

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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### St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
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Phone: 326-6511

### Rectory Office Hours

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

### St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 326-2404

### Rectory Office Hours

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

Wade Marlow

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Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra

Please call (357-2000)

December 14, 2014

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 21ST

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 4:00 pm Trish Hager, Richard Ambrose,  
Howard Gillitzer

Sunday 8:00 am Sharon Atkins, Donna Teynor &  
Rhonda Stubbe

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 4:00 pm Ava & Ella Hager

Kyle & Seth MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am James & Dominique Reilly  
Brady & Mitchell Luster

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

### USHERS-DECEMBER 20/21

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-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Corey Steger



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 21ST

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, Merle & Barb Frommelt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Jean Ann Dillman &  
Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler

Garett Young, Macey Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Jerrod Osterkamp, Ellie Mara  
Madelyn & Matthias Gerhards

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

### USHERS-DECEMBER 20/21

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

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 20/21

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron or Sarah Kramer

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

**\*\*\*Communal Penance Service - Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 pm at St. John's Church\*\*\***

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

### Confessions:

St. Gabriel's 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday

St. John's 6:00 to 6:45 pm on Saturday

Monday, December 15	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mark Walters
Tuesday, December 16	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Roger Pellock
Wednesday, December 17	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bob Boland
Thursday, December 18	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Rose M. Trautsch
Friday, December 19	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Herb Baures
Saturday, December 20	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Helen Wilkinson
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Roger W. Steiner
Sunday, December 21	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Jonathan Steger
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

## GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday, the 'pink candle' Sunday, the Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. Gaudete is the imperative plural form of the Latin verb gaudere (to rejoice). It is a command ordering us to rejoice! In these days of penance and preparation leading up to the feast of our Savior's birth, it reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Jesus.

In Advent, we not only celebrate the first coming of our Lord, but eagerly prepare for His Second Coming as well, when the restoration of all things takes place. Too often many of us shudder at the thought of our Lord's coming in glory; as if it were a frightening event and certainly it will be for those who knowingly rejected Jesus. But for Christians who persevere, it will be our great deliverance from the troubles and trials of this world. All the world will bend the knee some in terror but as for God's friends, they will bend the knee in joyful adoration as Jesus takes His place as King. The earliest Christians cried 'Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!' expecting Jesus to come at any moment. So should we should long for His return with our lamps trimmed and our souls ready. It is indeed something to celebrate and prepare for. Advent turns our hearts and minds to this reality.

Should commercialism or the evils of the world get us down we need to look at the Advent wreath with its candles burning down patiently, a new one each week in the spiral they create, going down as we light the pink one this week which fills us with joy that we are getting closer and closer to the coming of the Lord. We can place ourselves on the hillsides with the shepherds in the silent chill with patient anticipation of they-knew-not-what until the angel told them. We can imagine the three wise men silhouetted in the brightness of the Christmas star. And then we can meditate on being in that stable with the smell of straw, animals, and a beautiful New-born Who is our hope. We can let our burdens drop away at the foot of the manger when He smiles at us. We can receive Him into our arms and hearts as Mary holds Him out to us as the gentle Joseph looks on. This Child is our victory.

REJOICE!

By John Mallon

Catholic Online; <http://www.catholic.org/>

Dec 13, 2005

The colors for Gaudeter Sunday are either rose or violet, no one specific color is required. The color rose is a lighter shade of violet, and signifies that the light of Christ is getting close at hand. We also light the rose candle this day. As the article above stated, another aspect of Gaudete Sunday is that the penitential aspect of advent is lightened for the day as well, and the theme of 'hope' and "rejoicing" should prevail in our lives.

**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 you can drop it off at St. John's Rectory.

## 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: Steve Moris, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, 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, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Michael Aschom, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Richard Aschom, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Pam Hamann, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Albenia Sutton, Patricia McCoy, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Jason Bierman, Dana Kahler, Nancy Aschom, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Christine Alioto.

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

**Sweepstake Calendars are now available from Holy Family Rectory - St. John's location and the school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. These make great Christmas gifts.**

**Holy Name Raffle Winners: \$10.00 -** Teresa Zart, Reedstown; Milo Payne, Seneca; John Chaffee, PdC; Mary Prindle, PdC; Bernard Mayer, PdC. **\$25.00 -** Don Cipra, PdC; Ron Becwar, PdC; **\$100.00 -** Stan Stevenson, Gays Mills

**Holy Family Youth Group "The JWalkers" will be hosting a Breakfast fundraiser at Hardees on Saturday, January 10, 2015.** The cost is only \$6.00 for the all you can eat breakfast buffet. It will be served from 7:00 to 10:00 am. Tickets will also be available from any JWalkers or Kurt Kravchuk and Mary Stoeffler. Please support these young people as this money is used for many service projects.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 7th	\$9332.00	\$7,910.00
Plate for Dec. 7th	457.00	579.24
Holy Day	<u>132.00</u>	<u>815.50</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,921.00</b>	<b>\$9,304.74</b>

The second collection came to \$364.60 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Bingo Winners from Monday, December 8th:** \$25.00 – Richard Crabtree, Ed Gobin, Virginia Meana; \$45.00 - Devlin Bauer; \$100.00 - JoDee Bedtka; **Progressive Jackpot Winner (\$1,228.00)** - Devlin Bauer; **50/50 Winner (\$91.50)** -Becky Rooney

**Bingo Workers for Monday, December 14th:** **Check Writer:** Sarah Holler; **Floor Workers** - Sheila Eastman, Ruth Klang & Amy Young; **Lunch Provided by:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Gracie Colson & Makennan Gerhards

**Sweepstake Calendar Winners for December, 2014**

**\$100.00:** Jim & Lucy Cornford, PdC; Easton Knutson, Eastman; Ruth Ertel, PdC; Don & Charlene Roh, PdC; Jerry Steiner, Durham, N.C.

**\$50.00:** John Reinke, PdC; Ken Fernette, PdC; Cathy Bierman, PdC; Daniel Key, PdC; Paul Moris, PdC.

**\$25.00:** Jessica Steger, PdC; Nicole Coorough, Kettering, Ohio; Ginny Cooper, Wauzeka; Abby Rooney, PdC; Justin Panka, PdC; Dale Huston, PdC; Kana Tesar, Eastman; Kate Hermsen, PdC; Steven Bauer, LaCrosse; Nancy DuCharme, PdC; Danielle Steger, LaCrosse; Evelyn Waller, PdC; John Titlbach, PdC; Emily Steger, PdC; Zita Balk, PdC; Mary Beth Wellach, Juneau, WI; John Chaffee, PdC; Jan Rutter, PdC; Ana Martin, PdC; Tracey Knuthla, EauClaire

**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 then list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins. Michael & Zita Balk, Mary Barrette, Robert & Cecelia Becwar, Mary Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Cecilia Benda, Irene Beneker, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Linda Cherrier, James & Lucy Cornford, Donald & Joan Draka, Irving & Carol DuCharme, Janice Duve, Edgar Eichmann, John & Betty Fischer, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Paul & Matilda Flansburgh, Karen Fritsche, Neil & Yvonne Gillitzer, Gary & Joan Howe, Connie Hudson, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Kurt & Teresa Jaynes, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Michael & Deborah Mara, Audrey Mara, Jeanine Mara, Lyle & Roberta Marfilius, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Terry Meyer, Anne Mezera, Dennis Mezera, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Patrick & Iva Mulhern, John Mulrooney, Elizabeth Munson, Jeffrey & Jennifer Nack, Janet Nelson, David & Marilyn Nies, Lawrence & Joan Novey, Richard & Verna Panka, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Mary Pellock, Joan Poots, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, John & Annette Powers, Terry & Clara Powers, Gregory & Ann Quick.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal payments need to be received at the Milwaukee address by December 31st to be included in the 2014 tax reports. Parishioners should have their payment to us by December 20th to ensure they reach the bank before December 31st.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH** 4b

**Sunday, December 14**  
JWalkers will be Christmas caroling after the 10:00 am Mass followed by a Christmas party  
3:00 pm Communal Penance at St. John's Church

**Monday, December 15**  
7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School

**Tuesday, December 16**  
3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison  
6:00 pm Choir practice at St. Gabriel's

**Wednesday, December 17**  
6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

**Thursday, December 18**  
Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's  
Benediction at 1:00 pm  
5:15 pm Choir practice at St. John's  
7:00 pm Parish Council meeting at St. John's School

**Friday, December 19**

**Saturday, December 20**

**Sunday, December 21**  
Non perishable food collection for our local food pantry next weekend. Containers are in the back of Church.

**Bloodmobile on Monday, Dec. 15th at the National Guard Armory from Noon until 6:00 pm. Give Blood and Save a Life.**

**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS DAY MASSES**

The Christmas Mass schedule is:  
Christmas Eve 5:00 PM St John's  
Christmas Eve 5:30 PM St Gabriel's (children's Mass)  
Christmas Eve 10:00 PM St John's (Midnight Mass Celebration)  
Christmas Day 9:00 AM St Gabriel's

On New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a holy Day of Obligation, the Mass schedule will be as follows:  
Wed Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00 PM St Gabriel's  
Thursday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM St Gabriel's  
10:00 AM St John's

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Seasons greetings! The 6th graders recently discovered pi by measuring and dividing the circumference by the diameter. Now they are able to extend this knowledge in finding the area of a circle and semi-circle. The 7th graders are also working on geometry and measurement. They started with the basic angle and will advance to problem solving areas of irregular figures. As of Tuesday, Snack-n-Go is back in business. The 8th graders are in charge of ordering, stocking and counting money for their concession stand. They learn first hand, wholesale cost, retail cost, unit rate, and customer service. They finalize the project with the use of a spreadsheet to display their data. Merry Christmas!  
*-Mrs. Igou*