

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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## St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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## 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 (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.

## Principal

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## Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

December 23, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD





## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 30

Joe Prochaska, Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Kathy Schneider,  
Deacon Mark

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark, Donna Steiner, & Jeri  
Kluesner

### SERVERS-DEC. 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Emma & Michael Bjurquist  
Owen Teynor & Allison Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Addison Kirschbaum & Scout Hall  
Madilyn Fisher & Logan Kiesau

### LECTORS-DEC. 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### USHERS-DEC. 29/30

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

Sunday 8:00 am Jim McGrath, Nathan Mezera, Don  
Osterhaus & John Chaffee

### SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 29/30

Saturday 4:00 pm Ashley Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 30

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barb Frommelt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark

Sunday 10:00 am Deacon Mark, Michael Bornholdt,  
Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-DEC. 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Zach & Caleb Mezera  
Blake Thiry & Claire Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Julian DeGidio & Brogan Brewer  
Ashlyn & Camryn Knapp

### LECTORS--DEC. 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

### USHERS-DEC. 29/30

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-DEC. 29/30

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Amy DeGidio

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!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24	5:00 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
(Children's Mass) Dec. 24	5:30 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Priest's Intention
(Midnight Mass) Dec. 24	10:00 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Christmas Day, Dec. 25	9:00 am	St. Gabriel's Mass	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Wednesday, Dec. 26	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Margaret Wachter
Thursday, Dec., 27	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Mary Rose Walsh Kelley
Friday, Dec. 28	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bob Boland
Saturday, Dec. 29	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Clem Stram
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Living & deceased members of the Bernard & Marcella Gillitzer Family
Sunday, Dec. 30	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† George & Annabelle Stubbe
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

## 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, Pat Lenzendorf.

### Christmas 2018

Dear Friends and Families:

The Joyous news of Christmas awakes around us and invites us to experience what we know to be the Divinely eloquent truth of God's involvement with the human race! Please allow me the opportunity to thank you for the genuine way in which you make the living Christ personally present to me in so many ways. While this has been a busy year with its own twists and turns, we have remained steadfast in our service to God and His People who expect to *see, hear and experience* Jesus in and through us!

My sincere prayers and best wishes are with all of you for a very happy and blessed Christmas! Thanks for all you do!  
Sincerely,

**Bishop William**

### PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 16th	\$8,094.00	\$9,091.80
Plate for Dec. 16th	<u>597.63</u>	<u>902.25</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,691.63</b>	<b>\$9,994.05</b>

The second collection came to \$1,322.47 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger,' (Luke 2:11-12)."

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

God's sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty, exactly the same sign has been given to us...God's sign is simplicity... God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby- defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love; so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his thoughts, and his will- we learn to live with him and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him and love him...Christmas has become the Feast of gifts in imitation of God, who has given himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul and our mind to be touched by this fact (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

The Incarnation of the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity as a man turned the entire world upside down. From the lowliness of Christ's birth, born into a poor working class family, his life is an inversion of all we esteem as humans. We think of a king being born with all the trappings of the world, the best of everything; but he was born in a stable and wrapped with swaddling clothes. His birth was announced by angels to a group of sheep herders, themselves rejected by their countrymen. His kingdom would not be one formed through military battles or a display of worldly wisdom. His kingdom is one of service to others, based on his teaching known as the Beatitudes. His crown would not be a crown of gold and jewels, rather a crown of thorns. He doesn't enter his city with a procession of power, but riding on a donkey. His throne was not in a palace; rather a cross on a hill outside the walls of the city. His glory is not occupying a world empire, but an empty tomb, the pierced hands of a glorified body, burning memories of a walk to Emmaus, a breakfast of grilled fish on the shore of Galilee. His generals are not the victors of a battle or educated in the art of war, but a group of nobodies that all abandoned him in the moment of his greatest need.

Everything is turned upside down, an inversion of all we hold dear as human beings. When we look with the eyes of the world, the world itself becomes a blur. This is especially true in light of the scandals that have rocked the Church this past year, and continues to do so. We do not make excuses for the actions of even one person in authority in the Church, but we need to learn to read the world through the eyes of the Gospels, bringing the real world into a sharper focus. On Christmas morning our expectations change. We worship a new born king, a king who challenges us today and tomorrow, a king who will turn everything upside-down, a king who will lead us in our own journey to join him one day in heaven. **May God bless all of you and your families this Christmas season.**

Fr Jim

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.

William & Rita Hamann, Michael & Julie Hazen, Donald & Teresa Heal, Michael & Linda Heal, Jean Heiring, Steven & Rebecca Henry, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, David & Connie Hudson, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Bryan & Cathy Irvin, James Jackson, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Ronald & Mary Jones, Robert & Rita Kazda, Dr. Jan & Odean Kieser, Geraldine Kluesner, Gary & Judy Knickerbocker, Virginia Konichek, Aurilla Koresh, Justina Koresh, Thomas & Janet Kozelka, Charles & Linda Kramer, Patricia Kramer, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Daniel & Dee Kussmaul, Eugene LaPointe, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Patricia Lenzendorf, Morris & Darlene Lessard, Bradley & Jennifer Linder, Norma Lochner, Paul Lochner, Timothy & Theresa Looney, Michael & Shirley MacEachern, Michael & Deborah Mara, Thomas Mara, David & Renee Martin, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Aelred & Maria Mezera, Anne Mezera, Cletus Mezera, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Paul & Nora Moris, Patrick & Iva Mulhern, Elizabeth Munson, David & Marilyn Nies, Betty Nolan.

**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!

### 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.

### From your Parish: A Special Christmas Gift for 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.

### 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.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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### Sunday, December 23

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

### Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass at St. John's (JWalkers)  
5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. Gabriel's  
10:00 pm Mass at St. John's

### Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass at St. Gabriel's

### Wednesday, December 26

### Thursday, December 27

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

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31st 6:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Church  
Tuesday, January 1st 9:00 am at St. John's Church

If you want to have a donation credited to your 2018 contributions - please have the donation to us by December 31, 2018. Thank you in advance. Contribution reports will be mailed out by January 31, 2019. Your contribution statement for the Diocesan Annual Appeal will come from the Diocesan office.

### Liturgical Ministers

#### for Christmas Eve & Christmas

#### Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 5:00 at St. John's

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ken Stoeffler, George & Nancy Eastman, Deacon Mark; **Lectors:** Karly Jaynes, Lizzie Tesar, Lindsey Nicholson, Kama Tesar **Servers:** Jon Nicholson, John Titlbach, McKenna Forde & Ashlyn Knapp; **Ushers:** Jack Stoeffler, Christopher & Cory Check, Nick Mara, Zach Mara; **Gifts:** Mackenzie Knapp, McKenzie Pettit, Kendall Hill & Kori Jaynes

#### Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 5:30 pm Children's Mass at St. Gabriel's

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rhonda Stubbe, Laura Meyer, Michael Bornholdt; **Lectors:** Allison Lindner, Sadie & Peggy Koresh, Owen Teynor; **Servers:** Madilyn Fisher, Ava Hager, Claire Kennedy, & Addison Kirschbaum **Ushers:** Andrew Waller, Chase Fisher, Logan Brown, Ryan Waller, **Gifts:** Ella Hager, Kaitlyn Waller, Lauren Kennedy, Allison Kennedy & Kennedy Kirschbaum

#### Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 10:00 pm at St. John's

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Doris Krogman, Deacon Mark Sharon Atkins; **Lector:** Joe Atkins; **Servers:** Makayla Steger, Logan Brown, Prestin Nolan, Dustin Nolan; **Ushers:** Volunteers

#### Christmas Day, Dec. 25th at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lucy Cornford, Merle & Barbara Frommelt; **Lector:** Dan Schickert; **Servers:** Makayla Steger, Tommy Mara & Volunteers; **Ushers:** Volunteers

**WE NEED USHERS FOR 10 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE & 9 AM ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**