

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

Holy Days

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Baptism

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Marriage

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

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November 20, 2016

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." *Lk 23:42-43*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 27TH

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Becky Henry & Megan Pedretti

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Paige & Max Schneider

Katy Welsch & Morgan Chase

Sunday 8:00 am Dominique & James Reilly

Nicole Rickleff & Allison Lindner

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Rhonda Stubbe

USHERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

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

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee, John Gillitzer, Mark Hamann, Nathan Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenny Campbell



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 27TH

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson & Jean Ann Dillman
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SERVERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm Garrett Young & Macey Banasik

Kylie Kramer & Makayla Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp
Logan & Tessa Higgins

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

USHERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert

Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott & Sheri Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Brandon & Danielle Swiggum

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 on Nov. 24th Thanksgiving
Day Mass is at 8:00 am at St. John's



Tuesday, November 22	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Herb Schneider
Wednesday, November 23	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Al Duve
*Thursday, November 24	8:00 am	John's Church	Jerry & Joanne Cummings 50th Wedding Anniversary
Friday, November 25	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Paul Kovarik
Saturday, November 26	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Ken & Vi Kane † Anita Steger
Sunday, November 27	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	For All those Entrusted to Our Pastor Jerry & Joanne Cummings 50th Wedding Anniversary

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)

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

A Kingship that bears witness to the Truth

While governments may crumble, Christ's Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, will last forever.

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/christ-the-king-bulletin-insert.cfm

Each year at the conclusion of the liturgical year, we fittingly celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the Apostle St. Paul teaches us, "In Oesus Christ] every- thing in heaven and earth was created... and continues in being" (Col 1:16-17). He is the 'Alpha and Omega', the 'Beginning and End', the 'Way, Truth, and Llife'. Indeed, Christ promises to His faithful friends the gift of salvation, the pledge of everlasting life through His Resurrection. Therefore, faithfulness to Christ, our King, opens the door to our eternal happiness.

Origin of the Feast

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in the encyclical *Quas Primas* (from Latin, "In the First") to respond to secular-ism-the adoration of 'idols' of the earthly world, such as money and fame, above God. Pope Pius XI recognized that secularism would breed hostility against the Church. In fact, during the 20th century, governments in Mexico, Russia, and Europe, infiltrated by secularism, threatened not only the Catholic Church but also civilization itself. *Quas Primas* gave Catholics the hope that while governments may crumble, Christ's Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, would last forever.

Christ's Kingship

Although *Quas Primas* was written almost 90 years ago, it continues to ring true today. For instance, secularism continues to separate people from God, as evidenced by the rejection of Church teachings and the denial of God Himself. In addition, recent Pew Research Center data shows the worldwide increase of religious hostilities. Now more than ever, we must celebrate that Jesus Christ is King of the Universe, including in the following ways:

In Christ, we must preserve our fundamental rights. Jesus Christ reveals the fulfillment of the truths of creation found in the book of Genesis: "God saw every- thing that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen 1:31). Therefore, "made in [His] image and likeness," each of us possesses an immeasurable goodness (Gen 1:26). And, this goodness from Christ, given to the heart of man, calls us to fight for what is justly ours: the right to life, freedom of conscience and religious freedom.

In Christ, we must evangelize in love. Christ, both meek and humble of heart, is the perfect servant of God: Through His teaching and His life, Jesus intended to confirm, not to coerce, others in faith (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11). Through our daily action, let us follow Christ's loving example of showing the truth to others.

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In Christ, we must proclaim the truth. Christ's Kingship "bear[s] witness to the truth" (Qohn 18:37). In bearing this witness, Christ acknowledges government authority, "rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21). None-theless, we are asked to speak out "against governing powers which oppose the holy will of God" (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11).

Bearing witness to the truth in this age can be difficult. But Christ has shown us that 'kingship' must always be at the service of the good of mankind. Therefore, with His grace and in hope of His gift of salvation, let us bear witness to the truth, even when it is unpopular or costly to do so. In this way, we become faithful servants of Christ, preparing the way for His Kingdom, both on earth and in heaven.

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for: Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Eugene Gillitzer, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Jack Dahl, Joan Sheckler, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Ronnie Schlueter, Dean Heintz, Norb Aschom, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh.

FYI The homemade noodles are now located in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 13th	\$,7842.00	\$7,380.00
Plate for Nov. 13th	<u>712.48</u>	<u>622.79</u>
Total	\$8,554.48	\$8,002.79

The second collection came to **\$448.72** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Prairie Catholic Middle School Honor Roll

6th Grade High Honors: Ashlyn Knapp

6th Grade Honors: Emma Bjurquist, Ava Hager, Kylie Kramer, Thomas Mara, James Reilly, Makayla Steger, Ryan Waller

7th Grade High Honors: Matthias Gerhards, Allison Kennedy, Sadie Koresh

7th Grade Honors: Kori Jaynes, Katelyne Lutz, Seth MacEachern, Nick Mara, Nicole Rickleff

8th Grade High Honors: Rebekah Champion, Kennedy Kirschbaum, Makenzie Knapp, Paige Schneider, Clare Teynor

8th Grade Honors: Macey Banasik, Chase Fisher, Ella Hager, Kendall Hill, Jonah Linder, Brady Luster, Jonathan Nicholson, Kyle Quick, Dominique Reilly, Kathryn Welsch

YEAR OF MERCY

The Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to a close, but living in God's mercy will not end in this life. Following is a reflection on mercy and conversion as we continue living in God's divine mercy:

Mercy without (any requirement for) conversion is not divine mercy. It is mistaken pity of an incompetent and/or weak physician who contents himself with bandaging wounds without treating them. (Carlo Caffarra, Mercy and Conversion in Eleven Cardinals Speak), Ignatius Press, 2015, 7)

Though God wants to forgive everyone from his infinite goodness (indeed, this is the reason he died on the cross), to do this without requiring conversion of heart is contrary to the order of truth. Creation came forth to manifest divine love and the sharing of his goodness with creation. This was ratified in the first gift of grace to Adam and Eve, which allowed them to arrive at heaven. It was completed in the greater mercy shown by God in the Incarnation of his Son, and completed in Jesus' death on the cross. But, as is evident in the words of John the Baptist, and in the first proclamation by Christ of his mission: "Repent and believe" (Mark 1:15), the proper response to this mercy is the recognition of the sinner of his sin, together with a sincere desire to amend his life. To accept human beings as they are in their sins, with no judgment about the need to repent, is contrary to the demands of the objective order of nature, and to the axiom of non-contradiction. It is tantamount to saying that the love of God can exist together in the soul of a person who is objectively in the state of sin. A conscience formed with the idea that mercy means no change or repentance is merely a license to sin. This is tantamount to saying that there are no objective evils.

Christ manifested mercy many times to people who were considered heinous sinners in his time. But he did not justify their sin. He did not tell the woman caught in adultery to just keep sinning. Instead, he told her to avoid that sin. Thomas Aquinas comments on this:

But our Lord does not love sin, and does not favor wrongdoing, and so he condemned her sin, but not her nature, saying, Go, and do not sin again. We see here how kind our Lord is because of his gentleness, and how just he is because of his truth." (Comm. On John, pt. 2 cc. 8-21, quoted in Caffarra, Cardinals, 10).

From (<http://www.hprweb.com/2016/10/questions-answered-47>)

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, November 20

Monday, November 21

Tuesday, November 22

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, November 23

NO CCD

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day at St. John's

Deacon's Corner #1 November 15, 2016 Deacon

Mark Grunwald

Three weeks ago, I and five other men were ordained to the Order of Deacon, receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders through the laying on of hands by the Diocese of LaCrosse's bishop, the Most Reverend William Callahan. I am to serve the whole diocese of LaCrosse under the direction of the bishop, but specifically have been assigned to the Holy Family Parish. Because the parish has never been served by a permanent deacon before, Father Weighner has requested that I write a few columns explaining what the diaconate is. This week let us begin with the basics.

What is a deacon?... A deacon is a man, older than 35 years of age, who through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, is to share in the bishop's and priest's ministry of charity. Configured to the character of Christ the Servant, the deacon is to assist in the Church's liturgical ministry and charity. In terms of liturgical roles, the deacon may baptize, officiate and witness marriages outside of Mass, serve at the altar assisting the bishop or priest and distribute the Eucharist as an ordinary minister of Holy Communion. The deacon may also preside over the Christian funeral vigil service, funeral services outside of Mass and burial services. He may impart benediction and bless sacramentals. The deacon proclaims the Gospel at Mass and may preach the homily. Deacons are also involved in various other ministries such as marriage preparation and family enrichment programs, RCIA, youth ministry, jail ministry, just to name a few.

What is the difference between a transitional and a permanent deacon?... Men in formation to the priesthood are ordained deacons a year or two before they are ordained to the priesthood. Mark Miller, now Father Miller, served us briefly in 2015 as a transitional deacon. Father Miller, and for that matter Pope Francis, are still deacons. Permanent deacons do not aspire to the priesthood. In the United States they are generally married (95%).

How should you address me as deacon?... Deacon Grunwald is proper, but since many people in Prairie don't realize I have a last name, Deacon Mark will work fine. Just don't call me Father... unless your name is Christina, Peter, or Douglas.