

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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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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February 26, 2017 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



8th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Mt 6:31, 32b-33a



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 5

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Kathy Schneider, Mark Gilberts

Sunday 8:00 am David Hemmer, Megan Pedretti

SERVERS-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Paige & Max Schneider
Katy Welsch & Brogan Brewer

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

LECTORS-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Richard Ambrose

USHERS-MARCH 4/5

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Nathan Mezera, John Gillitzer & Jim McGrath

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenny Campbell



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 5

Chris Ingham, Barb & Merle Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Patty Schauf-Yager,
& Windy Mezera

SERVERS-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Makenna Forde & Rebekah Champion
Emma & Michael Bjurquist

Sunday 10:00 am Katelyne & Jesse Lutz
Julian DeGidio & Dawson Eastman

LECTORS-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

USHERS-MARCH 4/5

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-MARCH 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 am Brandon & Danielle Swiggum

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, February 28	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Paul Kovarik
Wednesday, March 1	7:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Souls
Ash Wednesday	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Nancee Koch
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Wendy Garrity
Thursday, March 2	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	James Probsting
Friday, March 3	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Rosella Scherlin
Saturday, March 4	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Clara Shulka
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, March 5	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Key
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	William Rice

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.)

GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THIS LENT

During this Lenten season we will offer some suggestions to deepen our relationship with God this Lenten season from the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Catechesis. There are many ways to deepen our prayer life, but first and foremost, is giving of ourselves and making a specific time for prayer. If we just fit it in when we can, other things will continue to come up and interfere. This Lent, give yourself time to be with God in prayer every day.

Weeks 1 and 2 of Lent: Reflecting on God's Infinite and Unconditional Love commit to a 15- minute prayer time for each of the three Scripture passages below, praying with one Scripture per day, in the order given. It is often helpful to use a journal or notebook to write down any inspirations received. Repeat the same process in Week Two. Begin your prayer time by asking for this specific grace: "Dear Lord, please grant me the grace of a deeper experience of Your personal love for me." You will not only come to know that God is love, but experience God's personal love for you as a unique son or daughter. Suggested Scripture for Weeks 1 and 2:

- Luke 1:26-38 Mary's "Yes" allows the Savior to come into the world.
- Luke 2:1-20 God becomes man to save me.
- Luke 2:41-50 Jesus is eager to begin His Father's will.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Another question that comes up every year concerns Lenten Regulations This year the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday March 1

7:00 am Mass @ St John's
8:15 am Mass @ St Gabriel's
7:00 pm Mass @ St John's

We will also have a Liturgy of the Word and ash service at Prairie Maison at 10:00 AM.

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, 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, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, 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, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Ronnie Schlueter, Dean Heintz, Norb Aschom, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Michele Gale Tiller Karr, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Stan Garnsworthy, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Roger Ekern, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Wilbur Rupp.

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

ST. PATRICKS DAY

This year St Patrick's Day falls on a Friday. The bishops of Wisconsin have joined together and issued a dispensation for Friday abstinence for that particular day. In his official proclamation, Bishop Callahan has asked that all Catholics choosing to take part in St. Patrick Day celebrations and eating meat are asked to abstain from meat on another day during the 2nd week of Lent. He also encourages everyone to take part in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on that day as well or offer a special devotion such as the rosary, either as a family or individual.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Feb. 19th	\$5,677.00	\$6,984.00
Plate for Feb. 19th	754.60	520.50
Electronic Transfers	1,367.00	1,347.00
Unit Dues	450.00	550.00
Total	\$8,248.60	\$9,401.50

The second collection came to \$950.03 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**Announces:****KINDERGARTEN SCREEING & OPEN HOUSE****Wednesday 8, 2017**

Please call the school office at (608) 326-8624 Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm by Friday, March 3rd to set up a screening time for your child.

During the screening time, we invite you to take a tour of our new Little Saints Early Childhood Center, which just opened this school year, and is offering special pricing for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please have the following information when you call the school:

- Child's full name, date of birth, address, and phone
- A preferred time between 8:30 am - 3:00 for the screening day

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.

We will continue to list 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.

Cecelia Benda, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, William & Mary Halpin, Robert & Donna Hamann, Theresa Heal, Irmagard Hogenson, Bryan & Cathy Irvin, Thomas & Nancy Koenig, Virginia Konichek, Charles & Linda Kramer, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Daniel & Sheila Linder, Lewis Marfilius, Elaine Moris, Thomas & Shirley Panka, John & Anna Rink, Donald & Edith Ritchie, Donald & Charlene Roh, Melanie Schneider, Ronald Shipley, Robert & Corrine Steger, Thomas & Karen Steiner, Mary Steiner, Russell & Mary Steiner, Jacqueline Stram, Thomas & Barbara Stram, Michael & Melissa Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Jerald & Rose Trautsch, Ronald & Arlene Trautsch, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, Loren Vondrum, Robert & Debra Wachter, Gerald Wachuta, Steven & Jennifer Wachuta, Joshua & Angela Wagner, James & Brenda Wagner, Evelyn Waller, James & Margaret Walz, Carol Walz, Martin & Judy Warpinski, Thomas Whetston, Dennis & Sandra White, Lyle Wilkinson, Elmer Wisnefsky, Russ & Shawn Witrig, Gerald & Rose Wright, David & Amy Young.

Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday, February 26

Monday, February 27

Tuesday, February 28

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Mass at St. John's

8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Liturgy of the Word & Ash service at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Mass at St. John's

CCD Classes will attend the 7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

Saturday, March 4

8:00 am Mass at St. John's during Lent

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls will be served in St. Gabriel's School Hall, plus drawing for the Lottery Calendar & Holy Name Raffle

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Lewis W. Marfilius** and **Mary M. Berger** in your prayers. Lewis's funeral was held Tuesday, February 21st and Mary's funeral was held Friday, February 24th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant Lewis and Mary eternal life and comfort to their families.

BEST LENT EVER

DON'T GIVE UP
chocolate
FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

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