

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

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

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December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD





St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 9TH

Joe Prochaska, Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Tom Steiner, &
Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Dave Hemmer, Ann Lessard, & Jeri
Kluesner

SERVERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Emma & Michael Bjurquist
Olivia Colson & Owen Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Julian DeGidio & Jacob Mara
Ashlyn & Camryn Knapp

LECTORS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-DECEMBER 9/10

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-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Jeff & Mill Mara



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 9TH

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Austin Bouchard, Jean
Ann Dillman

SERVERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Ava & McKenna Forde
Makayla Steger & Blake Thiry

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-DECEMBER 9/10

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

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

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!

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

Friday, Dec. 7, 6:00 pm St. Gabriel's

Sat. Dec. 8, 9:00 am St. John's

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 4	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Lauretta Geisler
Wednesday, December 5	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Betty Standorf
Thursday, December 6	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Dick Boland
Friday, December 7	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Celine Boxrucker
<u>Immaculate Conception</u>			
Vigil for Holy Day (Dec. 7)	6:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Dan Caya
Saturday, December 8	9:00 am	St. John's Church	Cecelia Mara
Saturday, December 8	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Lawrence Novey
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, December 9	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Nancy Patzner
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Bob Boland

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.)

The Hymns of Advent: Prayers for the Season

Today a new Church year begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent. As we enter into this season of preparation and repentance, we anticipate the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. In this time of Advent, we are also called to reflectively wait for this joyous season, to repent of our sins, and to look forward to Christ's second and final coming at the end of time. In our prayers and the hymns we sing, we thank God for his mercy and implore that He come soon.

St. Augustine said that "he prays twice who sings his prayer." We are blessed with many beautiful Advent hymns. Singing them we can draw closer to God, but before this praising can be truly prayerful the spirit of praise must run high in the soul. This preparation is best accomplished if we take time out to do daily devotions, avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and intently participate in Sunday Mass.

At our 1st Sunday Masses, we sang the beautiful hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". The lyrics printed below were written in the early 1700's by the Methodist Charles Wesley, and are a wonderful Advent prayer. The first stanza is a prayer to Christ as the incarnation of the love of God - "the joy of heaven to earth come down". We ask that he dwell in us- which He does especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the second stanza, which we do not have in our missal, our prayer continues as we ask that our sins be removed. In the third, we continued by asking that we never be separated from His presence. The "temples" are our bodies. In the final verse, we anticipate His second coming- "the new creation", where surrounded by His glory we worship and praise Him eternally.

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down! Fix in us your humble dwelling; all they faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*
3. *Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive, suddenly return and nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as the hosts above, Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
4. *Finish, then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

May you have a blessed Advent,

Deacon Mark

PRAYER CORNER

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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, Scott Plondke, 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.

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

SATURDAY DEC 8TH

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

In the Catholic Church today we have only 2 Holy Days that retain the obligation to attend Mass no matter which day they fall on; The Immaculate Conception and Christmas. This year, the Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday, which requires a bit of planning as the Saturday evening Masses are the 2nd Sunday of Advent Masses, and do not fulfill the obligation for the Immaculate Conception. We will offer a Friday evening anticipatory Mass at St. Gabriel's at 6:00 pm and a Mass on Saturday morning at 9:00 am at St. John's for the Immaculate Conception, and the normal weekend schedule for the 2nd week of Advent.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 25th	\$6,384.00	\$6,098.00
Plate for Nov. 25th	<u>537.50</u>	<u>848.50</u>
TOTAL	\$6,921.50	\$6,946.50

The second collection came to \$446.35 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

This year I will offer extra confessions each Sunday of Advent. The schedule is below. In addition, there will be penance services in Eastman and in Gays Mills according to the schedule.

All confessions for Holy Family Parish will be at St John's church

Sunday Dec 2	12:00 Noon
Sunday Dec 9	3:00 PM
Sunday Dec 16	12:00 Noon
Sunday Dec 23	3:00 PM

Confessions will be heard until all have finished. These will not be a communal service.

Communal Penance Services

St Wenceslaus Eastman Beginning at 6:30 PM on December 18
St Mary's Gays Mills Beginning at 7:00 PM on December 19

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Margaret A. Deluhery** in your prayers. She passed away on November 20th. Her services are pending.

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!

A "Mom's Bible Study" is starting with an Advent study. We meet once a week at the PdC Library. Children are welcome to join. For more information call Natalia at 301-971-7251 or please email nataliabornholdt@gmail.com

Prairie Catholic Middle School 1st Term Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honors: Sam Kramer, Asher Pitzer, Jasper Thompson, Jack Simmons; **5th Grade Honors:** Addison Kirschbaum, Stacie Xiong, Elle Schneider, Shelby Schroeder

6th Grade Honors: Jacob Egstad, Dustin Nolan

7th Grade High Honors: Allison Lindner, Scout Hall, Lindsay Nolan, Max Schneider, Owen Teynor, Julian DiGidio, Dawson Eastman, Shawn Egstad, Madilyn Fisher

8th Grade High Honors: Ashlyn Knapp, Makayla Steger, Ryan Waller, Ava Hagar; **8th Grade Honors:** Emma Bjurquist, Thomas Mara

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 2

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's in the school hall and drawings for the Lottery Calendar & Holy Name Raffle

12:00 Noon Confessions at St. John's Church

Monday, December 3

Tuesday, December 4

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus officers & directors will meet at St. John's School. All members are welcome

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 pm Sophomore Confirmation class in the Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, December 6

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

7:00 pm PCCW meeting in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's. All parish women are invited

Friday, December 7

6:00 pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day at St. Gabriel's

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for Holy Day at St. John's

Sunday, December 9

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

School News....In math, the eighth grade students are working with inequalities. They are writing, solving, and graphing one - and two-step addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division inequalities.

The sixth grade students will soon be completing their module on interpreting and computing quotients of fractions and solving word problems involving division of fractions by fractions.

In reading, the 7th and 8th grade students recently finished *The Outsider* and *The Giver*, respectively. The 6th grade students are currently reading their last few chapters of *Holes*. We read in partners, groups, and as a class to enhance comprehension for all students.

We have so much to be thankful for at Prairie Catholic, especially the parent support. Thank you parents for sending your child/children to Prairie Catholic.

Have a blessed holiday season.

Mrs. Igou