

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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**Rectory Office Hours**

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

**Holy Days**

Mass times to be announced.

**Baptism**

Please call St. John's Rectory office.

**Marriage**

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

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*May 17, 2015 - Ascension of the Lord*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## The Ascension of the Lord

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." - Mk 16:15b-17, 18c



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR-MAY 24

Mary Prindle, John Chaffee

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Deb Morovits, Richard Ambrose,  
(Kathy Schneider)

Sunday 10:00 am Megan Pedretti, Nick Nugent, (Mark  
Gilberts)

### SERVERS-May 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Mitchell & Gracie Colson  
Gina & Angela Sebastian

Sunday 10:00 am Katelyn & Taylor Lutz  
Zachary Swiggum & Joshua Dyer

### LECTORS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 10:00 am Eric Teynor

### USHERS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim  
Welsch, Bob Ziel

Sunday 10:00 am Mark Mara, Chad Mara, Nathan  
Mezera & Butch Boland

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 4:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 10:00 am Rochelle Neisius



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR-MAY 24

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm (Tim Steger)

Sunday 8:00 am Windy Mezera, Lucy Cornford, (Doris  
Krogman)

### SERVERS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler

Anthony Irvin & Thomas Mara

Sunday 8:00 am Makayla Steger & Chase Fisher  
Frankie & Harlee Eastman

### LECTORS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am Norb Aschom

### USHERS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex  
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis  
Mezera

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 23/24

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve or Sarah Holler

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

WEEKEND MASSES: MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY REQUESTING THE MASS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE TO THE ALTAR. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES KNOWN TO THE USHERS AND SIT NEAR THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!

#### Please note:

Beginning on Sunday, May 24th 8:00  
am Mass is at St. John's and the 10:00  
am Mass is at St. Gabriel's.



Tuesday, May 19	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Mary Ellen McNamara
Wednesday, May 20	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Philip Polodna
Thursday, May 21	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Mary McGrath
Friday, May 22	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bruce Ohlert
Saturday, May 23	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Norman & Betty Berns
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Charles, Doris, Steve & Brent Jelinek
Sunday, May 24	8:00 am	St. John's Church	† Marion & Wendy Garrity
	10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

## MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, May 23-24, Bishop Robert Flock, brother of one of our parishioners and native of the La Crosse Diocese, will speak at Holy Family Parish Masses in an appeal for the work being done in Bolivia. This is our parish's annual mission appeal; please welcome Bishop Flock to our parish. The appeal will be collected the following weekend.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

*"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you... because of your partnership for the Gospel from the first day until now."* (Philippians 1,3.5).

The Archdiocese of Cochabamba covers an area of 12,473.4 square miles in central Bolivia with a population of 1,758,143, with about a million in the city and periphery (2012 Census). The city itself is located in a valley 6,561 feet above sea level, overlooked by the tallest statue of Christ in the world (Cristo de la Concordia: 132.7 feet), and surrounded by mountains where the rural population scratches out a living raising fruits, vegetables and lots of potatoes.

The Archdiocese, in addition to its 75 parishes, maintains over 300 schools, 38 hospitals and clinics, 11 centers for handicapped assistance, 47 soup kitchens, 25 kindergartens, 11 homes for orphans, aged, etc., and 40 "school week" homes so rural children can attend classes, providing direct assistance to a significant portion of the population, as well as promoting projects for human and economic development to alleviate and overcome the widespread poverty in the area, often in conjunction with local governments and other organizations. Not counting education, well over 60,000 people were direct beneficiaries of our Social and Charitable Ministries in 2014 alone.

All of this, as well as our principal mission to proclaim the Gospel, require a great deal of human and financial resources, for which I implore your generous solidarity, your heartfelt prayer, and your sincere efforts to better understand and support Pope Francis in his call for a more just global economy which "serves rather than rules" (Evangelii Gaudium 58).

In Christ, the Good Shepherd.

**Robert Flock**

Auxiliary Bishop of Cochabamba

## PRAYER CORNER

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God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers.

**Please pray for:** Steve Moris, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Pam Hamann, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Albenia Sutton, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Jason Bierman, Dana Kahler, Nancy Aschom, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Christine Alioto, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Tracy Pedretti, Bob Burr, Bonnie Boland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, LaVonne Laskaskie, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, James Strosheim, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Ed Rocksvold, Lewis Marfilus.

If you have a special intention or loved one who is in need of prayers; please let us know so we can include them.

**We are thinking of taking a bus to the ordinations of Deacon Mark Miller & Deacon Dan Theilen in La Crosse on June 27th.** If you would be interested, please let one of our secretaries know so we can get a head count and determine if this would be feasible. Ordinations are open to all, and it would be nice to have a home town contingent since both Deacon Mark and Dan have served here at Holy Family in various capacities.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for May 10th	\$8,748.00	\$6,579.00
Plate for May 10th	878.85	600.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,626.85</b>	<b>\$7,179.14</b>

The second collection came to **\$447.05** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# BINGO

**Bingo Winners from Monday, May 11th:** \$25.00 - Pat Check, Amanda Bengston; \$100.00 - Leo Schlitter; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Carolyn Weipert; 50/50 (\$53.00) - Renee Ingle

**The Progressive Consolation for Monday, May 18th will be \$563.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 52 calls or less.**

**Bingo Workers for Monday, May 18th:** Check Writer: Sarah Holler; Floor Workers: Sheila Eastman & Caitlin Forsythe; **Lunch Preparation:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Xavier Gibbs and Avary Shefland

## Short History of St John Nepomucene

In his early childhood, John Nepomucene was cured of a disease through the prayers of his good parents. In thanksgiving, they consecrated him to the service of God. After he was ordained, he was sent to a parish in the city of Prague. He became a great preacher, and thousands of those who listened to him changed their way of life. Father John was invited to the court of Wenceslaus IV. He settled arguments and did many kind deeds for the needy people of the city. He also became the queen's confessor. When the king was cruel to the queen, Father John taught her to bear her cross patiently. One day, about 1393, the king asked him to tell what the queen had said in confession. When Father John refused, he was thrown into prison. A second time, he was asked to reveal the queen's confession. "If you do not tell me," said the king, "you shall die. But if you obey my commands, riches and honor will be yours." Again Father John refused. He was tortured. The king ordered to be thrown into the river. Where he drowned, a strange brightness appeared upon the water. He is known as the "martyr of the confessional." He is patron of Czechoslovakia, where he is invoked against floods and against slander. His feast day is May 16.

## CONFESSIONS

St. Gabriel's 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm on Saturday  
St. John's 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on Saturday

No scheduled confessions on days with weddings or funerals.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

**Sunday, May 17**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Bohemian Dinner in St. John's Hall. All are invited to attend.

4:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

**Monday, May 18**

7:00 pm Bingo in St. John's School

**Tuesday, May 19**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

**Wednesday, May 20**

**Thursday, May 21**

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's  
Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

7:00 pm Parish Council will meet in St. John's School

**Friday, May 22**

**Saturday, May 23**

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **ASHLIN GRACE NOLAN**, daughter of John & Carrie (Asleson) Nolan and **RYAN CLEMENT MEZERA**, son of Adam & Stephanie (Meinnert) Mezera through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Ashlin Grace** and **Ryan Clement** and their families.

## School News

The Prairie Catholic Student Council would like to sincerely thank all of our parents for their generosity this entire school year. We would also like to thank the administration, teachers, and staff for all their help and support this year. We have worked very hard to support our stewardship projects this year and we have had one of the most successful fund raising seasons in our history. We have enjoyed every moment and ask you for your continued support.

-Mrs. Colleen Welter

The 8th graders will graduate Thursday, May 21st. The graduation Mass will be at St. Gabriel's Church at 6:00 pm. A reception will be held in the school cafeteria after the Mass. The class recently returned from their Washington D. C. trip with many fun and educational memories.

Stop in at school to see the Dale Boldt mural that 6 of our 8th graders designed and painted in elective class this spring. Thanks to the Boldt family for their generous donation to our school and their help with ideas for the mural.

-Mr. Bill Huser