

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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

February 4, 2018 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - 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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REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 11th

Joe Prochaska & Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Jeri Kluesner, & Mary Kirschbaum

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Dave Hemmer, & Ann Lessard

SERVERS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Shawn & JT Egstad
Allison Lindner & Owen Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Matthias Gerhards
Logan & Tessa Higgins

LECTORS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Dan Schickert

Sunday 8:00 am J.J. Jackson

USHERS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am John Gillitzer, Tom Hampton, Mark Hamann, Jim McGrath

SCRIP WORKERS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 11TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann Dillman,
Patty Schauf-Yager

SERVERS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Madilyn Fisher & Ryan Waller
Ava & MaKenna Forde

Sunday 10:00 am Ashlyn Knapp & Sawyer Swiggum
Brogan Brewer & Gabriel Munson-Fishler

LECTORS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Tyler Rochleau, & Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik & Ron Trautsch

SCRIP WORKERS-FEB. 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Holler Family

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

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, February 6	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Rosella Scherlin
Wednesday, February 7	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Paul Kovarik
Thursday, February 8	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Deceased members of Joseph & Theresa Gillitzer Family
Friday, February 9	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Mary Ellen McNamara
Saturday, February 10	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Laverne Steiner † Betty Standorf
Sunday, February 11	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Frank Nolan 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)

Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide

Currently efforts are increasing in the richer countries of the world to allow euthanasia (a doctor deliberately takes the life of a patient) and physician-assisted suicide (a patient uses pills prescribed by a doctor to commit suicide). In the United States, the Supreme Court ruled over 40 years ago that there was not a constitutional right to either, but did not preclude states from enacting laws that would allow it. Since that ruling starting with Oregon, six states and Washington D.C. have legalized physician-assisted suicide. At least five other states are considering laws to allow it.

In 1991, the bishops of the United States issued a strong statement condemning the practice and presented the Catholic argument as to why these practices are gravely wrong. This is a challenge that is not going away. As a physician and a deacon, I hope that in the future we as a parish can come together to discuss these matters of life. Below is an abbreviated version of their statement. The full statement can be found online at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/end-of-life/euthanasia/index.cfm>

"Those who advocate euthanasia have capitalized on people's confusion, ambivalence, and even fear about the use of modern life-prolonging technologies. Further, borrowing language from the abortion debate, they insist that the 'right to choose' must prevail over all other considerations. Being able to choose the time and manner of one's death, without regard to what is chosen, is presented as the ultimate freedom. A decision to take one's life or to allow a physician to kill a suffering patient, however, is very different from a decision to refuse extraordinary or disproportionately burdensome treatment.

As Catholic leaders and moral teachers, we believe that life is the most basic gift of a loving God--a gift over which we have stewardship but not absolute dominion. Our tradition, declaring a moral obligation to care for our own life and health and to seek such care from others, recognizes that we are not morally obligated to use all available medical procedures in every set of circumstances. But that tradition clearly and strongly affirms that as a responsible steward of life one must never directly intend to cause one's own death, or the death of an innocent victim, by action or omission"...

As the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has said, **"nothing and no one can in any way permit the killing of an innocent human being, whether a fetus or an embryo, an infant or an adult, an old person, or one suffering from an incurable disease, or a person who is dying."** Moreover, we have no right "to ask for this act of killing" for ourselves or for those entrusted to our care; "nor can any authority legitimately recommend or permit such an action." We are dealing here with "a violation of the divine law, an offense against the dignity of the human person, a crime against life, and an attack on humanity" (Declaration on Euthanasia, 1980).

Legalizing euthanasia would also violate American convictions about human rights and equality. The Declaration of Independence proclaims our inalienable rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." If our right to life itself is diminished in value, our other rights will have no meaning. To destroy the boundary between healing and killing would mark a radical departure from longstanding legal and medical traditions of our country, posing a threat of unforeseeable magnitude to vulnerable members of our society...

We call on Catholics, and on all persons of good will, to reject proposals to legalize euthanasia. We urge families to discuss issues surrounding the care of terminally ill loved ones in light of sound moral principles and the demands of human dignity, so that patients need not feel helpless or abandoned in the face of complex decisions about their future. And we urge health care professionals, legislators, and all involved in this debate, to seek solutions to the problems of terminally ill patients and their families that respect the inherent worth of all human beings, especially those most in need of our love and assistance. Deacon Mark Grunwald

Seminarian Matthew Bowe needs your prayers: Pre-Theology II, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, St. Paul, Bloomer

"Give from your heart for God loves a cheerful giver."

-2 Corinthians 9:7

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, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Karen Carroll, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Cecil Olson, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Scott Plondke, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Sandra Marx, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Christine Carlson, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gage Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Judy Knickerbocker, Millie Senesac, Donna Teynor, Fr. Edwin Thome, Marita Conley, Greta Martin, Andrew Prew, Robert Hazen, Bernard "Butch" Boland.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will list 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.

Paul J. Lochner, Timothy & Theresa Looney, Patrick & Kay Lorenz, John & Joyce Luster, Donald & Mary Lyons, Michael & Shirley MacEachern, Thomas Mara, David & Renee Martin, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Aelred & Maria Mezera, Anne Mezera, Cletus Mezera, Mark & Mary Mezera, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Paul & Nora Moris, Terry & Jeanne Moris, Patrick & Iva Mulhern, Elizabeth Munson, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, Peter & Mary Neisius, Terry & Janet Neisius.

Janet Nelson, David & Marilyn Nies, Betty Nolan, Joan Novey, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Joyce Novey, Kathleen Novey, William Nugent, Bernard O'Connell, Todd & Dee O'Connell, Marilyn Ocnosak, Maurice & Letty Oehler, Art Osten, Richard & Verna Panka, Thomas & Shirley Panka, Kyle & Michele Pattison, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Mary E. Pellock, Thomas & Lisa Peterson, Lucille Phelps, Joan Poots, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, John & Annette Powers, Terry & Clara Powers, Joseph & Joanne Prew, Mary Prindle, Joseph & Patricia Prochaska, Greg & Ann Quick.

ADORATION / SATURDAY MASS

Lent is fast approaching, with Ash Wednesday this year falling on Valentine's Day. Please remember our Lenten fasting practices will come into play on Valentine's Day celebrations. I will offer more thoughts on Lent in the coming bulletins as well.

We will once again try to have adoration each Friday during Lent. This will follow the Friday morning Mass and continue until Saturday morning. We will offer Benediction at 7:45 Saturday morning during Lent, with Mass following. (The only exception would be a Saturday funeral.) Please see the sign-up sheets near the main entrances of the churches.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN

A way to receive a minimum of \$500 reduction in tuition if you have a child in Prairie Catholic, or have your CCD tuition paid in full, or \$500 toward yours or your child's college education! Any male parent of a child or children attending Prairie Catholic School, CCD or college and is a dues paying member of Council #1840 Knights of Columbus who attends at least one meeting a year and participates in three K of C activities is eligible. The Knights of Columbus are about Family, Church, Charity and Community. Simply by being a K of C member you will benefit. Not a Knight? There will be a 1st degree initiation on: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 at 7 pm, Fellowship Hall. Candidates report at 6:30 pm. Soup, sandwich & refreshments provided. **Tuition Reduction Program expires on Feb. 15th of this year.** Call Steve Mercaitis, Grand Knight (988-4556) for more information. Membership forms are located in the back of both churches.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday, February 4

10:45 am to 1:00 pm Holy Family Swiss Steak Dinner in St. Gabriel's Cafeteria; Drawings for the Sweepstake Calendar & Holy Name Raffle; all are invited

Monday, February 5

Tuesday, February 6

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in the Fellowship Hall; Candidates report at 6:30; Soup and sandwiches will be served

Wednesday, February 7

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church
6:45 am CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, February 8

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm
6:00 pm Finance Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

11:00 am Life Guardians present their 2nd annual **LOVE LIFE LUNCHEON** at St. Wenceslaus Msgr. Baer Hall, Eastman. Luncheon to celebrate life. Area youth will present about their ventures serving as public witness for life at the 2018 March & Walks for Life. Good will donations appreciated for the luncheon. Assorted Boxed Chocolates are available as a fundraiser. All proceeds will support area life efforts.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Pre-K classes began 2018 with winter activities, studying the Alaskan state and Rainforest Habitat. We are continuing to learn the alphabet letters and sounds, sight words, opposites, and introducing the first series of *Jolly Phonics*. We are preparing for our next big adventure into Kindergarten. Happy Winter!

Mrs. Janet Steiner

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for January 28th	\$8,201.00	\$8,537.00
Plate for January 28th	662.44	617.45
Heat Envelopes	<u>276.00</u>	<u>53.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,139.44	\$9,207.45

The second collection came to \$566.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!