

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

506 N. BEAUMONT ROAD & 710 S. WACOUTA AVENUE, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 53821

February 18, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Lent

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - 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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1st Sunday of Lent

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 25TH

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Kathy Schneider, Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Dave Hemmer, & Becky Henry

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Ava Hagar & Allison Lindner
Seth & Jack MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am Emma & Michael Bjurquist
Logan Kiesau & Matthias Gerhards

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am Barb Welsch

USHERS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Tom Hampton, Mark Hamann, John Chaffee, Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

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Deacon Mark Grunwald, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann Dillman,
Gene Carlson

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Makayla Steger & Blake Thiry
Zach & Caleb Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Katelyne & Jesse Lutz
Nicole Rickleff & Dawson Eastman

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-FEBRUARY 24/25

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-FEBRUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Stephanie Vlaming

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 20	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Deceased members of the Frank & Elizabeth Ocenosak Family
Wednesday, February 21	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Bill Betzle
Thursday, February 22	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Ed & Martha Wachter
Friday, February 23	8:15 am	St. John's Church	David Bohnenkamp
Saturday, February 24	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Juanita Tully
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, February 25	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	LaVon David
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Bill McCoy

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.)

From a Lenten Homily on Fasting by St Francis De Sales:

To treat of fasting and of what is required to fast well, we must, at the start, understand that of itself fasting is not a virtue. The good and the bad, as well as Christians and pagans, observe it. The ancient philosophers observed it and recommended it. They were not virtuous for that reason, nor did they practice virtue in fasting. Oh, no, fasting is a virtue only when it is accompanied by conditions which render it pleasing to God. Thus it happens that it profits some and not others, because it is not undertaken by all in the same manner.

We find some people who think that to fast well during the holy season of Lent it is enough to abstain from eating some prohibited food. But this thought is too gross to enter into the hearts of religious, for it is to you I speak, as well as persons dedicated to Our Lord. We know very well that it is not enough to fast exteriorly if we do not also fast interiorly and if we do not accompany the fast of the body with that of the spirit.

The first condition is that **we must fast with our whole heart**, that is to say, willingly, whole-heartedly, universally and entirely. If I recount to you St. Bernard's words regarding fasting, you will know not only why it is instituted but also how it ought to be kept.

He says that fasting was instituted by Our Lord as a remedy for our mouth, for our gourmandizing and for our gluttony. Since sin entered the world through the mouth, the mouth must do penance by being deprived of foods prohibited and forbidden by the Church, abstaining from them for the space of forty days. But this glorious saint adds that, as it is not our mouth alone which has sinned, but also all our other senses, our fast must be general and entire, that is, all the members of our body must fast. For if we have offended God through the eyes, through the ears, through the tongue, and through our other senses, why should we not make them fast as well? And not only must we make the bodily senses fast, but also the soul's powers and passions — yes, even the understanding, the memory, and the will, since we have sinned through both body and spirit.

The second condition is never to fast through vanity but always through humility. If our fast is not performed with humility, it will not be pleasing to God.....But what is it to fast through humility? It is never to fast through vanity. Now how can one fast through vanity? According to Scripture there are hundreds and hundreds of ways, but I will content myself with telling you one of them, for it is not necessary to burden your memory with many things. To fast through vanity is to fast through self-will, since this self-will is not without vanity, or at least not without a temptation to vanity. And what does it mean to fast through self-will? It is to fast as one wishes and not as others wish; to fast in the manner which pleases us, and not as we are ordered or counseled. (cont. on next column)

You will find some who wish to fast more than is necessary, and others who do not wish to fast as much as is necessary. What causes that except vanity and self-will? All that proceeds from ourselves seems better to us, and is much more pleasant and easy for us than what is enjoined on us by another, even though the latter is more useful and proper for our perfection. This is natural to us and is born from the great love we have for ourselves.

The third condition necessary for fasting well is to look to God and to do everything to please Him, withdrawing within ourselves in imitation of a great saint, St. Gregory the Great, who withdrew into a secret and out-of-the-way place where he remained for some time without anyone knowing where he was, being content that the Lord and His angels knew it.

The entire homily can be read here: <https://amywelborn.wordpress.com/2018/02/12/32254/>

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, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, 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, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Cecil Olson, 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, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaige Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley, Greta Martin, Andrew Prew, Robert Hazen, Bernard "Butch" Boland, Jeffery Scott DuCharme.

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

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will list 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: Joe & Sharon Atkins, John & Patricia Balk, Joe & Catherine Bierman, Patricia Boland, John & Patricia Check, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Michael & Mary Ann Garrity, Elaine Gillitzer, Fred Grelle, Michael & Julie Hazen, Irmagard Hogenson, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Joanne Jones, Jason & Sarah Knapp, Dale LaBonne, Ann Lessard, Daniel & Sheila Linder, Elaine Moris, David & Karen Nelson, Mattie Rademacher, Terry & Anita Reglin, Frederick & Lynette Reichmann, Lorraine Rice, John & Anna Rink, Donald & Edith Ritchie, Lauretta Rod, Donald & Charlene Roh, Curt & Shelly Root, Nathan Root, Jan Rutter, Helen Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Robert & Linda Schneider, Steve & Julie Schwager, Robert & Ethel Sebastian, Vicki Sebastian, Marita Seitz, Millie Senesac, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Monica Shedivy, Ronald Shipley, Peggy Smith, Catherine Steger, Edward & Donna Steger, Louis Steger, Terrence Steger, Tim & Charlene Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Mary Steiner, Mike & Donna Steiner.

Seminarian Daniel Smyth needs your prayers:

Pre-Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

Sacred Heart, Polonia

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." -Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

ATTENTION ALL MEN! Are you looking for a deeper relationship with God and the community? Why not join us for a wonderful retreat opportunity. A Christian Experience Weekend (CEW), which is being held at St. Patrick's Parish in Waukon on February 23 - February 25, 2018. Please contact Justin Lyons at (563) 568-1931 for further details.

The women's weekend is March 2nd - March 4th, 2018 at Village Creek Bible Camp near Waukon. Please contact Justin Lyons at (563) 568-1931 for further details.

If anyone would be interested in substitute teaching at Prairie Catholic School please contact:
principal@prairiecatholic.org

BINGO.....On Monday, February 26th the Progressive Jackpot at Bingo will be at \$1,240.00 plus 50% of the sales in 57 numbers or less. Save the date!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, February 18

Monday, February 19

Tuesday, February 20

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:00 pm Choir practice at St. Gabriel's for March 3rd ceremony

Wednesday, February 21

5:00 pm Choir practice at St. John's

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

Thursday, February 22

Friday, February 23

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's with Benediction followed by Mass on Saturday

2:45 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Gabriel's Church

Saturday, February 24

8:00 am Mass at St. John's during Lent

WASHINGTON DC TRIP

With a smaller 8th grade class this year, there will be openings on our Washington DC trip this spring. If you have thought about going on this trip, this will be a great opportunity for our parish community. Please contact Prairie Catholic School for more information.

Dates: May 13 – 19th

**Cost: Single Room \$2,000
Double Room \$1,670**

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Howard J. Gillitzer** in your prayers. His funeral will be held at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Friday, February 23, 2018. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Feb. 11th	\$6,868.00	\$6,346.00
Plate for Feb. 11th	532.25	577.11
Units	700.00	850.00
Heat Envelopes	.00	330.00
TOTAL	\$8,100.25	\$8,103.11

The second collection came to \$296.39 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!