

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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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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April 27, 2014 • Divine Mercy Sunday

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR





St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 4TH

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Molly Kirschbaum &
Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Mary Osterhaus,
Megan Pedretti

SERVERS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Hayley & Bryce Bedward
Dalton & Preston Hendrix

Sunday 8:00 am Josh & Jonah Linder
Frankie & Harlee Eastman

LECTORS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Grunwald

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

USHERS-MAY 3/4

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Don
Osterhaus & Dick Tesar

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 4TH

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann Dillman &
Karen Hertrampf

SERVERS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Breann Holler
Peggy Koresh & Sadie Koresh

Sunday 10:00 am Macy Banasik & Ellie Mara
Katy Welsch & Nicole Rickleff

LECTORS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-MAY 3/4

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

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 29	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Roger Pellock
Wednesday, April 30	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Madonna Rouiller (Health)
Thursday, May 1	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Leone Peloch
Friday, May 2	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Tim Kelly (Health)
Saturday, May 3	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Maria J. Schneider
Sunday, May 4	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Art & Alice Feally
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Tim Cipra

Discover the Joy of Christ

Who Needs Mercy?

The Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy the Sunday after Easter, a fitting time to focus on the mercy God has shown each one of us God poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, and the mercy He shows each one of us in ways too numerous to count.

Mercy comes from the Latin word *miser cordia*, which means God's Heart desiring to alleviate our misery. Personal sin causes our misery. The merciful love of God is the central theme of the Bible and it is prevalent in the readings for Mass. The Gospel describes Jesus instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a "Sacrament of Mercy" as He breathes on the Apostles and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20; 22-23).

In our day, there is a renewed and vital focus on God's mercy. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who in the 1930's wrote a diary recording the revelations from Jesus that she was receiving about God's mercy. The Lord chose Sr. Faustina so that she would relay this urgent message of God's merciful love to our troubled world. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Proclaim to the whole world My unfathomable mercy. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace" (*Diary*, 1141, 1074).

Pope John Paul II, who established Divine Mercy Sunday and then died on its Vigil (the evening before the feast day), will be canonized on this very Feast. There are no coincidences here! Saint John Paul II was a modern-day spiritual hero and earned the title "The Great Mercy Pope" as God's mercy was a key for him.

Pope John Paul II spoke repeatedly about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times. One of his most amazing encyclicals was "Rich in Mercy" (*Dives in Misericordia*). In his writing, Pope John Paul II describes the mercy of God as the presence of a love which is greater than any evil, greater than any sin and greater than death. He calls on us to devote time in daily prayer to pleading for God's mercy for the whole world.

We are called to personally experience this mercy of God through some of the following means: venerating the image of Divine Mercy which contains the signature "Jesus, I Trust in You;" Praying the simple Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Rosary beads that takes about 5 – 7 minutes; focusing on Jesus' death at the three o'clock hour; being merciful to others especially through forgiveness.

From The Diocese of La Crosse Catechetical Office

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A special word of appreciation to all that spent so much time and effort to make our Easter celebrations so meaningful and beautiful. The choirs and musicians, the sacristans, the liturgy planners for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, the decorations for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday; so many people had a hand in these areas and more. I hope I am not forgetting anyone as I am writing, but please know that everything is much appreciated. God bless.

Fr Jim

Prayer Corner

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for:

Steve Moris, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Michael Aschom, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Clem Wachuta, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Richard Aschom, Lavonne Laskaskie, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Josephine Cipra, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Pam Hamann, Thomas Koenig, Dick Cherrier, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David.

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

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 13th	\$9,652.00	\$8,435.25
Plate for April 13th	<u>705.51</u>	<u>607.98</u>
TOTAL	\$10,357.51	\$9,043.23
Envelopes for April 20	\$5,158.00	\$7,915.75
Plate for April 20th	<u>1,810.05</u>	<u>620.22</u>
TOTAL	\$6,968.05	\$8,535.97
Easter Envelopes	\$9,223.00	\$10,570.00

The second collection for April 13th came to \$493.40 and on the 20th it came to \$993.53 and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, April 14th: \$25.00—Sophie Miller, Sandy McCoy, Ed Gobin; \$30.00 - Dorothy Degenhardt; \$45.00 - Yvonne Gillitzer; \$100.00 - Peg Stoeffler; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Cheryl Nierling; **50/50 Winner (\$61.50)** - Shirley Leamy

Bingo Winners from Monday, April 21st: \$25.00 - Dorothy Degenhardt, Debra Gianfrancesco; \$30.00 - Melody Igou; \$45.00 - Bob Wallin; \$100.00 - Bob Wallin; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Dorothy Degenhardt; **50/50 Winner (\$61.50)** - Alice Schlitter

Bingo Workers for Monday, April 28th: **Check Writer:** Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Karen Fischer, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Lunch Provided by:** Mary Stoeffler, Denise & Larry Rod; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Gracie Colson & Makennan Gerhards

1ST Holy Communion

Congratulations to our 2nd grade class receiving their 1st Holy Communion today. This is a very special time in our lives as Catholic Christians, a day that they will remember for a long time. If you cannot attend the Mass to celebrate this, please keep our second graders and their families in your prayers today and in the months to come. May Christ enrich your lives and give you the grace and strength to receive him worthily today and always. God bless. Fr. Jim

Our First Communicants are:

Emma Abram, Sophia Ames, Noah Connor, Julian DeGidio, Dawson Eastman, Shawn Egstad, Madilyn Fisher, Charlotte Fox, Mikayla Gilberts, Scout Hall, Tyler Harris, Drake Ingham

Arianna Johnston, Logan Kiesau, Allison Lindner, Zachary Mezera, Jackson Miller, Gabriel Munson-Fishler, Lindsey Nolan, Sean Ross, Max Schneider, Owen Teynor, Avery Thompson.



Easter Flowers were also given in memory of:

Anthony Mezera Family, Max Gilberts, Fred Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, George & Adeline Becwar, Ken & Evelyn Picha. Thank you.

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, April 27th

12:00 pm First Communion at St. Gabriel's

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Thursday, May 1

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

7:00 pm Ed Commission meeting in St. John's Hall

Sunday, May 4

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's Hall Lottery Calendar & Holy Name Raffle drawing

10:00 am Special Mass recognizing the 2014 Graduation Class of the Senior High School

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual "Tootsie Roll" Drive on the weekend of May 3rd & 4th. K.C. members will be participating in the drive after all Masses next weekend. Please support the K.C. Tootsie Roll Drive.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER

With the summer hopefully approaching, if we have any people interested in helping with yard maintenance or helping with the flowers at either St John's or St Gabriel location or in either cemetery, please contact the parish office. We are always in need of help in keeping our facilities beautiful. Thank you.

Fr. Jim

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **John Wolfram** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Saturday, May 10th we will host our annual **Saints Scramble three person-best shot tournament** at the PdC Country Club. Following the golf outing, we will host a live band at St. Gabriel's School. *The Back Home Boys* are once again lined up for an evening of food, dancing & music.

The men's group will host a **Mother's Day breakfast** on Sunday, May 11th with serving from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

Our annual **Bohemian Dinner** will be held on Sunday, May 18th. Serving from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in St. John's Hall. Tender Smoked Pork Chop, Potato Dumplings, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Poppyseed Loaf Bread, Poppyseed Cake.