

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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## St. John Nepomuc

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## Rectory Office Hours

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

## St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 326-2404

## Rectory Office Hours

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.

## Principal

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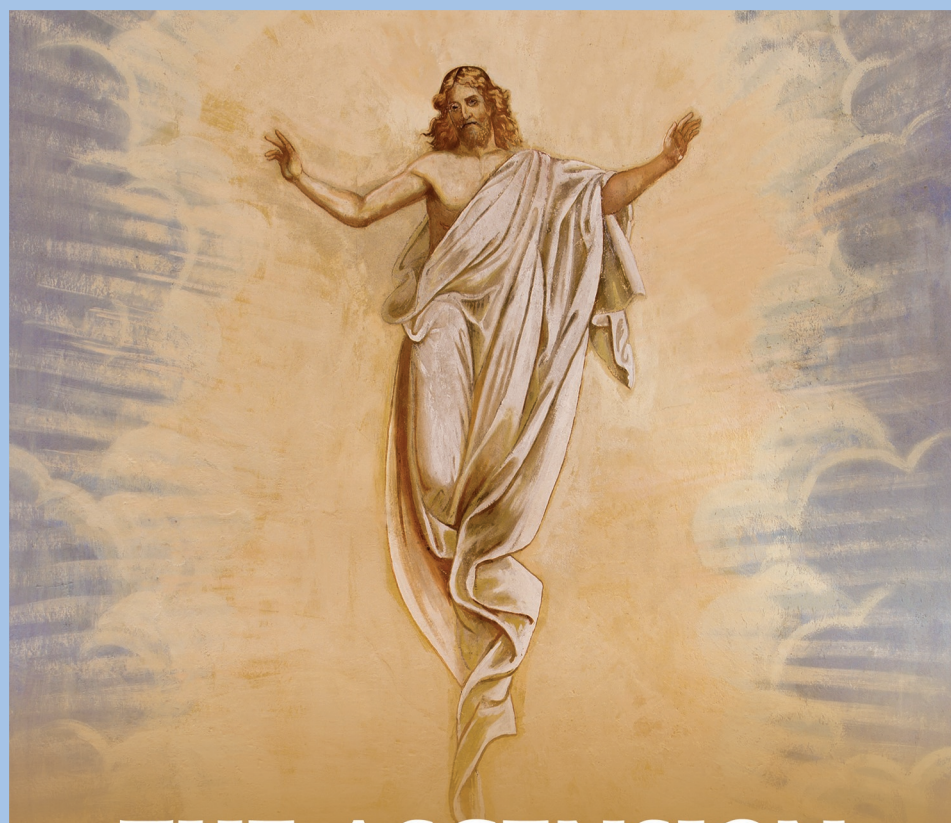
## Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

*May 13, 2018 - The Ascension of the Lord*

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

**DEACON MARK GRUNWALD**



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 20

Jeri Kluesner, Volunteer

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 19/20

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dave Hemmer, Megan Pedretti & Donna Steiner

### SERVERS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Seth & Jack MacEachern  
Nick Mara & Mitchell Colson

Sunday 8:00 am Logan & Tessa Higgins  
Addison Kirschbaum & Shelby Schroeder

### LECTORS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts

Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

### USHERS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Jim Welsch & Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Nathan Mezera, Tom Hampton, Jim McGrath & John Chaffee

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Jenny Campbell



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 20

Janet Lueck, Barbara Frommelt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, George & Nancy Eastman

### SERVERS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie Koresh & Kori Jaynes  
Allison Kennedy & Nick Holler

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

### LECTORS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

### USHERS-MAY 19/20

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

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Danielle Swiggum

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

Tuesday, May 15	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Waller
Wednesday, May 16	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Betty Standorf
Thursday, May 17	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Margaret Steger
Friday, May 18	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† William Halpin
Saturday, May 19	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Lawrence Novey † Donald Lochner
Sunday, May 20	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Keith Kozelka

### 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.)

## Natural Family Planning

50 years ago, Pope Paul VI issued one of the shortest, but most controversial, papal encyclicals of the past 100 years, Humanae Vitae. The teaching conformed to the universal teaching of the Church throughout history that the use of contraceptive methods was sinful. Specifically, Humanae Vitae taught that using the birth control pill to prevent or abort pregnancy was not licit.

Beginning December 2017, Bishop William Callahan required that all couples wishing to marry in the Diocese of LaCrosse complete a course in Natural Family Planning. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. These methods ask that a couple abstain from intercourse during the 4 to 7 days a month the woman is fertile. They do nothing to prevent conception or abort a 2 week old embryo, as all contraceptive methods do.

NFP requires the cooperation of husband and wife. Both husband and wife understand their fertility, emotions, and family planning intention (whether to have a baby or not). Its successful use to avoid pregnancy relies upon a couple's following what they know about the method and one another. Successful use of NFP requires a couple to communicate. In the daily charting of their fertility signs, couples quickly appreciate their shared responsibility for family planning.

NFP is not the rhythm method of the mid-20th century – previously referred to as “Catholic roulette”. If a couple following an NFP method decides that the next 12 months is not a good time for them to have a child, 96% of the time the couple will not conceive. This effectiveness is basically the same as the actual use effectiveness of the Pill (94%) and the IUD (97%), but slightly less than the effectiveness of progestational agents like Provera injections (99.7%), tubal ligation (99.6%), and vasectomy (99.8%). There is one huge difference, though. No surgery is done; large doses of hormones are not taken; no foreign body is inserted into the woman's body. NFP has no physical side effects, and no or minimal costs.

NFP has one extremely positive effect associated with it. Over the past several decades in observing couples who have used the method, it quickly became apparent that the divorce rate was markedly lower than the rate among non-NFP Catholic couples – 5% vs. 40%!

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It is not difficult to learn. (Mother Theresa in her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech remarked that it was effectively being taught to the slum dwellers of Calcutta.) Instruction in our diocese can be done at home online. If you are a couple in your child bearing years wishing to know more, or know of a couple who might be interested, please ask my wife or I for more details or go to the excellent marriage and family life section of the diocesan website. ([diolc.org/marriage/natural-family-planning](http://diolc.org/marriage/natural-family-planning))

Deacon Mark Grunwald

## 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, 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, 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, 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, Audrey Mara, Sister Suzanne Gallagher.

If you have a special intention or loved one who is in need of prayers; please let us know so we can include them.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Burgers & Fries supper last week and to all who worked at the event. The money barrel winners were: Cecelia Vorwald & Rita Kazda (\$86.00 each).

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for May 6	\$9,325.35	\$9,227.00
Plate for May 6	625.15	926.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,950.50</b>	<b>\$10,153.91</b>

The second collection came to \$634.94 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Altar Servers Brewers Bus Trip

The date has been set for the Annual Holy Family Altar Servers Bus Trip. This trip is open to all Holy Family church servers in the current year 4th grade class and older. Parents & siblings of servers are welcome, but any student younger than 4th grade must be accompanied by a parent. The date is Thurs., Aug. 9th Brewers vs. The San Diego Padres. **Early Bird special: Sign up by June 1 cost is \$10.00 per student and only \$25.00 per adults.** After that date cost is \$15.00 for students and \$30.00 for adults. NO refunds of money if you decide not to go. Price includes bus ride, game ticket, tailgating before the game and sandwiches, chips, dessert/beverage for the bus ride home. We will ask each family for some food donation for the meal on the bus coming home. You can pick up sign up sheets in the back of the churches by the Scrip tables and they will be coming home in the brown envelope from school. Any questions, please call Ken or Mary Stoeffler at 563-329-0149.

This year, Prairie Catholic Student Council organized many fun activities. Some of those included bake sales, free throw contest, popcorn day, sports day, jersey day, beach day, 80's day, change challenge and candy grams. With the money we raised, we met our goal of \$1000 for Sara at Casa Hogar, helped a former student who suffered from Hurricane Harvey damage, and funded Hard Work counts both semesters. We also successfully held our first Veterans Day program. Through Student Council we learn leadership skills and how to help others. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Nick Mara, president

**School News...**The 8th Graders are looking forward to their Washington D. C. trip. They will be leaving early Sunday, May 13th and returning Saturday, May 19th. Their graduation Mass is 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 22nd at St. Gabriel's Church. The class is finishing their Civil War unit in History class, and their Bones, Muscles, and Skin unit in Science class.

Bill Huser, 8th Grade Homeroom Teacher

## Holy Name Raffle Winners for May, 2018

**\$10.00 Winners:** Isaiah Wimmer, St. Charles, MN; Donna Aspenson, Ferryville; Jody Winter, Monona, IA; Francis Hrubes, PdC; Evan Horihan, Hokah, MN

**\$25.00 Winners:** John Forst, PdC; Roger Prew, PdC

**\$100.00 Winner:** Michael Morovits, Eastman

The Calendar Sweepstakes Winners for May will be printed in next week's bulletin.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, May 13

*Happy Mother's Day*

Monday, May 14

7:00 Bingo in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Tuesday, May 15

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 16

Thursday, May 17

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

5:00 pm Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Friday, May 18

Saturday, May 19

Sunday, May 20

10:00 am Mass with Polka music at St. John's Church followed by our delicious Bohemian dinner in our Fellowship Hall. The Menu includes Tender Smoked Pork Chop, Potato Dumplings, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Poppysed Loaf Bread and Poppysed Cake.....ALL ARE INVITED.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We HAVE A FEW MORE PARISHIONERS TO ADD TO OUR LIST:** Michael & Patricia DeMuth, Delores Fischer, Margaret Fischer, Paul & Matilda Flansburgh, Michael & Linda Heal, Theresa Heal, Brad & Jennifer Linder, Michael & Melissa Stram, Mary White, Bob & Rose Ziel.

**Knights of Columbus Degree...**Our local Council is growing, and our new members have become active Knights. There will be one final chance to join the K of C's this Fraternal Year. The Knights will have a degree on Tuesday, May 15, Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. Please consider joining the other 17 new members who have become members since last November. Our Holy Family Council gained many state awards for the activities we have done this past fraternal year.

## J-WALKER YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are looking for full and ½ scholarships for our youth going on a mission trip to help with those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Currently we have 30 youth and 4 chaperones lined up for this trip, all from Holy Family Parish. These scholarships are \$400 for a full scholarship and \$200 for a half. If interested in helping out our youth with this activity, please contact Fr Jim or Mary Stoeffler. Thank you and God bless.

**BOHEMIAN DINNER - SUNDAY, MAY 20TH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**