

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic 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 (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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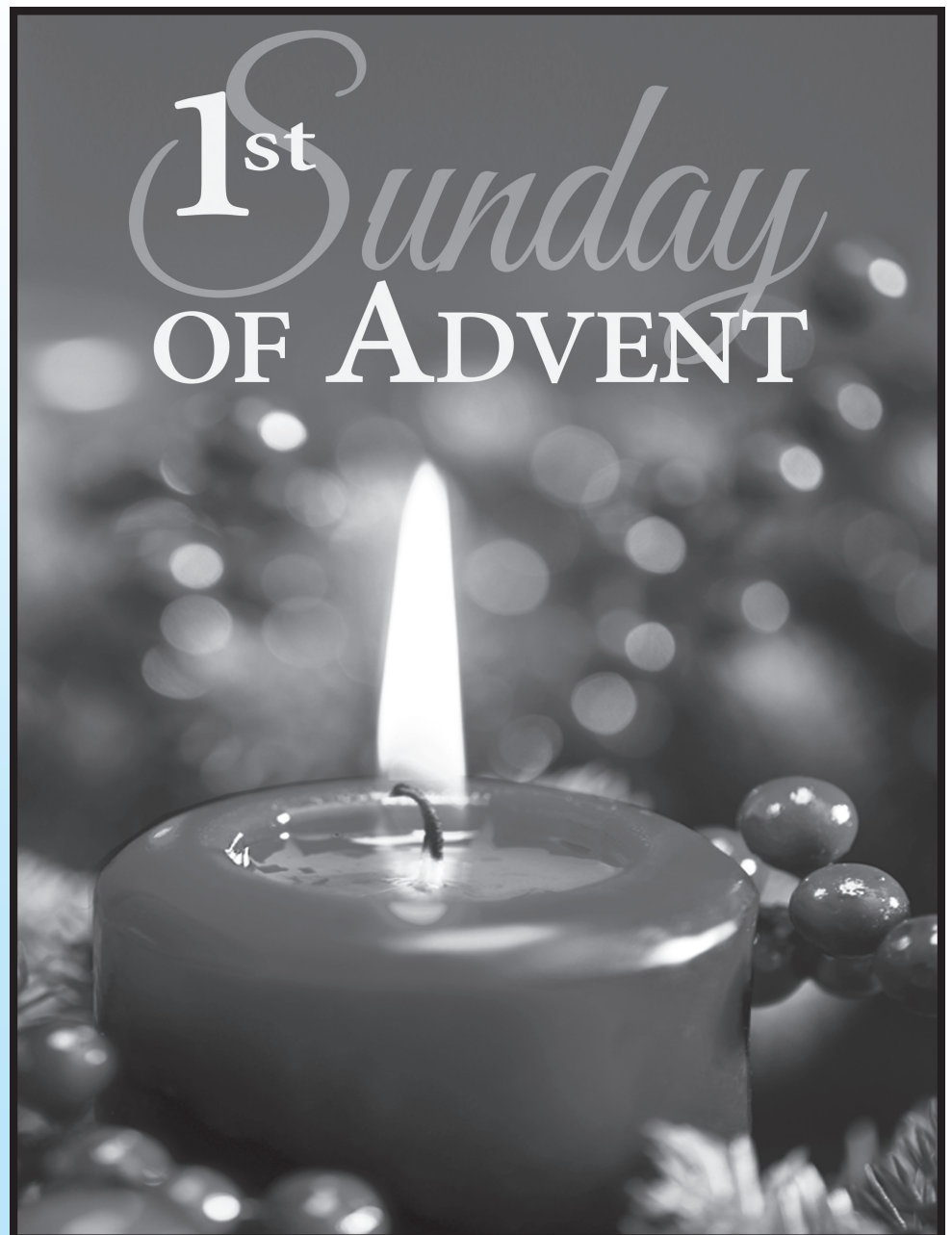
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*November 29, 2015 - First Sunday of Advent*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR





## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 6

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Trish Hager & Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Donna Steiner, Mary Osterhaus

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Brady Luster & Ryan Waller  
Katy Welsch & Hailey Bedward

Sunday 8:00 am Kennedy Kirschbaum & Jonah Linder  
Thomas Mara & Claire Teynor

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Arlene Willms

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

### USHERS-DECEMBER 5/6

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-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Roland & Ashley Lindner



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 6

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barb Frommelt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Patty Schauf Yager, Jean Ann Dillman & Gene Carlson

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Macey Banasik  
Allison Kennedy & Kierstyn Rogers

Sunday 10:00 am Rebekah Champion & Logan Higgins  
Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

### USHERS-DECEMBER 5/6

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

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Erich & Meghan Welter

Sunday 10:00 am Megan Coffield

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 1	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Roberta Marfilius
Wednesday, December 2	8:15 am	St. John's Church	John Steger
Thursday, December 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Deceased members of the David & Anna Stram Family
Friday, December 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Lauretta Geisler
Saturday, December 5	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor Charlotte Voth
Sunday, December 6	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	Donald & Norma Lochner - 71st Wedding Anniversary Harold, Esther & Debra Hamann

## CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE

This Advent marks a new beginning for diocesan communications. *Catholic Life Magazine* will replace *The Catholic Times* newspaper format as the official publication for our diocese. It is hoped that this new format will be a more effective evangelization tool for our diocese. Each household in the parish should receive a copy, which is a change from how the subscriptions for the newspaper were handled. If you do not receive a magazine by the first week of December, please contact the parish office and we will make the necessary corrections.

At times there are notices that the diocese sends out that are of a more timely nature than the magazine format can accomplish. These announcements, such as official diocesan assignments, will be published in our bulletins. In addition, there is a parish app that is available free of charge for all parishioners. To download this app to your smartphone; text App to 88202 (or visit myparishapp.com). This will be a work in process as we learn how to more effectively use this new technology as well.

## ADVENT 2015

*"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9)*

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is only a month away. To help us prepare our hearts for the birth of our savior, the Church gives us this special time of Advent. Without an intentional preparation Christmas can become just another season; a time of gathering with friends and family, a time of sales and parties. It can become a season that is filled with so many external activities we forget about the true meaning of the season.

We do not celebrate Christmas in order to receive gifts, but rather to receive The Gift. God, in His love for His children, sends His own Son to become man. Through him, we become adopted sons and daughters of God. Advent is the short time that we have to prepare our hearts to receive this gift. Traditionally, this is a time of penance as well in the Church. The colors of the season are violet, which reflect this sentiment. It is a beautiful time to reflect upon our lives, and see how we might improve our relationship with God, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is a time to join our Blessed Mother Mary and St Joseph as they anticipate the birth of their child.

Perhaps one of the best ways to prepare ourselves is through the Sacrament of Penance. If it has been awhile since you have received Christ's love through this sacrament, please take advantage of the sacrament this Advent season. During this Year of Mercy, the priests for the Prairie du Chien deanery are going to offer something a bit different. Each deanery in the Diocese of La Crosse has designated a pilgrimage church of mercy. In our deanery, that church is Sacred Heart in Wauzeka. We will be offering a communal penance service at Sacred Heart on Dec 13 from 3:00 to 4:30 (or until all confessions are heard). This will also be a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which will be explained in next week's bulletin.

May you and your families come to know God's mercy in a special way during this Advent season.

Fr. Jim

## 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, 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, 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 Unit Chairpersons for the month of December at Holy Family Parish are:** Randy & Kathy Schneider, Steve & Julie Schwager, Bob & Song Shaben, Greg & Diane Steger, Dirk & Janet Steiner, Mike & Melissa Stram.

**Congratulations to Al & Lucille Berns on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.**

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 22	\$6,711.00	\$4,905.00
Plate for Nov. 22	<u>530.13</u>	<u>679.58</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,241.13</b>	<b>\$5,584.58</b>

The second collection came to \$454.61 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Christmas Poinsettias for Church....**If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays please deposit names & donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at St. John's Rectory. Thank you!

Join a Holy Family choir this Advent! All ages welcome! Practice at St. Gabriel's 6:00 pm Tuesdays in December to sing for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve & 9:00 am Christmas Day Masses. Practice at St. John's 5:00 pm Wednesdays, Dec, 2, 9 & 16 for all Christmas season Masses! At St. John's we sing for all 10:00 am Masses, and we will sing carols prior to the 5:30 pm Children's Mass & 10:00 pm Mass Christmas Eve. If you want to sing but can't come to practice, call Shirley Cipra at 326-8553 or Terri Connell at 326-4240.

## WEDDING BANNERS

*Kurt Hromadka & Kelli Lynn Cliff (II)*

**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, Laurretta Rod, Donald & Charlene Roh, Jan Rutter.

## 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, November 29

Monday, November 30

Tuesday, December 1

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

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

Wednesday, December 2

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

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

Thursday, December 3

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

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

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6

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

**Holy Family 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!**

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Mildred J. Prew** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, November 25th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant Mildred eternal life and comfort to her family.

The Prairie Catholic 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are a wonderful group of students! This year they are working on building a classroom environment filled with cooperation and respect for one another as they come to a deeper understanding of the Ten Commandments. They enjoy working with partners and in small groups. The students are becoming wonderful writers and take delight in completing their work in curative. We are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas program and singing to some of the elderly residents in our community.

Mrs. Wachuta