

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

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

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May 11, 2014 • 4th Sunday of Easter

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



4th Sunday of Easter

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." *Jn 10:2-4*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 18TH

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Trish Hager, Mary Kirschbaum, Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Rhonda Stubbe

SERVERS-MAY 17/18

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

Sunday 8:00 am Ben & Clare Teynor
Brandon Hanger & Aaron Neisius

LECTORS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Cory Steger

Sunday 8:00 am J.J. Jackson

USHERS-MAY 17/18

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

Sunday 8:00 am Kurt Kravchuk, Gunnar Kravchuk,
Jim McGrath & Sean McGrath

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Cory & Rob Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 18TH

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Diane Steger

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

SERVERS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Bailey Ottaway & Carter Steger
Zach & Nick Mara

Sunday 10:00 am Allison & Lauren Kennedy
Caitlin Pattison & Brytta Sagedahl

LECTORS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

USHERS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer, & Tim Looney

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

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron /Sarah Kramer, Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy

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!



Tuesday, May 13	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Rose M. Trautsch
Wednesday, May 14	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Deceased members of the Joseph & Theresa Gillitzer Family
Thursday, May 15	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bernice Cathman
Friday, May 16	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Earl LaVerne White
Saturday, May 17	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Dorothy Jelinek
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† John & Margaret Check
Sunday, May 18	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bernice Cathman
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† For All those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Why Do We Honor Mary?

(From the Diocese of La Crosse office of Catechesis)

During the month of May, we give special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was chosen by God to be the Mother of our Savior and therefore one of her titles is 'Mother of God', in Greek *Theotokos*, which literally means "God-bearer". This title, declared definitively at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., states that Mary is Mother of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity made Man. We can arrive at a very simple, logical conclusion from the Council's declaration:

1. Jesus is God
2. Mary is the mother of Jesus.....and, therefore.....
3. Mary is the Mother of God

It seems simple enough, but a critical point must be made because when we say Mary is the Mother of God, it sounds as if she pre-exists God, as all mothers pre-exist their children in time and space. Doesn't that make her God, or at least equal with God? The answer to this question, asked frequently by many who are not Catholic, is of course, "no." A clear understanding regarding the Person of Jesus and the person of Mary is required here. Jesus is one divine Person with two natures, a divine nature and a human nature which are inseparably united in this one divine Person. Mary is a human person with one nature, a human nature.

What is it then that Mary gives to Jesus? She gives to God, to Jesus, a human nature, and only a human nature. Because she gives birth to the one, undivided Person of Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man, the Church holds that Mary should be honored as the "Mother of God."

Is it legitimate to say that Mary is the Mother of God if she did not give to Jesus His divine nature? We need to consider what our mother gave to us. Did she give us an immortal soul? Clearly she did not. God infuses our created soul at the moment of conception and yet, we have no problem calling the woman, in whom we were conceived and eventually birthed, our "mother." The definition of motherhood is "one who begets in time the same nature as one has herself."

Though our mother gives us only the gift of her like nature, her human nature, the fruit of maternal generation is the whole child, the entire person, and not only the physical body. In the same sense, Mary is rightly called the "Mother of God." She gives "flesh", a human nature, to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

We have in Scripture the explicit revelation of Mary's divine motherhood at the "Annunciation" from the words of the Angel Gabriel: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Luke 1:31, 35b).

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During this month when we honor our mother, it is fitting that we also honor Mary as "Mother of God." This "veneration" is that reverence and recognition of excellence, which is distinct from adoration and worship that is deserved and rightly offered to God, the Creator, alone. In honoring Mary, God's creature, she will deepen and point us toward a more perfect homage of God Himself. Let us turn to her with our personal requests, knowing that she will intercede on our behalf before the Son of God, her Son, Jesus.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

To all our mothers, on behalf of Holy Family Parish, I would like to wish you all a blessed Mother's Day. Please know you are all in my prayers on this special day. God bless.

Fr. Jim.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, Whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our savior. Amen.

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 Marfilius, 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, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette.

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

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, May 5th: \$25.00 - Carolyn Priebe, Alice Schlitter, Deb Schultz, Sandy McCoy; \$30.00 - Deb Schultz; \$45.00 - Nancy Donlon; \$50.00 each - Helen White & Melody Igou; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Jeanne Moris; **50/50 Winner (\$68.00)** - Terry Crabtree

Next Monday the progressive jackpot will be at \$650.00 plus 50% of the jackpot card sales in 52 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, May 12th are: **Check Writer:** Deb Schultz; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Floor Workers:** Pam Kiesau & Becky Rooney; **Food Preparation:** Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Quentin Lochner & Mitchell Luster

Thank you to the family of Richard Cherrier and to the family of Vi Atkins for their donation to our Capital Campaign in their memory. We are very grateful for these gifts.

The Holy Name Raffle Winners for May, 2014 are:
 \$10.00 - Marilyn Ocenosak, PdC; Mike Thompson, PdC; Delora Belanger, Dubuque; Millicent Ronnfeldt, PdC; Esther Hamann, PdC
 \$25.00 - Char Steger, PdC; Shirley Cipra, PdC
 \$100.00 - Becky & Mick Rooney

The Winners for the Calendar Sweepstakes are:
 \$100.00 - Holy Family CCD Program; Austin Erdenberger, PdC; Carol Walz, PdC; Kathryn & Natalie Czerniak, Lake Mills, WI; Ted & Sarah Smith, Durango, IA
 \$50.00 - Jim Hutchison, PdC; Lori & Dave Allie, Shoreview, MN; Joyce & Ray Siegele, Marquette, IA; Ellie Dixon, LaCrosse; Derek & Jasmine Frommelt, Clive, Iowa
 \$25.00 - Rachel Morrissey, McGregor; Wyatt Welter, PdC; Marian Bernabei, PdC; Sue Gillitzer, PdC; Bob & Deb Wachter, PdC; Abby Rooney, PdC; Catherine Mayer, PdC; Jonathan Herman, PdC; Ashley Hagen, PdC; Eldon Pluemer, Potosi; Scott & Katy McIntyre, Greendale; Carrie Linder, Mt. Hope; Nick & Heidi DuCharme, Dunkerton, Ia; Scott Kennedy, PdC; Julian DeGideo, PdC; Kevin Hanger, PdC; Brian & Rhonda Kazda, Mt. Hope; Tyler Erdenberger, Seneca; Nancy DuCharme, PdC; Bryan Novey, PdC.

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, May 11

8:00 to 10:00 am Mother's Day Breakfast in St. Gabriel's School Hall

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, May 14

Thursday, May 15

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's Church
 Benediction at 1:00 pm

7:00 pm Holy Family Parish Council meeting in St. John's Hall

Sunday, May 18

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Bohemian Dinner in St. John's Hall; All are invited to attend

Next weekend: Monthly Collection for our local Food Pantry. There are containers for the non-perishable food items in the back of Church.

June 23-27 - Summer Bible Camp, St. Wenceslaus, Eastman, led by the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. More information in next weekend's bulletin.

SAVE THE DATE, SPREAD THE WORD, and JOIN US for the 150th Sesquicentennial celebration of St. Mary's Help of Christians Parish in Glen Haven, WI on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Plans include a 4:30 p.m. hog roast and social; an 8 p.m. celebratory mass; and fireworks and refreshments at dusk at Wagner Memorial Shelter by the river.

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, Poppysed Loaf Bread, Poppysed Cake. Tickets are available at both rectories, Hartig Drug, People's State Bank & Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly. \$8.50 in advance and \$9.00 at the door. Bring your family and friends.

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for May 4th	\$8,987.00	\$10,271.25
Plate for May 4th	692.96	736.50
Easter (add'l)	<u>110.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$9,789.96	\$11,007.75

The second collection came to \$825.25 and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!