

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

Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

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Marriage

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

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May 3, 2015 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

5th Sunday of Easter

I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit, because
without me you can do nothing.

John 15:5



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 10TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum, Don Cipra & (Mary Kirschbaum)

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Mark Gilberts, (Eileen Hermsen)

SERVERS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Kennedy Kirschbaum & Teagan Radloff

Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp

Sunday 8:00 am Jonah & Joshua Linder
Ryan McGrath & Kylee Weber

LECTORS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits

Sunday 8:00 am J. J. Jackson

USHERS-MAY 9/10

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

Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee, Don Cipra & John Gillitzer

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 10TH

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Patty Schauf-Yager,
(Jean Ann Dillman)

SERVERS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Garrett Young & Molly Peterson
Matthias & Madelyn Gerhards

Sunday 10:00 am Elizabeth Carlson & Elizabeth Tesar
Rebekah Champion & Faith Dillman

LECTORS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Corey Steger

USHERS-MAY 9/10

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

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik & Ron Trautsch

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve or Sarah Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

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, May 5	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Walter Hermsen
Wednesday, May 6	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Robert Fritsche
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Confirmation
Thursday, May 7	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bruce Ohlert
Friday, May 8	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mervin Nimbar
Saturday, May 9	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Roberta Marfilius
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Raoul G. Steiner
Sunday, May 10	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Clement Wachuta, Sr.
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

May 1 is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, patron of the Diocese of La Crosse and of our Cathedral

Joseph, Husband of Mary, Foster father of Jesus

We know Jesus was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Mt 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Lk 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Mt 1:1-16). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He planned to divorce Mary according to the law but he was concerned for her suffering and safety. He knew that women accused to adultery could be stoned to death, so he decided to divorce her quietly and not expose her to shame or cruelty (Mt 1:19-25).

We know Joseph was man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Mt 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Lk 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Lk 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth. Joseph is also patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice.

There is much we wish we could know about Joseph ~ where and when he was born, how he spent his days, when and how he died. But Scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who he was ~ "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:18).

(cont. from previous column)

Apparently in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. But the relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers has a much longer history.

In *Brothers of Men*, René Voillaume of the Little Brothers of Jesus speaks about ordinary work and holiness: "Now this holiness (of Jesus) became a reality in the most ordinary circumstances of life, those of work, of the family and the social life of a village, and this is an emphatic affirmation of the fact that the most obscure and humdrum human activities are entirely compatible with the perfection of the Son of God....this mystery involves the conviction that the evangelical holiness proper to a child of God is possible in the ordinary circumstances of someone who is poor and obliged to work for his living."

The above is from <http://www.catholic.org/saints> and <http://www.americancatholic.org/>

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, 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, Jason Bierman, Dana Kahler, Nancy Aschom, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Christine Alioto, 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 Stroschein, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Florence Olson.

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

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for April 26	\$8,127.00	\$6,768.00
Plate for April 26	<u>967.85</u>	<u>982.62</u>
Total	\$9,094.85	\$7,750.62

The second collection came to **\$587.90** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Bingo will resume on Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm at St. John's School.

Bingo Workers for Monday, May 4th: Check **Writer:** John Fischer; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Peggy Fischer, Kati Forsythe, Betty Fischer; **Food Prep:** Tammy Cram & Kati Forsythe

The Unit Chairpersons for the month of May at Holy Family Parish are: Russ & Pat Eulgem, Bob & Debra Wachter, James & Brenda Wagner, Jan & Lori Waller, Brian & Karen White

Prairie Catholic 6th grade class will be hosting Dad's Belgian Waffles on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Menu includes waffles with 9 different syrups, sausage, milk & coffee. \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Children under 5 are free. They will be selling tickets after Masses until the event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR....On Sunday May 17th Holy Family Parish will be hosting their annual Bohemian Dinner in St. John's Hall. Serving will be from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The 10:00 am Mass at St. John's will feature Polka Music. Our menu: Tender Smoked Pork Chop, Potato Dumpplings, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Poppysed Loaf Bread & Poppysed Cake. Tickets will be mailed out in the next week. Advance Tickets are \$8.50; at the door \$9.00; Children 5-10 \$3.50 and under 4 are free. Carry outs will be an additional .50 cents.

RELAY FOR LIFE will host a *"Back Home Boys"* concert at Huckleberry's on Saturday, May 9th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00. Come out and support a good cause.

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, May 3

Coffee & Rolls will be served after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's School Hall; plus drawing for the Calendar Sweepstake winners and the Holy Name raffle

Monday, May 4

7:00 pm Bingo at St. John's School

Tuesday, May 5

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 pm Confirmation at St. John's Church

Thursday, May 7

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Education Commission meeting at St. Gabriel's School

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

8:00 am Prairie Catholic Saints 2015 Golf Tournament
Fundraiser

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

9:00 am to 1:00 pm Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast hosted by Prairie Catholic 6th Grade in St. Gabriel's School Hall. All are invited.

Pro Life of Wisconsin will be selling fresh, long-stemmed, red roses after all Masses on Mother's day weekend. (May 9th & 10th) . All proceeds go for Pro-Life efforts. Anyone that can help call 326-4847. God bless you for supporting the most helpless members of our society.

THINK SPRING!!!
PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SAINTS SCRAMBLE
2015 GOLF FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
NEW FORMAT
4 PERSON TEAMS
REGISTRATION 8:00 AM
TEE OFF 9:00 AM
OR FUN GOLF
9 HOLES
2, 3 OR 4 PERSON TEAMS
REGISTRATION 10:00 AM;
TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM

REGISTRATION FLYERS AT MAIN
ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCHES,
RECTORIES OR SCHOOL OFFICE