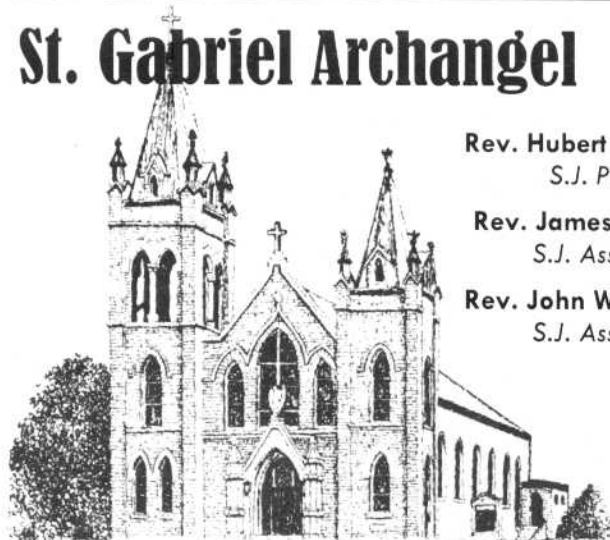


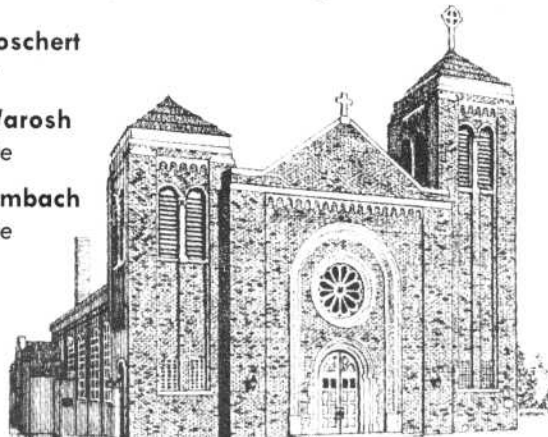
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S.J. Associate

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

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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, DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM	Coffee & Rolls in St. John's Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group meets at the South Campus of Pra. Catholic School

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 PM	Bingo at the North Campus
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30 PM	Choir Practice at St. John's
6:45 PM	CCD Classes at the South Campus of Prairie Catholic

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM	"Golden Agers" will meet for breakfast at the Coaches
9:00 AM	Exposition at St. John's
6:30 PM	Education Committee meet in St. Gabriel's School Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:15 PM	Mass at both parishes (Vigil)
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - HOLY DAY

8:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 AM Mass at St. John's

(the above are Masses for the Holy Day)

AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM	Holy Name Breakfast meeting in St. Gabriel's Hall
6:00 PM	Pra. Cath. Youth Group will meet at the South Campus

December 2, 2007 - First Sunday of Advent

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Jackie Stram Family
 Sunday 8:00 am Don & Mary Osterhaus

Eucharistic Ministers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Howard Gillitzer & Deb Morovits
 Bread
 Nancy DuCharme & Rich
 Ambrose-Cup
 Sunday 8:00 am Don Cipra & Eileen Hermesen-
 Bread
 Arlene Willms & Joe Atkins-Cup

Home Communion Ministers for December 9th:
 Loretta Tesar, Nancy DuCharme

Servers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Matthew & Michael Steiner
 Sunday 8:00 am Molly Groom & Molly Stram

Lectors-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Jo Noel
 Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

Ushers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Gary Stram,
 Stu Bosworth
 Sunday 8:00 am Bill Farmer, Gerald Stram, Mark
 DuCharme & Ed Mezera

Scrip Workers-December 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Amy Roach/Tom or Barb Stram
 Sunday 8:00 am Jenny Wachuta/Don Cipra

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for 11/25	\$3,106.00	\$3,235.00
Plate for 11/25	356.52	424.50
Students	7.98	8.25
Total	\$3,470.50	\$3,667.75

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 \$69.00.

Thank you for your offering!

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make St. Gabriel's Fall Festival a great success. The final figures are in and we netted **\$30,871.45**.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, Olivia Marie Fox, daughter of Ryan & Katie (Wallace) Fox, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless Olivia and her family

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3

8:30 am †Esther Fagan: by Ron Key

Tuesday, December 4

6:45 am †Joseph C. Sebastian: by Ceil Benda

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 am †Harold Hamann:
 by Bob Check & Renee Martin

Thursday, December 6

6:45 am †Ray Jaynes: by Family & Friends

Friday, December 7

8:30 am †Douglas Kalscheur: by Shirley Higgins

Holy Day Vigil - Friday, December 7

5:15 PM Harry & Violet Hamann: by Family

Saturday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM †Marcella Cornford:
 by St. Gabriel's PCCW

4:00 PM For the People of St. Gabriel's &
 St. John's Parishes

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am †Naomi Betz (ann.): by Lorraine Betz

Bingo Winners from Monday, November 19th:

\$25.00 - Annabelle Stubbe, Helen Ploessl, Pat Essick;
\$30.00 - June Petsche; **\$40.00** - Julie Gabel; **\$100.00** - Julie Lawver; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Bob Wallin

Bingo Winners from Monday, November 26th:

\$25.00 - Rick Groom; **\$25.00** - Barb Groom; **\$100.00** - Helen Ellenbolt; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Agnes Tesar

Progressive Jackpot is at \$273.00 in 52 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday December 3rd: John & Betty Fischer, **Volunteer**, Lucy Cornford, Kati Forsythe

Food Prep. & Bingo Set-up for Monday, December 3rd:- Tammy Cram & Kati Forsythe

Home & School Lunch Stand Workers for Bingo for Monday, December 3rd: Parents of Rebecca Steele & Elizabeth Carlson

Reminder: Holy Name Breakfast meeting will be on Sunday, December 9th after the 8:00 am Mass. The meeting is in the school cafeteria and coffee, milk, juice, and rolls will be served.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember Viola Kane in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Monday, November 26th at St. Gabriel's. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

Notes Common to Both Parishes

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24: 37-44

Theme: Be Watchful! With God revealing Himself in the Lord Jesus, we Christians believe that there is a future for human beings. Life is not an absurdity. Death is not "a transition from being into nothingness," as some contemporary sages allege. Life has meaning. In the confusion of daily life, the Lord Jesus comes to save us from apparent absurdity, from dangerous inertia and the numbness that the sedatives of modern life can bring about. The only prerequisite is that we be watchful and open up to Him and His message found in the Scriptures. "When He comes may He find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise."

(Preface of Advent)

Vocation viewpoint: Stay awake! Be ready! God needs you to make known His imminent presence. (Romans 13.11-14)

Saturday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation, despite its falling on a Saturday. Catholic faithful are to attend Mass twice on the weekend of December 8/9, once for the Immaculate Conception and once for the Second Sunday of Advent. **Holy Day Mass schedule:** Friday, Dec. 7th - 5:15 PM Mass at both parishes; Saturday, December 8th - Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Gabriel's and Mass at 10:00 AM at St. John's.

There are drop off boxes in the back of both churches for anyone wanting to donate non-perishable items for Operation Santa. If anyone has large amounts or big items they would like to donate to Operation Santa (sponsored by the PdC Jaycees) just call Mike Mergen at 412-1340 and he would be happy to stop and pick them up. The deadline is December 7th. Thank you in advance for your donation.

St. John's Parishioners

WANTED: Singers, young and old, for Christmas Eve 7 PM and Christmas Day 8 AM & 10 AM Masses at St. John's! **Practice:** Show up December Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the choir loft, or call Terri Connell at 326-4240.

From Catholic Charities: November 13, 2007

As we approach the special day we set aside to offer our Thanksgiving to God for all His blessings, we want to thank you for your support of Catholic Charities. Whether your support comes through donations, referrals, community awareness, or especially from your prayers, we are very grateful and humbly express our gratitude.

For the past couple of months the main focus of activity at Catholic Charities has been in providing relief from the August flooding that occurred in the southern part of the Diocese. Our focus of that relief work has turned to long-term recovery. We expect that activity to continue for several months, perhaps up to a year. One hallmark of this long-term recovery has been our collaboration with numerous other agencies - e.g., the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Lutheran Social Services, and the Red Cross. Together we have formed a VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Aiding in Disaster) to coordinate the flood recovery. One of the collaborating agencies, Workforce Development, has received a grant that has enabled them to hire three case workers who will be working under Catholic Charities supervision in LaCrosse, Vernon and Crawford Counties. The response to the diocesan-wide appeal for funds for the flood victims has been tremendous. It has enabled us to make an impact as people have tried to put their lives back together. We are particularly grateful at this Thanksgiving for your support and the support of your parishioners for this outreach. In other happenings at Catholic Charities our Eau Claire office location will soon move to new quarters at the former Sacred Heart Parish convent. We hope to be in this new location in early December. We are also exploring possibilities to move our Stevens Point office into the former St. Stephen Parish convent building (which had formerly housed the Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools Office.) If this possibility comes to fruition we expect to move into that location early in 2008. Our Wausau office will also expand into larger quarters at the end of this month within the same building location. All of these moves will result in Catholic Charities being able to provide more and improved service in these areas.

Your assistance, continued support, and participation that you give to your Catholic Charities throughout the year is very much recognized and appreciated. Thank you for all you do in the name of *caritas*, the love and compassion of Jesus. May God continue to bless you and yours with His abundant goodness!

Respectfully yours,
Deacon Richard Sage,
Executive Director of Catholic Charities

First Sunday of Advent

St. John's Parish

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle & Barb Frommelt

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara Family

Eucharistic Ministers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka & Tim
Betzle-Bread
Barb Frommelt & Sharon
Hrubes-Cup

Sunday 10:00 am Dave Hemmer & Betty Butteris-
Bread
Verna Panka & Janet Lueck-
Cup

Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 9th:

Celine Boxrucker, Cathy Swenson & Mary Steiner

Servers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm McKenzie & Morgan Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Tanner Clausen & Katie White

Lectors-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Phil Dagnon

Ushers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Bernard Mayer,
Roger Check, Alex Schaefer
Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Mark Mara, Curt
Root & Chet Knutson

Scrip Workers-December 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski/Annie
Beinborn

Sunday 10:00 am Chris Panka/Steve or Julie
Schwager

Parish Support

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for 11/25	\$3,804.00	\$3,667.00
Plate for 11/25	313.68	325.25
Students	3.50	2.25
Total	\$4,121.18	\$3,994.50

Thank you for your offering!

The "Golden Agers" will meet for breakfast on Thursday, December 6th after the 8:30 am Mass at the Coaches.

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.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3

6:45 am †Robert Garrity:
by Mike & Wendy Garrity

Tuesday, December 4

8:30 am Don & Norma Lochner
63rd Wedding Anniversary (Dec. 2)

Wednesday, December 5

6:45 am †Mike Lochner: by Virginia Lochner

Thursday, December 6

8:30 am †Charles & Cassie Specht: by Family

Friday, December 7

6:45 am †Arnold, Marie & Louis Frommelt:
by Merle & Barbara Frommelt

Holy Day Vigil - December 7

5:15 PM Ruth & Bill Goergen: by Family

Saturday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

10:00 am Marie Gallagher: by Ruth Colson

7:00 pm †Raoul Steiner: by Family

Sunday, December 9

10:00 am †Brent, Steve & Charles Jelinek:
by Family

From Central State Bank: "In the spirit of the holiday season, Central State Bank will be hosting a Holiday Social at all branches on Friday, December 7th, 2007. Our Bank will match up to \$5.00 per person for any individual making a donation to the church of their choice while attending our Social. Those attending will also qualify for our drawings. We look forward to accepting and matching these donations for our area churches."

From Dick's Piggly Wiggly.....

Dear Friends, Once again this year we are pleased to announce that Dick's Piggly Wiggly will donate a percentage of our customer's purchases during December to the church of their choice as a Holiday donation. This year, we will donate one percent of all purchases made at Dick's Piggly Wiggly for the entire month of December. Customers participate by saving their cash register receipts for that period of time. We are encouraging all interested churches to collect these receipts during December via mail or the weekend collection basket, then totaling the purchase from all receipts prior to bringing them to the courtesy counter of the nearest Dick's Piggly Wiggly by January 15, 2008. Based on this submission, a check will be sent to each church by the end of January, 2008. We believe that each church can receive a substantial Holiday Donation if church members are aware of the program, and of their church's participation. Thank you and best wishes for a joyful Holiday Season!

It's not too late to make a donation for microscopes! Checks should be written out to Prairie Catholic School Science Dept. and can be placed in the collection or sent to either school office. For any questions, you may contact Laurie Pedretti @ 326-8293. You can make a difference! Thank you for your generosity!

HO! HO! HO!

Make your holiday shopping easy by purchasing SCRIP! Give the gift that won't be returned. Scrip cards and certificates make wonderful gifts for any person on your Christmas list. There are several varieties in stock, so stop by either rectory office or the Scrip tables after Mass. Don't forget to purchase LOCAL SCRIP and support our local businesses. Local Scrip is always in stock and can be used at more than 50 businesses! Happy Holidays! Happy Shopping!

The deadline for ordering national Scrip for Christmas will be December 10th.

Also, we now have \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift cards!

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.

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: "The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights...is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (Pope John Paul II, apostolic Exhortation, 1988)

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