

HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

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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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January 3, 2016 - The Epiphany of the Lord

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 10TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Debbie Morovits, Laura Meyer

Sunday 8:00 am Mary Osterhaus, Becky Henry, Donna Steiner

SERVERS-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Brady Luster, Ryan Waller
Teagan Radloff, Elizabeth Tesar

Sunday 8:00 am Chase & Madilyn Fisher
Logan Kiesau, Allison Lindner

LECTORS-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

USHERS-JANUARY 9/10

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-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenni Campbell



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 10

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Diane Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Doris Krogman, Patty
Schauf Yager

SERVERS-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Garrett Young, Brandon Hanger
Kori & Karly Jaynes

Sunday 10:00 am Logan Higgins, Josh Dyer
Kendall Hill, Katelyn Lutz

LECTORS-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

USHERS-JANUARY 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-JANUARY 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron & Sarah Kramer

Sunday 10:00 am Juli & Heath Smith

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

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| Tuesday, January 5 | 8:15 am | St. Gabriel's Church | † Bob Boland |
| Wednesday, January 6 | 8:15 am | St. John's Church | † Lucille Frerich |
| Thursday, January 7 | 8:15 am | St. Gabriel's Church | † Mary Smrcina |
| Friday, January 8 | 8:15 am | St. John's Church | † Joe Rod |
| Saturday, January 9 | 4:00 pm | St. Gabriel's Church | † Peter & Catherine Ambrose |
| | 7:00 pm | St. John's Church | † Dorothy Rolph |
| Sunday, January 10 | 8:00 am | St. Gabriel's Church | † For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor |
| | 10:00 am | St. John's Church | † Ann Rowe |

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Physical and spiritual fitness go hand in hand

We live in a physical fitness obsessed world. This is not all bad, as taking care of the material world (our bodies included) is important. However, it can take on a role that goes beyond what is healthy. If we are solely fixated on physical fitness that we forget about the spiritual end, we are doing a disservice to our true destiny and our souls. So as we enter into this New Year, are there things that enhance our physical fitness that can be adapted to the spiritual end?

How about the Fitbit? I think most know what this little gadget is, whether it is one that clips onto a belt, around your wrist or is built into a watch. These little gadgets can tell us how much activity we have in our daily routine, track the calories we take in and burn, track the number of miles we walk or run, tell us about our sleep patterns and track our fitness goals among other things. In many groups these have led to healthy competition among various groups on tracking goals for overall fitness.

But what is it that these gadgets do, and can something similar be harnessed on the spiritual level? Basically the Fitbit, or any other similar device, are an accountability tool. It is a nudge to remind us of our commitment, and it tells us how we are doing on a daily basis (perhaps even hourly). I suppose it uses a kind of guilt for when we miss our target, and rewards us for going beyond. It is kind of like the star the Wise Men followed, only it remains as long as the batteries are charged, and the goals are kept current.

There is another star, though. This star is found in Sacred Scripture, in the reading of good books or articles that challenge and strengthen our faith, it is practicing our faith, preparing for Mass (more than just getting there 5 minutes late and leaving as soon as we can so it 'counts') taking advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation; if I am traveling, where can I find a Mass, how is my prayer life? Wouldn't it be nice if there were a Fitbit to record these things and keep track of them?

There are many ways we can do just that. To keep track of our exercise, we don't really need a Fitbit. Paper and pencil do just fine. Setting concrete spiritual goal, developing a plan of action and keeping a spiritual journal are one way to do this. However, if you are electronically adept, and have a smartphone, there is an app for that.

Text App to 88202 or visit myparishapp.com and follow the instructions to load an app for Holy Family Parish directly on your phone. There are many personalized aspects for our diocese, our parish and for your personal use. As this is something that is fairly new, it will be changing and adapting as more and more feedback is gained. This is also a free app for anyone in the Diocese of La Crosse to take advantage of. There are messages that can be sent out to all our parishioners, reminders that can be on for various events, a parish calendar, access to the bulletin and homilies are all included. There is a section on prayers for the times we need special help and cannot find the words, and links to Catholic news and Bishop Callahan's blog as well as many other services.

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A Fitbit doesn't do the exercise for us, and *My Parish App* will not develop a relationship with God without personal commitment, but it is a tool that can help. Using the right tool for the job; walk, run, bike for the good of our heart; and pray and practice our faith for the good of our soul, with a little help along the way.

God bless you in your New Year's resolutions

Fr Jim

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, 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, 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, Scott Plondke, David LaBonne, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Ed Stubbe, Joe Barrette, and Shirley Ambrose.

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 |
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| Envelopes for Dec. 20 | \$8,345.00 | \$7,469.37 |
| Plate for Dec. 20 | <u>727.60</u> | <u>639.33</u> |
| Total | 9,072.60 | \$8,108.70 |

The second collection came to \$859.14 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Due to the early bulletin deadline, the collection for Christmas & December 27th will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Prairie Catholic Sweepstake Calendars are now on sale for the year of 2016-2017 \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. You can purchase these at either rectory, school office or from John Fischer, 326-2827.

Plus our Cash Raffle tickets are on sale also. Tickets are available for \$10.00 each or 11 for \$100.00. We will have a total of 13 prize winners, with a grand prize of \$7,500. They also are available at both rectory offices and the school office. Holy Family will host a Burgers & Fries meal on April 9th where we will hold the drawing.

The Knights of Columbus council 8178 of Monona, IA will be hosting their annual free throw contest on Sunday, January 10th, 2016 at the MFL Mar Mac High School gym in Monona. Registration begins at Noon. Competition is open to all boys & girls age 9 to 14. Call Mark Fohey with questions 563-539-4238.

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.

Stewart & Kathryn Bosworth, Arthur & Celine Boxrucker, Mark Check, John & Patricia Check, Linda Cherrier, Thomas & Lisa Dyer, Leo & Patti Flanders, Roy & Vicki George, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, Geraldine Kluesner, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Bradley & Jennifer Linder, June Looney, Jeanine Mara, Thomas Mara, Audrey Mara, Donna Mara, David & Renee Martin, Cletus Mezera, Elaine Moris, Elizabeth Munson, David & Karen Nelson, Kathleen Novey, Joan Novey, John & Annette Powers, Mattie Rademacher, Herbert & Helen Schneider.

Robert & Linda Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Mary Schultz, Marita Seitz, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Millie Senesac, Edward & Donna Steger, Robert & Corrine Steger, Terence Steger, Catherine Steger, Tim & Charlene Steger, Louis & Anita Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Michael & Donna Steiner, Mary Steiner, Thomas & Barbara Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Vicki Taylor, Agnes Tesar, Gerald & Rose Trautsch, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, Loren Vondrum.

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 3

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

Monday, January 4

Tuesday, January 5

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, January 6

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

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

Thursday, January 7

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

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9

Christmas Flowers at Holy Family were given in memory of:

John Steger, Jonathan Steger, Bruce Novey, Edward J. Novey, Jeanne Novey, Edward C. Novey, Ellen & Jack McWilliams, Mary Ellen Linder, Ann Yager, Loretta Tesar, James Coorough, Mary Nash, Courtney Nash, deceased members of the Wm & Mary Crowley families; deceased members of the James & Carol Coorough families, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Jack & Ursula Kasperek family, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Robert & Brian Waller, Wencil & Leona Swatek, Laurence & Helen Cummings, Stanley & Bernadine Daggett, Bob Boland, Marty, Mary & Bill Betzle, Ron Cherrier, Cub, Clara & Mary Marcella MacEachern.

Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heiz, Margaret Wachter, Ed & Martha Wachter Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, Evelyn & Ken Picha, Agnes Ocenosak, June Tyler, Donald & Leone Peloch, Kyle Corlett, Duane Prindle, Darlene Bodensteiner, James Looney, Anthony & Grace Mezera, Jerome & Jeanne Jackson, Mary Specht, Andrew Specht, Francis & Helen Wall, Bill & Virginia Dahman, Roger Pellock, Ray & Evelyn Sprosty, Gary & Candy Sprosty, Loretta Jamnik, deceased members of the Edward Bock Family and the Albert Novey Family, Lawrence Novey, Charlotte Steiner Voth & Family, Wm. & Lora Young, Ann & Don McGuire, Les Poots.

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