

# HOLY FAMILY

## Catholic Parish

506 N. BEAUMONT ROAD & 710 S. WACOUTA AVENUE, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 53821

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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### Rectory Office Hours

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

### St. Gabriel Archangel

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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.

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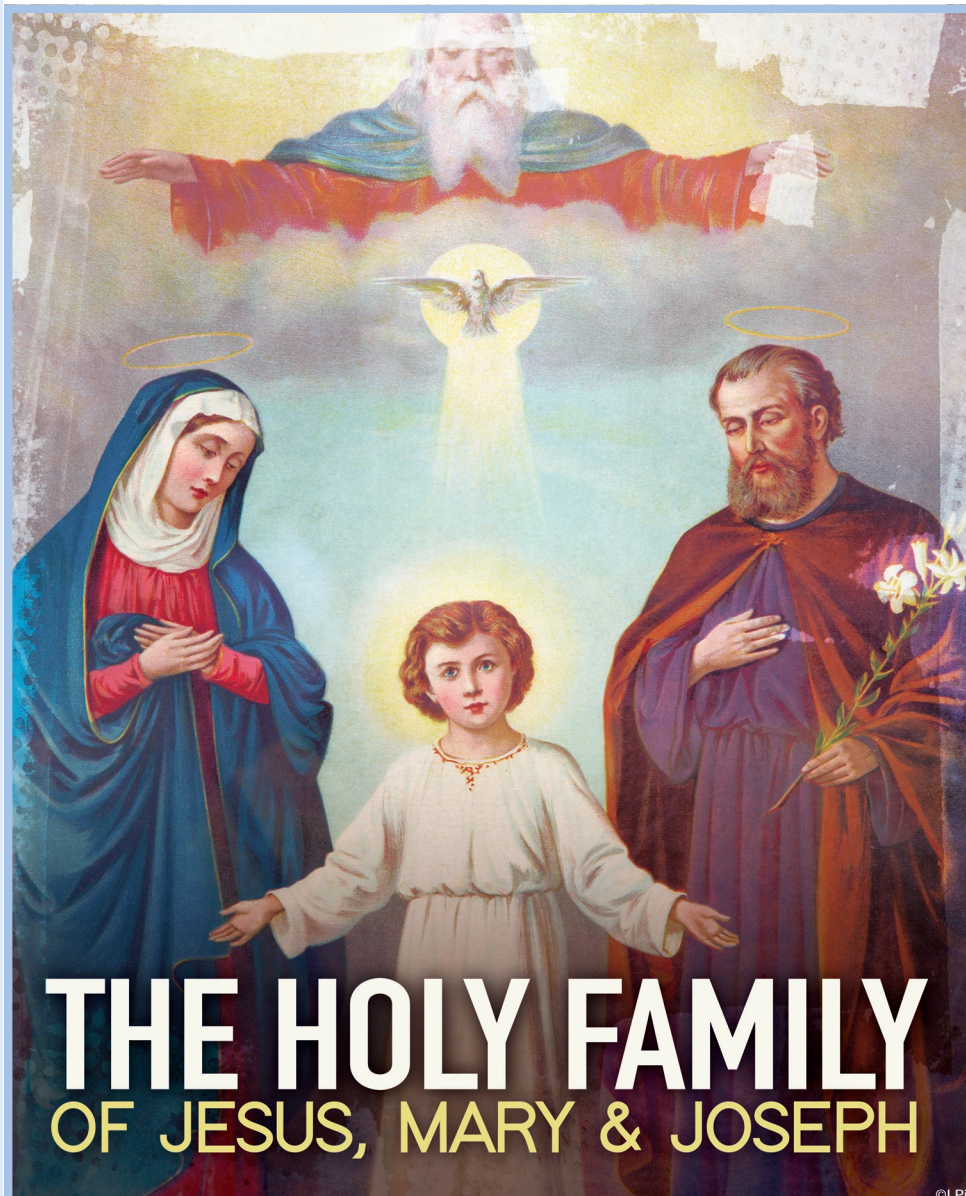
**Parish Nursing Program**

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

*December 30, 2018*

**REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR**

**DEACON MARK GRUNWALD**



**THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 6TH

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 5/6

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

Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Cornford, Becky Henry & Deacon Mark Grunwald

### SERVERS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Ava Hager & Olivia Colson  
Shawn & JT Egstad

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

### LECTORS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

### USHERS-JANUARY 5/6

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, Don Osterhaus, Mark Hamann, & Volunteer

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Jeff & Jill Mara



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JAN. 6TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Karen Hertrampf,  
Austin Bouchard

### SERVERS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Makayla Steger & Ryan Waller  
Ava & MaKenna Forde

Sunday 10:00 am Madelyn Coffield, Gabriel Munson-  
Fishler  
Dustin & Prestin Nolan

### LECTORS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Dan Schickert

### USHERS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Alex Schaefer, Tyler  
Rochleau, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara, Mark  
Mara, & Dennis Mezera

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

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!

## ***MASS INTENTIONS***

Monday, December 31	6:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, January 1	9:00 am	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Wednesday, January 2	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Lora Young
Thursday, January 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Laverne Steiner
Friday, January 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Neil DuCharme (ann. 1-6)
Saturday, January 5	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	Pat Ertel Deceased & Living members of the Matt & Rose Mezera Family
Sunday, January 6	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.)

## LIVING THE JOY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Sunday following Christmas celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. We should first acknowledge that the Holy Family experienced tremendous challenges, including the perplexing mystery of the virgin birth, the flight from their homeland to protect the infant Jesus from murder by King Herod, and panic over losing Jesus in the Temple when He was just twelve. And yet they lived with joy as they trusted our Heavenly Father to bring them safely through it all. Let's take a closer look at how our families can live the joy of the Holy Family.

What does it mean to be "holy"? Contrary to what some expect, being holy does not mean to stop having fun or walking around with a stoic expression. Being holy, simply put, means that you want to become the family that God intended, to be the "best version" by living with greater love and joy.

How can your family become holy? Let's start with a few practical ideas from the Pope. He asks parents to "waste time with their children." His invitation stresses the importance of just being together and developing relationships which bring life to the family. He also provides vivid imagery in his apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel" by encouraging us not to be "sourpusses" but, instead, to radiate joy by smiling more and frowning less. It is tempting to dismiss this as too simple. Yet, these challenges help a family increase in holiness.

Never underestimate the power of these three words: 'Please', 'Thank you', and 'Sorry'. These words are essential! These simple words of civility clearly recognize each family member's basic human dignity and helps each to grow in love and holiness. St. Ignatius of Loyola (d. 1556) invites us to reflect daily upon and be grateful for the blessings of God's presence. Over the years, my wife and I have intentionally fostered in our children daily habits of grateful prayer. As our children grew and changed, one method that has "stuck" the best is what we simply call "blessings." Each night, we gather and relate how God blessed us. This daily sharing has truly been helpful for our family to grow in our thankfulness to God, which leads to acting with greater love towards others—to be holy.

In Matthew 25:31-46 Christ names actions to which everyone will be held accountable. These acts, which are known as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy direct our concern towards the material and spiritual needs of others. These include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, and acts of forgiveness, bearing wrongs patiently and consolation. Families who engage in works of mercy – especially during the Christmas season, are definitely traveling a path to greater holiness.

Throughout history, the most joyful and contented people are those who respond to God's call for holiness. They have a deeper appreciation for life and find ways to live each day in abundance. (cont. on next column)

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Even in the face of suffering, people seeking holiness maintain a sense of peace because of their trust in God and grounding in Him. Above all, those who seek to imitate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph allow the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions and actions. They find ways to engage in daily prayer, attend Sunday Mass, monthly Reconciliation, and carve out time to deepen their friendship with God by attending a retreat, as either an individual or as a married couple.

By Dan Kitzhaber Office for Marriage and Family Life

## 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.

**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

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Envelopes for Dec. 23rd	\$9,647.00	\$16,545.00
Plate for Dec. 23rd	<u>798.81</u>	<u>936.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,445.81</b>	<b>\$17,481.00</b>

**The Collection on Christmas came to \$17,845.73**

The second collection for Dec. 23rd & Christmas came to **\$1,112.02** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## THANK YOU:

This is a special time of year, perhaps the one time of the year we have the opportunity to gather with some friends and family. It can become a very hectic time as well, with the various celebrations and other expectations, it can seem as if there simply is not enough time in a day nor days in a week to get it all in. Although it is impossible to isolate ourselves from all the material aspects of Christmas, we can always reserve some time for God; not only on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, but each day throughout the Christmas season. The birth of Christ is such a monumental event in the life of the Church, we celebrate his birth for eight days. In addition to this, the Christmas season extends to the baptism of the Lord. Perhaps take in an extra weekday Mass or two, and listen to the various Christmas stories that are told. If schedules prevent this, consider taking 10 minutes or so each day to read these stories in the Gospels, and reflect on this truly awesome event, and how God may be seeking your presence through this personal encounter with the baby Jesus.

I would like to thank all those who sent cards, prayers and gifts this Christmas season. These are deeply appreciated. I held you up in a special way at my Christmas Eve Mass in thanksgiving for such a wonderful community to serve.  
*Fr Jim*

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Dr. Michael Garrity** in your prayers. His funeral was held on Friday, Dec. 28th at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

The PCS Library will again be hosting an **Usborne Book Fair** during Catholic Schools Week in January 2019. However you can order NOW 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.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 30

Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

6:00 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

9:00 am Mass at St. John's Church

Wednesday, January 2

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

6:30 pm Sophomore Confirmation Class at St. John's

Thursday, January 3

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

5:15 pm PCCW meeting in the Fellowship Hall at St.

John's - Note time change

Friday, January 4

Saturday, January 5

Sunday, January 6

Coffee & Rolls will be served after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria; drawing for the calendar sweepstakes & Holy Name raffle will also take place at that time

**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.**

**Easter Flowers were given in memory of:**

Don & Delores (Tootie) Fischer, Loretta Tesar, Hampton & Adler Families, Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Les Poots, Mr. & Mrs. Don McGuire, Sr. John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Theresa Teachman, Jason Bailey, Frank Fischer, John & Nellie Stluka, Michael "Mick" Kramer, Reginald & Rose Kramer, Marlowe & Ann Waller, Terry Waller, Mary Jo Carl, Charlotte C. Voth, Roger & Raul Steiner, Pam (Steiner) Smith, Wm. & Lora Young, Maria J. Schneider, Mary Ellen Linder, Agnes Ocenosak & June Tyler.

James Coorough, Mary Nash, Courtney Nash, Wm. & Mary Crowley, James & Carol Coorough, Lawrence Novey, Deceased members of the Albert & Anna Novey Family, Deceased members of the Edward & Mae Bock Family, Jack Steiner, Bob Cejka, Bob Cejka, Jr., Terry Cejka, Roger Pellock, Virgil & Nellie Leard, William Rice, Deceased members of the John & Ursula Kasparek Family, Ed & Martha Wachter, Margaret Wachter, Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, Evelyn & Ken Picha, Mary Ellen Linder, Bruce Novey, Edward C. Novey, Edward J. Novey, Jeanne Novey, Joseph L., Joseph P. & Josephine Cipra, Bill McCoy, Joseph & Florence McGinley, Robert & Brian Waller, Floyd & Viola Atkins, Bobby Atkins, Florence Kilburg, Eugene & Mary Gillitzer.