

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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December 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

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1st Sunday of Advent

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 10

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Kathy Schneider,

Sunday 8:00 am Becky Henry, Ann Lessard

SERVERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Seth & Jack MacEachern

Ava Hagar & Allison Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Addison Kirschbaum & Tommy Mara

Matthias Gerhards & Nick Mara

LECTORS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Nancy Eastman

USHERS--DECEMBER 9/10

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

Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, Mark Hamann, Tom
Hampton & Don Osterhaus

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

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Ann Quick, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark

Sunday 10:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Gene Carlson

SERVERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Madilyn Fisher & Ryan Waller

Ava & MaKenna Forde

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-DECEMBER 9/10

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

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Holler Family

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!

ADVENT: Confessions following
daily Mass



Tuesday, December 5	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Edmund Jelinek
Wednesday, December 6	8:15 am	St. John's Church	V. J. & David Bohnenkamp
Thursday, December 7	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Lauretta Geisler
Vigil Mass for Holy Day	6:00 pm	St. John's Church	Connie Esser
Immaculate Conception			
Friday, December 8	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Rosella Scherlin
	12:10 pm	St. John's Church	Glen & Darrel Beneker
Saturday, December 9	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Lawrence Novey
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to our Pastor
Sunday, December 10	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Leona Carl
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Ann Yager

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.)

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath has long been a part of our Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreathes with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of spring. In Scandinavia during winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn “the wheel of the earth” back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth. By the Middle Ages, Christians were using Advent wreathes as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is “the Light that came into the world” to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (John 3:19-21).

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection.

The four outer candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. This Sunday is a day of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent and Christmas is approaching.

In our churches, the Advent wreath will be blessed on the first Sunday of Advent, and lit for each Mass. But having an Advent wreath in the home as well is a wonderful practice. Following are prayers that might be used in the home:

On the First Sunday of Advent, bless the wreath, praying: “O God, by whose word all things are made holy, bless this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from you abundant graces. Amen.” One child then lights one purple candle. Individual prayers can then be offered, scripture read, or a hymn sung, and conclude with a decade of the rosary or Our Father.

On the Second Sunday, pray: “O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son. Through Jesus’ coming we may be made worthy to serve you with pure minds. Amen.” A child then lights two purple candles.

On the Third Sunday, pray: “O Lord, we beg you to hear our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of your Son’s coming. Amen.” The mother then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.

On the Fourth Sunday, pray, “O Lord, stir up your power, we pray. Come be with us. Receiving your forgiveness, help us spread your kingdom on earth and prepare for an eternal life with you in heaven. Amen.” The father then lights all of the candles of the wreath.

On Christmas Eve, pray, “Father, thank you for sending your Son, the best gift we could ever receive.”

Deacon Mark Grunwald

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, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O’Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Scott Plondke, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Wilbur Rupp, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaike Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Joanne Prew, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley, Betty Standorf.

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

Seminarian Ethan Hokamp needs our prayers: Theology III, North American College, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Wisconsin Rapids. “For each one of us, there is only one thing necessary: to fulfill our own destiny, according to God’s will, to be what God wants us to be.”

MASS TIMES FOR HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, Dec. 7th Mass at St. John’s at 6:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 8th Mass at St. Gabriel’s at 8:15 am

Friday, Dec. 8th Mass at St. John’s at 12:10 pm

Next week we will continue to list the Diocesan Annual Appeal donors.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 26th	\$6,098.00	\$6,290.00
Plate for Nov. 26th	<u>848.50</u>	<u>953.62</u>
Total	\$6,946.50	\$7,243.62

The second collection came to \$488.26 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

'SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WITH SCRIP!!'

As we gear up for Christmas, I would like to ask you to consider once again using Scrip to support our parish and school with your normal every day purchases such as gasoline and groceries, as well as for other purchases or use as gift cards. Hopefully you are aware that Scrip is a nationwide fundraising program that serves local organizations. Basically, gift cards are purchased at a discounted rate and sold at face value, and the organization keeps the difference. Discounts range from 1% all the way up to 16%!

Scrip is easier than ever to use: you can order directly online through shopwithscrip.com; set up an account and place your order, using the school number (315114L45414) to make sure you're supporting our parish. Your order will be sent with our next parish order, and you pay when you pick up your order from the school, parish office or after Mass. (The scrip coordinator will contact you about where you would like to pick up your order) Scrip is available if you have questions about the scrip program, please call or stop in at either rectory or the school office

The PCCW will meet **Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's. Short business meeting followed by a social gathering, Ladies, please plan to attend. Anyone interested in bringing a snack or beverage, please contact Linda Moser at 874-4682.

Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Initiation for Catholic Men. There is still time to sign up for the upcoming 1st Degree and take advantage of the \$500 reduction in tuition for Prairie Catholic School. The 1st degree will be held at St. Gabriel's Rectory at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 5th. Sign up forms are in the back of the church. Those joining plan to be there by 6:45 pm. We will have a chili supper for everyone beginning at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Steve Mercaitis at 608-988-4556.

We still need volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please call Lana at the rectory at 326-6511 if you can help us out. Thank you.

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 and donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at either rectory.

LOTTERY SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS are now for sale. 6 for \$100.00 or \$20.00 each. 30 monthly prizes. You can purchase at St. John's Rectory or call John Fischer at 326-2827. These calendars make great Christmas gifts.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 3

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria; also drawing for the Calendar and Holy Name Raffle

Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 5

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting - 1st Degree Initiation at St. Gabriel's Rectory

Wednesday, December 6

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church; New voices are welcome
6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, December 7

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm
6:00 pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day at St. John's
7:00 pm PCCW meeting at St. John's in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation
8:15 am Holy Day Mass at St. Gabriel's
12:15 am Holy Day Mass at St. John's

Saturday, December 9

COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY.....From now until December 10th the Knights of Columbus will be collecting coats for adults and children in need in the community. Consider donating your unused and in good shape winter coat. There will be boxes in the back of both churches or at boxes around the community. Thank you!

HOLY FAMILY FALL FEST 2017

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Dinner Sales	\$ 9,336.75		
Evening Meal	654.00		
Raffle Tickets	14,648.00		
Assorted Games	5,480.00		
Units	<u>5,036.00</u>		
	\$35,154.75	\$4,334.00	\$30,820.75

Assorted Games, etc:

Paddle Wheel - 1,340.85; Ham/Turkey Raffle - \$232.00; Bake Sale - \$1,003.25; Basket Raffle - \$1,951.00; Dollar Barrel - \$386.00; Craft & Parcel Post - \$158.50; Refreshment Stand - \$74.00; Cake Walk - \$64.30; Fish Pond - \$91.60; Pull Tabs - \$178.50 for a total of \$5,480.00.

Again thanks to all who worked so hard to put on this event and to all who attended.