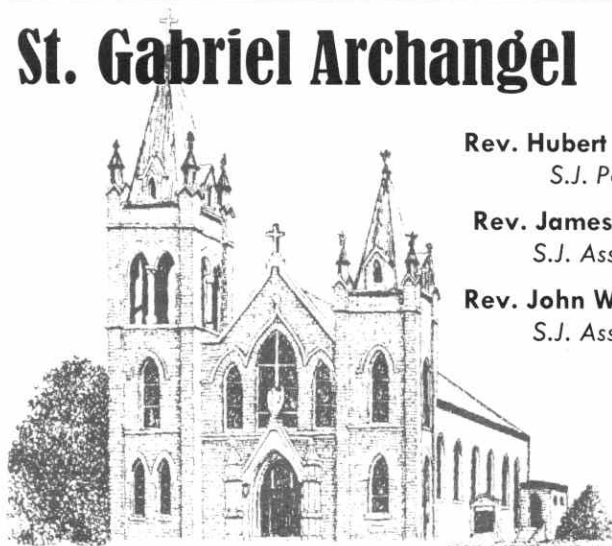


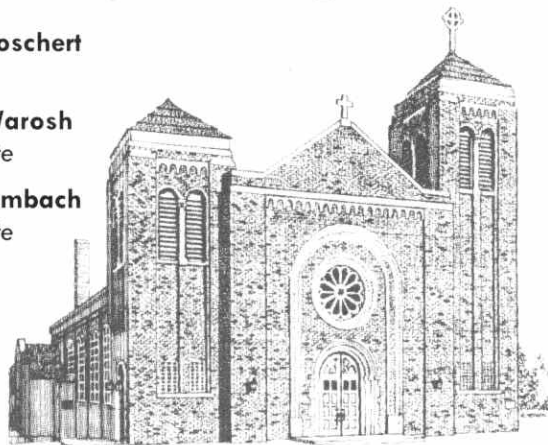
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF  
PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI 53821

## St. Gabriel Archangel



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## St. John Nepomuc



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S.J. Pastor

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,  
JoAnn Shea, Tom Stram, Jim Welsch, Jerry Wachuta

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**St. John's:** Roy George, Mary Pellock & Mike Leard

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**Prairie Catholic School Principal** Kathleen Schwartz

**Parish Administrators** Paula Check & Kathleen Schwartz

**Office Managers** Paula Check, Lana J. Gratace

**Director of Religious Education** Pat Prochaska

**Parish Nurses** Rose Bauer & Shirley Cipra (357-2000)

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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 9

9:00 AM	Holy Name Breakfast meeting In St. Gabriel's School Hall
6:00 PM	Prairie Catholic Youth Group

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 PM	Bingo at the North Campus
7:00 PM	Joint Finance Council meets in St. John's Church Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30 PM	Choir practice at St. John's
6:30 PM	Prairie Catholic School Christmas program at North Campus School Hall
7:00 PM	Grade School CCD Classes at the South Campus

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM	Advent confessions for middle school of Prairie Catholic
9:00 AM	Exposition & Adoration, St. John's
7:00 PM	Joint Parish Council meets in St. John's Church Hall

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM	Advents confessions for Primary division of Prairie Catholic
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#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

2:00 PM	Communal Penance Service for both parishes at St. Gabriel's
3:30 PM	Youth Group at Prairie Maison

December 9, 2007 - Second Sunday of Advent

### Offertory Gift Bearers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm M/M Roger Grunow

Sunday 8:00 am Jerry & Rose Wright

### Eucharistic Ministers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm John Chaffee & Kathy

Schneider-Bread

Mary Daskocil & J. J. Jackson-

Cup

Sunday 8:00 am Nick Nugent & Volunteer-Bread

Mark DuCharme & Lorraine

Rice-Cup

### Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 16th:

Bonnie Reilly, LeAnn Craig

### Servers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Jessica Steger & Rachael Nolan

Sunday 8:00 am Rebecca Steele &

Nikki Stevens

### Lectors-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Lyle Marfilus

Sunday 8:00 am Barb Welsch

### Ushers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Bob Ziel, Rich Ginsterblum,

John Balk & Cliff Stram

Sunday 8:00 am John Gillitzer, Mike Stram, Gary

Howe & Jim & Dan Welsch

### Scrip Workers-December 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Rose Ziel/Brandon or Danielle

Swiggum

Sunday 8:00 am Leslie Orr/

Ron or Lisa Swiggum

### Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for 12/2	\$2,866.00	\$4,890.00
Plate for 12/2	165.73	269.50
Students	<u>3.31</u>	<u>9.81</u>
Total	\$3,035.04	\$5,169.31

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 \$642.00.

Thank you for your offering!

**Choose Life:** "The world lies to us sometimes and tries to convince us that having our plans and lives disrupted or inconvenienced is not necessary and is to be avoided at all costs. But truly it is in these very disruptions and supposed inconveniences that the purest blessings may arrive." (Brenda Hanson, the mother of Sarah, a Down Syndrome child, who resisted pressure to abort her.)

-NRL News, June 2007

### St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 10

8:30 am †Duane McGrath:

by M/M Wm. McGrath

#### Tuesday, December 11

6:45 am †Ivy Winter: by Family

#### Wednesday, December 12

8:30 am †Marcella Cornford:

by Jerry & Doris Schilliger

#### Thursday, December 13

6:45 am †Joseph & Mary Betz:

by the Jeske Family

#### Friday, December 14

8:30 am †Lloyd Caya:

by Marguerite Caya & Family

#### Saturday, December 15

4:00 pm †Les Poots: by Joan Poots & Family

#### Sunday, December 16

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

#### Bingo Winners from Monday, December 3rd:

**\$100.00** - Peg Stoeffler; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00) 5 Winners at \$20.00 each** - Debra Hudson, Millicent Ronnfeldt, Julie Gabel, Gloria Hudson & Marion Bernabei

#### Bingo Workers for Monday, December 10th:

Maureen Gerhards, Sheri Jackson, Bill & Deb Schultz, Rosie Novey, Volunteer

**Bingo Setup for Monday, December 10th:** Cheryl Stevens

**Food Prep for Bingo for Monday, December 10th:** Char Steger & Diane Morovits

**Home & School Lunch Stand Workers for Bingo for Monday, December 10th:** Parents of Karly Jaynes & Rachel Mezera

There will be a Communal Penance Service for both parishes at St. Gabriel's Church next Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 pm.

### 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.

## Notes Common to Both Parishes

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 11: 1-10; Rom 15: 4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Theme: Christ's Leadership.** Christ is the answer to the frightening questions of life. When the leaders of a nation are corrupt, its people usually suffer. The human family on this planet is afflicted with many maladies resulting from lack of leadership. The Hebrews of Isaiah's time (800 B.C.) yearned for a leader, an ideal king, who would be capable of restoring the nation and endowing it once again with the peace and prosperity of King David's time.

Jesus Christ is the God-given leader, who came to establish God's kingdom on earth, "*a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace*" (Preface of Christ the King). The Spirit of the Lord - a Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and fear (filial respect) of the Lord - rests upon Him (First Reading).

"Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever" (Responsorial Psalm). Are you accepting Jesus Christ and the outlines He gives for a better society? We know that the ideal society as envisioned by Jesus will never be fully realized on this planet.

**Vocation Viewpoint:** Who will herald Christ in our world? Consider becoming a priest or religious. (Matthew 3:10-12)

### 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

PdC Correctional Institute Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, December 11th from 10 am until 3:30 pm at the Command Center, 500 E. Parish. Please give blood. The gift of life runs through you.

**Private Confessions before Christmas scheduled in addition to Saturdays:**

#### **Wednesday, December 19th**

3:00 PM at St. Gabriel's (1 priest)

7:00 PM at St. John's for students in religious education program and for the public with 3 priests hearing

#### **Thursday, December 20**

3:00 PM at St. Gabriel's (1 priest)

7:00 PM at St. John's (1 priest)

#### **Friday, December 21**

3:00 PM at St. John's (1 priest)

7:00 PM at St. Gabriel's (1 priest)

**A policy to be enforced more stringently during 2008:** any and all fund raisers by either parish or any organization connected with Prairie Catholic School must be approved by the joint finance council before being advertised or executed. Likewise any parish or school organization wishing to use their proceeds for a particular cause must have the permission of the finance council before spending any money they may have raised.

This has been deemed necessary as it's been happening that money is raised for a particular project which may be praiseworthy in itself but takes away some badly needed funding for our general operational expenses. **Thanks for your understanding and do keep up the good work in being involved.**

"A word to the wise....." as we proceed to discuss the future of our parish apostolates and ministries, please be mindful that we want to lay our cards on the table concerning what is being considered while in no way wanting our sharing to be interpreted as being etched in stone. To consider any and all possible issues is to insure that the greatest number of pros and cons have been weighed and evaluated, thus hopefully leading to the best possible resolution. Just discussing one or other issue is not to be misunderstood as a resolution. Instead of jumping to conclusions, let's all pray for the eventual successful outcome of all deliberations.

**You cannot always have happiness,  
but you can always give happiness.**

Author Unknown

## Second Sunday of Advent

### St. John's Parish

#### Offertory Gift Bearers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Mark Fulcher Family

#### Eucharistic Ministers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Doris Krogman & Joe Faust-  
Bread

Lucy Cornford & Volunteer-Cup

Sunday 10:00 am Mary Nash & Peg Gallagher-  
Bread

Donna Steiner & Sherry Ariss-  
Cup

#### Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 16th:

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring, Pat McCoy

#### Servers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Ryan & Michael Garrity

Sunday 10:00 am Jesse Steiner & Logan  
Dickman

#### Lectors-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

#### Ushers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Lloyd Rickleff, Joe  
Bierman & Merle Frommelt

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mezera, Jeff Sjoberg,  
Butch Pedretti & Art Conley

#### Scrip Workers-December 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Char or Tim Steger/Amy  
O'Brien

Sunday 10:00 am Michelle Kirchman/Wendy  
Mezera

#### Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for 12/2	\$3,760.00	\$5,897.00
Plate for 12/2	195.00	322.29
Students	5.14	7.27
Units	40.00	.00
Total	\$4,000.14	\$6,226.56

The School Fund Envelopes at St. John's came to \$115.00.

Thank you for your offering!

#### ABC Craft Show Raffle Winners

**Christmas Tree** - John Wolfram; **Snowman Quilt** - Kelsey Aspenson; **Crochet Tablecloth** - Mary Pellock; **Cross Stitch Picture & Frame** - Tom Wagner; **Crochet Afghan** - Janet Neisius; **Reindeer & Sleigh** - Evelyn Waller; **Crochet Doily** - Mrs. Joe Novey; **Glass & Candle Centerpiece** - John Luster; **"Emma" Doll** - Connie Hein; **Angel Puzzle in Frame** - Gayle Aspenson; **Christmas Bears** - Marilyn Panka; **Large Poinsettia** - Cecelia Vorwald

**Thank you to the workers and all the buyers who came out in the ice storm to support St. John's PCCW and their projects!**

#### St. John's Mass Intentions

##### Monday, December 10

6:45 am Catherine Specht:  
by St. John's PCCW

##### Tuesday, December 11

8:30 am Pat Bohonek:  
by Lloyd & Joanna Bedward

##### Wednesday, December 12

6:45 am Paul Mezera: by Family & Friends

##### Thursday, December 13

8:30 am Emma Koresh: by Family & Friends

##### Friday, December 14

6:45 am Don, Margaret & Daniel Sigler:  
by Merle & Barbara Frommelt

##### Saturday, December 15

7:00 pm Wm. J. Young: by Family

##### Sunday, December 16

10:00 am Dr. William Nugent: by Family

#### December Sweepstake Calendar Winners

**\$100.00** - Esther Budde, Beaver Dam, WI; Chris Betzle, East Moline, Illinois; Rita Moore, Fennimore; Bob & Betty Kiesau, Monona; Cecilia Benda, PdC

**\$50.00** - Fr. Jack Wambach, S. J.; PdC; Susan Nielsen, PdC; Amanda Strand, PdC; Ken Schultz, Eau Claire; Susan Sanders, Madison

**\$25.00** - Danielle Stark, PdC; Bea Novak, PdC; Jason Smith, New Vienna, Ia; Marilyn Panka, PdC; Rose M. Bauer, PdC; Stacy Manganiello, PdC; John & Betty Fischer, PdC; Lisa Swiggum, PdC; Gary Welter, PdC; Bette Mayer, PdC; CeCe Glapinski, PdC; Curt Palmer, Lynxville; Mary A. Check, Wauzeka; Harry Hopkins, Bagley; Paul & John David, PdC; Steve & Terri Strandlie, PdC; Dave & Amy Young; Millie Senesac, PdC; Shelli Ann Poots, PdC; Mark & Angie Foley, Eastman, WI

#### 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.**



## Scrip News.....

On Sunday, December 16th, "Smarty Pants" in downtown Prairie du Chien will give you a 25% discount by using our local Scrip dollars. Scrip dollars will be on sale that day on site. Store hours at Smarty Pants on the 16th will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. A great chance to do some holiday shopping.

On Saturday, December 22nd at "Smarty Pants" the 6th annual *Polar Express* book reading will be held at 10:00 am by Mrs. Jennifer Campbell, our Kindergarten teacher. A jolly man by the name of Santa will also stop by.

The deadline for ordering national Scrip is Monday, December 10th in order to have it here by Christmas.

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

A prayer will be led by the Lector and prayed together as a parish family before the final blessing at each Mass starting on December 16th. Copies of the prayer are inside the back cover of the blue missals in the pews. Please be prepared to pray together for God's special blessings on our individual families and our parish family.

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.

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!

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