

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.

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Please contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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April 8, 2018 - Divine Mercy Sunday

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD

Sunday of the Divine Mercy



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 15TH

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Kathy Schneider, Jeri Kluesner

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Dave Hemmer, Rhonda Stubbe

SERVERS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Seth & Jack MacEachern
Shawn & JT Egstad

Sunday 8:00 am Emma & Michael Bjurquist
Addison Kirschbaum & Shelby Schroeder

LECTORS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Dan Schickert

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

USHERS-APRIL 14/15

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 15TH

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris Krogman & Jean Ann Dillman

SERVERS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Ava & MaKenna Forde

Makayla Steger & Blake Thiry

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Tyler Rochleau & Alex Schaefer

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Holler Family

Sunday 10:00 am 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, April 10	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Special Intention for Alzheimer Families
Wednesday, April 11	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Jim Coorough
Thursday, April 12	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Arnold & Lois Balk
Friday, April 13	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Stella Lipke
Saturday, April 14	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Clem Stram
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Arleen Gillitzer
Sunday, April 15	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Floyd & Viola Atkins
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

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.)

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Recently, I watched the two-minute trailer of a new movie and it really inspired me to thank God for the incredible gift and blessing of my father. It would have been easy to ponder my dad's humility, faithfulness and life of service for quite some time. However, in a matter of seconds, my focus turned to Our Heavenly Father and His never-ending love and mercy.

How do we know that Our Father in Heaven loves us? : God created us and knows each of us by name; He always desires what is best for us. Further, God shows us His unending care and compassion by giving up His Son to die the most painful and horrible death on the Cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we can be reunited with Him. In fact, the central theme of the entire Bible is the Father's merciful love for us!

In this regard, throughout the Catholic Church worldwide, the Sunday after Easter – April 8th – is called Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast is based upon what we already know and believe from the Scriptures as well as messages that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, about God's mercy and how much we need it. Jesus Himself requested that the first Sunday after Easter celebrate His Divine Mercy. The image revealed to Sr. Faustina portrays the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the whole world.

Jesus told Sr. Faustina: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, 300) This Sunday is an opportune time to reflect on how God's mercy can overcome our misery, which is a result of our sin. Jesus said, "My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain." (1485) This fountain of mercy is most especially received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we experience forgiveness and healing in a tangible way.

Jesus said, "When you go to confession, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul..." "...Immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (1602) "Open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light." (1725)

What does it mean to trust Jesus? : We are to trust in Our Lord's goodness that He will help us through difficulties and trials in our lives. The word trust is significant as it is a key aspect of the Divine Mercy message from Jesus. Trust is not blind, wishful thinking but hope based upon the Person who died for us so that we can live forever in Heaven and who gives Himself totally to us in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus is the Person we can trust completely but even this trust requires God's grace and our continual response to it. St. John records the account of Thomas putting his finger in the wound in Christ's side so that we would believe that Jesus is indeed alive – risen from the dead!

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And he wrote it so that with trust we "may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief [we] may have life in His name." (John 20:31)

By Ann Lankford, Director, Office of Catechesis

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, Joe Ludvik, 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, Robert McCarty, 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, Gaige 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for March 25th	\$6,453.00	\$5,985.00
Plate for March 25th	681.21	723.84
Unit Dues	<u>50.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,184.21	\$6,833.84
Envelopes for April 1st	\$5,103.00	\$4,071.00
Plate for April 1st	964.00	1,560.15
Easter	<u>6,779.00</u>	<u>9,381.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,846.00	\$15,012.15

The second collection for March 25th came to \$665.69 and the 2nd Collection for April 1st came to \$734.01 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

Holy Thursday's Collection came to \$255.75 and Good Friday Collection came to \$495.10.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Easter Flowers at Holy Family Parish were given In memory of:

Jim Coorough, Mary Nash, Courtney Nash, Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Junior Hampton, Stewart & Alberta Bradley, Jack & Jean Tesar, Mary Ellen Linder, William Rice, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, Evelyn & Ken Picha, Margaret Wachter, Lawrence Novey, Roger Pellock Virgil & Nellie Leard, William & Lora Young, deceased members of the Roger & Charlotte Steiner Family, Bill & Virginia Dahman, Francis & Helen Wall.

Michael "Mick" Kramer, Reginald & Rose Kramer, Marlow & Ann Waller, Terry Waller, Betty Standorf, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Theresa Teachman, Loretta Tesar, Eugene & Mary Gillitzer, Floyd, Viola & Bobby Atkins, Lucille Berns, Angeline Leake, Adele Altepeter, Helen Altepeter, June Tyler, Agnes Ocenosak, Robert P. Cejka, Bobby Cejka, Terry Cejka, Freda Roh, Lloyd & Faith Rickleff, James Looney.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Christine (Brandt) Carlson** and **Joe F. Ludvik** in your prayers. Christine's funeral was held at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Friday, April 6th. Joe's funeral was held on Saturday, April 7th at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our 2nd Grade Class receiving their First Holy Communion today. This is a very special time in our lives as Catholic Christians, a day that they will remember for a long time. Please keep these children in your prayers today and in the months to come.

Our First Communicants are: Parker J. Bedward, Kennady G. Fradette, Eli M. Heilmann, Kye M. Czajkowski-Higgins, Hannah R. Ingham, Amelia M. Graham, Ashton A. Graham, Rosalie I. Kossman.

Brice M. Krachey, Addilyn M. Lindner, Jocelyn C. Marlow, Allie F. Mezera, Kristin R. Nolan, James D. Ross, Jacob H. Seputis, Landon M. Smith, Landon D. Thiry, Tacoma L. Thompson, Stetson J. Zeeh.



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, April 8

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's; plus drawing for the Holy Name Raffle and Calendar Sweepstake Raffle

10:00 am First Communion Mass at St. Gabriel's Church

Monday, April 9

7:00 pm Bingo will be held at the Fellowship Hall at St. John's. **Progressive Jackpot is at \$1,752.00 in 60 calls or less.**

Tuesday, April 10

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

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

6:00 pm The Finance Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Friday, April 13

Saturday, April 14

Sunday, April 15

Non perishable food drive for our Food Pantry at all weekend Masses. Containers are in the back of the churches. Thank you to all who donate to this worthy cause.

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.

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.

Monday, April 9th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall the Progressive Jackpot at Bingo will be at \$1,752.00 in 60 calls or less.