

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

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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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November 15, 2015 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

- Mk 13:30-32



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 22ND

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Don Cipra, Kathy Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Mary Osterhaus, Ann Lessard & Mark Gilberts

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Gina Sebastian, Elizabeth Tesar Owen & Breanna Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Chase & Madilyn Fisher Logan Kiesau & Ramon Gonzalez

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Dan Schickert

USHERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 22ND

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith, Dr. Mark Grunwald

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Karen Hertrampf, Windy Mezera & Doris Krogman

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Kori & Karly Jaynes Emma Bjurquist & Brandon Hanger

Sunday 10:00 am Kendall Hill & Katelyn Lutz Ellie Mara & Josh Dyer

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

USHERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Tyler Rochleau, Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

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

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

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, November 17	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, November 18	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Michael Thompson
Thursday, November 19	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Mary McGrath
Friday, November 20	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Ann Rowe
Saturday, November 21	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Ken & Vi Kane
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Robert Waller
Sunday, November 22	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† John Henry & Marguerite Barrette
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

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.)

10 Things You Didn't Know About Purgatory

From an article by Stephen Beale

www.catholicexchange.com Nov 10, 2015

As this month is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, it's an opportunity for all of us to learn more about one of the most misunderstood of Church teachings. Far from being the much-maligned second-chance hell or hell-lite that critics make it out to be, purgatory actually reflects the beauty of the Church's teaching.

10 things about purgatory that may surprise you:

The Fathers taught it. Purgatory is usually associated with medieval Catholicism, but it's been believed by the Church from the earliest times. Though they may not have actually used the term *purgatory*, it's clear that many Church Fathers believed in it nonetheless. In *The City of God* Augustine states, "But of those who suffer temporary punishments after death, all are not doomed to those everlasting pains which are to follow that judgment; for to some, as we have already said, what is not remitted in this world is remitted in the next, that is, they are not punished with the eternal punishment of the world to come."

Souls in purgatory will know their fate. One wonders, if a faithful Christian dies and finds himself suffering in the afterlife, will he be able to tell the difference between hell and purgatory? Will he know that he is heaven-bound? On this issue, the answer seems a decisive yes. The ancient Liturgies and the inscriptions of the catacombs speak of a 'sleep of peace,' which would be impossible if there was any doubt of ultimate salvation."

Souls in purgatory may be praying for us. We are often rightly told to pray for the souls in purgatory. But some think they may also be praying for us. It makes sense if you think about it: they are closer to God than we, their petitions may have greater intercessory power.

Ancient pagans believed in it too. Just as other cultures have deeply ingrained beliefs in an afterlife with something like our heaven and hell, so also there was widespread conviction that there would be something like purgatory. For example, the great Roman epic poem the *Aeneid*—a text familiar to the Latin-speaking Fathers—describes souls that have had the "taint of wickedness ... burned away with fire" before arriving in the "joyous fields of Elysium."

Souls in purgatory will be with other believers. We tend to forget that souls in purgatory are not suffering alone—otherwise the term the *Church Suffering* would be emptied of meaning. We can only speculate, but it seems reasonable to surmise that the souls in purgatory will be able to console each other much as we do now on earth.

United with Christ. Again, purgatory is not some kind of spiritual time-out or bypass from our lives of faith on earth and the beatific vision we yearn for in heaven. If the souls in purgatory are indeed truly part of the Church Suffering, then it follows they remain a part of the mystical body of Christ and therefore remain united to Him. We tend to hear a lot about union with Christ among the most saintly in this life, but the obvious potential for a profound union in purgatory seems to be largely overlooked.

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The suffering is voluntary. St. Catherine of Genoa, author of a treatise on purgatory, says that once the soul sees what is in store in heaven, immediately casts itself into purgatory.

Christ consoles those in purgatory. Traditionally theologians considered purgatory as part of hell, understanding hell as simply everywhere that is not heaven. In the descent, all who were "in any part of hell" were "visited in some respect" by Christ, Aquinas writes in *the Summa Theologica*.

There will be joys as well as suffering. Traditional accounts of purgatory seem to focus on the pain and punishment. There's more to purgatory than that though. St. Catherine of Genoa describes it as a state of great happiness: "I believe no happiness can be found worthy to be compared with that of a soul in Purgatory except that of the saints in Paradise"

Purgatory makes saints. This conclusion, as radical as it may sound, is inevitable. Here's why—the basic Catholic doctrine on who ends up in heaven and who goes to purgatory can be simply stated this way: those who have reached such a state of sanctity that they do not need the purifying fires of purgatory go straight to heaven. We call them, fittingly, saints. Put another way: only saints get into heaven. That's what purgatory does: it makes all of us who will end up there into saints. That's the beauty of the Church's teaching on purgatory.

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, Mildred Prew, 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, Alben 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, Beth Mezera, Anita Steger, Pat Wachuta, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Ray Martin, Von Denlinger, Christine Alioto, Darlene Lessard, Scott Plondke, 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 8th	\$7,380.00	\$8,772.00
Plate for Nov. 8th	622.79	780.10
Electronic Transfers	<u>1,537.00</u>	<u>1,610.00</u>
Total	\$9,539.79	\$11,162.10

The second collection came to \$572.47 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Michael Roznowski, FICF, LUTCF General Agent, (608) 721-4057 or e-mail: Michael.Roznowski@kofc.org

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Dorothy Mae Farmer** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, Nov. 10th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elkader. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

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.

Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Anthony Bakken, Mary Barrette, Rose Bauer, Robert & Cecelia Becwar, Patricia Boland, Patricia Boldt, William & Wanda Check, Patricia Coorough, James & Lucy Cornford, LeAnn Craig, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Larry & Sharon Dahman, Diane Day, Mary Duffy, Thomas & Jean Farrell, John & Betty Fischer, Elaine Fischer, James & Ruth Gates, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Sylvia Gilberts, Glen & Christa Gillitzer, John & Norma Gillitzer, Howard Gillitzer, Randall Ginsterblum.

Drs. Mark & Ann Grunwald, William & Mary Halpin, Mary Ann Heisz, Charles & Georgia Hutchison, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Robert & Rita Kazda, John & Sheri Kennedy, Dr. Jan & Odean Kieser, Eugene LaPointe, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Timothy & Theresa Looney, Patrick & Catherine Lorenz, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Stephen & Patricia Mercaitis, Anne Mezera, Nathan Mezera, Dennis Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Debra Morovits, Peter & Mary Neisius, Joyce Novey, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Mary Pellock, Joan Poots, and Joe & Joanne Prew.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, November 15

5:00 pm Ecumenical Choir rehearsal at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 16

Tuesday, November 17

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, November 18

5:15 pm Harmony Choir rehearsal at St. John's
New members welcome

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

Thursday, November 19

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

7:00 pm Holy Family Parish Council meeting at St. John's School

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

Sunday, November 22

Next weekend non-perishable food collection for our local Food Pantry. Containers are in the back of the churches.

WANTED: Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle. Volunteers are needed for the weekend of November 20, 21 & 22 at Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly. Please call Steve or Pat Mercaitis at 988-4556 if you can help out.

Many thanks to the family of Irene Mezera for their donation to our school in her memory. We are very grateful for this gift.

HOLY FAMILY FALL FEST - NOVEMBER 1, 2015

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>
Dinner Sales	\$ 9,678.00		
Supper	544.00	4,983.00	5,463.00
Refreshments	224.00		
Raffle Tickets	13,048.00	336.50	12,711.50
Unit Donations	2,910.00		2,910.00
Paddle Wheel	2,245.00		2,245.00
Basket Raffle	1,165.00		1,165.00
Dollar Barrel	966.00	480.00	486.00
Bake Sale	863.00		863.00
Ham & Turkey			
Raffle	268.00		268.00
Packer Pool	197.00	100.00	97.00
Cake Walk	192.50		192.50
Pull Tabs	132.50		132.50
Fish Pond &			
Pig Mania	194.50		194.50
Crafts	<u>75.50</u>		<u>75.50</u>
TOTAL	\$32,703.00	\$5,899.50	\$26,803.50