

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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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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March 11, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

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4th Sunday of Lent

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 18

Jeri Kluesner & Sheila Linder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Kathy Schneider, Deacon Mark

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark, Jeri Kluesner, Rhonda Stubbe

SERVERS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Seth & Jack MacEachern
Allison Lindner & Nick Mara

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

LECTORS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

USHERS--MARCH 17/18

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, Jim McGrath, John Gillitzer, & Nathan Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 18

Kathleen Deluhery & Joan Poots

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark

Sunday 10:00 am Deacon Mark, George & Nancy Eastman

SERVERS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Makayla Steger & Blake Thiry
Madilyn Fisher & Ryan Waller

Sunday 10:00 am Katelyn & Jesse Lutz
Nicole Rickleff & Gabriel Munson-Fishler

LECTORS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

USHERS-MARCH 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer, Tyler Rochleau

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

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 17/18

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 FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 12	5:15 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, March 13	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Rosella Scherlin
Wednesday, March 14	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† David Bohnenkamp
Thursday, March 15	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Margaret Steger
Friday, March 16	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Jim Coorough & Mary Nash
Saturday, March 17	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Clara Shulka
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Roger G. & Charlotte Steiner Family
Sunday, March 18	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	† Rudy Long

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)

Glimpses of the past – 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of La Crosse begins

As the 150th anniversary of the diocese gets underway March 3-4 with special Masses celebrated by Bishop Callahan in Prairie du Chien, we offer a few “snapshots” from our colorful history. They are condensed and adapted from “Feed my Lambs,” the official book on 150 years of Catholic life in the Diocese of La Crosse, available at our parish offices. (\$35).

An Age of Adventure, Danger and Holy Mission: Flash back for a moment to a virgin land with no cities or towns, a land of prairies, bluffs, rivers and woods. First traversed only by Native American tribes, this land, including present-day Wisconsin, would in the early 1600’s begin to see European (mostly French) explorers, fur trappers and Jesuit missionary priests. The first Mass in what is today Wisconsin was celebrated by Jesuit Fr. René Menard in August of 1660. A missionary to the Huron tribe, Fr. Menard was accompanying a group of traders. To give an idea of the perils of the time, he became separated from his traveling party at one point and was never seen again. His breviary and cassock turned up years later among the Sioux, who treasured these relics of the priest. Twelve years later, Fr. Jacques Marquette, S.J. and fur trader Louis Jolliet passed through present-day Wisconsin as they went in search of a great river the native peoples of Illinois called “Messipi,” a river that was said to empty into the sea. Fr. Marquette wrote in his diary: The joy that we felt at being selected for this expedition animated our courage, and rendered the labor of paddling from morning to night agreeable to us.... Above all, I placed our voyage under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Immaculate. On June 17, 1673, led down the Wisconsin River by native guides, Jolliet and Fr. Marquette at last came upon the great river, the “Messipi.” Of course, today we know it by a slightly longer name ~ the Mississippi.

An Italian Priest in Prairie du Chien: By the late 1600’s, a strong missionary foundation had been laid in present-day Wisconsin, but hostilities and wars disrupted it. In 1728 the last missionary priest was recalled to French Canada, thus beginning a hundred-year period without priests. The Faith persisted among Native American converts and European immigrants, however, and finally in 1827 an area that included Prairie du Chien – a key town along the fur trading route – began to be visited by itinerant priests on horseback, known as the “clergy cavalry.” Then in 1827, a young Italian Dominican priest by the name of Carlo Gaetano Samuele Mazzuchelli was recruited as a missionary to the northern Mississippi region by Bishop Edward Fenwick of the newly established Diocese of Cincinnati. Fr. Mazzuchelli visited present-day Green Bay and then, on September 21, 1832, came to Prairie du Chien. “The Prairie will become a considerable place in the new Territory.” Thoroughly impressed by the place, Fr. Mazzuchelli wrote,

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“Here we are at Prairie du Chien, that immense prairie which follows the Mississippi for many miles, with a chain of hills to the east.... In the opinion of the public, the Prairie will become a considerable place in the new Territory.” But, he added, “The poor people wandering about without a shepherd were dying of that hunger of the soul which destroys life.” At a time of intense national prejudices, it was not easy to be Italian, but the young missionary won the hearts of natives and immigrants alike, though the Irish Catholics struggled with his long name and decided to adapt “Fr. Mazzuchelli” to “Fr. Matthew Kelly” instead!

Christopher Ruff Director,
Office for Ministries and Social Concerns

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, 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, Gaike 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, Jeffery Scott DuCharme, Gina Buettner.

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 March 4th	8,842.00	\$7,882.00
Plate for March 4th	660.85	626.36
Unit Dues	<u>275.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,777.85	\$8,633.36

The second collection came to **\$630.75** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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: Joe & Sharon Atkins, John & Patricia Balk, Joe & Catherine Bierman, Patricia Boland, John & Patricia Check, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Dr. Michael & Mary Ann Garrity, Elaine Gillitzer, Fred Grelle, Michael & Julie Hazen, Irmagard Hogenson, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Joanne Jones, Jason & Sarah Knapp, Dale LaBonne, Ann Lessard, Daniel & Sheila Linder, Elaine Moris, David & Karen Nelson, Mattie Rademacher, Terry & Anita Reglin, Frederick & Lynette Reichmann, Lorraine Rice, John & Anna Rink, Donald & Edith Ritchie, Lauretta Rod, Donald & Charlene Roh, Curt & Shelly Root, Nathan Root, Jan Rutter, Helen Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Robert & Linda Schneider, Steve & Julie Schwager, Robert & Ethel Sebastian, Vicki Sebastian, Marita Seitz, Millie Senesac, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Monica Shedivy, Ronald Shipley, Peggy Smith, Catherine Steger, Edward & Donna Steger, Louis Steger, Terrence Steger, Tim & Charlene Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Mary Steiner, Mike & Donna Steiner.

Holy Name Raffle Winners for March, 2018

\$10.00 winners: Helen Schneider, PdC; Acacia Wimmer, Cedarburg, WI; Dennis White, PdC; Pete Prew & Carol Crusan, PdC, Vicki Sebastian, PdC

\$25.00 winners: Dalton Flansburgh, PdC; Karen Morovits, PdC

\$100.00 winners: Art Osten, Jr., Fox River Grove, IL

Sweepstake Calendar Winners for March, 2018

\$100.00 winners: Nik Hitchcock, Kansas City, MO; Aelred Mezera, PdC; Nicky Knepper, PdC; Robert Formanek, Cape Coral, FL; Danielle Swiggum, Eastman

\$50.00 winners: Paul Krachey, PdC; Erin Ihde, PdC; Rita E. Hamann, PdC; Dave Skemp, PdC; Jeffrey Strandlie, PdC

\$25.00 Winners: David Martin, PdC; Justin Nagel, Bloomington; Leah & Daniel Kramer, St. Cloud, MN; Cecilia A. Benda, PdC; Danielle Steger, Holmen; Aaron Kazda, PdC; Robert Schneider, PdC; Craig Mezera, PdC; Carol Walz, PdC; Wanda Check, PdC; Anna Key, PdC; Jon & Barb Bowar, Madison; Bryce Steiner, PdC; Briar Smith, PdC; Don Henry, Viroqua; Nancy Gokey, Salisbury, N. C.; M/M Jacob Koresh, PdC; Gary Errthum, Columbus, WI; Gary Koch, PdC; Paul Jenrich, Milwaukee

Seminarian Andrew Dushek needs your prayers: Regency Year Church of the Resurrection, Wausau
Holiness is not something to put off for the future, it is intended for now. Now is the appropriate time.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH 4b

Monday, March 12
 5:15 pm Mass at St. John's
 7:00 pm Bingo in the Fellowship Hall at St. Gabriel's
 Progressive Bingo at \$1,384.00 plus 50% of the sales in 58 numbers or less

Tuesday, March 13
 3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 14
 5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church
 6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, March 15
 5:00 pm Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 16
 Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's with Benediction at 8:00 pm
 2:45 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Gabriel's
 4:00 to 7:00 pm Fish Fry in our Fellowship Hall at St. John's. Serving Deep-Fried or Broiled Cod, with all the trimmings. Bring your family & friends

Saturday, March 17
 8:00 am Mass at St. John's during Lent

Sunday, March 18
 Next weekend is our collection for non perishable food items for our local Food Pantry. Containers in the back of the Churches

Thank you to the family of Howard Gillitzer for the generous donation to our school in his memory. We are very grateful for this gift.

SCHOOL NEWS...The 150th LaCrosse Diocese Sesqui-centennial Celebration kick off was held at St. Gabriel's with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan last week. Some of our students at Prairie Catholic had the honor to participate in the Mass as servers. They were Jasper Thompson, Owen Teynor, Max Schneider & Shawn Egstad. The 4th grade has been busy writing spring poems, creating a slide presentation for Science on extinct animals, working with long division and divisibility rules in Math. We are now into Unit 4 in reading and English. It's hard to believe that our third quarter will be over March 23rd. I guess time flies when you are having fun, and working with children that are enthusiastic about their learning.
 -Mrs. Post

FISH FRY

On Friday, March 16th our annual Fish Fry will be held in our Fellowship Hall at St. John's. Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Deep-Fried or Broiled Cod, Baked Potato or French Fries, Cole Slaw, Cheese Curds, Bars & Beverages. \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students ages 6-12 and under 6 are Free. Grilled Cheese and Fries - \$1.00 for kids 12 and under. Carry outs available. All proceeds will go to Prairie Catholic School. All are invited.