

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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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 27, 2016 1st Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



1st Sunday of Advent

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Mt 24:43-44



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 4TH

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Kathy Schneider & Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am Donna Steiner, Dave Hemmer, Ann Lessard

SERVERS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Mitchell Colson & Brady Luster
Seth & Jack MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am Chase & Madilyn Fisher
Kennedy Kirschbaum & Scout Hall

LECTORS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm John Chaffee

Sunday 8:00 am Richard Ambrose

USHERS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Gene Kirschbaum, & Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Jim McGrath, Butch Boland, Don Osterhaus, & Dick Tesar

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 4:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 4TH

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Karen Hertrampf

SERVERS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Matthias Gerhards & Logan Brown
Kori Jaynes & Allison Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Julian DeGidio & Dawson Eastman
Kendall Hill & Nick Mara

LECTORS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-DECEMBER 3/4

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 3/4

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Kalli Igou

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 29	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Patricia Wachuta
Wednesday, November 30	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Cathy Vondrum
Thursday, December 1	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Lloyd & Dan Caya
Friday, December 2	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Charlotte C. Voth
Saturday, December 3	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Lauretta Geisler For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, December 4	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† John Steger † Shirley Moore

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.)

FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF HAPPINESS

We were created by God to desire four different kinds of happiness. In order to be healthy and happy, we need a balance between the four levels. What are these four kinds of happiness and how do we go about maintaining this balance?

Happiness 1 – Physical pleasure and possessions This first level of happiness comes from food, music, material goods, entertainment and other things that we experience through our physical senses. These forms of pleasure and happiness are obvious to everyone.

Happiness 2 – Ego-gratification The second level of happiness comes from such things as achieving a goal, winning a game, exercising proper authority over people and being liked by others. It is natural to feel good about ourselves when we complete a job, take first place in a contest, make a good decision that affects other people and when we have a few, very good friends.

Happiness 3 – Doing good for others The third level of happiness comes from making a positive difference in the world through our attitude and actions of kindness and compassion toward others. The reason underlying our actions is that we seek the truth and beauty of the sacredness and importance of each human person by showing them the love and justice that is due them. We live this out through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The spiritual works of mercy include instructing others about Jesus, helping friends or family members to recognize the harmfulness of a serious sin, giving counsel to those who doubt God's love, comforting a discouraged person, forgiving those who injure us, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead. The corporal [bodily] works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. How about choosing to do one of these works of mercy during this month?

Happiness 4 – Acceptance of God's unconditional love The fourth level of happiness comes from accepting the perfect truth that God loves us in an unconditional manner. It can be difficult for so many of us to know and believe this truth. There are two things that can help you to be convicted that God knows and loves you completely. Pray for the grace to know how much God loves you and He will reveal this to you. Slowly read the Gospel of Luke which will help you to see and understand the love of Christ. This time of Advent - preparing for the coming of Christ - is the right occasion for these practices. What is important to remember about the four levels of happiness is that the meaning and purpose of human life is to do good for others and accept the unconditional love of God. This can be difficult for us because we desire all four of the different kinds of happiness. When we place more emphasis on Levels 1 and 2, and ignore or neglect Levels 3 and 4, we will fail to reach our life's full potential. We find true happiness – inner joy and peace – when we maintain balance and keep Levels 3 and 4 as the main focus of our lives.

Ann Lankford Office for Catechesis and Evangelization

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, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Eugene Gillitzer, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Jack Dahl, Joan Sheckler, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Ronnie Schlueter, Dean Heintz, Norb Aschom, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP ROBERT FLOCK

Bishop William Callahan has announced that Bishop Robert Flock has been named Bishop of San Ignacio de Velasco in Bolivia. Bishop Flock, a native of the Diocese of La Crosse, and a brother to Jenny Wachuta of Holy Family Parish and the 3rd grade teacher at Prairie Catholic school, has been serving as an auxiliary bishop in the diocese of Cochabamba in Bolivia. Bishop Flock was named bishop on Nov 4th, which is his birthday.

He will be installed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30 AM, 2 February 2017 in San Ignacio, which is 480 kilometers (300 miles) from Santa Cruz. Our prayers and best wishes to Bishop Bob in this new assignment.

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday our bulletin had to go to press early so the offertory for November 20th will be in next week's bulletin.

Deacon's Corner November 21, 2016

How does one become a deacon?... Entering into Holy Orders involves two things: discerning a call and undergoing formation. The call to the diaconate or priesthood comes from God. Recognizing that a call is from God involves prayerful reflection on the man's part, and confirmation of the call by the Church. In my case 10-15 years ago I had several powerful experiences that convinced me, God wanted me to serve Him more openly and deeply. However, these experiences did not tell me how I was to serve. Eight years ago shortly after Father Jerome arrived in Prairie du Chien, he told Ann and I that he thought I might be have a diaconal vocation. "How do you know, Father?" His response was the greatest compliment I had ever received: "I can see that you love Jesus and His Church." As I did not know enough about what the diaconate was, I could not respond immediately to Father's statement. But, I went home and read the US Bishop Conference's book on the diaconate, and discussed Father's observation with friends and my wife. I realized that becoming a deacon was compatible with God's calling years before. I discussed this with the diocese's director of deacon formation, Father Felix. As Ann and I had only recently been received into the Catholic Church, I was encouraged to enter the lay formation program. After this two year program, I was received into the 2 year-long deacon aspirancy program, and then received into the 3 year-long deacon candidate program. All formation programs involved four aspects of growth: human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral. Human formation concentrated on growing in virtue and relationship skills. Intellectual development meant studying scripture, Church history, philosophy, ethics, theology, etc, and writing 125 papers. Spiritual growth involved prayer (especially praying the Liturgy of Hours), Catholic devotional practices, and especially daily Mass attendance. Pastoral growth entailed being exposed to and participating in all facets of parish life.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Jase Calvin Otte-Eulgem** son of Kent Eulgem and Amanda Otte through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless Jase Calvin and his family.

We would like to thank the family of Beba B. Cecka for their generous donation to Holy Family Parish in her memory. We are very grateful for this gift.

Prairie Catholic Sweepstake Calendars are now on sale for the year of 2017-2018. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100. The calendars are available at both rectories or from John Fischer (326-2827). These calendars make great Christmas gifts.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, November 27

Monday, November 28

Tuesday, November 29

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, November 30

5:00 pm Choir at St. John's to rehearse Advent music to sing for Sunday 10 am Masses. New singers welcome!

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

Thursday, December 1

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

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's Hall

"Catholic Charities is once again having a sponsorship Christmas program. We are looking for families, groups, or organizations who would like to sponsor one of our families for Christmas. We ask that our sponsors select a family, purchase whatever gifts they feel they can afford, wrap the gifts and drop them off at Catholic Charities office at 104 E Blackhawk Ave. We in turn will contact the family and schedule a time for them to pick up their gifts. Everything remains completely confidential. If you or your group would like to sponsor a family and bring Christmas joy to their home this year or if you would like more information, please contact Sandy at 608-519-8046 or stop in the office."

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 following bulletins.

Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Rose Bauer, Dorothy Baures, Robert & Nancy Becker, Florence Becwar, Doris Bohnenkamp, Bernard & Bonnie Boland, Ronald & Darlene Bunders, Darrell & Rae Ann Cooley, Gerald & Eldora Coorough, LeAnn Craig, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Larry & Sharon Dahman, Donald & Joan Draka, Irving & Carol DuCharme, Thomas & Jean Farrell, Scott & Frances Geisler, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Deacon Mark & Ann Grunwald, Robert Heilmann, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Ronald & Mary Alice Jones, Geraldine Kluesner, Doris Krogman, Donald & Norma Lochner, Paul J. Lochner, Paul & Nora Moris, Debra Morovits, Janet Nelson, Joyce Novey, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, Terry & Clara Powers, Jan Rutter, Betty Standorf, Catherine Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Michael & Donna Steiner, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Agnes Tesar, Phyllis Tichenor, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, James & Barbara Welsch, James White, Ronald & Karen White, Arlene Willms, and Phyllis Yeomans.