

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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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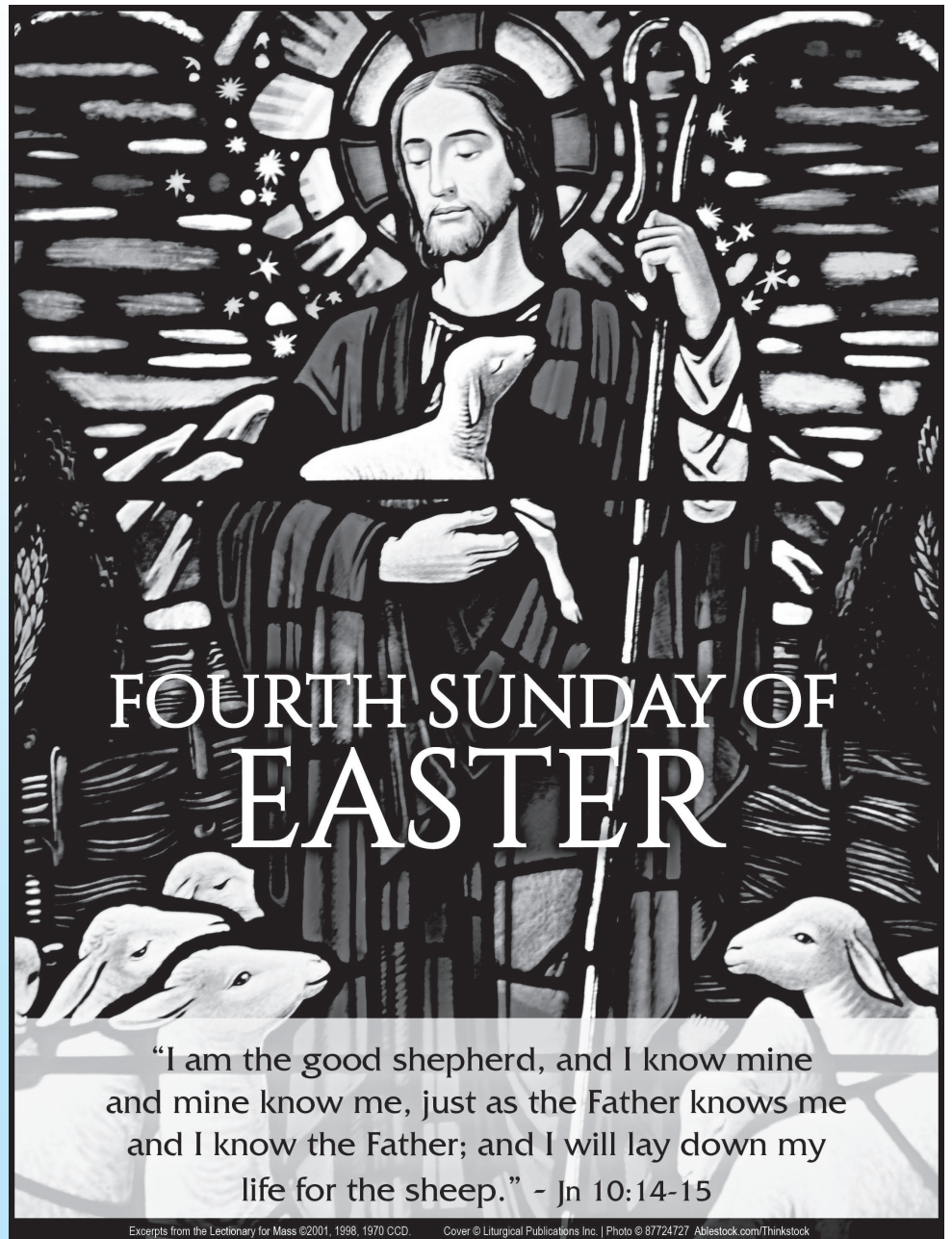
Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra

Please call (326-8553)

April 26, 2015 - 4th Sunday of Easter

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR





St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 3RD

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Richard Ambrose
(Trish Hager)

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

SERVERS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Hailey & Bryce Bedward
Paige Schneider & Katie Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Morgan Kiesau & Emma Bjurquist
Kendall & Weston Hill

LECTORS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Dr. Mark Grunwald

USHERS-MAY 2/3

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-MAY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 3RD

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, & Merle & Barb
Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Diane Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Doris Krogman,
(Donna Steiner)

SERVERS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Brandon Hanger & Carter Steger
Austin & Ashley Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Emily Steger, Josh Linder
Makennan Gerhards, Caitlin Pattison

LECTORS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Seniors

USHERS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaefer, & Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Jack Stoeffler, Gunner Kravchuk, Sean
McGrath, & Wesley Schwager

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

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 28	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Mary McGrath
Wednesday, April 29	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Vulmar Bohnenkamp
Thursday, April 30	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† John Stoeffler
Friday, May 1	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Juanita Tully
Saturday, May 2	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Gladys Slama † Marie J. Schneider
Sunday, May 3	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Wendy Garrity

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 26th is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is very important that we pray for vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and to marriage. In addition to prayer, it is also essential that we help young people discover God's call on their life through being a disciple of Jesus Christ. God created us with specific gifts and talents and He knows what will give us the greatest joy and peace in life through serving others, whether in the priesthood, consecrated life, dedicated single life, or marriage. Discipleship means to follow Christ, to listen to Christ, to seek Christ, to love Christ. There are four keys words that help us to live out "discipleship: prayer, conscience, the moral life and mission.

Prayer: Prayer is falling in love with Jesus Christ. It is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, in which we grow in that love with Him and His love for us. Who would ever commit to a life-long marriage or become a priest or religious for some abstract philosophy? That kind of prayer changes no one. What shapes a marriage is when a married couple is able to say to one another, "As much as I love you, I love God more." When a married couple falls in love with God, in a life of dialogue, of listening, then the beauty of what we call the "spiritual life" blossoms.

Conscience: What does it mean to follow my conscience? We live in a world today in which people say, "I follow my own conscience. I don't think my parents, or the Church, or anyone should tell me what to do." St. John Newman, a Cardinal in the 1800's in England, wrote "*We have the Englishman who says, 'I will follow my conscience. Whatever I see is right, that is what is right for me.' That is not conscience! That is self-will.*" Conscience means: "I have my preferences, but I say, 'Father, what have You revealed as Your plan? Jesus, what is your will for me?'" We discover God's will in many of ways, but mainly through reading and pondering Scripture. Conscience as a Catholic and as a Christian means I take seriously what the Lord reveals to us through the Scriptures, through the Catechism, through the teachings of the Church for over 2000 years. We don't say, "I take this, I toss that out." If we are going to live a life of discipleship there has to be that life of prayer and falling in love with God. There has to be conscience formation in which we listen to and conform our thinking to what God has revealed as His teaching, as His truth - not redefine it, but to live according to it.

The moral life: this means I take the teachings of the Church seriously and I live them; in my thoughts, my feelings, and my desires. There needs to be a consistency between what I believe and what I practice. We live in a world today in which there are more and more people say, "I will not get married in the Church; I will live a life of cohabitation." They ignore a teaching that comes to us straight from Scripture itself, from Jesus Christ Himself. It is impossible to live a life of discipleship if our moral life is in contradiction to what God teaches.

Mission: There is a mission that God has for us: for our career, and for our state in life - married, single, a priest, or a religious. Spiritual maturity is when we realize we are not masters of our own life, but stewards. It is beautiful to hear young people say, "When I pray, I realize that my life has been given to me by God. I have preferences and things I would like to do, but I know that these are not of upmost importance.

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The most important question is what God wants of me, realizing this will ultimately bring true joy." A spiritually mature person says, "It is not my life. I want to give myself to God completely and I am listening to His call." We can see a spiritual maturity when we hear a married couple or a couple preparing for marriage say, "We really want to live according to that which Christ is calling us. And that means we want to pray together, grow in our faith, and also make spiritually mature choices about sexuality and family planning."

When a young person says, "I feel that I'm being led to be a teacher, a doctor or a farmer," then there is an obvious spiritual maturity operating because they understand their life not as "master" but as "steward." They only come to this level when they ask the deeper question of stewardship, of discipleship, in which they say, "Lord, what is it that You want of me? Do You want me to be a priest or a consecrated person, a religious sister or brother? Do You want me to be married? Do you want me to be single?"

Let us keep young people in our daily prayers, that with great courage and humility, they will choose to be disciples of Jesus Christ and seek to know His plan for their lives. We can trust that our prayers will be answered.

From the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

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, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, 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, Albena Sutton, 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, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Tracy Pedretti, Bob Burr, Bonnie Boland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, LaVonne Laskaskie, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, James Stroscheim, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Florence Olson.

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

THINK SPRING!!!

**PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SAINTS SCRAMBLE
2015 GOLF FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
NEW FORMAT
4 PERSON TEAMS
REGISTRATION 8:00 AM
TEE OFF 9:00 AM
OR FUN GOLF
9 HOLES
2, 3 OR 4 PERSON TEAMS
REGISTRATION 10:00 AM;
TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM**

REGISTRATION FLYERS AT MAIN ENTRANCE
OF THE CHURCHES, RECTORIES
OR SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you to the family of Esther Hamann for their generous donation to Prairie Catholic Hot Lunch Program in her memory. We are very grateful for this gift.

WANTED: SOMEONE TO OVERSEE GETTING THE PRIZES FOR THE PADDLE WHEEL FOR OUR FALL BAZAAR WHICH IS HELD IN SEPTEMBER. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 326-6511 IF INTERESTED.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Gracie Edith Sutton**, daughter of Clarke & Danyelle (Remington) Sutton, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Gracie Edith** and her family.

Prairie Catholic 6th grade class will be hosting Dad's Belgian Waffles on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Menu includes waffles with 9 different syrups, sausage, milk & coffee. \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Children under 5 are free. They will be selling tickets after Masses until the event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR....On Sunday May 17th Holy Family Parish will be hosting their annual Bohemian Dinner in St. John's Hall.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday, April 26

4:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Monday, April 27

NO BINGO UNTIL MAY 4TH

Tuesday, April 28

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2

Sunday, May 3

10:00 am Mass at St. John's recognizing our Seniors

4:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

CONFIRMATION at Holy Family Parish will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church.

Bible Study will begin again on Sunday, April 26th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Grunwald residence. We will be studying Hebrews. If you have questions or need more information call 326-5459.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for April 19th	\$6,262.00	\$5,158.00
Plate for April 19th	<u>713.20</u>	<u>1,810.05</u>
Total	\$6,975.20	\$6,968.05

The second collection came to **\$866.00** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SCHOOL NEWS.....Greeting from Middle School! Wow the year is winding down....in Reading 8 we are reading "To Kill a Mockingbird";in Religion 6 we are studying the Mass; the Religion 7 class is covering the Sacraments and in Religion 8 we are learning about the different vocations in the Church. In Spanish we are talking more about our activities. God bless you all and thank you for your prayers.

Ashley M. Simon
6-8 Religion Teacher