

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)

St. Gabriel Archangel

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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.

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

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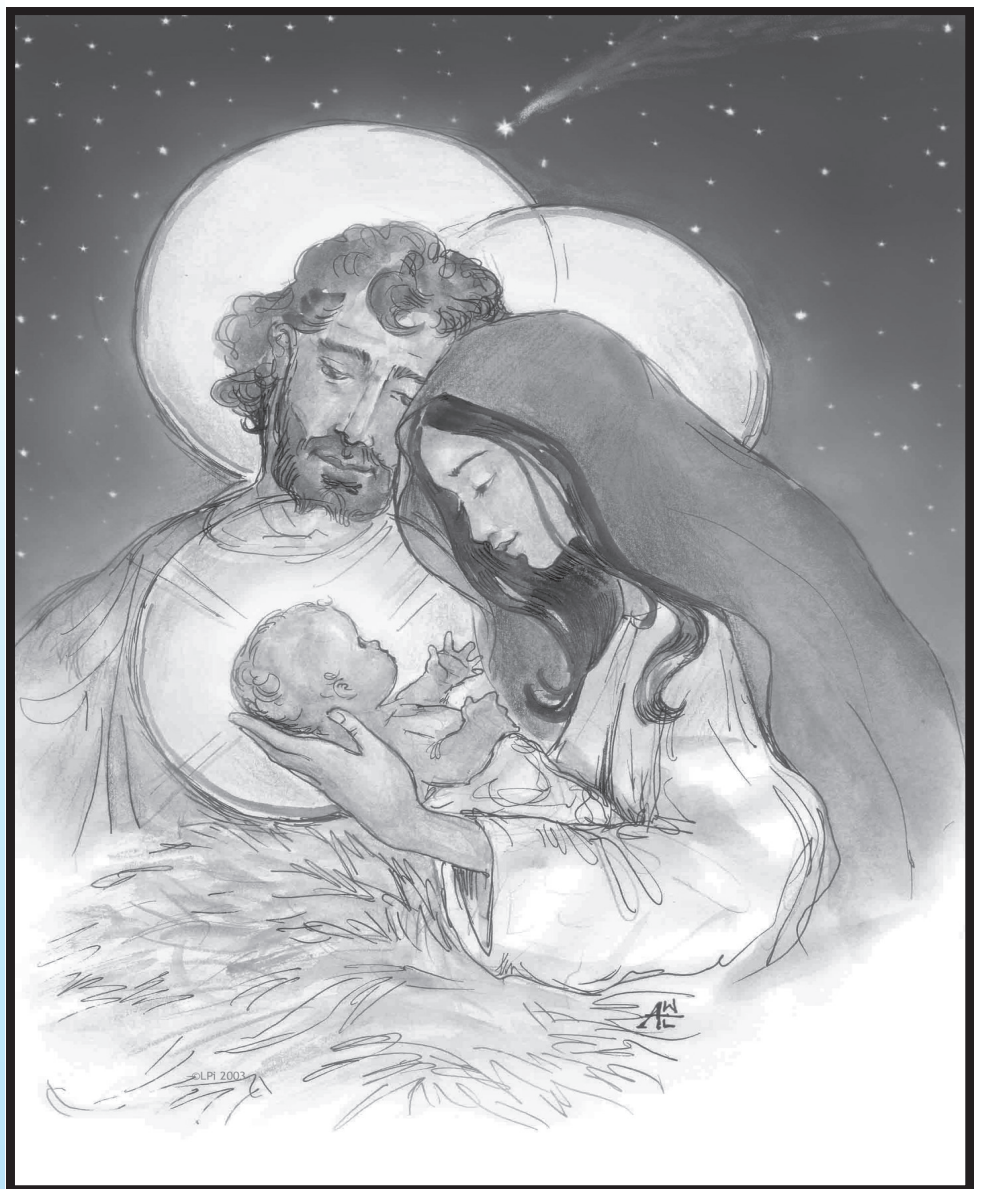
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December 27, 2015 - The Holy Family

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 2/3

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra, Richard Ambrose, Laura Meyer

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Joe & Sharon Atkins

SERVERS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Jon Nicholson & John Titlbach
Katy Welsch & Hailey Bedward

Sunday 8:00 am Kennedy Kirschbaum & Jerrod Osterkamp
Jonah Linder & Claire Teynor

LECTORS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Deb Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am J. J. Jackson

USHERS-2/3

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

Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar, Butch Boland

SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 2/3

Ceil Benda, Volunteer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Windy Mezera, Jean Ann Dillman

SERVERS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Jenna Holler

Sadie Koresh & Kierstyn Rogers

Sunday 10:00 am Dalton Hendrix & Elizabeth Carlson
Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp

LECTORS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-JANUARY 2/3

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

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Mark Mara, Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

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, December 29	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Ann Rowe
Wednesday, December 30	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Roger Pellock
<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE</u>			
Thursday, December 31	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Boland
<u>NEW YEAR'S DAY</u>			
Friday, January 1	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Dorothy Rolph
Saturday, January 2	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Pat Ertel
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Lora E. Young
Sunday, January 3	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Jose & Lucena Mendoza Teves

The Feast of the Holy Family

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the holy Family, our parish patron saints, we have an opportunity to look at Jesus, Mary and Joseph and see what they can teach us in our own homes. We see Mary and Joseph in hindsight; we read about them in Sacred Scripture and there are a number of books written about them. Oftentimes we have a romantic impression that they lived lives of isolation or angelic protection from anything bad happening to them. But how did they see themselves? They were living through these mysteries, the events of their lives happened to them and they had to deal with all the situations of life coming at them. They were ordinary people, following the traditions and customs, both civil and religious, of the time. Their life together began with an unexpected pregnancy. When the decree came out to go to their ancestral home for a census, they went despite the hardships of Mary expecting their first child. They took their child into the Temple for his circumcision and they suffered persecution when Herod wanted to kill their son. How many of their friends and neighbors lost children to this persecution? When the time was right, they traveled to the Temple with their 12 year old son to fulfill their religious duties, and suffered losing him for 3 days.

They would have lived a normal family life. Joseph was a hard working carpenter who taught Jesus the trade and brought him up to be a carpenter as well. Mary was a housewife, responsible for all the household chores including educating their son. Mary experienced what it is to be a widow, losing Joseph sometime before Jesus began his public ministry. This ordinary life makes them the patron family for all families, including parish families.

The family in the 21st century faces many and varied difficulties and challenges. Worries about the future for our children, how to provide for the family, how to educate the next generation, wars, terrorism, the global and local economy, health issues for every family; these and so many more affect all of us. Remembering the Holy Family; Jesus, Mary and Joseph, faced similar difficulties as well, and they are our model. In their love for and commitment to each other show us the way through these hurdles and obstacles as well. The ordinariness of the Holy Family are our model for ordinary family life today; whether it is in the home or in the parish.

Praying for a blessed feast day for our parish family and all families. God bless.

Fr. Jim

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I hope all our families had a blessed Christmas, and your travels were safe and peaceful. This is always a very busy time, but it is also a time of strengthening our faith. It is a time we are drawn to the very basics of our faith, the celebration of the Son of God becoming incarnate and dwelling among us. His invitation of 2000 plus years ago rings true today- *Emmanuel; God is with us; come let us adore him.*

I would like to extend a special thank you to all for your kind gifts, cards and especially for the prayers offered on my behalf. They are very much appreciated. May God continue to watch over each of you in His love and Mercy during this Year of Mercy.

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: 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, Joe Barrette, and Shirley Ambrose.

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

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 13th	\$8,814.00	\$9,176.25
Plate for Dec. 13th	542.73	427.60
Holy Day	919.00	827.00
Electronic Transfers	<u>1,512.00</u>	<u>1,705.00</u>
Total	\$11,787.73	\$12,135.85

The second collection came to \$594.50 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Due to the early bulletin deadline, the collection for December 20th and Christmas will appear in next week's bulletin.



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. 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.

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

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.

Stewart & Kathryn Bosworth, Arthur & Celine Boxrucker, Mark Check, John & Patricia Check, Linda Cherrier, Thomas & Lisa Dyer, Leo & Patti Flanders, Roy & Vicki George, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, Geraldine Kluesner, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Bradley & Jennifer Linder, June Looney, Jeanine Mara, Thomas Mara, Audrey Mara, Donna Mara, David & Renee Martin, Cletus Mezera, Elaine Moris, Elizabeth Munson, David & Karen Nelson, Kathleen Novey, Joan Novey, John & Annette Powers, Mattie Rademacher, Herbert & Helen Schneider.

Robert & Linda Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Mary Schultz, Marita Seitz, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Millie Senesac, Edward & Donna Steger, Robert & Corrine Steger, Terence Steger, Catherine Steger, Tim & Charlene Steger, Louis & Anita Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Michael & Donna Steiner, Mary Steiner, Thomas & Barbara Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Vicki Taylor, Agnes Tesar, Gerald & Rose Trautsch, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, Loren Vondrum.

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 27

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

4:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day

10:00 am Mass at St. John's

Saturday, January 2

Sunday, January 3

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's School Hall; Drawings for the Calendar Sweepstake winners and Holy Name Raffle will also take place at that time

Christmas Flowers memorials will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

St. John's Noodle Makers are back in business. Noodles can be purchased in St. John's Church Hall daily from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Knights of Columbus council 8178 of Monona, IA will be hosting their annual free throw contest on Sunday, January 10th, 2016 at the MFL Mar Mac High School gym in Monona. Warmups and registration begin at noon with competition to begin at 1:00 pm. Competition is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 (age as of January 1, 2016) Please call Mark Fohey with any questions at 563-539-4238. Winners advance to the district competition in February.

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).

Plus we now have the raffle tickets for our CASH RAFFLE.....The past three years, Holy Family Parish has held a Car & Cash Raffle. Due to many circumstances, the parish and finance councils have advised that we offer a cash raffle this year. We will have a total of 13 prize winners, with a grand prize of \$7,500.00. Tickets are available for \$10. each or 11 for \$100.00. They are available at both rectory offices and the school office. Holy Family will host a Burgers & Fries meal on April 9th where we