

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Website: [www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org)

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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

### Office Managers

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### Dir. of Grade School Religious Ed.

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### Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra

Please call (357-2000)

January 18, 2015

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 25TH

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Tom Steiner, Molly Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Megan Pedretti, & Eileen Hermsen

### SERVERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Ava & Ella Hager  
Ryan & Kaitlyn Waller

Sunday 8:00 am Nicole Rickleff & Faith Dillman  
James & Dominique Reilly

### LECTORS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Dr. Mark Grunwald

### USHERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Russell Eulgem, Gene Kirschbaum, Richard Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 25TH

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Diane Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Windy Mezera, Gene Carlson & Donna Steiner

### SERVERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Macey Banasik & Molly Peterson  
Kylee Weber & Thomas Mara

Sunday 10:00 am Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp  
Caitlin Nolan & Alexis Nolan

### LECTORS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn

Sunday 10:00 am Prairie Catholic Students

### USHERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Chris & Jacob Mara, Tom & Nolan Stram

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Cathy Irvin, Amy Young

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, January 20	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Ron Martin
Wednesday, January 21	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Cletus Steffensmeier
Thursday, January 22	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Clem Wachuta, Sr.
Friday, January 23	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Jean Crubel
Saturday, January 24	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Josephine Cipra † Roger Pellock
Sunday, January 25	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Catherine Mezera

## SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

This week we conclude our article by Randy Hein on Spiritual New Year's resolutions and how we can overcome common obstacles in our spiritual lives. The following is from the following: by Randy Hein;

<http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/2015/01>

- **Lack of courage** – If we don't acknowledge Christ, defend Him in public, and tell others about Him, we will find it challenging to be close to Him. Christians are meant to stand out, not blend in. We live in difficult, trying times. Families are under attack, our children are at risk, many people are blind to the need to respect and value all life, and atheists are one of the fastest growing groups in the world. We have an opportunity to be beacons of light and good examples of Christ's redeeming love. We will be judged one day on the fruits of our apostolate, and hope one day to hear Jesus say the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."
- **Lack of detachment** – Let's ask ourselves if we need "it," whatever "it" is. Do I treat playing golf, going to the gym, time with friends as though they were more important than my family or my relationship with God who loves and created me and who is my ultimate end? If I already have a 50-inch flat screen TV, do I really need a 60-inch? If I already have a \$40,000 car, do I *really* need a \$50,000 car? Am I "majoring in the minors"? Let go of the things that are in the way of our prayer lives, Mass attendance, charitable giving, volunteering, time with our families, and certainly our relationships with Christ. *"An effective detachment from everything we have and are is necessary if we are to follow Jesus, if we are to open our hearts to our Lord, who is passing by and calls out to us. On the other hand, attachment to earthly things closes our doors to Christ and closes the doors to love and to any possibility of understanding what is most essential in our lives"* (Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*, 7-volume set, Scepter Pubs, 1993). Healthy detachment includes letting go of the opinions of others and doing what we know to be right in the face of criticism and judgment from our peers.
- **Lukewarmness** – *"As long as we live in the world our life is a constant struggle between love for Christ or giving into lukewarmness, to our passions, or to comfort-seeking, which destroys love. Faithfulness to Christ is forged each day by struggling against what separates us from Him, and by an effort to make progress in virtue. Then they will be faithful both when times are good and when they are difficult, when it seems few remain by Our Lord's side"* (Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*, Vol. 2, 418).
- **Lack of Peace** - All of my hard work is meaningless if it is not given up for His greater glory instead of my personal satisfaction. I have learned that I am not Super and I need to be careful about over scheduling my life. I know there will always be noise and distractions, but I must be ready to unplug as often as I can and fill that regained time with prayer and silence. I have learned that I can't do any of this alone. I need to give up my struggles and unburden myself to our Lord in prayer if I am to truly attain peace.

### 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, Michael Aschom, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Marion Bernabei, 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, Patricia McCoy, 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, and Tracy Pedretti.

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

### KATIE STELTER

Katie Stelter, from the Chippewa Falls area in the Diocese of La Crosse, will offer a pro-life presentation here in Prairie du Chien on Jan 21, 2015. Katie has a powerful personal message for all on this 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision allowing legal abortions in the United States of America. Since this decision, over 56 million babies have lost their lives through abortion. Katie's personal experience is a profound witness and a voice for those who cannot speak that needs to be heard in our world today. Please plan on attending this talk on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm in St Gabriel school hall. This talk is highly recommended for all, from high school and above. Middle school aged children may attend accompanied by their parents.

### PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Jan. 11th	\$7,798.00	\$6,702.00
Electronic Transfers	1,705.00	.00
Plate for Jan. 11th	<u>492.90</u>	<u>454.84</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,995.90</b>	<b>\$7,156.84</b>

The second collection came to \$455.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Bingo Winners from Monday, January 12th:** \$20.00 - Roxie Shipley, Rose Hoeger & Sandy McCoy; \$100.00 - Sandy McCoy; **Progressive Consolation (\$50.00 each)** - Nancy Bolton & Leo Schlitter; **50/50 Winner (\$51.50)** - Linda Lessard

**Bingo Workers for Monday, January 19th are:**  
**Check Writer:** Sarah Holler; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman & Ruth Klang; **Caller:** Michael Higgins; **Food Preparation:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Ryan McGrath & Caitlin Nolan

**Our Car & Cash Raffle is now underway.** For only \$20.00 or 6 tickets for \$100.00 you will have a chance to win a 2013 Ford Focus Hatchback program car. Other prizes include: First Place Prize - \$2,000.00; Second Place Prize - \$500.00 or 10 - 3rd place prizes at \$250.00 each. Tickets are available at both rectories and at Prairie Catholic School Office.

**Sweepstake Calendars** are also available at Holy Family Rectory, the school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. They are 6 for \$100.00 or \$20.00 per calendar qualifies you to win, 360 drawings February 2015 through January 2016. **HURRY TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

**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 then list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins. Mark Check, John & Patricia Check, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, Robert & Rita Kazda, Jason & Sarah Knapp, Gary & Judy Knickerbocker, Virginia Konichek, Patricia Kramer, Bradley & Jennifer Linder, John & Joyce Luster, Mark & Mary Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Debra Morovits, Earl & Janette Nicholson, Vicki Sebastian, Thomas & Barbara Stram, Gerald Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Michael & Sharon Strnad, Mary Stuckey, Norbert & Catherine Swenson, Agnes Tesar, Phyllis Tichenor, Major Sue Ann Tiller (Ret), Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Jerald & Rose Trautsch, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, Loren Vondrum, Robert & Debra Wachter, Gerald Wachuta, Patricia Wachuta, Steven & Jennifer Wachuta, Joshua & Angela Wagner, Pamela Waller, Evelyn Waller, Lucille Walters, James & Margaret Walz, Carol Walz, Martin & Judy Warpinski, Rev. James C. Weighner, James & Barbara Welsch, James White, Ronald & Karen White, Mary White, Sally White, Lyle Wilkinson, Arlene Willms, Elmer Wisnefsky, Russ & Shawn Wittrig, Gerald & Rose Wright, Phyllis Yeomans, David & Amy Young.

## 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, January 18**

**Monday, January 19**

7:00 pm Bingo in St. Gabriel's School Hall

**Tuesday, January 20**

**Wednesday, January 21**

6:30 pm Katie Stelter from the Chippewa Falls area will offer a pro-life presentation in St. Gabriel's School Hall

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

**Thursday, January 22**

**Friday, January 23**

**Saturday, January 24**

**Sunday, January 25**

Catholic School's Week begins with the 10:00 am Mass at St. John's church

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Mary A. McGrath, Norma J. Erdenberger, Roberta M. Marfilus, and Eugene J. Ackerman** in your prayers. Mary's funeral was held on Monday, January 12th; Norma's funeral was held on Friday, January 16th and Roberta and Eugene's funerals were held on Saturday, January 17th. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

**SCHOOL NEWS....**The Pre-K boys and girls were excited to return to school after the Holiday break. We began the new year with winter activities of creating Snowmen, Pablo Penguin, and personalized Eskimos. We are working hard on numbers, opposites, the alphabet and sight words. We will be studying units of the Rainforest and Alaskan culture and environment. The end of January will bring Catholic Schools Week and introducing our Jolly Phonics Reading Series. We are blessed to have these eager and energetic four and five year olds in our classes. Happy New Year!

Pre-Kindergarten  
Janet Steiner

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

### SWISS STEAK DINNER

**SUNDAY, FEB. 1ST - 10:45 AM TO 1:00 PM**

**ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL HALL**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**

**Peoples State Bank, Nelson's True Value,  
Hartig Drug, Anchor Bank,  
Creative Cuts, Parish Offices**