

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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April 22, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Easter

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



4th Sunday
OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." - Jn 10:14



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 29TH

Joe Prochaska, Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 28/29

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dave Hemmer, Becky Henry & Deacon Mark

SERVERS-APRIL 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Max & Elle Schneider
Seth & Jack MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am Tommy Mara & Scout Hall
Addison Kirschbaum & Shelby Schroeder

LECTORS-APRIL 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

USHERS-APRIL 28/29

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

Sunday 8:00 am John Gillitzer, Dick Tesar, Mark Hamann & Tom Hampton

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 28/29

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Jenny Campbell



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 29TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark

Sunday 10:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Deacon Mark, & Doris Krogman

SERVERS-APRIL 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Kori Jaynes
Allison Kennedy & Nick Holler

Sunday 10:00 am Lindsey Nolan & Ashlyn Knapp
Prestin & Dustin Nolan

LECTORS-APRIL 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

USHERS-APRIL 28/29

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 28/29

Saturday 7:00 pm Holler Family

Sunday 10:00 am Stephanie Vlaming

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 24	3:30 pm	Communion Service at Prairie Maison	
Wednesday, April 25	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Communion Service
Thursday, April 26	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Communion Service
Friday, April 27	NO MASS		
Saturday, April 28	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Richard Cherrier
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, April 29	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Richard & Rose Ginsterblum
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Deceased members of the PCCW

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.)

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO THE 'JEWEL ON THE HILL'

The weekend of April 6-8 featured the second of seven regional celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of La Crosse. This one was focused on the deaneries of Tomah and Wisconsin Rapids. Once again Bishop Callahan was present for special Masses and events planned by those deaneries. It seemed to me a good occasion to open once again my copy of Feed my Lambs, the official book on 150 years of Catholic life in the Diocese of La Crosse, available in parishes (\$35). I would like to share a few themes that jumped out at me as I read the brief histories of parishes in the Tomah and Wisconsin Rapids deaneries. Please pardon me for not being able to remark on all the wonderful parishes there – these themes are just a sample!

1. Our ancestors' deep desire to worship – This is a constant thread running throughout our history. As parishes got their start, before churches were built, Masses were celebrated in homes, in a county courthouse (Black River Falls, 1859), or in a simple 20' x 30' log structure built by hardy pioneers from trees felled on Irish Ridge (St. Mary's Ridge, 1858). We see this even as late as 1963, when Mass was celebrated first in "Smith Mortuary," and then in an American Legion hall, before the church was built (St. Kevin in Melrose).

2. Humble beginnings – A parish often began with a tiny nucleus of families. Some examples are St. Mary in Bangor (11 families), St. Kevin in Melrose (16 families), and St. Leo the Great in West Salem (25 families).

3. Pastor swinging a hammer – In 1910, Fr. Theo Fraling laid the cornerstone of the Church of St. Mary in Coon Valley and did much of the construction work on the church himself.

4. Resilience in adversity – At least three parish churches burned to the ground. The pastors and their congregations pulled together and rebuilt: St. Patrick in Sparta, St. Joseph on St. Joseph Ridge, and St. Lawrence in Wisconsin Rapids.

5. Abundance of vocations – God has blessed the Diocese of La Crosse with many priestly and religious vocations through the years, but remarkable in this regard is Ss. Peter and Paul in Wisconsin Rapids (founded in 1857), which has had 16 men from the parish ordained to the priesthood and 24 women professed as sisters!

6. Beauty in High Places – The diocese has many stunning churches. Three particularly beautiful ones are on the high ridges that stretch east of La Crosse: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary's Ridge), St. Joseph (St. Joseph Ridge) and St. Peter (Middle Ridge), with the last literally referred to as "The Jewel on the Hill" because of the sparkling beauty of its stained glass windows high up against the night sky when the church is lit.

7. Compassion across borders – Ours is a generous diocese, but St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Wisconsin Rapids is worth noting. It received the mission award from the diocese in 2010 for its twin parish relationship with St. Joseph Parish in Bonneau, Haiti, to which it has, among other things, sent several parish-sponsored medical teams.

8. Oldest and newest parishes in the Diocese of La Crosse – Both in the Tomah deanery. The oldest parish is St. Mary in Lyndon Station (1851) and the newest is Guardian Angels in Black River Falls (from 2017 merger of St. Joseph of Black River Falls and St. Kevin of Melrose).

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9. Schools, schools, schools – From homes, to two-room schoolhouses, to today's large and often consolidated facilities, the faithful of the diocese have placed a premium on Catholic education from the earliest years to today.

This is evidenced repeatedly in the pages of the book devoted to the Tomah and Wisconsin Rapids deaneries. What an inspiring adventure it is to read Feed my Lambs and to discover our rich faith heritage, parish by parish, deanery by deanery. Tomah and Wisconsin Rapids deaneries, you clearly have much for which to be proud and thankful.

By Chris Ruff, Diocese of La Crosse
Social Concerns Office

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, Sister Suzanne Gallagher.

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

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for April 15th	\$6,317.00	\$4,571.00
Plate for April 15	<u>503.50</u>	<u>1,060.15</u>
Total	\$6,820.50	\$5,631.15

The second collection came to \$875.03 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

APRIL CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS

\$100.00 Winners: Pat Check, PdC; Barbara Stram, PdC; Ronnie Dickman, PdC; Jim Hutchison, PdC; Shirley Cipra, PdC

\$50.00 Winners: Bruce & Judy Gillitzer, PdC; Barb Novey, PdC; Gary Howe, PdC; Henry Bierman, Dubuque; Vicki Dudenbostel, Boscobel

\$25.00 Winners: Jean Powers, PdC; Ricky Brown, PdC; Terry Nash, Trempealeau; Mike A. Mezera, PdC; Pete & Mary Neisius, PdC; Kevin Tesar, PdC; Louie Steger, PdC; Mary Smith, Lancaster; Jennifer Campbell, PdC; Millie Senesac, PdC; Janette M. DuCharme, PdC; Ashley & Brian Trautsch, Wauzeka; Chad Ihde, PdC; Scot Gruender, LaCrosse; Julie Hazen, PdC; Harvey Stuckey, PdC; Mary Boisvert, PdC; Aelred Mezera, PdC; Ruth Ertel, PdC; Connie Ruff, Farmersburg

Holy Name Raffle Winners for April, 2018

\$10.00 Winners: Jim & Sheila Reynolds, Lancaster; Carson Horihan, Hokah, MN; Holly Horihan, Hokah, MN; Miranda Cram, PdC; Louis Steger, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: Mark Pettera, PdC; Evan Horihan, Hokah, MN

\$100.00 Winner: Dale Willms, Greenfield, WI

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.

Come join the fun!

Pick up available for 3K/4K Registration Packet
PLEASE STOP IN the Prairie Catholic School Office
Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Accepting registration for Grades K-8 for the school year 2018-2019

If you have any questions or would like a tour, please contact Mary Henry, Principal at 326-8624.

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 Fernetto, Robert & Corrine Steger, Loren Vondrum, Maurice & Bette Mayer.

Congratulations to Chuck & Judy Johill on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 27th. May God continue to bless them.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, April 22

Monday, April 23

7:00 pm Bingo in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Tuesday, April 24

3:30 pm Communion Service at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, April 25

8:15 am Communion Service at St. John's Church

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

6:00 pm rescheduled Knights of Columbus 1st Degree at the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Thursday, April 26

8:15 am Communion Service at St. Gabriel's Church

Friday, April 27

Seminarian John Zweber needs your prayers: College III, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary St. Joseph, Menomonie

Formation involves education of the mind and conversion of the heart.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God **Brynlee LaVonne Mae Thompson**, daughter of Tyler J. & Natalie A. (Schultz) Thompson and **Mason Andrew Schultz**, son of Kevin A Schultz and Lindi (Sautter) Schultz, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Brynlee LaVonne Mae** and **Mason Andrew**.

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.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Larry Jelinek** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Saturday, April 22nd. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.