

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Tuesday - 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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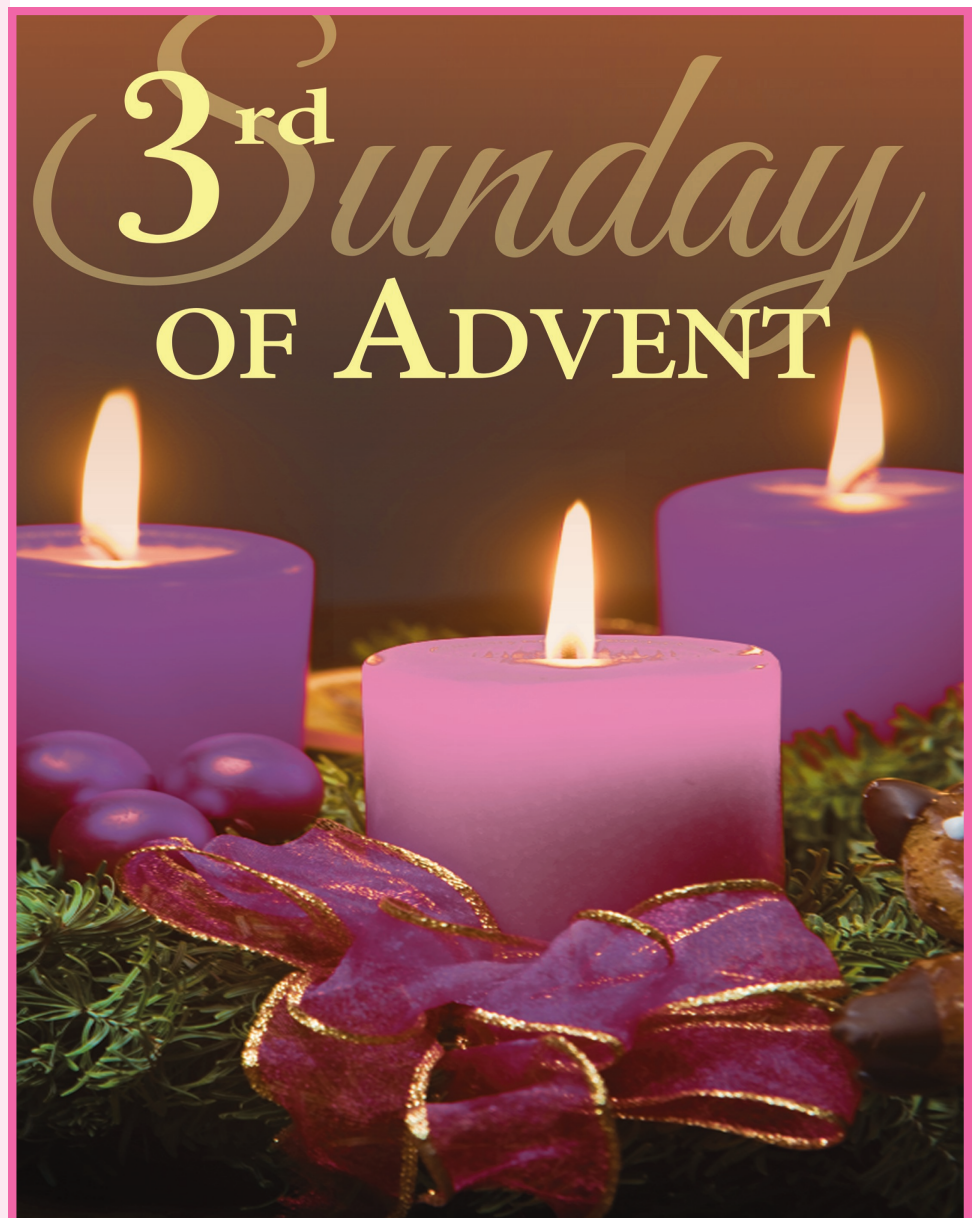
Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

December 16, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD





St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC 23

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Kathy Schneider & Deacon Mark

Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Deacon Mark, Becky Henry

SERVERS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Olivia Colson & Jack MacEachern
Max & Elle Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Dawson Eastman & Shelby Schroeder
Tommy Mara & Harrison Osterkamp

LECTORS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts

Sunday 8:00 am Dan Schickert

USHERS-DEC. 22/23

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

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

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Sheila Eastman



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 23

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

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

SERVERS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Stephanie Welter & Makayla Steger
Ava & MaKenna Forde

Sunday 10:00 am Logan & Tessa Higgins
Lindsey Nolan & Jesse Lutz

LECTORS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Nancy Eastman

USHERS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer, Mark Forsythe, Tyler Rochleau

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

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 22/23

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Patrick & Tammy Nolan

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, December 18	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Laverne Steiner
Wednesday, December 19	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bob Boland
Thursday, December 20	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Celine Boxrucker
Friday, December 21	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Dan, Mary & Colleen Boland
Saturday, December 22	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Stella Lipke † Roger W. Steiner
Sunday, December 23	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Nancy Patzner For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

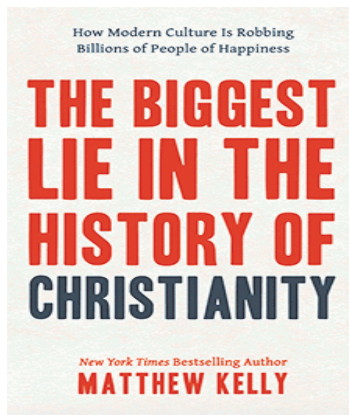
CONFESSIONS

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)

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU



We all want to be happy, but there is a single lie that is preventing billions of people from experiencing lasting happiness—and many don't even realize it. When you come to Mass this Christmas, you'll receive a copy of the book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. This special gift from our parish will empower you to overcome the lie so that you can experience more happiness than you ever thought possible.

We would like to thank our special sponsors for this special gift, especially Jerry and Joanne Cummings who did the legwork on this project, getting sponsors and scheduling the delivery.

WHO OR WHAT RULES MY LIFE?

We are into the midst of our Advent season. There is still a lot of running for most of us, shopping, parties and family get-togethers. With all the excitement, the true reason behind all of this can get lost. So, it is a good to take a bit of time and reflect on who or what rules my life? We have Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but we also have four Purple Sundays, the four Sundays of Advent. This Sunday one of the two days of the year we wear Rose vestments as a sign we are getting close to the day of Christ's birth.

So what or who rules me? Did I spend the first Sunday of Advent pursuing the latest and greatest thing for someone I love? Or did I remember to take time to keep God in the center of my life and attend Mass? What is my motive for doing the things I do? Am I living my life from moment to moment, or am I focusing and preparing for the next life through my actions and words? God, family and others (including strangers) should be my focus, and in that order. Looking at our actions and choices with the big picture in mind helps clarify our lives and keep them in balance, even when being pushed and pulled in many directions seemingly all at once. We don't do this in an obsession with the macabre, but with a healthy perspective on the meaning of life. (continued on next column)

Our readings for Advent are about preparing the way for the Lord. Whether it is from Isaiah, Paul or Luke telling of John the Baptist, each tells of preparing in their own words. Another way to ask this question is by asking 'Am I using my gifts and talents to build God's kingdom on earth? Am I afraid, and hide my talents out of fear? Do I reject God's rule over the entirety of my life, attempting to segregate different areas of my life, and prefer being ruled by emotion, sensual desires, pride or material goods? Our actions and words tell the tale of our lives.

God bless and a blessed Advent.

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, 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, Graham Shedivy, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Diane Fernette, Stacey Johnson, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Letty Oehler, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Carol Kalish, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaige Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Marita Conley, Greta Martin, Robert Hazen, Bernard "Butch" Boland, Jeffery Scott DuCharme, Gina Buettner, Audrey Mara, Sister Suzanne Gallagher, Nancy Knutson, George J. Mezera, George Kahler, Terry Zinkle, Charles Barney, Bonnie Boland, Steven Richard DuCharme, Rick Hamann.

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 Dec. 9	\$6,887.00	\$9,400.00
Plate for Dec. 9	510.41	651.92
Holy Day	<u>2,083.50</u>	<u>1,430.01</u>
TOTAL	\$9,480.91	\$11,481.93

The second collection came to \$452.71 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will be listing 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.

Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Joseph & Sharon Atkins, Robert & Brenda Bailey, Anthony Bakken, Mary Barrette, Rose Bauer, Dorothy Baures, Robert & Nancy Becker, Florence Becwar, Robert & Cecilia Becwar, Dick & Ann Beinborn, Irene Beneker, Ann Berns, Avalo Berns, Timothy & Cathy Betzle, Doris Bohnenkamp, Bernard Boland, Patricia Boldt, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Lisa Breuer, Mark Check, Roger & Joan Check, William & Wanda Check, Linda Cherrier, Art & Carolyn Conley, Charles & Teresa Connell, Gerald & Eldora Coorough, Patricia Coorough, Jim & Lucy Cornford, LeAnn Craig, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Larry & Sharon Dahman, Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Loren & Ann Dohse, Donald & Joan Draka, Janette DuCharme, Mary Duffy, George & Nancy Eastman, Russell & Patricia Eulgem, Thomas & Jean Farrell, Elaine Fischer, John & Betty Fischer, John Forst, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Merle & Barbara Frommelt, Dr. Michael & Mary Ann Garrity, James & Ruth Gates, Roy & Vicki George, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Randal Ginsterblum, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Deacon Mark & Ann Grunwald.

Lottery Calendars are now for sale. 30 monthly prizes. You can purchase them at St. John's Rectory, St. Gabriel's Rectory or call John Fischer (326-2827) six for \$100. or \$20. per calendar. These calendars make great Christmas gifts!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays, please deposit names and donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at either rectory.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Scott F. Plondke** in your prayers. His funeral was held on Thursday, December 13th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

HELP WANTED

Prairie Catholic School is looking for a part time fill-in maintenance position. Our maintenance man is having knee surgery in January, and we will be looking for part time fill-in help. Please contact Fr Jim if interested in helping out.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 16

12 Noon Confessions at St. John's Church

Monday, December 17

Tuesday, December 18

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, December 19

5:00 pm Choir practice at St. John's Church

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

Thursday, December 20

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

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

Friday, December 21

Saturday, December 22

Sunday, December 23

3:00 pm Confessions at St. John's Church

This week there will be a Communal Penance Service at St. Wenceslaus, Eastman at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 18th and on Wednesday, December 19th a Communal Penance Service at St. Mary's, Gays Mills at 7:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th

5:00 pm St. John's (JWalkers)

5:30 pm St. Gabriel's (Children's Mass)

10:00 pm St. John's (midnight)

Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 am St. Gabriel's

REMINDER: Your contribution reports will be mailed out by the end of January 2019. Please have your contributions into the rectory by January 6th if you want them included for the year 2018. The contribution report for the Bishop's annual appeal will be mailed out by the Diocese so you will not see it on your report from the Parish. Thank you.

The PCS Library will again be hosting an Usborne Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week in January 2019. However, you can order NOW to have books for your Christmas giving AND the library will receive credit for your order.

Shop online now through our eFair!

Shop online at PrairieUsborne.com

Select "Prairie Catholic School" as your event

If you choose FREE SHIPPING to Organization your books will be delivered after the Book Fair closes in January
OR

Choose Direct Shipping to receive your books before Christmas (order by December 14th). If you select direct shipping you will be charged a small shipping fee.