

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

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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.

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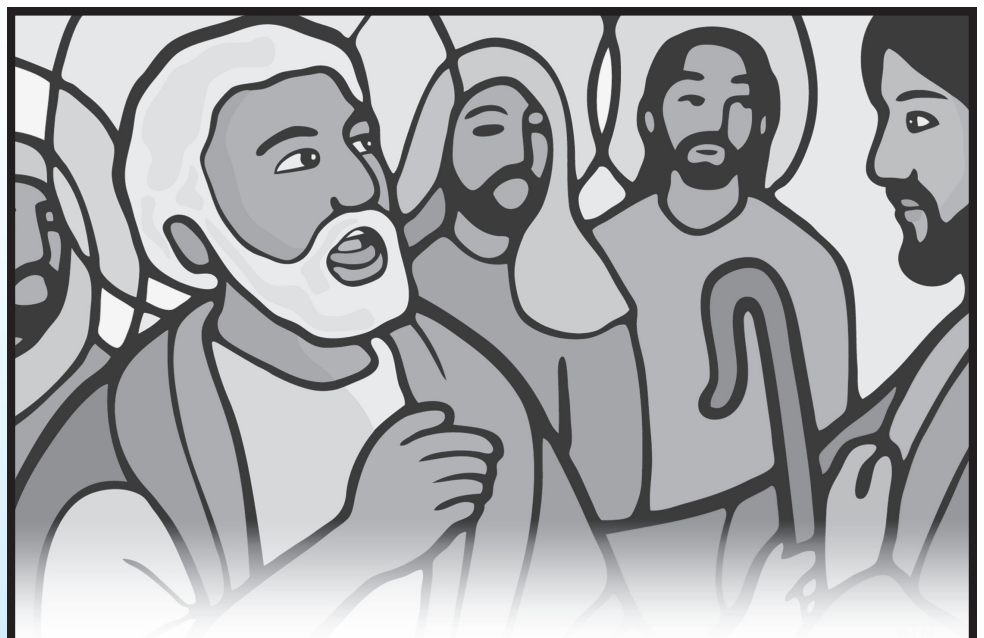
Parish Nursing Program

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Please call (326-8553)

August 23, 2016 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR AUG. 30TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Trish Hager, Debbie Morovits,
Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 10:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Joe & Sharon
Atkins

SERVERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Katy Welsch & Teagan Radloff
Brady & Mitchell Luster

Sunday 10:00 am Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp
Faith Dillman & Elizabeth Tesar

LECTORS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim
Welsch & Bob Ziel

Sunday 10:00 am Jim & Sean McGrath, Nathan Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR AUG. 30TH

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Windy Mezera, &
Doris Krogman

SERVERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler

Sadie & Peggy Koresh

Sunday 8:00 am Kendall & Weston Hill

Chase & Madilyn Fisher

LECTORS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex
Schaefer,, & Tyler Rochleau

Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis
Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-AUGUST 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron or Sara Kramer

Sunday 8:00 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!



Please note: Wednesday's
Mass is at 8:15 am.

Tuesday, August 25	5:15 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† John Bayness
Wednesday, August 26	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Glen & Darrel Beneker
Thursday, August 27	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Maximillian & Caroline Grelle Buhse
Friday, August 28	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Florence R. Olson
Saturday, August 29	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Roberta Marfilius
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Richard & Michael Aschom
Sunday, August 30	8:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Anita Lechnir

BREAD OF LIFE

This week we conclude our Bread of Life Discourse in the 6th Chapter of John's Gospel. After this teaching, many people found it very difficult to understand or accept Jesus' teaching. He had every opportunity to soften his words, to try to put them in to different words, but he did neither of these. In fact, he restated his teaching very clearly and succinctly: *if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man or drink his blood, you do not have life within you*. At this, many stopped following him.

This remains a complicated issue in our Church today. There are many teachings that are very difficult to accept or completely understand or comprehend, and there are many that do not practice their faith due to one of these in their lives. Every one of us has family or friends that do not attend Mass on a regular basis due to one of these. When one of these comes front and center in our life or in the life of a loved one, what is our response? Hopefully it will be one of love for the person in this or that particular situation. To walk with another as they search for the truth without rejecting Him who is The Truth is the challenge of our time. We all have a commitment to keep holy the Sabbath. As Catholics, we do this by attending Mass, being part of the community and being fed by the Word of God through Sacred Scripture, the homily and other Mass parts. It is not a requirement that we receive Holy Communion at each Mass, and even for practicing Catholics there are very legitimate reasons not to receive on any given Sunday. To encourage someone to come to Mass, to offer to attend with them, to help them know they are not beyond the peripherals of God's love as they seek His Truth in their lives, to walk with them in their search; these are things anyone can do. This is something the laity can do even more effectively than the priest, because the first step is an invitation from someone they know on a personal basis.

It is my prayer that these lessons over the past 6 weeks will open many hearts to the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, so we can recognize His Real Presence in our hearts as well when we receive him in Holy Communion.

God bless. Fr Jim

RCIA

It is once again time to consider RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults); this is the normal way one becomes Catholic, or for Catholics to become more educated in our faith. Why we teach the things we teach; what is the difference between a Catholic and another Christian faith? What is it that Muslims believe?

If you are interested in participating or know a family member or friend that might be interested, please talk with them. The classes this year will be in Eastman on Thursday evenings (time TBD). We will once again have a deanery wide class, with the pastors and others involved in teaching each session on a rotating basis. The material is new this year, so even if you have attended in the past but would like to know more, please plan on attending.

MEETING: WE WILL HAVE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THURSDAY EVENING, AUG 27 @ 6:00 PM IN ST JOHN'S SCHOOL.

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, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, 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, Albenia Sutton, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, 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 Strosheim, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Ed Rocksvold, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Judy Gillitzer, Michael Thompson, Herb Schneider, Austin Mezera & John Luster, Sr.

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

BUILDING UPDATE

After fielding many questions the past couple of weeks, we thought a quick update on the building projects is needed.

Fellowship Hall: Although having the Fellowship hall open for the Fall Bazaar was our goal, due to many circumstances this will not be the case, but it does remain our goal to complete the hall this year. We are trying to get as many of our local tradesmen involved as we can, and they are very generous with their time and materials, which is greatly appreciated. However, this comes at a scheduling cost that requires flexibility, and we need a bit more time to make this project fit into the busy schedules of the many contractors involved. We will have the building open on the day of the bazaar for your inspection, and ask for your patience as work continues. In the not too distant future, there will be another work day scheduled for some interior and exterior work. Please watch for notices and consider coming in to help build your parish hall.

School project: the complications of the building have caused some delays. First it was in getting state approved plans and then it was matching these plans to a design with the building manufacturer. The building is scheduled to be delivered in early September, and should take around 6 weeks to put up. Many of the interior walls and much of the flat work has been completed (they are pouring the main gym floor as I write this). These delays have pushed back the date we would have liked to be in the gym phase of this project, but we will continue to complete this as quickly as we are able.

Thank you and God bless

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PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Monday, August 24th
4:00 to 6:30 pm**

All families are invited to bring school supplies and take a tour and meet the staff. We hope to see you there! The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 26th. Thursday, Aug. 27th is the first day of Pre-K.

FALL BAZAAR NEWS

Holy Family Fall Bazaar at St. John's will be held on Sunday, September 20th. We still need some individuals to solicit prizes and run the wheel from 11 am to 1:00 pm and from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please call Scott Kennedy at 326-7808 if you can help us out.

Mark your Calendar...Fr. Paul Fagan will present a slide show in St. John's School building on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm. All are invited.

BOX TOP BONUS TIME

It's Back-to-School time and a reminder that there are over 300 products with BONUS BOX TOPS on these items. Watch for lots of 4X, 5X, 8X and 10X Bonus Labels.. **PLEASE** cut them out and put in the big blue boxes at both churches and help Prairie Catholic School earn more FREE \$\$\$\$\$\$. **MANY THANKS!**

Rhonda Stubbe, Box Top Coordinator

Century Farm Recognition

The Diocese of La Crosse annually recognizes century farms located in the deanery of the Rural Life Day celebration. This year's 35th annual celebration will take place Monday, September 21 hosted by St. Wenceslaus Parish in Eastman of the Prairie du Chien Deanery. For only the second time, the event will be held on a farm. Lonnie and Jane Achenbach are this year's hosts. If you operate a Century Farm, please contact the parish office for the application needed by Sept 15 for this recognition.

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

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Sunday, August 23

11:30 am All Holy Family High School Students (including all incoming freshmen) are invited to meet at Lawler Park Boat Landing . We will spend the day at the beach playing volleyball, other games, grilling, & socializing.

Monday, August 24

4:00 to 6:30 pm Open House at Prairie Catholic School

Tuesday, August 25

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, August 26

First Day of School at Prairie Catholic School

Thursday, August 27

First day of Pre-K at Prairie Catholic School
Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Informational meeting on RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) in St. John's School

KEEPING STUDENTS CONNECTED TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Newman Connection's High School Outreach Program keeps high school and college students connected to Catholic campus ministry. To find out more please go to newmanconnection.com or Contact Megan Tay at (866) 815-2034 ext. 707

REMINDER: Remember to use SCRIP for all your back to school shopping. An easy way to make extra funds for our school and parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – CCD
Classes will begin on Wed., September 16th. FIRST GRADERS and "NEW" students to our program need to register. Please call Pat Prochaska at 326-8774.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for August 16th	\$5,905.00	\$6,129.00
Plate for August 16th	891.81	912.70
Assumption Envelopes	741.00	1,359.55
Heat & Utilities	135.00	406.00
Total	\$7,672.81	\$8,807.25

The second collection came to \$1,035.38 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!