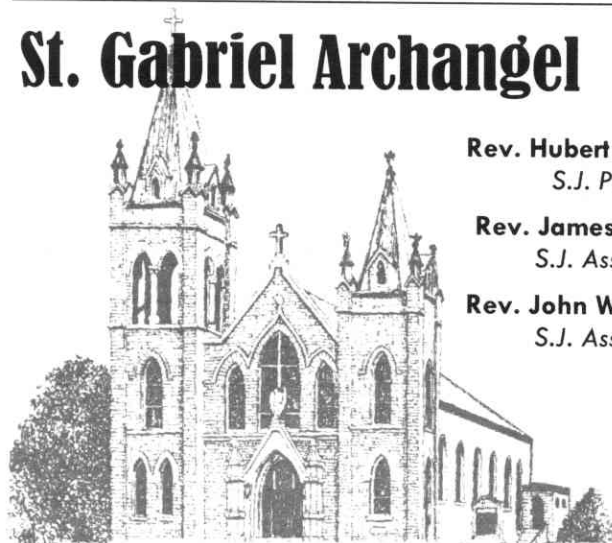


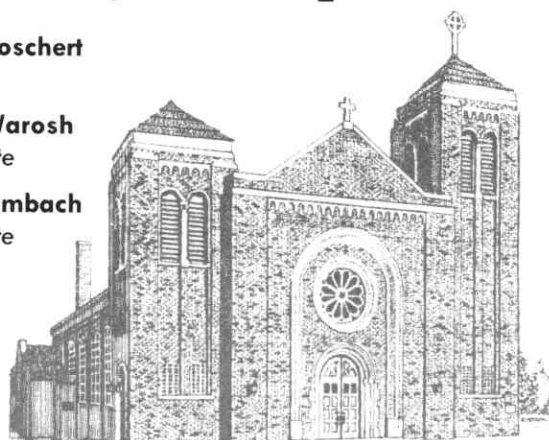
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### 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.

#### Joint Parish Pastoral Council

Joe Faust, Mark Forsythe, Norma Lochner, Jim McGrath,  
Mike Mezera, Steve Schwager, Mike Steiner, Pat Mercatis,  
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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

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:15 PM Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at  
St. John's Parish

5:15 PM Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at  
St. Gabriel's Parish

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 AM Holy Day Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 AM Holy Day Mass at St. John's

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

6:45 PM Grade School CCD Classes at  
the South Campus

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

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

6:30 PM Education Committee meets at  
St. Gabriel's School Hall

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

First Friday - Communion Calls to the homebound

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

#### AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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

6:00 PM Youth Group meeting at the  
North Campus of Pra. Catholic

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

**December 30, 2007 - Feast of the Holy Family**

### Offertory Gift Bearers-January 5/6

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

### Eucharistic Ministers-January 5/6

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 January 6th:

Theresa Heal, Rose Trautsch

### Servers-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Jacob Schneider & Morgan  
 Pedretti

Sunday 8:00 am Jacob & Joe Linder

### Lectors-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Stoeffler  
 Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### Ushers-January 5/6

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

### Scrip Workers-January 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Terri Strandlie,  
 Alan & Keri Weber  
 Sunday 8:00 am Ken Stoeffler  
 Chad or Lisa Abram

**Because our bulletin had to go to press early we will publish the December 22/23 & Christmas Collections in the bulletin of January 6th**

### Holy Name Raffle Winners for December:

**\$10.00** - Jerry Rutter, PdC; Dave Glawe, PdC; Emmi Steger, PdC; Mark & Ronna DuCharme, PdC; Dalton Flansburgh, PdC

**\$25.00** - Sheila Swatek, PdC; Cora Moore, Sullivan, WI; **\$100.00** - Donna Steger, PdC

**Choose Life:** "The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right - it is the very opposite. It is 'a deep wound in society....In stating this, I am not expressing a specifically ecclesial concern. Rather, I am acting as advocate for a profoundly human need, speaking out on behalf of those unborn children who have no voice.'"

-Pope Benedict XVI

## St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 31

8:30 am †Lyle Lester: by Rita Lester Family

### New Year's Eve

5:15 PM Priest's Intention

### Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

8:00 am †Viola Kane: by Family & Friends

### Wednesday, January 2

8:30 am †Carletta Valley Kass:  
 By Marilyn Ocenosak

### Thursday, January 3

6:45 am †Dennis Morovits: by Family

### Friday, January 4

8:30 am †Bernard & Marcella Gillitzer:  
 By Rita Lester Family

### Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm †Pat Ertel (Ann.): by Family

### Sunday, January 6

8:00 am For the People of St. Gabriel's &  
 St. John's Parishes

### Bingo Winners from Monday, December 17th:

**\$25.00** - Iva Dean Wilker; **\$100.00** - Bob Wallin;  
**Progressive Consolation Jackpot (\$100.00)** - Ann  
 Messerli

**NO BINGO on Monday, December 31st because of New Year's Eve. Bingo will resume on Monday, January 7th.**

### Christmas Flowers at St. Gabriel's were given in memory of:

Jack Steiner, Wm. Balk, Art & Kathryn Steiner, Charles & Evelyn Heisz and deceased family members, James Looney, Donald Peloch, Darlene Bodensteiner, Brian Waller, Wencil & Leona Swatek, Willard Swatek, Duane D. McGrath, Ray & Marge Kozelka, Ivan & Marjorie Trautsch, John, Andrew & Katherine Steger, Mary & Michael Elliott.

Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, Elmer Tesar & family, Harold & Debby Hamann, Joseph & Mary Betz, Donald Betz, Naomi Betz, John Henry Barrette, deceased members of the Marfilus & Gillitzer families, Lavern & Ila Gentes, James & Clara Powers, Toby Tyler, Agnes Ocenosak, Paul & Eunice Rodenkirch, Mary Rose Novey, Betty Rodenkirch, Leslie Poots, Anna & Don McGuire, Sr., Chuck & Davy Stram.

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Mayme Quinn** in your prayers. Her funeral was held Friday, Dec. 21st at St. Gabriel's Church. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

## Notes Common to Both Parishes

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

Readings: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21;  
Mt. 2:3-15, 19-23

**Theme: Family Life.** We are witnessing a breakdown of the traditional family and its values - filial respect for authority exercised responsibly by parents - and a rising juvenile delinquency. Hence, our society can learn a few things from today's scripture readings.

There is no easy remedy available for today's family crisis. The Christian family is part of a culture in which human beings participate - neighborhood, school, television, friends and recreation patterns. But in stormy weather a ship may get at least some guidance from a beacon! And although authority from the earliest infancy on should be exercised perhaps in a different way, it should not be done away with. Parents could discuss this with their children. A substitute for sound family life has not yet been offered by any of the behavioral sciences.

Today's scripture readings on the family necessarily reflect the patriarchal family pattern, hence the subordinationist family ethic, of the biblical culture. We should distinguish between the core of the Christian ethic and the cloth in which it is wrapped. This cloth is conditioned by time and culture and not necessarily part of the divine message. But the message on family life as such is timeless.

**Vocation Viewpoint:** The priests and religious of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call. (Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18)

The Golden Rule is of no use whatsoever  
Unless you realize  
That it is YOUR move.

-Dr. Frank Crane

**The three Jesuit Fathers would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to and appreciation for so many who went out of their way to convey their best wishes to us for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your wishes paid off as it was a beautiful season for us. Our prayers and wishes would be that the tables will be turned around and that each and all of you would have the best New Year yet!**

**For your information: Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Education Committee:** We will have a joint meeting of all three councils on Thursday, January 10th, in St. John's Church Hall starting at 6:30 PM. Items to be discussed: 1) plans for our hosting a breakfast/informational meeting regarding parish activities and groups on Sunday morning, January 27th, in St. Gabriel's School Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass. All parishioners of both parishes will be invited to this for their better understanding of parish life. 2) plans for our future discernment on the future of Prairie Catholic School. Let us repeat once again, there is **NO** thought being given to shutting down Prairie Catholic **NOR** of cutting out 1 or more grade levels in the middle school. Rather, we have to look into a study of student population and determine whether it is better to keep the division we presently have between the primary and middle school sections or to combine them in one physical plant for the future. Having decided this, we will then be ready to determine where the new gym should be located.

This is not a public meeting to be open to one and all attending. With 36 council members it will be challenging enough to keep the dialogue flowing and on track. Once these councils have reached a consensus for recommending a course of action, we will be conducting additional town hall meetings for any and all to attend.

## Feast of the Holy Family

### St. John's Parish

#### Offertory Gift Bearers-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Dan Schickert Family

Sunday 10:00 am Philip Mezera Family

#### Eucharistic Ministers-January 5/6

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 Jan. 6th:

Nell Bowar, Anne Mezera & Joan Poots

#### Servers-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Luke Rickleff & Brandt Zeeh

Sunday 10:00 am Kelly Heal & Jamie Kozelka

#### Lectors-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Carroll Polodna

Sunday 10:00 am Donna Cipra

#### Ushers-January 5/6

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-January 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Arleen Kozelka,  
Brian & Michelle Trautsch

Sunday 10:00 am Lisa or Mark Mara  
Mike or Deb Trautsch

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#### Christmas Flowers at St. John's were given in memory of:

Ken Picha, John & Nettie Stluka, Frank Fischer, Ed & Martha Wachter, Lloyd Konichek, Michael Lochner, Charlotte C. (Steiner) Voth, Raoul Steiner, Wm. & Lora Young, Sam Nash, Wm. & Mary Crowley, James & Carol Coorrough, Courtney Nash, Veronica & Harold Duffy, Merilla Coorrough, Bob Cejka, Bob Cejka, Jr.

Richard Bruckner, Ann Yager, Francis & Pat Bohonek, John & Margaret Bohonek and deceased family members, Dan & Clara Smith and deceased family members, Ed White, Walter Kann, Bill Groh, Marty & Bill Betzle, Eugene Bowar, M/M Rudy Konichek, Sr., M/M Anthony Jelinek, Irene Rosenbaum, Lester & Evelyn Lessard, Sandy Lessard, Rudy Konichek, Jr., Laurence Cummings, Stanley & Bernadine Daggett, deceased members of the Newman & Modjeski families

#### St. John's Mass Intentions

##### Monday, December 31

6:45 am †Elaine Staszewski:  
by Ervin Staszewski

##### New Year's Eve

5:15 PM Clarence & Lucille Theisen:  
by Dick & Verna Panka

##### Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

10:00 AM †Lora E. Young (Ann):  
by Dick & Lora Chamberlain

##### Wednesday, January 2

6:45 am †Darren Toberman: by Monnie Key

##### Thursday, January 3

8:30 am †Deceased members of the  
Jake Fischer Family: by Family

##### Friday, January 4

6:45 am †Andrew Novak: by Tim Steger Family

##### Saturday, January 5

7:00 pm †Jerry Fernet: by Jill & Polly

##### Sunday, January 6

10:00 am †Richard DuCharme: by Family

**The Unit Chairpeople for St. John's for the month of January are:** Janice Fillbach, Barb Check & Ceil Benda

**Coffee & Rolls will be served next Sunday, January 6th at 9:00 am in St. John's Church Hall by the January unit.** The Lottery Calendar drawing will also be held at that time.

#### 2008 Unit Chairpeople for St. John's Parish

**January** - Janice Fillbach, Barb Check, & Ceil Benda

**February** - Anne Mezera, Barb LeFevre, Irma Koonce

**March** - Jennifer Bedward, Doris Bohnenkamp, Linda Cherrier

**April** - Betty Fischer, Aurilla Koresh, Katie Lenzendorf

**May** - Ruth Skelly, Sharon Strand, Mary Jane Waite

**June** - Cindy Sutton, Susan Stark, Jan Rutter

**July** - Joan Skemp, Judy Strnad, Deanna Trautsch

**August** - Laurretta Rod, Pat Smith, Mary Thompson

**September** - Jean Ann Dillman, Gail Ehlers, Marguerite Engelhardt

**October** - Amy Pellock, Julie Schwager, JoAnn Shea

**November** - Judy Wall, Jane Wall, JoAnn Satter

**December** - Pat Mezera, Julie Moret, Mary Nash

**We hope all of the above will accept this chance to serve your parish. Your information regarding this will be mailed to you. Thank you in advance.**



**Holyday of Obligation...January 1st, falling on a Tuesday this year.**

**December 31st - Vigil for Holyday at both parishes at 5:15 PM.**

**January 1st - Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:00 AM and at St. John's at 10:00 AM**

**Raffle Calendars....**You may purchase your raffle calendar at either school, both rectories, Dick's Piggly Wiggly or from John Fischer (326-2827). 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.

**It's hard to believe that New Year's Eve is right around the corner.** This year to bring in the New Year, Prairie du Chien is going to host the **7th Annual Droppin' of the Carp** on West Blackhawk from 10:00 PM until midnight. The celebration will include a bonfire, a piñata, singing, the Dropping of the Carp at midnight, fireworks and a salute to America. You are invited.

## St. Ignatius Pilgrimage Tour

February 8th we are planning a one day tour especially for St. Gabriel's & St. John's parishioners to New Mellary Trappist Monastery and our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey for Trapistine Sisters and to St. Francis Xavier Church in Dyersville, a buffet lunch and a light supper will be added. Total cost will only be \$43.00. More detailed information with sign up sheet can be found in the back of both churches. For more information call Merle Frommelt at 326-2275.

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