

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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December 10, 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

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2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 17TH

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Laura Meyer, Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Megan Pedretti, Dave Hemmer

SERVERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Owen Teynor & Mitchell Colson
Elle & Max Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Logan & Tessa Higgins
Scout Hall & Logan Kiesau

LECTORS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Arlene Willms

Sunday 8:00 am Barb Welsch

USHERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Gene Kirschbaum, & Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, John Gillitzer, Jim McGrath, Don Osterhaus

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Jenny Campbell



St. John Nepomuc

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Ann Quick, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am George & Nancy Eastman

SERVERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Allison Kennedy
Zach & Caleb Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Dawson Eastman & Julian DeGidio
Ashlyn Knapp & Brogan Brewer

LECTORS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer & Tyler Schaefer

Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Mark Mara, Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 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!

ADVENT: Confessions following
Daily Mass.



Tuesday, December 12	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Norma Day
Wednesday, December 13	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mary Marcella MacEachern
Thursday, December 14	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Stella Lipke
Friday, December 15	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Celine Boxrucker
Saturday, December 16	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Herbert Baures † Dr. Wm. G. Nugent
Sunday, December 17	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Clifford & Patricia Wachuta

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.)

The following is an Advent note from
Bishop Callahan for all of us:

Grant to us, O Lord, a new vigor in our time of Advent, that, as we prepare to celebrate in adoration the festivities of your Son's Nativity, so may we possess in gladness his everlasting rewards.

Hi Everybody,

Bishop Callahan here, asking you to make some time this Advent season to reflect on the great mystery of the Annunciation. We hear the reading from St. Luke on the Forth Sunday of Advent, recounting the visit of the angel Gabriel. Mary, fully human, encountered Gabriel, a pure spirit, and our world was forever changed. Mary's response "May it be done to me according to your word" brought salvation to humanity in that very instant as Mary became the Mother of God.

Our Blessed Mother's example gives us the courage to say "Yes". "Yes" to the will of God in our lives. How many times are we prompted to do good or called to help someone in need. Are we able to acknowledge our shortcomings and make amends for our failures?

Mary's Love for Christ began at the moment of her "Yes". After Our Lord was conceived in her womb, Mary set out in haste to bring Our Savior to her cousin, Elizabeth, whom she learned was also expecting a child, expecting John the Baptist. Her journey, her visitation is a model for us to follow. When we have an encounter with Christ we should attempt to tell others of what we experienced, to share what we have received.

Sharing our faith gives Hope. And sustained by hope, we are preserved from selfishness and drawn to the happiness that flows from charity.

The Church has given us this time of Advent, a time of expectant waiting, a time of preparation, and a time to anticipate receiving the Christ Child on Christmas!

Blessed Advent to you; may you say "Yes" to our coming Savior.

+ Bishop William Callahan

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: Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Scott Plondke, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Wilbur Rupp, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaike Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley, Betty Standorf.

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

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Patricia C. White** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Saturday, Dec. 9th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant her eternal peace and comfort to her family.

CONFESSIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 10TH TO 16TH

After daily Masses

Tuesday @ 6:00 pm at St. John's

Saturday morning following 8:00 am Mass

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for December 3rd	\$8,303.00	\$9,916.29
Plate for December 3rd	<u>975.54</u>	<u>623.20</u>
TOTAL	\$9,278.54	\$10,539.49

The second collection came to **\$688.87** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.

We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will begin with around 50 parishioners and run them for a few weeks and list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins.

Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Mary Antoine, Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Robert & Brenda Bailey, Mary Barrette, Rose Bauer, Dorothy Baures, Robert & Nancy Becker, Robert & Cecilia Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Ann Berns, Avalo Berns, Timothy & Cathy Betzle, Doris Bohnenkamp, Bernard Boland, Patricia Boldt, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Mark Check, Roger & Joan Check, William & Wanda Check, Charles & Teresa Connell, Darrell & Rae Ann Cooley, Gerald & Eldora Coorough, Patricia Coorough, Jim & Lucy Cornford, LeAnn Craig, Frank & Eileen Crowley, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Larry & Sharon Dahman, Loren & Ann Dohse, Donald & Joan Draka, Janette DuCharme, Mary Duffy, Henry Esser, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, Thomas & Jean Farrell, Elaine Fischer, John & Betty Fischer, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Leo & Patti Flanders, John Forst, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Karen Fritsche, Merle & Barbara Frommelt, James & Ruth Check Gates, Scott & Frances Geisler, Roy & Vicki George, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Randal Ginsterblum, Ronald & Dianne Goodman, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Deacon Mark & Ann Grunwald.

LOTTERY SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS are now for sale. 6 for \$100.00 or \$20.00 each. 30 monthly prizes. You can purchase at St. John's Rectory or call John Fischer at 326-2827. These calendars make great Christmas gifts.

Holy Name Raffle Winners for December

\$10.00 Winners: Sue Tiller, PdC; Rick Steele, Waukon; Richard Kozelka, PdC, Joan Novey PdC; Dustin Flansburgh, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: Isaac DuCharme, Burlington, IA; Keegan Harenza, Eau Claire, WI

\$100.00 Winner: Janice Johll, Lancaster

Calendar Sweepstake Winners for December

\$100.00 - Lori Hemmer, PdC, Mike Henthorn, Eastman; Chris Coorough, Kettering, OH; Craig Bell, Eastman; James Wachuta, Sparta

\$50.00 - Aaron Lahaie, PdC; Jerry Wright, PdC; Paul Weighner, Waukon, IA; Joel & Krista Clinton, Eastman; Evan Horihan, Houston, MN

\$25.00 - Grayson U'Ren, PdC; Mark Gokey, Salisbury, N.C.; Sara Rybarczyk, PdC; Hudson Pack, Dodgeville; Johnny Luster, PdC; Mara Strandlie, PdC; Peggy Bauer, PdC; Peg Troendle, Waukon; Mary Mezera, Monroe; Char & Dan Campbell, Bloomington, Arleen Kozelka, PdC; Bernie Aspenson, Holmen; Brigid Cota, Harpers Ferry; Alex Rooney, Abilene, TX; Michael S. Garrity, PdC; Jarrett Hemmer, PdC; Scott Kennedy, PdC; Jayne Prew, Wauzeka; Raymond L. Check, PdC; Kati Wanek-Forsythe, St. Petersburg, FL

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 10

JWalkers will be going Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 11

7:00 pm Bingo in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's; we will be having a Christmas celebration, delicious lunch and much more

Tuesday, December 12

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. Gabriel's

Wednesday, December 13

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church; **NEW VOICES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS**

6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, December 14

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Finance Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Friday, December 15

Next weekend at all Masses - collection of non perishable food items for our local Food Pantry

Seminarian Levi Schmitt needs our prayers: Theology III, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Sacred Heart, Elmwood. "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. -2 Corinthians 6

BINGO CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On Monday, December 11th we will be having a Bingo Celebration at St. John's Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The menu will feature Turkey Noodle Soup, Potato Soup, Turkey Dressing Sandwiches, Ham Sandwiches, desserts and beverages.. Extra "presents" in addition to the 50/50 drawing. Come and enjoy a fun night at Bingo. Santa will also be bringing a special treat to all Bingo players!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

5:00 pm (JWalkers) at St. John's

5:30 pm (Children's Mass) at St. Gabriel's

10:00 pm Mass at St. John's

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Still need volunteers for Ushers for Christmas Masses.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays please deposit names and donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at either rectory.