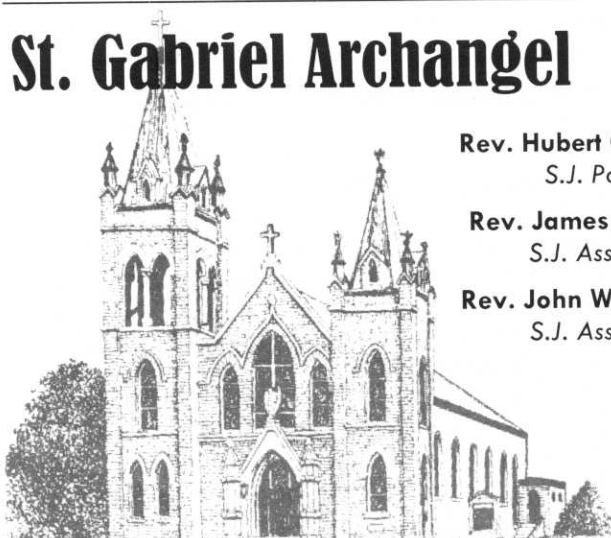


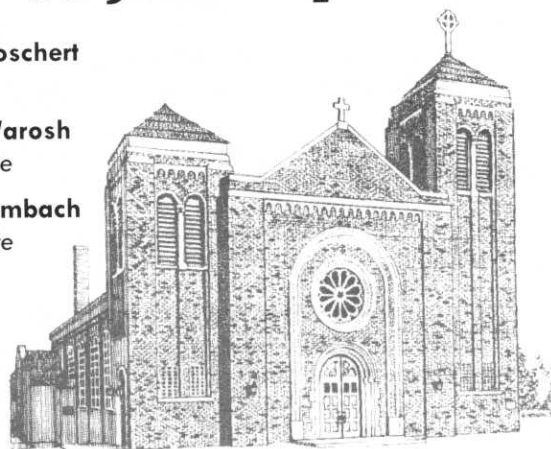
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## St. Gabriel Archangel



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Rev. James B. Warosh  
S.J. Associate

Rev. John W. Wambach  
S.J. Associate

### 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.

#### Joint Parish Pastoral Council

Joe Faust, Mark Forsythe, Norma Lochner, Jim McGrath,  
Mike Mezera, Steve Schwager, Mike Steiner, Pat Mer-  
catis, Keith Neisius, Debbie Morovits, Patrick Nolan, Carl  
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#### Joint Parish Finance Council

Lucy Cornford, Pat Dagnon, Mark DuCharme, Mike Gar-  
rity, Gary Hamann, Mark Mara, Phil Mezera, Brad Linder,  
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Ehlers, Linda Moser, Deb Trautsch, Rochelle Fulcher, Kathy  
Schneider, Tracy & Laurie Pedretti, John & Carrie Nolan,  
Rochelle Neisius, Dixie Jackson, Tim Steger

#### 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, DECEMBER 16

2:00 pm	Communal Penance Service for both parishes at St. Gabriel's
3:30 pm	Youth Group will meet at the Prairie Maison Nursing Home

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 pm	Bingo at the North Campus
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#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

3:00 pm	Confessions at St. Gabriel's
7:00 pm	Confessions for Religious Ed Program and for any adults at St. John's (3 priests)
7:00 pm	Depression Support Group will meet

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 am	Exposition & Adoration at St. John's until 1:00 pm
3:00 pm	Confessions at St. Gabriel's
7:00 pm	Confessions at St. John's

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

3:00 pm	Confessions at St. John's
7:00 pm	Confessions at St. Gabriel's

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

#### AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

E-Mail Address: [stgabriels@centurytel.net](mailto:stgabriels@centurytel.net)

December 16, 2007 - Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2007

St. Gabriel's Parish

**Offertory Gift Bearers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am John Kramer Family

**Eucharistic Ministers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Russ Gillitzer & Karen Fritsche-  
Bread

Louie Steger & Volunteer-Cup

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard & Lori Waller-  
Bread

Jeri Kluesner & Cathy Bierman  
Cup

**Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 23rd:**

Eileen Hermsen & Volunteer

**Servers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Jacob & Joseph Linder

Sunday 8:00 am Connor & Erin Morovits

**Lectors-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Deb Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am Elaine Moris

**Ushers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Jim Stoehr, Brent Fassbinder,  
Jeff Groom, Doug Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am Don Osterhaus, Jerry  
Matousek, Butch Boland, &  
Layne David

**Scrip Workers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Janet Nelson/Eric or Colleen  
Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius/Bruce or  
Vicki Waller

**Parish Support**

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for 12/9	\$3,508.00	\$3,562.00
Plate for 12/9	402.26	367.87
Students	8.95	7.75
Holy Day	428.00	641.00
Total	\$4,347.21	\$4,578.62

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

The second collection at St. Gabriel's was for the Retired Religious and it came to \$974.53.

**Thank you for your offering!**

**Thank you to the Kenneth Kane family and friends for the \$800.00 donation to Prairie Catholic Schools in memory of Viola Kane. We are very grateful for this gift.**

**Reminder of the Communal Penance Service for both parishes at St. Gabriel's Church today, Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 pm.**

**St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 17**

8:30 am †Dennis Morovits:  
by Larry & Jeri Novinski

**Tuesday, December 18**

6:45 am †St. Gabriel's PCCW

**Wednesday, December 19**

8:30 am †Henry & Theresa Hiebing: by Family

**Thursday, December 20**

6:45 am †Albert Becwar: by Janell Becwar

**Friday, December 21**

8:30 am †Ed & Martha Wachter:  
by Florence Becwar

**Saturday, December 22**

4:00 pm For the People of St. Gabriel's &  
St. John's Parish

**Sunday, December 23**

8:00 am †Ronald Marx: by Family

**Bingo Winners from Monday, \$25.00 - Virginia Meana; Eleanor Chamberlain; \$100.00 - Millie Senesac; Progressive Consolation Jackpot \$100 - Glenda Wolfram & Annabelle Stubbe \$50.00 each Progressive Jackpot will be at \$378. next week in 54 calls or less.**

**Bingo workers for Monday, December 17th:** Julie Moret, Joan Bowar, Jenni Linder, Deanne Lutz, Barb Stram, & Volunteer

**Bingo set-up for Monday, December 17th:** Lisa Keeney

**Food Prep for Bingo for Monday, December 17th:** Cassie Rickleff & Holly Nicholson

**Home & School Lunch Stand Workers for Bingo for Monday, December 17th:** Parents of Brady Kozelka & Carter Steger

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the family of God, **Porter Matthew Kossman**, son of Ryan & Amanda (Groom) Kossman and **Kael Marie DuCharme**, daughter of Christopher & April (Kramer) DuCharme through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Porter Matthew** and **Kael Marie** and their families.

**IN SYMPATHY**

Please remember **Arnold Balk** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Parish on Monday, December 10th. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

## Notes Common to Both Parishes

### Third Sunday of Advent

Readings Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Theme: Joyful in Hope.** The scripture readings for today tell us again about a bright future, seemingly a utopia. "*Joyful in hope*" is a Christian's theme of life.

Christian hope opposes despair, which often results in suicide or just "copping out." It opposes escaping from reality through the use of drugs, abuse of alcohol, or excessive addiction to the pleasures of modern life. Christian hope knows how to handle depression. You get on your knees, knowing that "*over the world of stars, a loving Father must reside*" ("*Ode to Joy*" in 9th Symphony of Beethoven),

What would you tell a friend who knows that he is a terminal cancer patient? A person without faith or hope might say: "*Face it! We all have to die sooner or later!*" What would you say? A Christian knows about "*More to come. Stay tuned in!*"

**Vocation Viewpoint:** Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what He wants of you. (James 5:7-10)

#### Update on Annual Appeal as of December 6th:

— **St. John's:** 72 (21% of potential contributors) have pledged \$12,165.00 (50.17% of total goal) so far. \$12,082.00 still needed to reach full goal of \$24,247.00

— **St. Gabriel's:** 92 (18.3% of potential contributors) have pledged \$16,270.00 (70% of total goal) so far. \$6,959.00 still needed to reach goal of \$23,229.00.

With the appeal having just got underway in November, this looks like a fantastic start for both parishes! Keep the ball rolling and let's strive to have as close to 100% participation as possible.

**The end of the year is fast approaching....If you want to receive credit for your contributions for the tax year 2007 - please have them in to either parish office by December 31, 2007.**

### Christmas Schedule

#### December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Children's Mass at St. Gabriel's

4:00 pm - Children's Mass at St. John's

7:00 pm - "Midnight" Mass at St. Gabriel's

7:00 pm - "Midnight" Mass at St. John's

#### December 25th, Christmas Day

8:00 am - Mass at St. John's

9:00 am - Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am - Mass at St. John's

**The offertory envelope boxes for 2007** are in the back of both churches. Please take a few minutes to pick these up. The envelope boxes for St. John's are in numerical order and if you do not know your envelope number, there is a 3 ring binder by the boxes with your name & number. The envelope boxes for St. Gabriel's are in alphabetical order. If you cannot find your envelope box, please call your rectory office. Many thanks!

**Help Wanted** - Experienced & dependable - **Maintenance/Custodial** person to work full-time to begin immediately. Successful candidate must have a positive attitude and the ability to work as part of a team. Applications are available at St. Gabriel's and St. John's Rectory Office. Deadline for applications is ASAP.

#### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to provide "Christmas Flowers" or other decorations for St. John's Church or St. Gabriel's Church, you may do so by putting your contributions in a plain envelope marked "**Christmas Flowers**" and put your donation in the Sunday collection. You may want to do this in memory of a loved one.

## Third Sunday of Advent

### St. John's Parish

#### Offertory Gift Bearers-December 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Mavis Godden

Sunday 10:00 am Neil Gillitzer Family

#### Eucharistic Ministers-December 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Nell Bowar & Mary Pellock-Bread

Sunday 10:00 am Gail Ehlers & Tim Steger-Cup  
Norb Aschom & Donna Cipra-Bread

John Fischer & Linda Moser-Cup

#### Home Communion Ministers-Dec. 23rd:

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring & Pat McCoy

#### Servers-December 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Brandt Zeeh & Mara Gerhards

Sunday 10:00 am Nicole Trautsch & Alexis  
Lenzendorf

#### Lectors-December 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am John Tramburg

#### Ushers-December 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Bernard Mayer,  
Roger Check

Sunday 10:00 am Ron Trautsch, Steve Rickleff,  
Dale Cipra

#### Scrip Workers-December 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Katie or Mark Forsythe/Jim or  
Mary Specht

Sunday 10:00 am Lisa Dyer/Wendy Mezera

#### Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for 12/9/	\$4,742.00	\$3,834.00
Plate for 12/9	233.13	331.10
Students	3.75	1.52
Holy Day	663.70	518.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,642.58</b>	<b>\$4,685.22</b>

The second collection at St. John's came to \$1,114.18 and was for the Retired Religious.

Thank you for your offering!

**Choose Life:** Fr. Richard Neuhaus, commenting on the Supreme Court's decision upholding a ban on partial birth abortion, wrote, "It is not, I believe, a false hope to think that this decision has brought us a little closer to the goal of a society in which every child is welcomed in life and protected in law."

The world will not care what we know until they know that we care. -Gene Barron

#### St. John's Mass Intentions

##### Monday, December 17

6:45 am †Richard Bruckner:  
by Shirley Bruckner & Family

##### Tuesday, December 18

8:30 am †Bob Matejka:  
by Jackie & Vern Markham

##### Wednesday, December 19

6:45 am †Marty & Bill Betzle:  
by Mary Betzle & Family

##### Thursday, December 20

8:30 am †Lucille Theisen:  
by Joint Family Life Committee

##### Friday, December 21

6:45 am †Ed & Martha Wachter:  
by Evelyn Picha, Rich & Family

##### Saturday, December 22

7:00 pm †Austin & Justin Nolan: by Family

##### Sunday, December 23

10:00 am †Don Shea: by JoAnn Shea

**From the Diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith:** "On behalf of the many women and men who serve Christ in the foreign missions, the Diocesan Mission Office extends to you a heartfelt thank you for your financial generosity on World Mission Sunday. We have received your parish's contribution of \$834.76 which will be forwarded to the National Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. May God bless you for the financial and spiritual help you offer the missions.

#### BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, Alivia Marie McFarland, daughter of John & Marisa (Miller) McFarland, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless Alivia and her family.

**St. John's needs another home communion minister.** Your turn would come around about every two months and they usually begin going to the homes around 9:00 am on Sunday. If this is something you might like to do - please call Merle or Barbara Frommelt at 326-2275 to volunteer.



**Prairie du Chien Community Blood Drive -**  
*The Gift of Life runs through you.* The American Red Cross will hold a blood Drive on Monday, December 17th from Noon to 5:30 pm. at the National Guard Armory. The Red Cross provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply. The efforts of the American Red Cross span our community, our nation and our world. No matter where you call home, the Red Cross will be there to help.

**Want to make your Christmas shopping easier?** Why not give the gift of Scrip. We have lots of gift cards and the local scrip can be used at several area merchants. This is the one gift that will not be returned and you can help us make some extra funds for our parishes and school. Scrip can be purchased after Masses and at either rectory office during the week.

**New Address? Please let your rectory office know of the change. Many thanks!**

**TO PARISHOINERS OF BOTH PARISHES**  
**The Family Life Committee is accepting names of adult & high school age parishioners** who would like to be a secret prayer partner to one of our Prairie Catholic and CCD 8th grade students as they prepare for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on April 30, 2008. It doesn't take much time and anyone can easily be involved. Prayers are powerful and your prayers can make a difference during this important period of spiritual decision in a young person's life. Just give Verna Panka a call at 326-2196 and leave your name and phone number or contact any Family Life Committee member. The committee will send you a name of an 8th grade student along with a brief note.

**Raffle Calendars....**You may purchase your raffle calendar at either school, both rectories, Dick's Piggly Wiggly 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.

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