

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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

March 18, 2018 - 5th Sunday of Lent

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

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Marriage

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5th Sunday of Lent

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” - Jn 12:24, 31-32



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 25

John Chaffee, Mary Prindle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 24/25

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

Sunday 8:00 am Donna Steiner, Becky Henry & Lucy
Cornford

SERVERS-MARCH 24/25

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

Sunday 8:00 am Tommy Mara & Scout Hall
Addison Kirschbaum & Shelby
Schroeder

LECTORS-MARCH 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

USHERS-MARCH 24/25

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

Sunday 8:00 am Tom Hampton, Mark Hamann, &
Volunteers

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 25

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Gene
Carlson & Doris Krogman

SERVERS-MARCH 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Ava & MaKenna Forde
Zach & Caleb Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-MARCH 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-MARCH 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 24/25

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 19	5:15 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, March 20	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Howard Gillitzer
Wednesday, March 21	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Deceased members of the Frank & Elizabeth Ocenosak Family
Thursday, March 22	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Harris & Leone St. Jacque
Friday, March 23	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Richard Stark
Saturday, March 25	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Jack Kluesner † Wilbur Rupp
Sunday, March 25	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Theresa Bushnell (ann.) For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

We continue this week the reflections on *The 7 Last Words of Christ*, in an article by Dr. Kevin Vost. You can find the entire article at <https://catholicexchange.com/christs-seven-last-word>.

3. "Woman, behold, your son. . . Behold, your mother." (John 19:26–27) *Imagine Christ's loneliness as He looks down at His totally loving, devoted, and sinless mother, beside John, His "beloved disciple." He knows how they share His tortures and will soon have to cope with His loss in their earthly existence, but He is anything but paralyzed by His distress. He wants those whom He loves to continue to love and care for each other in the most intimate of ways, as that between a mother and her child, a child and his mother. Of course, Jesus grants Mary as Queen of Heaven to be mother not only to John but to every man and woman on earth. She is as willing to fly to our aid today as she was to John's on the day of Christ's Crucifixion.*

4. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34) *Christ here echoes Psalm 22:1, which expresses the desolation He felt in His human nature. Here is Christ suffering. Here is another example of how we can join our suffering with Christ's. In our loneliest hours, do we feel that we are forsaken not only by man, but by God? If so, can we still call out to God in prayer, expecting that He will hear us?*

5. "I thirst." (John 19:28) *Here is another reminder that Christ joined us in our humanity. The eternal Word who was in the beginning, who was with God, and who was God (see John 1:1) has agreed to take on the weakness, the cravings, and the gnawing of the human flesh of His creatures, for our own sake, and yet we let Him suffer.*

Do we take much time to think of the lonely people in our lives for whom Christ died and of how they might thirst for attention? And we needn't get too metaphorical, for sometimes the lonely are isolated and may experience physical thirst and hunger that we might help relieve. The Church has always recognized that we are not disembodied souls, but ensouled bodies and both elements of our unity are good and deserving of care. This is why she has long encouraged both spiritual and corporal (fleshly, bodily) works of mercy.

6. "It is finished." (John 19:30) *What a relief Christ must have felt when His task, the most gruesome yet important task ever assigned on earth, was complete! He expressed it in these simple words: "It is finished." Our own life task is clearly not finished.*

What, then, will we do to establish new emotional and social connections and strengthen the ones we already have in our time left on earth before, God willing, we pass through the gates of heaven Christ opened for us by completing His mission on the wood of the Cross?

7. "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46) *These are the very last words Jesus breathed on earth before His spirit returned to His Father. Will our focus be on God in our last moment? It is, after all, "in Him that we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Are we willing to commit our spirits to God now? Such commitment to God, who is no mere abstract power or force, let alone an uncaring ruler, but is our Father, who has given His Son for our salvation, and who gives us His Holy Spirit to dwell in the temples of our bodies, cannot help but provide relief to our deepest feelings of loneliness, and motivation to reach out with His love to the lonely around us.*

Let's ask ourselves how we might unite our sufferings with Christ's and, despite what may befall us, resolve to trust in Him and commit our spirits to the Father's loving hands.

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, 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, Gaige 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for March 11th	\$7,009.00	\$6,155.00
Plate for March 11th	783.25	626.50
Unit Dues	<u>175.00</u>	<u>00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,967.25	\$6,781.50

The second collection came to \$340.75 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 several parishioners and run them for a few weeks and list several more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins: Thomas & Nancy Koenig, Phyllis Steiner, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Russell & Mary Steiner, Thomas & Karen Steiner, Ken & Mary Stoeffler, Gerald Stram, Jacqueline Stram, Rose Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Michael & Sharon Strnad, Cindy Sutton, Norbert & Cathy Swenson, Agnes Tesar, Phyllis Tichenor, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Jerald & Rose Trautsch, Ronald & Arlene Trautsch, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, Robert & Debra Wachter, Gerald Wachuta, Steven & Jennifer Wachuta, Joshua & Angela Wagner, Bruce & Vicki Waller, Evelyn Waller, Pamela Waller, Carol Walz, Jim & Margaret Walz, Martin & Judy Warpinski, Alan Weber, James & Barbara Welsch, Thomas Whetston, Dennis & Sandra White, James White, Ronald & Karen White, Sally White, Lyle Wilkinson, Arlene Willms, Elmer Wisnefsky, Gerald & Rose Wright, Phyllis Yeomans, Gail Zirngibl.

COVERING OF IMAGES

The practice of covering statues and crucifixes during the last weeks of Lent reminds us that we have entered the solemn Holy Week, and helps us avoid distractions. "The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix during Passiontide, expresses the humiliation to which our Savior subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him, as is related in the Gospel of Passion Sunday [John 8:46-59, *They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple (John 8:59)]. The Church begins this solemn rite with the Vespers of the Saturday before Passion Sunday."*

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Maverick J. Adams**, son of Seth & Katie (Lorenz) Adams through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Maverick** and his family.

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, March 18

3:00 pm **Penance Service** at St. Wenceslaus in Eastman

Monday, March 19

5:15 pm Mass at St. John's during Lent

Tuesday, March 20

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 21

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal at St. John's

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

Thursday, March 22

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

8:00 am Mass at St. John's during Lent

Sunday, March 25

Seminarian Alex Kren needs your prayers: College III Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary St. Mary, Neillsville

EASTER FLOWER FUND....If you would like to make a donation to the "**Easter Flower Fund**" at the parish in memory of a loved one, you can do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked "**Easter Flowers**" and place it in the parish collection.

SCHOOL NEWS....We are almost finished with the 3rd term, wow this year is flying by! We have been very busy in 5th grade. In reading we are working on our research skills by writing biographies on a famous person. The students each choose a different person to spend their time researching. In science, the students are creating ecosystems. Each student must design a museum ecosystem and its food web. In Religion, the 5th graders have been learning about the seven sacraments. They just finished up Reconciliation and now are beginning to learn about the Sacrament of the Sick.

-Mrs. Michelle Kapfhamer