

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

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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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February 2, 2014 • Presentation of the Lord

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

The Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

— Lk 2:29-32a





St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 9

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum, Kathy Schneider, & Laura Meyer

Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Ann Lessard & Karen Fritsche

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Paige & Ryan Severson
Gina & Angela Sebastian

Sunday 8:00 am Kyle & Seth MacEachern
Frankee & Harlee Eastman

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

USHERS-FEBRUARY 8/9

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-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 9

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Karen Hertrampf, Doris Krogman & Verna Panka

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Madelyn & Makennan Gerhards
Nick Holler & Matthias Gerhards

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Steve Rickleff

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-FEBRUARY 8/9

Saturday 7:00 pm Sarah & Steve Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

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!

PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS ON TUES, WED, OR THURS.



Tuesday, February 4	NO MASS		
Wednesday, February 5	NO MASS		
Thursday, February 6	NO MASS		
Friday, February 7	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Walter Hermsen
Saturday, February 8	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† LaVern White
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to our Pastor
Sunday, February 9	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Rose Kramer
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Joe & Emma Becwar

HUMANAE VITAE—STILL RELEVANT AND REAL

This is the title of Bishop Callahan's blog this month. It is well worth taking a bit of time reflecting on this article (you can find it here: <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/blog>) In his blog, Bishop Callahan ties in the events of 1968 with the current events surrounding Obamacare and the mandates this law calls for. If you are interested in seeing what all the fuss was about, pick up a copy of *Humane Vitae* yourself. Don't let the Latin title dissuade you, the prophetic encyclical is in English and is very short, only 13 pages printed as a Word document. You can find it on the internet as well; just google **Humane Vitae**.

This is an issue that affects not only Catholics, but all people of good will. Yes, it is Catholic groups that are at the forefront of the current lawsuits, but where will it all lead? If one group can be forced to violate their freedom and religious liberties, what group will be persecuted next? What about other freedoms and liberties guaranteed by our constitution? These are concern for all Americans regardless of political leanings. The rights to life and protection of all human life as well as the protection of fundamental freedoms guaranteed in our constitution go beyond any political debate. They go to the heart of who we are as a nation, and are based upon the principals our forefathers sacrificed dearly to preserve.

Reflection to help prepare for next Sunday

It is always good to know what is coming down the road in all aspects of life. In light of this, I will occasionally find an article to help us prepare for the coming week. This is by Carl Olson of Our Sunday Visitor. His full article can be found on www.osv.com

Take a moment and make an inventory of every light you might use or benefit from in the course of a week: room lights, headlights, lamps, porch lights, street lights and even flashlights. And that's not counting the light from televisions, computer monitors, tablets, smartphones and other devices.

Now imagine living in ancient Israel without electricity. In such a world, it was difficult, if not impossible, to take light for granted. Scripture is filled with references to light. "The Bible," states the "Dictionary of Biblical Imagery" (InterVarsity Press, \$50), "is enveloped by the imagery of light, both literally and figuratively." The first reference is found at the very beginning, in the opening verses of Genesis: "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness" (Gn 1:3-4). This reference to physical light also serves as a rich metaphor and description of God's presence, life and love. The last chapter of the Bible states, "Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever" (Rv 22:5).

This week we welcome Fr. Paul Farin of Cross Catholic Outreach. Fr Paul will be speaking on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. In the United States, one of their apostolates is to help out at a parish to allow the parish priest to get away, and I am very appreciative of this. After a very busy Christmas season, it is good to get away for a few days before the Lenten season kicks into high gear.

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, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, 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, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Michael Aschom, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Mary Markham, Rita Lester, Clem Wachuta, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Lloyd Rickleff, Richard Aschom, Lavonne Laskaskie, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik and Catherine Mezera.

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

NO MASS ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for January 26th	\$6,168.00	\$7,031.00
Plate for January 26	333.25	474.50
Heat & Utilities	<u>154.00</u>	<u>496.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,655.25	\$8,001.50

The second collection came to \$422.80 and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

Thank you for your support!

BINGO

Bingo Workers for Monday, February 3rd: Check
Writer: John Fischer; **Floor Workers:** Lucy
 Cornford, Betty Fischer, Peggy Fischer; **Caller:** Kyle
 Teynor; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Kylie
 Kramer & Thomas Mara

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. Mary Becwar, JoAnn Blodgett, Thomas & Lisa Dyer, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, Fred Grelle, Thomas Halpin, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Thomas & Nancy Koenig, Patrick & Catherine Lorenz, Cletus Mezera, Joan Poots, Terry & Anita Reglin, William & Lorraine Rice, John & Ann Rink, Donald & Edith Ritchie, Laretta Rod, Dr. Michael & Kristine Rogge, Donald & Charlene Roh, Mick & Becky Rooney, Curt & Shelly Root, Mary Rupp, Wilbur Rupp, Jan Rutter, Robert & Victoria Samples, Herbert & Helen Schneider, Robert & Linda Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Mary Schultz, Steve & Julie Schwager, Robert & Ethel Sebastian Vicki Sebastian, Millie Senesac, JoAnn Shea, Monica Shedivy, Mary T. Shedivy, Mary E. Shedivy, Ronald Shipley, Scott & Peggy Sklenar, Peggy Smith, Betty Standorf, Anna Mae Steffensmeier, Edward & Donna Steger, Gregory & Diane Steger, Timothy & Charlene Steger, Louis & Anita Steger, Catherine Steger, Terence Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Thomas & Karen Steiner, Russell & Mary Steiner, Mary Steiner, Michael & Donna Steiner, Thomas & Barbara Stram, Gerald Stram, Michael & Melissa Stram, Clement & Jacqueline Stram.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALANDERS

Feb 2	Swiss Steak Dinner
March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 7	Fish Fry - St Wenceslaus, Eastman
Mar 21	Fish Fry - St John's Hall
Apr 11	Fish Fry - St John's Hall

The men's group has decided that there will not be a St Patrick's Day dinner this year; the celebration will be included with the Fish Fry the following Friday.

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, February 2

10:45 am to 1:00 pm Swiss Steak Dinner at St. Gabriel's
 1st drawing for the Calendar Sweepstakes & Holy
 Name Raffle

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

NO MASS

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 5

NO MASS

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

Thursday, February 6

NO MASS

6:30 pm Family Life meeting at Verna Panka's (147 N.
 Wacouta Ave.)

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

Registration still being accepted! **Martha & Mary Women's Conference** on February 15th at the Grand River Center in Dubuque. Women and teens are invited to attend. The day includes great Catholic speakers who will call us to holiness and encourage us on our faith journey. Special sessions for teens! Sign up today and bring a friend! To register call 563-580-9373 or go on online at:
www.springtimeofhope.org

It is time to pay attention to your relationship with God? Sign up for the Christian Experience Weekends (CEW). The men's CEW will be held at St. Patrick Parish in Waukon from February 21st-23rd, 2014. The women's CEW will be held at Village Creek Bible Camp near Waukon from February 28th-March 2nd, 2014. For registration forms or any questions contact Jim at (563) 568-7933 or jimcooper73@hotmail.com or Rita Newton at (563) 568-3894 or email her at:
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 SWISS STEAK DINNER
 SUNDAY, FEB. 2ND - 10:45 AM TO 1:00 PM
 ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL HALL-
 CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE**