

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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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.

Principal

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December 15, 2013 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

Third Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." — Mt 11:4-5





St. John's

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Peggy Sklenar

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

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 22

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith, Mary Check

SERVER-DEC, 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Morgan Kiesau & Austin Mezera
Bailey Ottaway & Evan Boisvert

Sunday 10:00 am Caitlin & Taylor Lutz,
Chad & Brytta Sagedahl

LECTORS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

USHERS-DEC. 21/22

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

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera
Mark Mara

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers



St. Gabriel Archangel

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra &
Howard Gillitzer

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Becky Henry & Mary
Osterhaus

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 22

John Chaffee

SERVERS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Mitchell & Brady Luster
Gina & Angela Sebastian

Sunday 8:00 am Ryan McGrath & Kyle MacEachern
Aaron Neisius & Seth MacEachern

LECTORS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am Arleen Willms

USHERS-DEC. 21/22

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

Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus, Dick
Tesar & Butch Boland

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Corey & Rob Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius



Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 17	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bob Matejka
Wednesday, December 18	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Hazel Lechnir
Thursday, December 19	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Alma Wall
Friday, December 20	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Herb Baures
Saturday, December 21	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Roger W. Steiner
Sunday, December 22	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Jonathan Steger † Joe Rod

NEW FORMAT

We hope you like the new format for our weekly bulletin. We looked at various options, and thought this was a good fit for the content that is important. The biggest change is the layout and the folding. There are a few small changes in a couple of the sections due to design changes. As we become more familiar with the new layout, we may have some other changes as well, so please be patient. One other change you will notice is on special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, we hope to add some color to the image on the front page.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent marks the mid-way point of Advent, and is celebrated by calling to mind that we are getting close. Gaudete is Latin for 'rejoice' and its celebration can be traced to the early centuries of the Church. Although Lent is seen as a more penitential time, Advent is also meant to have many of the same characteristics as Lent. However, we are never called to lose focus on the reasons we fast and offer penance. We do these things as a preparation for the celebration that follows. So on this third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate with lighting the rose candle and wearing lighter rose colored vestments. Some extra decorations may be used at the Mass as well. We also begin a shift in our readings, looking to the second coming of the Lord and the blessings that will flow from his return. So REJOICE! For our Lord is near.

Third Sunday of Advent

Is it only a matter of time? (Advent reflection from *Prepare the Word.com*)

It is a certain belief that Christ will, in the words of the Nicene Creed, "come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." But when? That was the question for many early Christians who had a keen sense that Jesus, recently departed, would not be away for long. For us today, years have turned to millennia and we're still waiting. Wondering, though, if Jesus' return is ever going to arrive makes the event too dependent on time. The real challenge is to cultivate a lively sense of expectation for God in the present. Advent is the perfect opportunity to do that. Do you want God in your life now, or do you want to wait?

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Roger Pellock, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Roger Goodman, Lloyd Rickleff, Richard Aschom, Michael Aschom, Kayla Taylor Vorwald, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Mary Markham, Rita Lester, Elaine Stram and Lorna Porvaznik.

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

Thank you to all who have donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will be listing the following names for a few weeks and then another 50 or so. If you do not see your name it will be published in future bulletins. Michael & Zita Balk, Robert & Cecelia Becwar, James & Lucy Cornford, Patricia Cota, Von & Jean Denlinger, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Sylvia Gilberts, Gary & Joan Howe, Connie Hudson, Charles & Georgia Hutchison, Sheri Jackson, Jan & Odean Kieser, Keith & Lynn Kozelka, Lucien & Rita Krahn, Charles & Linda Kramer, Aaron & Sarah Kramer, Doris Krogman, Armella Kuter, Daniel & Delores Kussmaul, Eugene LaPointe, Jack & Mary Leake, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Patricia Lenzendorf, Morris & Darlene Lessard, Ann Lessard, Bradley and Jennifer Linder, Paul Lochner, Donald & Norma Lochner, Timothy & Theresa Looney, Donald & Mary Lyons, John & Joyce Luster, Michael & Shirley MacEachern, Jeanine Mara, Jeff & Jill Mara, Audrey Mara, Michael & Deborah Mara, Lewis Marfilus, Lyle & Roberta Marfilus, David & Renee Martin, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Stephen & Patricia Mercaitis, Terry & Ann Meyer, Michael & Kayla Mezera, William & Windy Mezera, Anne Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Catherine Mezera, Mark & Mary Jane Mezera, Dennis Mezera, Aelred & Maria Mezera, Elaine Moris, Paul & Nora Moris, Debra Morovits, Patrick & Iva Mulhern.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 8th	\$7,910.00	\$7,434.10
Plate for Dec. 8th	579.24	567.79
Holy Day Envelopes	<u>815.50</u>	<u>1,645.42</u>
Total	\$9,304.74	\$9,647.31

The second collection came to \$687.06 and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

Thank you for your support!

BINGO NEWS**Bingo Winners from Monday, December 9th:**

\$25.00 - Dorothy Degenhardt, Debra Gianfrancesco, Jonathon Gobin; **\$30.00** - Helen Ellenbolt; **\$45.00** - Maxine Ronnfeldt; **\$100.00** - Sandy McCoy; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Ruth Moris; **50/50 Winner (\$82.50)** - Fr. Weighner Fr. donated his winnings back

The progressive consolation jackpot for Dec. 16th will be \$823.00 plus 50% of the progressive bingo jackpot card sales in 54 calls or less.

The Bingo workers for Monday, Dec. 16th: Floor Workers: Sarah Holler, Ruth Klang & Amy Young; **Caller:** Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers; **Lunch Prepared by:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Shelby Schroeder and Jack Simmons

SCHOOL NEWS....Music classes at both St. John's & St. Gabriel's Schools this year have been a time of getting acquainted with new people and different ways of using and experiencing the wonderful gift of music we have been given. The students have been rehearsing for their Christmas program.

Mrs. Stiemke

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm - St. Gabriel's

5:30 pm - St. John's (Children's Mass)

10:00 pm - St. John's

December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am - St. Gabriel's

Thank you to the family of Rose M. Trautsch for the generous donation to Holy Family Parish in her memory. We are very grateful for this donation.

Lottery Calendar Winners for December 2013

\$100.00 - Megan Steger, PdC; Wm. & Lorraine Rice, PdC; Jeff Groom, PdC; Don Knapp, PdC; Janette DuCharme, PdC.

\$50.00 - Carter Wittrig, PdC; Jean & Ralph Patterson, Madison; Tom & Jan Kozelka, PdC; Sue Breuer, Bloomington; Lily Krahn, PdC

\$25.00 - Bob Sutton, PdC; Diane Malsack, PdC; Curtis W. Palmer, Lynxville, Peg Troendle, Waukon; Jon Kaber, PdC; Phyllis Lee, Rockford, IL; Lindsey Krachey, PdC; Timothy & Lien Frommelt, Clive, IA; Mary Wilkinson, Duncan, OK; Sarah Pedretti, LaCrosse; Karen Welter, PdC; Tom Novey, PdC; Annabelle Stubbe, PdC; Armella Kueter, PdC; Mary Kay Lange, PdC; Jennifer Kaber, PdC; Gary Sprosty, PdC; Louie Steger, PdC; Jean Farrell, PdC; Dixie Toberman, PdC

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **John L. Koresh** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. John's of the Holy Family Parish on Saturday, December 14th. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**Sunday, Dec. 15**

JWalkers will be meeting down stairs in St. John's Hall following the 10 am Mass. We will be going Christmas caroling to the shut-ins & elderly followed by pizza & Christmas get together at the Bowling Alley. Parents please pick your JWALKER up at the Bowling Alley

6:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Monday, Dec. 16

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School

Tuesday, Dec. 17

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

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

Wednesday, Dec. 18

5:15 pm Harmony Choir rehearsal at St. John's

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

Thursday, Dec. 19

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

1:00 pm Benediction

7:00 pm Parish Council meeting in St. John's Hall

Volunteers Wanted: We need someone to oversee the kitchen for funeral luncheons at St. John's. We also need someone to oversee the flowers for the interior of St. John's Church. Call Lana at 326-6511 for more information.

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.

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 & donations in the collection basket or drop off at one of the parish offices.

ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT!!!!!!**CAR & CASH II****Drawing December 29th**

Grand Prize 2013 Dodge Dart 1st Prize \$2,500
cash 2nd Prize 10 x \$250.00 each Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Tickets can be purchased at either rectory or school office, from Mary Neisius, and many local businesses The car is courtesy of Sut Hill. www.prairiecatholic.org

SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS**DRAWING February 1, 2014**

Sweepstake Calendars are now available from either rectory and school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. These Calendars and our Car & Cash Raffle tickets make great Christmas gifts.