Souls in Purgatory:
 by Mark & Mary Jane Mezera

Wednesday, November 28

8:30 am †Dennis Morovits: by Family

Thursday, November 29

6:45 am †Marcella Cornford:
 by Cliff Standorf

Friday, November 30

8:30 am †Harold Woods: by JoAnn Shea

Saturday, December 1

4:00 pm †Bizz & Elaine Walker:
 By Evelyn Picha, Rich & Family

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am †John Steger: by Family

Bingo Winners from Monday, November 19th will be published in next weekend's bulletin as we had to go to press early this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Bingo workers for Monday, November 26th are:

Jenni Severson, Sheri Kennedy, Dave Hemmer, Bill Huser, Sue Groom, Erin Sanders

Home & School Lunch Stand Workers for Bingo for Monday, November 26th are:

Parents of Jeffrey Kussmaul & Kyle MacEachern

Snickers & Giggles

Psychiatrist: *Mr. Phelps, I can say with confidence that after 15 years of psychotherapy you are cured.*

Patient: *Well, that's good. But on the other hand, 15 years ago I was God. Now I'm nobody.*

The man who wrote the Hokey-Pokey died peacefully at age 93. They tried to put him in the coffin. They put his left leg in. Then the trouble started.

Remember, you're unique, just like everyone else.

Holy Name Raffle Winners: \$10.00 - Larry Dohse, Jenny Wachuta, Gary Knickerbocker, Emmi Steger, Dylan Flansburgh; \$25.00 - Bernice DuCharme & Darlene Lessard; \$100.00 - Bob Kazda

Notes Common to Both Parishes

Feast of Christ the King

Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Theme: the God-given Leadership of Our Lord. It is vital for any organization to have capable leadership. We experience it on the parish level, and on the local and national levels as well. That is why we test candidates on their leadership capabilities. We listen to their speeches. Their past is checked. And only if they are honest people and do a good job, do we elect and reelect them.

Leadership as far as God's kingdom is concerned is God-given not elected by a constituency. However, since Jesus of Nazareth is the man in whom God dwells in such a way that He is called the "Son of God" and even simply "God," we do not have to worry about his honesty and capability. "He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God." (2nd reading) Jesus now living and "sitting at God's right hand" (Hebrew idiom for "sharing power with God") is the leader of all who try to realize the kingdom of God in themselves and their fellow humans.

The way scripture describes Jesus as leader is necessarily bound up with a particular time and culture. It speaks of Jesus as the King of God's kingdom! Meditating on the Christ event, the New Testament writers described our Lord after the image they had of their great King David, who was God's vicegerent ruling "the kingdom of God" on earth. In Jesus they saw all Hebrew aspirations fulfilled: the kingdom of God established in our history. "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father" (Lk 1:32). Jesus is King/Leader of God's kingdom. Do you see the Lord Jesus as capable of giving direction to your life?

Vocation Viewpoint: The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is the servant-leader, who let go of His life for our sake. Who will follow the example of David, the example of Jesus and renounce worldly power for the power of the children of God? (2 Sm 5:1-3)

For Your Information:

—Many issues are being considered regarding the future of Prairie Catholic School but none of them include dropping 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade.

***Two important factors that must be kept in mind as background for any and all other considerations:

- 1) up to the present moment our school population continues to decline: from 366 in 1996 to 226 in 2007. Over the past few years the problems has been that we graduate classes of 32-37 and have classes in the low 20's joining us in the primary division.
- 2) Our expenses continue to increase year by year by at least \$30,000 each year what with raises in salaries, insurance rates, and increases in utilities, cost of living, etc. This extra \$30,000 has to come from increased tuition, fund raisers, and/or parish subsidies.

—if we are to hope to avoid consolidating the whole program to the north campus, 2 things that could be worked on immediately that would forestall such a solution:

- 1) enhance our day care program so as to attract larger numbers which could serve as a feeder to our school system.
- 2) Get enough involved from both parishes who would actively and energetically serve as a recruitment committee. We need an increase of at least 35-40 in the whole school population to continue realistically to operate with the two campuses.

Beautiful full color photo Christmas cards, featuring an interior view of St. Gabriel & St. John Churches at Christmas time are still available. Samples can be seen in both church vestibules. You may order from Verna Panka by calling 326-2196 or from any Family Life Committee member as this is a fund raiser for that committee. Be sure to take a look at these cards as they are very nice and your purchase and support is much appreciated.

Choose Life: Taking the lives of young human embryos cannot be pronounced ethical simply because it might result in huge benefits to older, more powerful or more wealthy humans." (Scientist and medical ethicist Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD. "The Southern Cross" 7/5/07)

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

St. John's Parish

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Dan Schickert Family

Sunday 10:00 am Philip Mezera Family

Eucharistic Ministers-December 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Pellock & Gail Ehlers-Bread

Nell Bowar & Sharon Boylen-Cup

Sunday 10:00 am Pat Dagnon & Jan Duve-Bread

Phil Dagnon & Mary Jaynes-Cup

Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 2:

Celine Boxrucker, Cathy Swenson, Mary Steiner

Servers-December 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Sydney Sanders & James Schultz

Sunday 10:00 am Jessica Faust & Sarah Mezera

Lectors-December 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Carroll Polodna

Sunday 10:00 am Donna Cipra

Ushers-December 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Dan Schickert, Curt Root, Doug Rickleff & Scott Vorwald

Sunday 10:00 am Richard Panka, Steve Steiner, Paul Porvaznik & Mark Forsythe

Scrip Workers-December 1/2

Saturday 7:00 pm Janet Nelson/Annette or Dan Schickert

Sunday 10:00 am Lisa or Mark Mara/Greg or Erin Sanders

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for 11/18	\$3,011.00	\$4,074.13
Plate for 11/18	305.00	397.09
Students	10.22	9.16
Units	70.00	190.00
Total	\$3,396.22	\$4,670.38

Our average weekly goal for adult envelopes at St. John's is \$4,500.00.

The School fund envelopes at St. John's came to \$75.00.

Thank you for your offering!

Coffee & Rolls will be served next Sunday, December 2nd at 9:00 AM in St. John's Church Hall by the December Unit. Also the drawing for the lottery calendar winners will take place at that time.

The Unit Chairpeople for December are: Brenda Lenzendorf, Anita Lechnir & Arleen Kozelka.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, November 26

6:45 am †Virginia O'Brien:
by Mary Kann & Ceil Benda

Tuesday, November 27

8:30 am †Bob Cejka, Jr.,
by Betty J. Cejka & Family

Wednesday, November 28

6:45 am †Eleanor Connell:
by Charles & Terri Connell

Thursday, November 29

8:30 am †John & Mae Saunders:
by Don Lochner Family

Friday, November 30

6:45 am †Ken Picha:
by Evelyn Picha, Rich & Boys

Saturday, December 1

7:00 pm For the People of St. John's Parish & St. Gabriel's Parish

Sunday, December 2

10:00 am †Charlotte C. Voth:
by Rick & Lynne Chamberlain

St. John's PCCW will host their annual ABC Bake Sale and Craft Show next Saturday, December 1st at St. John's Middle School beginning at 9:00 am and lasting until 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served. **All parishioners of St. John's are asked to make something for the bake sale or bring a craft item.**

The Lottery Sweepstakes Calendars will also be on sale that day and these make great Christmas gifts! Everyone is invited to attend.

Also we need **HELP** making candy on Tues. & Wed. Nov. 27 & 28 for the Bake Sale & Craft Show. Please stop by St. John's Church Hall on those evenings at 7:00 pm and give us a hand. Then on Friday morning, Nov. 30 we will be packaging the candy and we could use some extra helping hands. We will start packaging at 8:00 am. If anyone has a few hours to spare we would appreciate your help with this. Many thanks.

Wedding Banns

Darrell Wiest & Jennifer Holley (III)

This week will see us conclude another liturgical year with a new liturgical year being inaugurated next weekend with the opening of the Advent season. The word "Advent" (Coming) indicates how Christians view the four-week period preceding the Nativity of our Lord. It is a time of preparation for an ever more intimate coming of the Lord to you and to all of us.

When I come to visit a friend, I am present to him/her. Coming results in presence. Of course, the Lord is already present to His people. Therefore, His coming at Christmas should result in a more intimate presence. People (friends, lovers) who get to know and love one another better are becoming more intimately, more personally present to one another. It is a question of opening up and sharing one another's personality. Our preparation for Christ's coming should consist in an ever greater opening up to Him who wants to share our human condition in loving care.

By preparing for the Lord's coming time and again at Christmas, Christians prepare for His final coming, which will be decisive for you and for all human beings. *"Now we watch for the day hoping that the salvation promised up will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in His glory"* (Preface of Advent).

Raffle Calendars.....You may purchase your raffle calendar at either school, both rectories, or from John Fischer (326-2827). These calendars make great Christmas gifts. Only \$20 for one calendar or six for \$100.00. A chance to win several times a year! **Get yours soon! Please help us raise some added funds for Prairie Catholic School.**

Wisconsin Job Service Center in Crawford County will host another financial literacy workshop given by Catholic Charities on Dec. 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. This free workshop is open to the public and entitled *"What's in your Wallet? The Facts about Credit Card Debt."* This will be held at the Wisconsin Job Center, 225 N. Beaumont Rd., Conference Room 130, PdC. Call the Wisconsin Job Center at 608-326-1100 to register for this workshop.

**Only a life that is lived for others
is a life worthwhile.**

-Albert Einstein

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“Compass Points Children in Wrong Direction”

As a parent I wanted to alert our families that the movie, **“The Golden Compass,”** which is being released as a family, holiday movie on December 7, 2007 is anti-God in content.

“The Golden Compass” is the first book in a trilogy called His Dark Materials written by Phillip Pullman. Pullman is an English atheist who has said of his writings in a 2001 interview, *“I’m trying to undermine the basis of Christian belief,”* and again two years later told the Sydney Morning Herald, *“My books are about killing God.”*

It is by no mistake that the content of Pullman’s first book, **“The Golden Compass,”** has been watered down for the big screen. Chris Weitz, the movies’ director has admitted that the books’ more controversial ideas have been removed to make the movie more palatable for the public and thus more profitable for New Line Cinema. The studio has close to 200 million invested in this project and would likely produce the trilogy.

The other two books in the trilogy are, **“The Subtle Knife,”** and **“The Amber Spyglass.”** These books become progressively anti-God, anti-Christian, and especially anti-Catholic in subject matter.

Thus parents need to be aware of the insidious nature of Pullman’s Dark Materials. They are not only targeted at our youth, aimed at children 4th grade and up, but the movie may compel parents to buy the book set as a Christmas gift for their child!

My information is based on information printed by *“The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights* and *“This Rock a Catholic Apologetics Magazine.”* I believe in knowledge there is truth and God is Truth.

Sincerely,
Mary Bosivert