

# 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

506 N. Beaumont Rd.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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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.

Marriage

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

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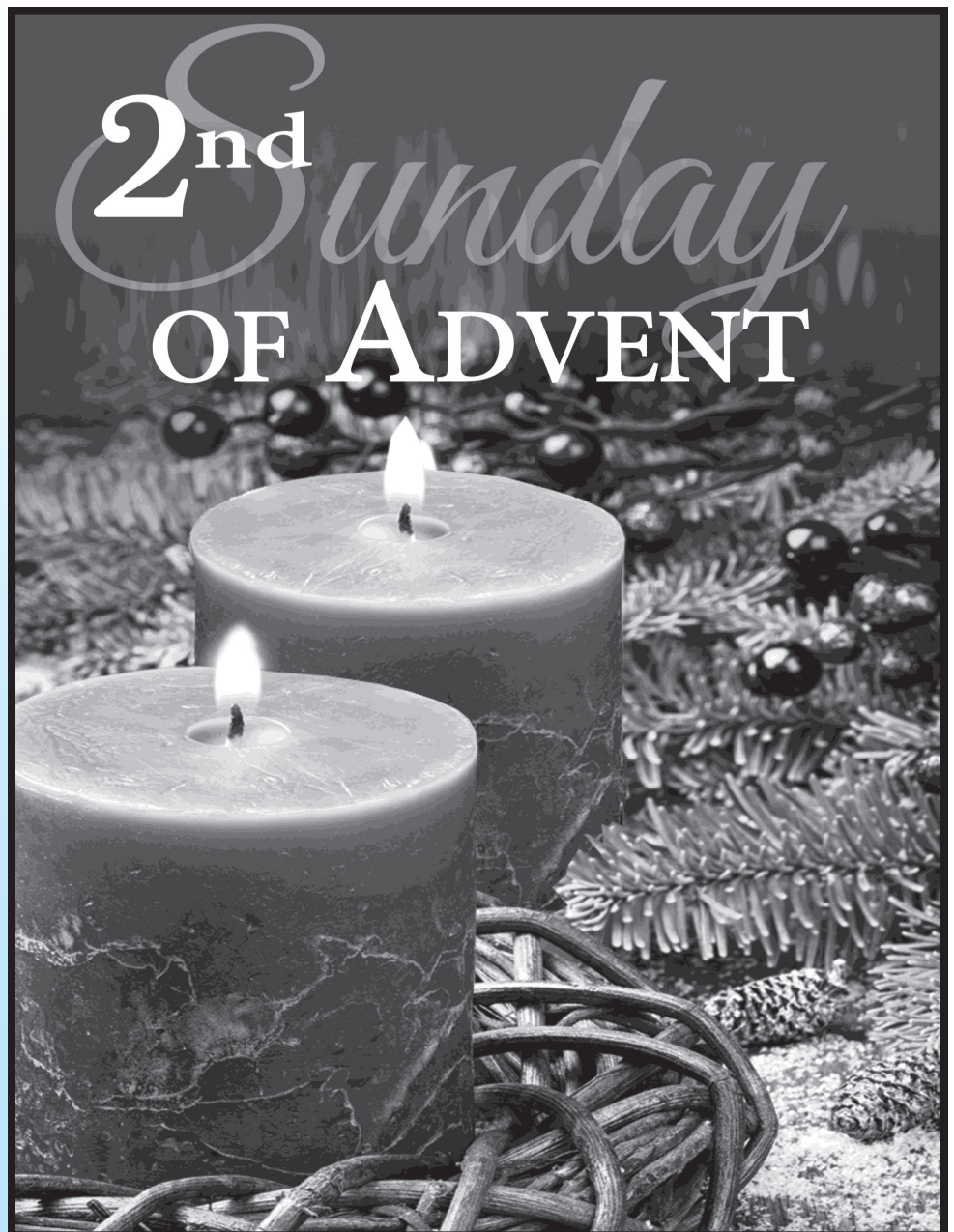
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Parish Nursing Program

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December 6, 2015 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR





## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 13TH

Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Sharon Atkins, Mark Gilberts, Laura Meyer

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Teagan Radloff & Elizabeth Tesar  
Seth & Kyle MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am Jerrod Osterkamp & Ramon Gonzalez  
Chase & Madilyn Fisher

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

### USHERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Gene Kirschbaum,  
Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee, Don Cipra, John Gillitzer, Mark Hamann

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 13TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Diane Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Jean Ann Dillman &  
Karen Hertrampf

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Logan Brown & Kylie Kramer  
Garett Young & Makayla Steger

Sunday 10:00 am J-Walkers

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

### USHERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Dan Schickert

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am Jeff & Jill Mara

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!



### Vigil for Holy Day

Monday, December 7 6:00 pm St. John's Church Joe Rod

### Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8 8:15 am St. Gabriel's Church Ann Rowe  
12:10 pm St. Gabriel's Church Vulmar Bohnenkamp

Wednesday, December 9 8:15 am St. John's Church Glen & Darrel Beneker

Thursday, December 10 8:15 am St. Gabriel's Church Margaret Wachter

Friday, December 11 8:15 am St. John's Church Mary Marcella MacEachern

Saturday, December 12 4:00 pm St. Gabriel's Church Bob Boland  
7:00 pm St. John's Church Charles Jelinek Family

Sunday, December 13 8:00 am St. Gabriel's Church Clement Wachuta, Sr.  
10:00 am St. John's Church For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY INDULGENCE

From the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Catechesis

One of the more difficult teachings to articulate and comprehend is that of an indulgence. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church; "An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishment due for their sins." The Church does this not just to aid Christians, "but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity" (CCC 1478). The Sacrament of Penance forgives the eternal punishment for our sins, but there remains a temporal punishment of sin, which is our unhealthy attachment to creatures rather than to God himself. We are purified from this temporal consequence of sin in Purgatory after this life or through the practice of indulgences.

Indulgences are organized, recognized and encouraged acts of love for God and for others. Through these acts we pray for others, share and receive the love of God and grow together in holiness in the Church. The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy brings with it an indulgence in particular to itself.

One of the Jubilee Year's main features is the opportunity to go on pilgrimage and pass through the Holy Door or Door of Mercy. The main sites for this in the Diocese of La Crosse are the Cathedral and the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. In addition, there have been designated twelve pilgrimage churches throughout the diocese. Here in the Prairie du Chien deanery, that site is Sacred Heart church in Wauzeka.

Jesus calls himself the door: 'If anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture'. Thus to pass through a Holy Door during this Year of Mercy is itself a prayer and communion with Jesus Christ. In order to acquire the promised indulgence, in addition to the pilgrimage to the site and passing through the door, there are four conditions:

1. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
2. Participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and receive Holy Communion
3. Making a profession of faith (Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed)
4. Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

Pope Francis has also attached the Year of Mercy Indulgence to performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of mercy (Along with the above 4 conditions).

**If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia for Christmas, please place names & donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at either rectory. Thank you!**

## PRAYER CORNER

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**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, 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, 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, Christine Alioto, Darlene Lessard, Scott Plondke, David LaBonne, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, 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.

## THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Mon, Dec. 7 - Vigil for the Holy Day 6:00 pm at  
St. John's Church**

**Tues. Dec. 8 - Mass at 8:15 am & 12:10 pm at  
St. Gabriel's Church**

**Help Wanted:** If you can spare a few hours please come and help us clean the pews at St John's Church on Monday, Dec. 7th at 9:00 am.

## WEDDING BANNERS

*Kurt Hromadka & Kelli Lynn Cliff (III)*

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 29th	\$6,661.00	\$6,723.00
Plate for Nov. 29th	<u>733.76</u>	<u>573.71</u>
Total	\$7,394.76	\$7,296.71

The second collection came to \$632.25 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

To any active parishioners interested in this ministry, please plan on attending a meeting this Sunday, Dec. 6 at 1:00 pm at St. John's Church.

**Congratulations to Donald & Norma Lochner on the occasion of their 71st Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.**

**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 Ginsterblum, 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.

**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.**

**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**

## 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 6

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls in St. Gabriel's School Hall plus the drawing for the winners of the Sweepstake Calendars & Holy Name Raffle

1:00 to 3:00 pm JWalkers meeting in the JWalkers Room - we will be making crafts for the shut-ins and signing up for the Bucks Trip

1:00 pm Meeting for those active parishioners interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in St. John's Church

### Monday, December 7

6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at St. John's

### Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

12:10 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. Gabriel's Church

### Wednesday, December 9

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church

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

### Thursday, December 10

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Council meeting in St. John's School

### Saturday, December 12

Wedding of Kurt Hromadka & Kelli Lynn Cliff at St. John's Church

### Sunday, December 13

JWalkers will be Christmas Caroling on this date; if you know of someone who would like a visit please inform Mary Stoeffler

3:00 to 4:30 pm Communal Penance Service at Sacred Heart Church, Wauzeka

## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

**Sunday, Dec. 13th 3:00 to 4:30 PM  
Sacred Heart, Wauzeka**

The Deanery of Prairie du Chien will join together to offer a Communal Penance Service in Wauzeka at Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm or until all confessions are heard. This will be the only communal penance service for the PdC deanery for the Advent season. Please plan on taking advantage of this pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Church during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

## ANNUAL RAFFLE

For the past 3 years we have held a *CAR AND CASH RAFFLE*. Talking this over with the various councils, we have decided to offer a *CASH ONLY RAFFLE* this year. Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 each; and 11 for \$100.00. The proceeds will help support our school. Stay tuned for more information.