

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY 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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January 1, 2017 - Mary the Holy Mother of God

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. *Lk 2:21*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN 8TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Richard Ambrose, &
Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am Dave Hemmer, Becky Henry, Mark
Gilberts

SERVERS-January 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Katy Welsch & Morgan Chase
Seth & Jack MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Thomas Mara
Jonah Linder & Clare Teynor

LECTORS-JANUARY 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-JANUARY 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Bob Ziel
Gene Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek, Jim McGrath, John
Chaffee & Dick Tesar

SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Roland & Ashley Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Kevin & Jenny Campbell



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN 8TH

Ann Quick, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Karen Hertrampf, Verna Panka &
Doris Krogman

SERVERS-JANUARY 7/8

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

Sunday 10:00 am Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp
Logan & Tessa Higgins

LECTORS-JANUARY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-JANUARY 7/8

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

Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik & Ron
Trautsch, Gene Carlson

SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve & Sarah Holler

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Juanita Tully
Wednesday, January 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Lora Young
Thursday, January 5	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Eileen Boland
Friday, January 6	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Floyd Sanders
Saturday, January 7	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Peter & Catherine Ambrose
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, January 8	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Pat Ertel
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Clara Dale

WISHING EACH OF YOU A BLESSED AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

As we bring 2016 to a close and embark into 2017, on behalf of everyone at Holy Family Parish and Prairie Catholic School, I would like to wish everyone a blessed and healthy New Year. Turning the page on the calendar takes on a bit more meaning when we also turn the page on a new year. This time of year often coincides with so many New Year Resolutions to take better care of ourselves physically, and I would also like to encourage you to look at a spiritual resolution or two. This is always a bit more difficult to do because it is more difficult to give our spiritual life specific goals and benchmarks to reach. However, while measuring these things is more challenging, the benefits can outweigh even the most successful physical challenges and goals.

A few points to consider:

What was the last thing I did to advance my spiritual life? Was it CCD and Confirmation?

Am I trying to tackle adult spiritual challenges with a middle school or high school spiritual formation?

How is my prayer life? Is this the same as last year? 5 Years ago?

Do I have a plan? Many professions require a certain amount of training each year. Am I giving an equal amount of effort to growing in my relationship with God?

There are any number of other considerations, but these can be a good start. There are also a great number of opportunities to get started, either on our own or in groups. We meet each Sunday fro RCIA, which is a great way to discover aspects of our faith that we may be missing. There are great resources either on the internet or in books to guide us as well. And if anyone would like to research starting a group, let me know and we can find a place to meet, and give recommendations for resources and advertise it to let others know about it. In the past we have had men's groups, woman's groups and mixed groups doing a variety of studies. One size never fits everyone's schedule or interests.

God bless you and your families.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Normally this feast is on the Sunday between Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Jan 1. With these 2 solemnities falling on Sunday this year, the Feast of the Holy Family will fall on Friday Dec 30. Let's take a closer look at the Holy Family, as patron of our parish family, as we prepare for this feast. The lessons of the Holy Family are our lessons as well.

Jesus chose to become man and entered into our lives as every one of us did, through a family. He did not choose a powerful and influential family, but a poor one. His home became a school of faith where he learned to love God and serve him. They were a faithful family, going to Jerusalem 'every year at the feast of the Passover'. In fact, it was at one such event that Jesus went missing for 3 days, and was found among the teachers in the Temple. Everything that was veiled as a normal childhood was beginning to come to light for Mary, as she 'kept all these things in her heart'. In the meantime, Jesus returned home to the ordinariness of life in Nazareth as a carpenter's son, in obedience to his parents. Living this hidden life in obedience to his parents is a marvelous lesson for us in our ordinary lives in a small town in Wisconsin today.

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It seems that Jesus lost his father Joseph at some point before he began his public ministry, so he knows what it is to lose a parent, and can be a great consolation for us when we go through this in our lives. At the beginning of his public ministry, he is known as a carpenter, the son of Mary. The simple life of a working man, obedient to his parents and God, living a quiet life in a small town far from the center of trade or other major cities. Such an ordinary life lived with extra-ordinary love. This is the example of the Holy Family for each of us; in the words of St Teresa of Calcutta: *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*

Wishing all in our parish family a blessed feast day: 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, 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, Michele Gale Tiller Karr, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Stan Garnsworthy.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 18th	\$8,354.00	\$8,345.00
Plate for Dec. 18th	587.00	727.60
Electronic Transfers	<u>1,347.00</u>	<u>1,512.00</u>
Total	\$10,288.00	\$10,584.60

The second collection came to **\$906.25** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

Christmas Flowers at the Parishes were given in memory of:

Bob Boland, Lawrence Novey, deceased members of the Edward & Mae Bock Family, deceased members of the Albert & Anna Novey Family, Loretta Tesar, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Bernard & Darlene Pedretti Family, Jack Steiner, Joseph & Mary Ellen Steiner & Family, Bill Rice, Ursula & Jack Kasperek Family, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Red & Edith Huser, Emma Arms, Rose Kalina, Jean & Jerome Jackson, Michael "Mick" Kramer, Reginald & Rose Kramer, Marlowe & Ann Waller, Terry Waller, Bob Cejka, Bob Cejka, Jr., Terry Cejka.

Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Stewart & Alberta Bradley, Jack & Jean Tesar, Ray & Evelyn Sprosty Family, Roger & Charlotte Steiner deceased family members, Wm. & Lora Young, James Looney, Ed & Martha Wachter, Margaret Wachter, Ken & Evelyn Picha, Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, John Steger, Jonathan Steger, Bruce R. Novey, Edward J. Novey, Jeanne Novey, Edward C. Novey, Mary Ellen Linder, Agnes Ocnosak & June Tyler.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all that helped out decorating our churches for the Advent and Christmas celebrations. These are behind the scenes volunteers that give of their time and talent, and are much appreciated. Special thanks to the JWalkers and their leaders Mary Stoeffler and Kurt Kravchuk, Charlie and Terri Connell, Mary and Grant Novey, Gene Bouzek, Doris Krogman, Cathy Leard, Tim and Char Steger, Terry Steger, Rob Steger, Marilyn Ocnosak, Prairie Catholic 8th Grade, Dick Tesar, Gene and Mary Kirschbaum. To all that helped in these and other ways making our churches beautiful, thank you.

Many thanks to the Anita Steger Family for the generous donation to Prairie Catholic School in her memory. We are very grateful for this gift.

The JWalkers are having a fundraiser. Breakfast at Hardees on Saturday, January 21st -\$5.00 all you can eat. You can purchase tickets at St. John's Rectory or any JWalker or contact Mary at 563-329-0149.

YES we have homemade noodles and they are now located in the Fellowship Hall at St John's.

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 4b

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day
 9:00 am Coffee & Rolls will be held in St. Gabriel's School plus drawings for the Sweepstake Calendars & Holy Name Raffle

Monday, January 2

Tuesday, January 3
 3:30 pm Mass at the Prairie Maison

Wednesday, January 4
 5:30 pm Education Committee at St. Gabriel's Cafeteria
 6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, January 5
 Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
 Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

Prairie Catholic Sweepstake Calendars are 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).

FALL FEST 2016

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Dinner Sales	\$9,881.50		
Evening Meal	<u>807.75</u>		
	10,689.25	5,672.21	5,017.04
Raffle Tickets	13,204.50		13,204.50
Cash Donations	4,139.10		4,139.10
*Assorted Games	<u>5,610.34</u>	<u>481.64</u>	<u>5,128.70</u>
TOTAL	\$33,643.19	\$6,153.85	\$27,489.34

*Breakdown of Assorted Games
 Fish Pond - \$71.00; Cake Walk - \$79.00; Crafts - \$124.50; Ham/Turkey Raffle & Refreshments - \$15.61; Packer Pool - \$100.00; Pull Tabs - \$222.24; Money Barrel - \$348.50; Paddle Wheel (Day) - \$533.10; Paddle Wheel (Evening) - \$1,545.40; Bake Sale - \$955.60, Baskets - \$1,133.75 for a total of \$5,128.70

JANUARY 2, 2017
BASKETBALL CHALLENGE
 9:00 am to 10:30 am
FREE THOROW CONTEST
 11:00 am to Noon
Prairie Catholic School Gym
 Please use the Prairie Street entrance
 Watch for signs
WE ENCOURAGE PARENTS' PARTICIPATION!
Sponsored by Prairie du Chien Knights of Columbus