

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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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

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Marriage

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

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December 22, 2013 • 4th Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12





St. John's

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 29

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Ann Quick

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner & Trish Hager

SERVERS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler
Dominique Reilly & MacKenzie Knapp

Sunday 10:00 am Jacob Fishler & Caitlin Nolan
Ellie & Jacob Mara

LECTORS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-DEC. 28/29

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 29

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Tom Steiner, & Laura Meyer

Sunday 8:00 am Jeri Kluesner, Ann Lessard & Donna Teynor

SERVERS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm John Titlbach & Katy Welsch
Mitchell & Gracie Colson

Sunday 8:00 am Paige Schneider & Matthew Chase
Frankee & Harlee Eastman

LECTORS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

USHERS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth, Russell Eulgem, Gene Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee, Don Cipra, John Gillitzer, Mark Hamann

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

CHOIR SINGING 1/2 HOUR BEFORE ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES



CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm

St. Gabriel's Church

Priest Intention

5:30 pm

St. John's (Children's Mass)

Priest Intention

10:00 pm

St. John's Church

Priest Intention

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am

St. Gabriel's Church

Priest Intention

Thursday, December 26

NO MASS

Friday, December 27

NO MASS

Saturday, December 28

4:00 pm

St. Gabriel's Church

† Pat Ertel

7:00 pm

St. John's Church

For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am

St. Gabriel's Church

† Evelyn Picha

10:00 am

St. John's Church

† Helen Wilkinson

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we enter this short last week of Advent, I pray that this has been a time of preparation for you and your loved ones. For some reason, this year Christmas has come very fast. With Thanksgiving being so late this year, these two celebrations were less than a month apart, so that probably had some effect. But we can still prepare, even if it seems we were caught off guard. By taking time in the midst of all the running about, we can retain a certain balance in our lives, allowing us to be in control rather than being under the pressure of having to make certain deadlines.

May the birth of our savior bring God's joy and peace into your hearts and lives this Christmas season.

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPERS

As we gather for our celebrations this year, as always there will be both familiar and unfamiliar faces in our congregation. Welcome to all. Please be generous and patient with others as our churches will be filled to capacity for many of our celebrations.

A special note to our brothers and sisters who may have been away from the regular practice of the faith: I hope and pray that you will experience God's love in your hearts during our time together. It is my hope that you will consider prayerfully this invitation to you and your family to return to a fuller life of worship. We are one family in faith here in Prairie du Chien, and we strive to make Holy Family Parish truly one in name and in practice. Past hurts are best left in the past; if I have offended any in my time, please accept my apologies. While there may be areas of disagreements, we cannot let them keep us from worshipping Christ as he has called us to; namely by participating as Catholics in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist.

This being said, there is one important issue to be raised; if we have been away from the practice of the faith, before we begin receiving Holy Communion we need to make things right with God. For us Catholics, that is through the sacrament of Confession. This is one of the core teachings we have as Catholics, to confess our sins at least once a year. Can we attend Mass without receiving Holy Communion? By all means. We are called to keep holy the Sabbath; every Sunday (or Saturday). We are only called to receive once a year, although frequent reception builds our relationship with the one who gave his life so we might have eternal life.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all. Fr. Jim

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

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 Konicheck, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilius, 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.

CAR AND CASH II

Next Sunday, December 29 is Holy Family Sunday. For our parish feast this year, we will be holding the drawing for our Car and Cash raffle. We will also be offering a spaghetti dinner Sunday afternoon at St John's Hall. We will begin serving at 4:30. There will be a free will offering for the dinner, and the raffle will be drawn after 5:00 in the evening. Please take advantage of this opportunity to gather as Holy Family Parish on our feast day for some great food and fellowship and to see who the lucky winners are. If you have not yet purchased tickets, there are still some available; contact Mark or Lisa Mara or one of the parish offices if you are in need of a ticket (or a book). Again we would like to thank all of those who helped sell tickets this year, especially Mary Neisius for coordinating this raffle.

I would also like to state again how grateful we are to **Sut Hill** for the generous donation of the 2013 Dodge Dart for this year's grand prize. If you have a chance, pass on your thanks to him as well.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 15th	\$8,061.15	\$10,864.00
Plate for Dec. 15th	<u>571.68</u>	<u>571.88</u>
Total	\$8,632.83	\$11,435.88

The second collection came to \$453.80 and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BINGO

Bingo winners from Monday, December 16th:
 \$25.00 - Bill Upton; \$100.00 - Deb Schultz;
Progressive Jackpot Winner: (921.00) - Melody Igou;
50/50 Winner (\$76.00) - Roxie Shipley

Bingo Workers for Monday, Dec. 23rd are: **Check Writer:** Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Becky Rooney, Sue Groom & Melody Schneider; **Caller:** Dave Hemmer; **Food Provided by** Denise & Larry Rod and Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Jaxson Tesar & Austin Cejka

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.

On behalf of the many men and women who serve Christ in the foreign missions, the Diocesan Mission Office extends to Holy Family Parish a heartfelt thank you for your financial generosity on World Mission Sunday. We have received your contribution of \$1,498.00 which will be forwarded to the National Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. May God bless you for the financial and spiritual help you offer the Missions. Rev. Msgr. Roger J. Scheckel

Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve & Christmas

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm at St. Gabriel's:

Eucharistic Ministers: Howard Gillitzer, Laura Meyer; Kathy Schneider; **Lector:** Debbie Morovits **Servers:** Aaron & Zach Neisius & Volunteers; **Ushers:** Bob, Nicholas & Jeffery Ziel, Richard Steiner

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 5:30 pm (Children's Mass) at

St. John's: **Eucharistic Ministers:** Trish Hager, Molly Kirschbaum, Verna Panka; **Servers:** Josh Linder, Weston Hill, Ben Teynor & Peggy Koresh; **Lectors -** Students; **Ushers:** JWalkers

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 10:00 pm at St. John:

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Steger Doris Krogman, **Servers:** Bradley & Mitchell Luster, Sam Peterson; Macey Banasik; **Lectors:** Jerry Cummings & Rita Krahn; **Ushers:** Volunteers

Christmas Day, Dec. 25th at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's:

Eucharistic Ministers: Merle & Barbara Frommelt, Lucy Cornford; **Servers:** John Titlbach, Volunteers; **Lector:** Dr. Mark Grunwald; **Ushers:** Don Osterhaus, Jerry Matousek, Dick Tesar & John Chaffee

We are looking for Ushers for the Christmas Eve Mass at 10:00 pm at St. John's. Call 326-6511 if you can usher.

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, December 22

6:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

NO MASS at Prairie Maison

5:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

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

10:00 pm Mass at St. John's

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Thursday, December 26

NO daily Mass

Friday, December 27

NO daily Mass

Sunday, December 29

4:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner at St. John's Hall
 Car & Cash drawing to follow

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 Des-Rocher, 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 Kueter, 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 Mercatis, 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.

ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT!!!!!!

CAR & CASH II

Drawing December 29th

Grand Prize - 2013 Dodge Dart

1st Prize \$2,500.

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. The car is courtesy of Sut Hill.

These raffle tickets make great Christmas Gifts.