

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 326-6511

## Rectory Office Hours

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

## St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 326-2404

## 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.

## Principal

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Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

*April 15, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 22ND

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Kathy Schneider, Deacon  
Mark Grunwald

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Megan Pedretti &  
Ann Lessard

### SERVERS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Allison Lindner & Owen Teynor  
Nick Mara & Ava Hagar

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Matthias Gerhards  
Logan & Tessa Higgins

### LECTORS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

### USHERS-APRIL 21/22

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

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Ashley & Roland Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 22ND

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barbara Frommelt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Gene Carlson, Karen  
Hertrampf

### SERVERS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Madilyn Fisher & Ryan Waller  
Zach & Caleb Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Nicole Rickleff, Gabriel Munson-  
Fishler  
Katelyn & Jesse Lutz

### LECTORS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

### USHERS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex  
Schaeffer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis  
Mezera & Mark Mara

### SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

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!



Tuesday, April 17	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Margaret Steger
Wednesday, April 18	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Grace Kaiser
Thursday, April 19	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Wilbur Rupp
Friday, April 20	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mary Specht
Saturday, April 22	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Margaret Wachter
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Helen Wilkinson
Sunday, April 22	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Jonathan Steger

### 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.)

## Deacon's Corner

Two weeks ago at our Easter Vigil, two new persons, Kathryn McFarland and Jessica Nagel, were welcomed into the Holy Family Parish. These two young women just completed the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process, a six-month period of spiritual and intellectual preparation, and were confirmed and received first Communion at the Vigil Mass. Please make an effort to get to know them and welcome them. We thank God for their presence in the Church.

In deciding to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church, they are swimming upstream. According to a 2015 report by the Pew Research group, for every two people like Kathryn and Jessica who entered the Catholic Church between 2007 and 2014, 13 left. The majority leaving are young, being born after 1980. Those leaving join the fastest growing religious group in America, the unaffiliated or 'nones'. This is as true in Crawford County as it is in the rest of the country. Over the last 30 years, while the population of the county has remained at around 14,000, the number of residents identifying as Christian has decreased by over 2000 with the largest losses being among Catholics, Methodists, and Lutherans.

This is tragic for two reasons. The first is obvious. We are failing to do what Jesus commanded his followers to do, and continues to instruct us to do... to go forth and make disciples of all. That Jesus has died, risen, and ascended into heaven in order that our sins be forgiven and that we might become the adopted children of his Father is Good News. We should never tire of proclaiming it.

Secondly, this tragedy is magnified if we consider what many of these young people are entering into - **jail or prison**. As you read the local newspaper, ask yourselves this - when was the last week that you did not read multiple stories about arrests related to substance abuse? Our fellow citizens are filling themselves with methamphetamine, cocaine, alcohol, and narcotics rather than Jesus Christ. We should be praying about this, and asking the Lord for the guidance and courage necessary to begin to change it.

*-Deacon Mark Grunwald*

## MEMORIAL BENCHES AT CALVARY CEMETERY

Memorial Bench \$1500:

Includes a cement base, installation and lettering up to 30 characters. We would also consider placing these benches at certain locations in the St Gabriel Cemetery. For more information, please speak with one of the Cemetery Advisory members; Joe Atkins, Tom Stram, Jim Welsch or Patty Schauf-Yager or Fr Jim.

Also coming soon: A Columbarium at Calvary Cemetery. Pricing details will be available by the end of May. Please see one of the above members if interested in these as well.

## 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, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, 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, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, 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, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaike Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley, Greta Martin, Andrew Prew, Robert Hazen, Bernard "Butch" Boland, Jeffery Scott DuCharme, Gina Buettner, Audrey Mara.

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

**The Calendar Sweepstake winners and Holy Name Raffle winners will be posted in next week's bulletin.**

## MAINTENANCE POSITION

Holy Family Parish and Prairie Catholic School is beginning to search for a head maintenance position. If interested, please contact Fr Jim or the school office for more information. We are hoping to fill this position by mid- May. God bless.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for April 8th	\$9,586.50	\$8,561.00
Plate for April 8th	1,051.59	948.21
Additional Easter	2,320.00	497.00
Unit Dues	20.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,978.09</b>	<b>\$10,006.21</b>

The second collection came to \$546.78 and will be forwarded to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The school Envelopes came to \$88.00.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**PRAIRIE CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2017-2018 3RD TERM HONOR ROLL**

**6th Grade High Honors**

Lindsey Nolan, Max Schneider, Allison Lindner

**6th Grade Honors**

Julian DeGidio, Dawson Eastman, Shawn Egstad,  
Madilyn Fisher, Scout Hall, Owen Teynor

**7th Grade High Honors**

Ashlyn Knapp, Ryan Waller

**7th Grade Honors**

Emma Bjurquist, Ava Hager, Thomas Mara, Makayla Steger

**8th Grade High Honors**

Allison Kennedy

**8th Grade Honors**

Matthias Gerhards, Kori Jaynes, Sadie Koresh & Katelyne Lutz

**SCHOOL NEWS.....**The 8th graders have been busy during the 3rd quarter. They completed their match-stick bridges in elective class and all tested well for strength. In science class we have finished a unit on the skeletal system with the large individual poster project. In history class we have continued our Civil War unit by finishing the battle of Antietam and have begun studying the battle of Gettysburg which will be visited on the DC trip in May. On March 27th, the 8th graders attended the Chrism Mass in LaCrosse. We first visited the WKBT studios and received a hands-on -tour of the weather lab. After Mass, we travelled to the Shrine of Guadalupe and walked to the Chapel. Thanks to Mr. Gerhards and Mrs. Holler for driving us that day.

*-Mr. Bill Huser*

8th Grade Homeroom Teacher

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We HAVE A FEW MORE PARISHIONERS TO ADD TO OUR LIST:**

Michael & Zita Balk, Dr. Walter & Mary Boisvert, Helen Fernette, Robert & Corrine Steger, Loren Vondrum, Maurice & Bette Mayer.

**Knights of Columbus** will be having their annual **"Tootsie Roll"** Drive on Friday, April 20, Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. K.C. members will be participating in the drive after all Masses next weekend. Please support the K.C. Tootsie Roll Drive.

**Thank you to the family of Joseph Ludvik for the generous donation to Prairie Catholic School in his memory. We are very grateful for this gift.**

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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Sunday, April 15

Monday, April 16

Tuesday, April 17

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, April 18

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's

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

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus initiation

Thursday, April 19

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

5:00 pm Parish Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Friday, April 20

**The Diocese of LaCrosse will again be sponsoring 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations** in Altoona (June 24), LaCrosse (July 8) and Plover (August 5). Any couple who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during the 2018 calendar year should call the rectory office and let us know if you would be interested in attending one of the above celebrations and we will forward your name on to the Diocese. We need to have your name by April 17th.

**J-WALKER YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

We are looking for full and ½ scholarships for our youth going on a mission trip to help with those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Currently we have 30 youth and 4 chaperones lined up for this trip, all from Holy Family Parish. These scholarships are \$400 for a full scholarship and \$200 for a half. If interested in helping out our youth with this activity, please contact Fr Jim or Mary Stoeffler. Thank you and God bless.

**Knights of Columbus Degree....**Our local Council is growing and our new members have become active Knights. Our PDC Council is now the FIRST in the state for reaching our quota of members this year. We have had many successful functions such as the Basketball Free Throw Contest and Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to join this growing men's organization there will be an initiation on **Wednesday, April 18, 6 PM at the Fellowship Hall at St. John's.** If we can get 4 more members we will get a \$500 charity grant from the Supreme Knights of Columbus. Knights will be in the back of church after all Masses with enrollment forms. Please consider becoming a Knight.