

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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Rev. James C. Weighner, Pastor

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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 (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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### Office Managers

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### Dir. of Grade School Religious Ed.

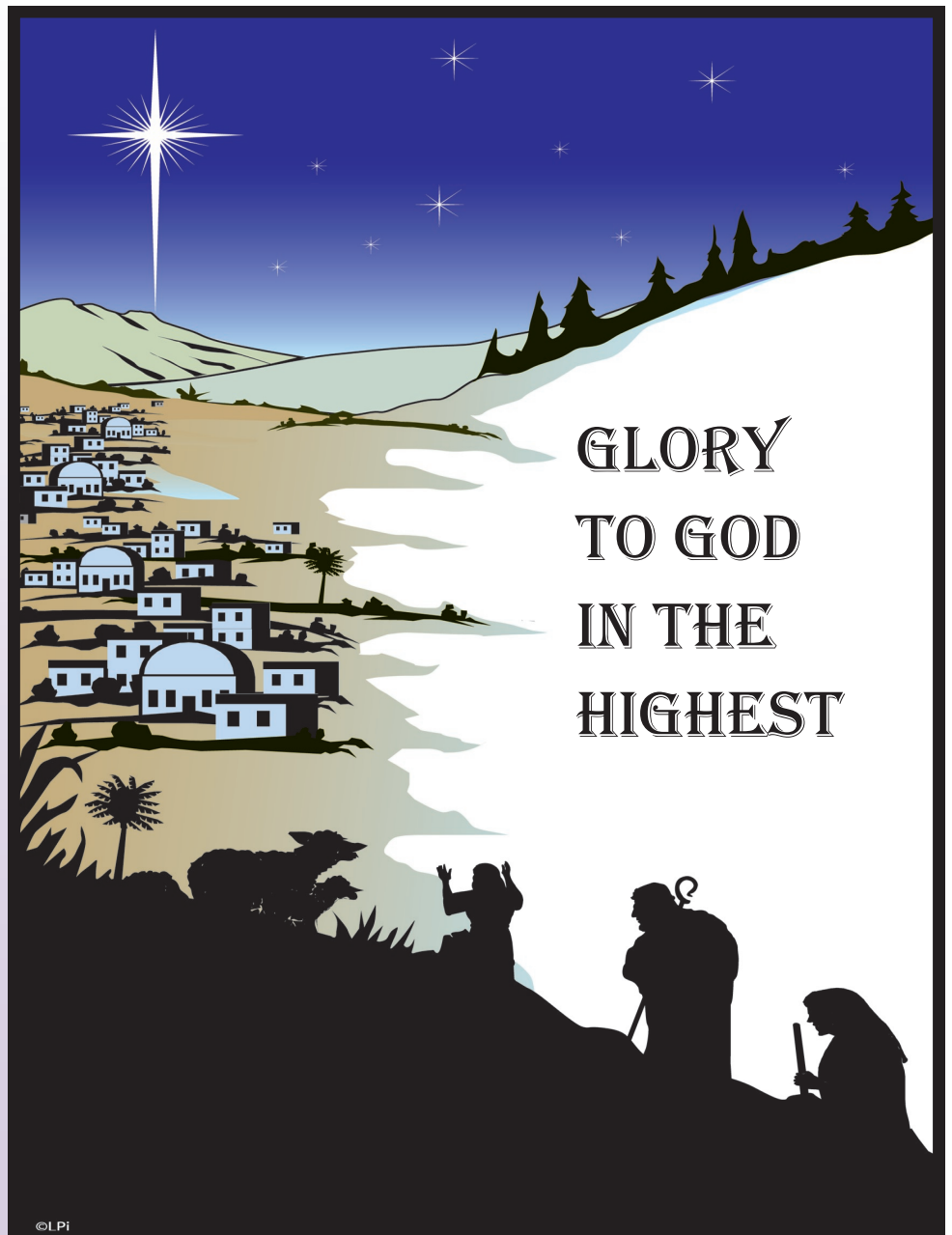
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### Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

December 20, 2015 - 4th Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR





## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 27

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Mary Kirschbaum,  
Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Megan Pedretti, Jeri  
Kluesner

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Gina Sebastian & Shawn Egstad  
Owen & Breanna Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Thomas Mara  
Dominique & James Reilly

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Dr. Mark Grunwald

### USHERS-DECEMBER 26/27

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Gene Kirschbaum, Jim  
Welsch, Bob Ziel

Sunday 8:00 am Don Cipra, John Gillitzer, Mark  
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## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 27

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### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Karen Hertrampf, Patty Schauf-Yager,  
Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm Nicole Rickleff & Macey Banasik  
Matthias & Madelyn Gerhards

Sunday 10:00 am Gabriel Munson-Fishler & Lindsey  
Nolan  
Ellie Mara & Julian DeGidio

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 26/27

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

### USHERS-DECEMBER 26/27

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

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis  
Mezera & Mark Mara

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**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, December 22	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Elaine Shedivy
Wednesday, December 23	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† LeRoy Trautsch
<b><u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u></b>			
Thursday, December 24	5:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Priest's Intention
Children's Mass	5:30 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
	10:00 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
<b><u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u></b>			
Friday, December 25	9:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Priest's Intention
Saturday, December 26	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Helen Wilkinson
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Joseph Rod
Sunday, December 27	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Mary Ellen Linder

## PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for: Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, 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, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Albena Sutton, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Bob Burr, Bonnie Boland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, James Stroschein, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Ed Rocksvold, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Judy Gillitzer, Herb Schneider, Eugene Gillitzer, Joshua Warpinski, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Anita Steger, Pat Wachuta, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Ray Martin, Von Denlinger, Scott Plondke, David LaBonne, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Ed Stubbe and Joe Barrette.

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

### CASH RAFFLE

For the past 3 years, Holy Family Parish has held a Car and Cash Raffle. Due to many circumstances, the parish and finance councils have advised that we offer a cash raffle this year. It is our belief that not everyone is in the market for a new car, but a cash prize would be welcomed by anyone. We will also have more winners, so the chances of winning increase. We will have a total of 13 prize winners, with a grand prize of \$7,500.

Tickets are now available for \$10 each or 11 for \$100. These make great stocking stuffers for Christmas. Holy Family will host a Burgers and Fries meal on April 9<sup>th</sup> where we will hold the drawing.

### BUILDING UPDATES

We are very grateful to a mild start to our winter, as this has enabled us to make much recent progress on our projects. Initially, due to many circumstances beyond our control, we were delayed in many areas at both projects due to getting the necessary supplies. We are also very grateful to the hospital board and Clayton County Recycling for opening the old hospital to local non-profits. We were able to take advantage of this generosity in procuring lights, ceiling tiles, bathroom fixtures, office equipment, decorative stone and many other building materials that will be used at both sites.

**COMMUNITY HALL:** We are making very good progress in our hall. Many of our local contractors are giving a final push to this project, and it is our goal to host the Lenten Fish Fry on February 26 in our new hall.

**GYM/ DAY CARE/ OFFICE:** This site should be enclosed by Christmas, and some work has begun on the interior. We will be continuing efforts to have this available for the beginning of the 2016 school year.

As you are aware the Capital Campaign was a great success. With this success, it was decided to do an aggressive building plan as well. As the campaign was a 3 to 5 year pledge, we are attempting to complete the building stage sooner than the 5 year commitments. Please be conscientious in keeping current on your pledges, and if you are able perhaps consider paying them off earlier. Also, if you know of an extended family member who is a graduate of our school and is gone from the area that might like to support their home parish, let them know what is happening. We are grateful for any additional gifts that might come along. Lastly, if you or a loved one are doing estate planning, please remember your parish in your wills. If you would like advice on estate planning, we can get you the necessary paperwork and put you in touch with professional planners.

### FISHERMAN'S ROSARY

A priest friend has come up with a new twist on an old devotion. He has begun making Fisherman's Rosaries, taking from the ancient tradition of Christ telling Peter *"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*(Mt 4:19) His rosaries are made from fishing gear; heavy fishing line, swivels, weights and clasps. These rosaries are only one decade in length, and are made to fit over most mirrors. If you are interested in looking at these rosaries, they will be on display by the scrip table, or contact Fr Jim. The suggested donation for one rosary is \$15.00.

Wishing all a very blessed Christmas; Fr. Jim

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH**  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel's Church  
 5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. John's Church  
 10:00 pm Midnight Mass at St. John's Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
 9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

## NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**  
 4:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
 10:00 am Mass at St. John's Church

## PARISH SUPPORT

**Due to the early bulletin deadline, the collection for December 13th will be in next week's bulletin.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

If you want to have a donation credited to your 2015 contributions - please have the donation to us by December 31, 2015. This does not apply to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. That needs to be in by December 21st in order to be credited for 2015. Thank you in advance. Contribution reports will be mailed out by January 31, 2016. Your contribution statement for the Diocesan Annual Appeal will come from the Diocesan office.

**Community Blood Drive on Monday, Dec. 21st at the National Guard Armory from noon to 6:00 pm. Give a meaningful gift this Christmas Season. Donate Blood!**

**School News...**The Pre-Kindergarten class have been busy creating and constructing Christmas projects to enjoy at home and school. The children are using their "5 senses" to enhance the Christmas Spirit throughout the next week, including singing, tasting, sharing, as well as looking forward to the birth of Baby Jesus. Merry Christmas! Mrs. Janet Steiner

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.** We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will begin with around 50 parishioners and run them for a few weeks and list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in future bulletins.

Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Joseph & Sharon Atkins, Etta Balk, Florence Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Irene Beneker, Avalo & Lucille Berns, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Gene & Donnette Carlson, Roger & Joan Check, Charles & Teresa Connell, Loren & Ann Dohse, Irving and Carol DuCharme, Janice Fillbach, Delores Fischer, Margaret Fischer, Jeffrey and Karen Fischer, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Mary Frydenlund, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Richard Ginstlerblum, Mavis Godden, Donald & Teresa Heal, Irmagard Hogenson, Monica Horner, Connie Hudson.

James Jackson, Gary & Judy Knickerbocker, Charles & Linda Kramer, Armella Kueter, Patricia Lenzendorf, Donald & Norma Lochner, John & Joyce Luster, Donald & Mary Lyons, Michael & Deborah Mara, Lewis Marfilus, Maurice & Bette Mayer, Aelred & Marijane Mezera, Mark & Mary Mezera, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Paul & Nora Moris, Patrick & Iva Mulhern, Betty Nolan, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Richard & Verna Panka, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Thomas & Lisa Peterson, Gregory & Ann Quick, William & Lorraine Rice, John & Ann Rink, Lauretta Rod, Donald & Charlene Roh, Jan Rutter.

## 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, December 20

Monday, December 21

Tuesday, December 22

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. John's

10:00 pm Mass at St. John's

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Prairie Catholic's Student Council would like to wish each parishioner a Merry Christmas. We want to thank everyone who has helped us to sponsor Sara our godchild from Peru and those who helped us collect over 700 lbs. of food for our local food pantry. We could not succeed in our stewardship projects without all of your help. Our gratitude and prayers are with all of you throughout the year. Mrs. Colleen Welter

**Prairie Catholic Sweepstake Calendars are now on sale for the year of 2016-2017 \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. The calendars are available at both rectories or from John Fischer (326-2827). These calendars make great Christmas gifts**

**Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve & Christmas**  
**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm at St. Gabriel's**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jean Ann Dillman, Debbie Morovits, & Eileen Hermsen; **Lectors:** JWalkers; **Servers:** JWalkers; **Ushers:** JWalkers

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. John's:** **Eucharistic Ministers:** Molly Kirschbaum, Diane Steger, Mary Ellen Pellock; **Lector:** Students, **Servers:** Sadie Koresh, Joshua Dyer, Ramon Gonzalez, & Garrett Young; **Ushers:** Art Conley, Jim Gallagher, Bernard Mayer, Gene Carlson

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 10:00 pm at St. John's**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe & Sharon Atkins, Windy Mezera; **Lector:** Rita Krahn; **Servers:** Brady Luster, Makayla Steger, Emma Bjurquist & Volunteer; **Ushers:** Dan Schickert, Volunteers

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25 at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura Meyer, Lucy Cornford, Dr. Mark Grunwald; **Lector:** Dr. Mark Grunwald; **Ushers:** Butch Boland, Nathan Mezera, John Chaffee, Jerry Matousek

If the above time is not convenient for you, please try to get a sub. Thank you.