

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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## St. John Nepomuc

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Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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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.

## Principal

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Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

*December 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent*

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD

*second Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 16TH

Jeri Kluesner & Volunteer

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Kathy Schneider, Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark, Joe & Sharon Atkins

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Shawn & JT Egstad  
Allison Lindner & Ava Hagar

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

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am J. J. Jackson

### USHERS-DECEMBER 15/16

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-DECEMBER 15/16

Saturday 4:00 pm Ashley Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Jenny Campbell



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 16TH

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Michael Bornholdt & Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Zach & Caleb Mezera  
Ryan Waller & Claire Kennedy

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

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

### USHERS-DECEMBER 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer, Tim Looney

Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Mark Mara, Dennis Mezera

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 15/16

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

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!



Tuesday, December 11	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Marguerite & John Henry Barrette & Theresa Teachman
Wednesday, December 12	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mary Marcella MacEachern
Thursday, December 13	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Madonna Kapinus
Friday, December 14	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Glen & Darrel Beneker
Saturday, December 15	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Herb Baures † Betty Standorf
Sunday, December 16	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Dr. William Nugent 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.)

## ADVENT 2018

Advent is a Latin word for 'coming'. It is a time of anticipation and waiting, mostly waiting with our Blessed Mother in her personal Advent of carrying Jesus in her womb for 9 months. But there is another thing we are anticipating: the return of the Lord.

For the first 3 weeks of Advent, the readings at Sunday's Mass focuses on the end times. Since the time of Christ, this has been on the minds of Christians throughout the world. Many have tried to predict the exact date or at least the correct year of the Lord's return. Thus far, none have been right. But one thing is certain: we are living in the end times. This has been true since Jesus' Ascension into heaven.

'When is Jesus coming back?' is the wrong question. Are the readings from Revelation or the prophets to be taken literally or symbolically? Again, the wrong question. It is a waste of time to speculate about the when or where or looking for signs. These are distractions from what we should be doing: actually preparing our hearts for his return.

St Bernard writes that there are 3 comings of Christ. The first was fulfilled some 2000 plus years ago with the incarnation. This coming was cloaked in human flesh, and was hidden from many of his contemporaries. The 2<sup>nd</sup> will be his coming in glory, and there will be no such confusion. Lastly there is a third coming, and this is the one we live, as Christ is born in our hearts and minds. It is fulfilled in each heart throughout our lives, and this coming involves a birth as well. Like all births, there is pain involved and we are put to the test. As St John the Baptist puts it '*He must increase, I must decrease*'.

This expectant birth does not just come about. We must prepare and plan for it. Much like a couple expecting a child, they want to prepare the home in the best way possible for the new arrival. This new arrival, whether it is the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 6<sup>th</sup>, will bring change into their lives and the life of the family. As we accept Christ into our lives, it will change us in ways we cannot imagine.

So how do we prepare for such an event? St Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 3 *to work to make greater progress in the life of holiness, "putting on" the character of Christ.* We also prepare by calling others to faith in Christ, something all baptized Christians are called to do. As a beautiful way to evangelize this Christmas, consider inviting a neighbor, friend or family member to join you in celebrating Christmas at one of our Masses.

## 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.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for December 2	\$9,004.00	\$8,303.00
Plate for December 2	<u>556.88</u>	<u>975.54</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,560.88</b>	<b>\$9,278.54</b>

The second collection came to \$397.47 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## 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



**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!

**Holy Name Raffle Winner.....\$10.00** - Kati Forsythe, PdC; Ella Ross, Sullivan, WI; Patty Valley, PdC; Carter Steger, PdC; Maria Mezera, PdC; **\$25.00** - Louis Steger, PdC; Allison Kirschbaum, PdC; **\$100.00** - Frazier's Old Faithful Inn, PdC

#### **November 2018 Calendar Sweepstake Winner**

**\$100.00 Winners:** Cecelia A. Benda, PdC; Lydia Holt, PdC; Marilyn Ocenosak, PdC; Charles Wagner, Blooming Prairie, MN; Tom Peterson, PdC

**\$50.00 Winners:** Rod Bartlett, Big Rock, IL; Stephanie Welter, PdC; Jerrod Osterkamp, PdC; Don Knapp, PdC; Ken & Linda Bowar, Madison

**\$25.00 Winners:** Karen Stagman, PdC; Aelred Mezera, PdC; John & Ann Rink, PdC; Lauryn Matousek, PdC; Lisa Rogers, PdC; Lisa Swiggum, PdC; P. J. Erdenberger, PdC; Warren White, Glen Haven; Sadie Koresh, PdC; Brett Kramer, PdC; Becky Steffensmeier, Bloomington; Greg Quick, PdC; Arleen Morovits, PdC; Sherry Lechnir, PdC; Rebecca Bjurquist, PdC; Jenn Klempa, Sharon, MA, Arleen Kozelka, PdC; Bob Ziel, PdC; Ruth Ertel, PdC; Weber Chiropractic, PdC

## **THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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### **Sunday, December 9**

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

### **Monday, December 10**

7:00 pm Bingo at St. John's Fellowship hall

### **Tuesday, December 11**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### **Wednesday, December 12**

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

6:30 pm Our school Christmas program in St. Gabriel's school cafeteria - All are invited

6:30 pm Freshmen Confirmation Class at the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

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

### **Thursday, December 13**

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

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

### **Friday, December 14**

### **Saturday, December 15**

### **Sunday, December 16**

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

### **Communal Penance Services**

Dec. 18 at St. Wenceslaus, Eastman beginning at 6:30 pm

Dec. 19 at St. Mary's, Gays Mills beginning at 7:00 pm

As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season continues, Catholic Charities has had additional families come forward looking for Christmas help. We have had a few individuals step forward to offer to sponsor a couple of our families and we have had a generous donation of gift cards, which is a wonderful idea! If you would like to help but do not feel that you can sponsor an entire family, please consider offering gift cards from local businesses. Any help that can be offered is a great help and deeply appreciated! Please contact Sandy Marx at 608-326-1616. Thank you all for your continued support of Catholic Charities.

## **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.

***Thank you to the family of Nancy Aschom for the generous donation to our school in her memory. We are very grateful for this gift.***