

# 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)

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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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January 5, 2014 • Epiphany of the Lord

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your LIGHT has come,  
the glory of the Lord SHINES upon you.  
See, DARKNESS covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his GLORY.  
NATIONS shall walk by your light,  
and KINGS by your shining radiance.*

ISAIAH 60:1-3

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## St. John's

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 12

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Jean Ann Dillman &  
Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-JANUARY-11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Liz & Ashley Mezera  
Sadie Koresh & Rebecca Champion

Sunday 10:00 am Faith Dillman & Kylee Weber  
Chas & Brytta Sagedahl

### LECTORS-JANUARY-11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

### USHERS-JANUARY-11/12

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

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul  
Porvaznik & Ron Trautsch

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve & Sarah Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 12

Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Howard Gillitzer, Kathy Schneider,  
Laura Meyer

Sunday 8:00 am Jeri Kluesner, Joe & Sharon Atkins

### SERVERS-JANUARY 11/12

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

Sunday 8:00 am Brett & Macy Sanders  
Ben & Clare Teynor

### LECTORS-JANUARY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Dr. Ann Grunwald

Sunday 8:00 am Arlene Willms

### USHERS-JANUARY 11/12

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-JANUARY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor



## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, January 7	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Leone Peloch
Wednesday, January 8	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Marguerite Caya
Thursday, January 9	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Robert "Bob" Check
Friday, January 10	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Peter & Catherine Ambrose
Saturday, January 11	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Alma Wall † Fred Zins
Sunday, January 12	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Beatrice McGrath For All Thos Entrusted to Our Pastor

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those that made our Christmas celebration so very special this year. There were many that were involved with all the decorating at both churches for Advent and Christmas. These are very much behind the scenes jobs, which simply would not be done without the generous gift of time these individuals make. However, if something should happen, and they would not get done, they would be very much missed. Please accept this as an invitation to help in taking the decorations down or in offering couple hours for the next major decorating occasion. The more hands we have helping, the quicker we finish. Thank you as well to those who help out on a weekly basis keeping our churches looking so nice.

Also, thank you to the choir. We had beautiful celebrations at both churches this Christmas, and much of this can be accorded to the effort our choir members and directors put in to make these celebrations so special. They take extra time each year and it pays off in a beautiful celebration. If you have been blessed with the ability to sing, please consider joining the choir. We can always use new voices and musicians for celebrations at both churches and for funerals. Lastly, a thank you to those that put together our children's Mass. This is a special Mass every year that is enjoyed by the children, parents and grandparents alike. The special readings and accompanying pageant take only a few minutes before the Mass, and help set the stage for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

## POSTURE DURING AND AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

As I stated at Masses this past weekend, this has come up often in the past couple years. (I apologize to those at the 4:00 PM Mass, as the sound system was accidentally left off, making it difficult for many to understand what was being said) The question raised is: *'why do we stand at the beginning of the Communion procession and remain standing all the way through?'* Quite a few people have come forward and asked about this after visiting other locations both in our diocese and elsewhere. I am guilty of not following up with the diocesan office of liturgy the last time this came up, but did so this time. After describing the custom here in Prairie du Chien, I was told that they were not aware of this being the practice at any other location. Therefore, going forward, we will join the custom practiced by the other churches in our diocese. Following will be our practice:

As we begin the Communion procession, please remain kneeling or seated (kneeling is the standard, sitting is permissible if physical limitations prevent kneeling). As the communion line approaches your pew, we ask that you stand and come forward, one to two pews at a time. Normally this will be done as the ushers come to your place from front to back. After receiving Holy Communion, please return to your pews and resume kneeling (or sitting). After the community has received, and the priest has reserved the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, you may sit as a reflection piece is played or sung. This after Communion posture is optional, as many desire to remain kneeling until the priest is finished and sits. This is a time of prayer and reflection for the individual, so whichever posture helps you personally during this time, adopt that one. (cont. on next column)

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This time of silence and reflection is an important part of reception of Holy Communion. It is a time to reflect on the many blessings we have received from God in our individual lives, in the life of our families, in the life of our parish and in our world. Rushing out the door without offering this prayer of thanksgiving would be similar to going out to dinner with family and friends and rushing out the door immediately after finishing the main course, without thanking the host or saying goodbye. Why do we treat our Lord in a way we would never treat humans? In this analogy, the final blessing can be compared to desert; it is not the main course, but it completes the meal as nothing else can.  
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 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, Lloyd Rickleff, Richard Aschom, Michael Aschom, Kayla Taylor Vorwald, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Mary Markham, Rita Lester, Elaine Stram, Clem Wachuta 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.

**Additional memorials for Christmas flowers:** Robert & Brian Waller, Wencil & Leona Swatek, George & Leona Waller, Jerome & Jean Jackson, & John Steger.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Christmas Collection	\$22,871.83	\$20,149.17

The School Fund envelopes came to \$277.00.

The envelope collection for December 28/29 will be published in next week's bulletin.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## BINGO

Bingo Workers for Monday, January 6th are: **Check Writer:** John Fischer; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Betty Fischer, Peggy Fischer, Kati Forsythe; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Lunch Provided by:** Tammy Cram & Kati Forsythe.

### SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS

#### DRAWING February 1, 2014

Sweepstake Calendars are now available from either rectory and the school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CAR & CASH WINNERS:**

Dodge Dart - Daniel Key; \$2,500.00 - Carol Walz; \$250.00 - Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly, Tom Cornford, Paul Lochner, Mike Higgins, Tammy Cram, Ashlyn Knapp, Carl Heil, Roger Helgerson, Don Roh, and Don Lynn. Thank you to all who purchased tickets for this raffle and a special thank you to Sut Hill for donating the car.

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. Anthony Bakken, Mary Campbell, John & Patricia Check, Edgar & Virginia Eichmann, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Leo & Patti Flanders, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Mavis Godden, Monica Horner, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Patricia Kramer, June Looney, Thomas Mara, Maurice & Bette Mayer, John Mulrooney, Elizabeth Munson, Jeffrey & Jennifer Nack, Peter & Mary Neisius, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, David & Karen Nelson, Janet Nelson, Earl & Janette Nicholson, William & Holly Nicholson, David & Marilyn Nies, Frank & Betty Nolan, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Joyce Novey, Kathleen Novey, Lawrence & Joan Novey, William Nugent, Marilyn Ocenosak, Bernard O'Connell, Todd & Dee O'Connell, Maurice & Loretta Oehler, James & Carol O'Meara, Thomas & Shirley Panka, Richard & Verna Panka, Kyle & Michele Pattison, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Tracy & Laurie Pedretti, Roger & Mary Pellock, Carrol Polodna, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, John & Annette Powers, Terry & Clara Powers, Joseph & Joanne Prew, Joseph & Patricia Prochaska, Greg & Ann Quick, Mattie Rademacher.

### 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, January 5

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

Capital Campaign presentation following 10:00 am Mass at St. John's

### Monday, January 6

7:00 pm Bingo in St. Gabriel's Hall

### Tuesday, January 7

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Capital Campaign presentation at St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria

### Wednesday, January 8

6:30 pm Capital Campaign presentation at St. John's

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

### Thursday, January 9

6:00 pm Finance Council will meet in St. John's Hall

### Sunday, January 12

6:30 pm JWalkers will meet at St. Gabriel's School

**Volunteer Wanted:** We need someone to oversee the kitchen for funeral luncheons at St. John's. Call Lana at 326-6511 for more information.

**A reminder that your 2013 contribution reports from Holy Family Parish will be mailed out to you by January 31, 2014. The contribution statements for the Bishop's Annual Appeal will be mailed out to you from the Diocese of LaCrosse.**

**Knights of Columbus Council 8178 of Monona, IA** will be hosting their annual free throw contest on Sunday, January 12th, 2014 at the MFL Mar Mac High School gym in Monona, IA. Warm-ups and registration begins at 12:00 noon with competition to begin at 1:00 pm. Competition is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. Call Mark Fohey at 563-539-4238 if you have questions.

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Kathryn M. Evans** in your prayers. She passed away Sunday, December 29th. Her funeral is still pending. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

**REMINDER.....**Check out our website at [www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org) You can read the weekly bulletin or the weekend homily. Check out what's going on in our school, calendar of upcoming events and all sorts of information.