

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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**Rectory Office Hours**

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

**St. Gabriel Archangel**

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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.

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*December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent*

**MONSIGNOR CHARLES STOETZEL, PASTOR**

**DEACON MARK GRUNWALD**



**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

- Mt 24:44



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 8

Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-DECEMBER 7/8

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

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Lucy Cornford, & Dave Hemmer

### SERVERS--DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Allison & Addilyn Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Harrison Osterkamp, Addison Kirschbaum

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### USHERS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Cliff Stram & Robert DeFord

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Ashley Lindner

Sunday 8:00 am Jennifer Campbell



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 8

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann Dillman, Ken Stoeffler

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Blake Thiry, Madilyn Fisher

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

### USHERS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Dan Schickert & Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Karen Fisher

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

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!



Monday, December 2	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Robert Hazen
Tuesday, December 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Donald Heiring (ann)
Wednesday, December 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Lauretta Geisler
Thursday, December 5	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Oscar & Leona Carl
Friday, December 6	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Nancy Aschom
Saturday, December 7	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Lawrence Novey
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Charlotte C. Voth
Sunday, December 8	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Floyd Atkins
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish

### 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

## Making Good Decisions at the End of Life Power of Attorney for HealthCare

Recently in a Sunday homily I discussed the importance of making good decisions when one has a serious medical condition. Making these decisions is complicated - more so because of the complexity of the treatments available today for treating illnesses. Because of this, the health profession has developed advanced directives. These legal documents tell health care professionals what your wishes are regarding future care. At first glance, this seems to be a great idea. In theory, having such a directive completed would help physicians make better recommendations and decisions. In practice advanced directives have not been that useful. The problem with them is that it is impossible to predict ahead of time all the possible situations you might find yourself in in the future. Most medical decisions must be made at the very time the illness is occurring. A long discussion with your physician at that moment remains essential.

When one is very sick or has an urgent problem, one is often not thinking clearly, making a discussion with the doctor impossible. Because of this, the most important way you can help the doctor is to complete a durable health care power of attorney (POA) form. What is this? The power of attorney form is a legal document, which designates the persons responsible for making health care decisions for you if you are unable. It is best to choose people who know you well, who understand your Catholic values, and who can stay cool under stress. Usually a family member or close friend is chosen.

Additionally, it is also important for Catholics to have a Catholic addendum form completed. For example, such addendums make it clear that Catholics believe that ordinary means shall be used to preserve life, but that if those treatments stop working or are excessively burdensome, they can be discontinued. These addendums will also state that euthanasia (intentionally doing something to cause a person's death) is always wrong, but that giving medicines to relieve pain even if this may indirectly shorten life is desirable.

These issues are discussed in detail and an example of a Catholic POA form is available on the LaCrosse Diocesan website at:

<https://diolc.org/marriage/end-of-lifeassisted-suicide/>

*Deacon Mark*

## 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, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Graham Shedivy, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Diane Fernette, Stacey Johnson, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Carol Kalish, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Gaije Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Marita (Hoeger) Conley, Jeffery Scott DuCharme, Gina Buettner, Audrey Mara, Sister Suzanne Gallagher, Nancy Knutson, George Kahler, Terry Zinkle, Charles Barney, Bonnie Boland, Steven Richard DuCharme, Rick Hamann, Justina Koresh, Darlene (McKillip) Murana, Patricia Coorough, John Gillitzer, Carol Mullikin, Doug Dickman, Loren & Diane Fishler, Wayne Mitchell, Shanen Kazynski, Matthew Stubbe, Robert McCarty, Phyllis Tichenor, Kathy Powers, Virginia A. Walz, Jennifer Lessard, Joe Prew, Carl Kasperek, Kathy Hawes, Linda Sweeney, Brian Osterhaus, Jeanelle Westerfield.

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

**LOTTERY SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS are now for sale. Thirty monthly prizes. You can purchase them at St. John's Rectory, St. Gabriel's Rectory at Prairie Catholic School or call John Fischer (326-2827). Six for \$100.00 or \$20.00 per calendar. Reminder these make great Christmas gifts.**

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 17th	\$6,666.00	\$6,387.00
Plate for Nov. 17th	656.59	749.75
Electronic Transfers	<u>2,432.00</u>	<u>2,337.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,754.59</b>	<b>\$9,473.75</b>

The second collection came to \$958.15 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Because we had to go to press early the collection for Nov. 24th will be in next week's bulletin.

As you prepare your list on what to give your family for Christmas, do not forget your parish family. Please be generous in your financial support to our \$1.4 million operational budget, improvements to our building and grounds, and our target amount for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. May the rich blessings of Christmas be yours by your generous giving!

The JWalkers will be Christmas Caroling on Dec. 8th, we will go to the Nursing Home, but if there is a family that would like for us to visit their shut-in, please let us know. We will be glad to make that stop. Please contact Mary Stoeffler.

**FALL BAZAAR:** We are looking for someone to oversee the Raffle Tickets for our Bazaar next year. Joe & Joanne Prew have been responsible for this task for many years but due to health reasons will not be doing it anymore. They will help someone with the 1st year and answer any questions. We hope someone will come forward and volunteer to help us out. Many Thanks!

### IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Irene L. Mitchell** and **Jerold J. "Jerry" Matousek** in your prayers. Irene's funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Friday, Nov. 22nd. Jerry's funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

Please note the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday this year. Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent takes precedence, the solemnity is moved to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> but it is not obligatory to attend Mass. There will be the one Mass at 8:15 AM at St. John.

#### MASS SCHEDULE - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

##### Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 pm Mass at St. John's (JWalkers)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's (Children's Mass)

10:00 pm Mass at St. John's

##### Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

##### New Year's Eve, December 31

5:15 pm Mass at St. John's

##### New Year's Day, January 1

8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

We will need Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers at some of these Masses. We are asking for volunteers. Please call Lana at St. John's Rectory (326-6511) if you can help.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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### Sunday, December 1

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's in the school cafeteria; plus drawing for the Holy Name Raffle & Lottery Sweepstake Calendar winners

### Monday, December 2

### Tuesday, December 3

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting at St. John's School

### Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am Scripture Study in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

4:30 pm Harmony Choir rehearsal at St. John's Church

6:30 pm Sophomore Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

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

### Thursday, December 5

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

5:15 pm PCCW meeting in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

### Friday, December 6

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's

### Saturday, December 7

### Sunday, December 8

10:00 am JWalkers Mass at St. John's followed by Christmas Caroling to the home-bound and Nursing Home

**Reminder:** On Friday, December 13th Mass will be held at 9:00 am at St. John's instead of 8:15 am as part of the Middle School Retreat. Everyone is invited to the Mass.

### 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.

#### Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4c-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12