

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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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

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December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

MONSIGNOR CHARLES STOETZEL, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 15TH

Jeri Kluesner, Joe Prochaska

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Tom Steiner, Deacon
Mark Grunwald

Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Donna Steiner

SERVERS--DEC. 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Max & Elle Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Scout Hall & Jacob Mara

LECTORS-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts

Sunday 8:00 am J.J. Jackson

USHERS-DEC. 14/15

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

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, Mark Hamann, Tom
Hampton, & Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Jeff & Jill Mara



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 15TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris Krogman,
Deacon Mark Grunwald

SERVERS-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Madelyn Coffield & Stephanie Walter

Sunday 10:00 am Gabriel Munson Fisher & Lindsey
Nolan

LECTORS-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

USHERS-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Alex Schaefer, Tyler
Rochleau, Tim Looney

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

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC. 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Patrick & Tammy Nolan

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!

Please note: The weekday Mass at St. John's on Friday, Dec. 13th is at 9:00 am



Monday, December 9	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Mary Marcella MacEachern
Tuesday, December 10	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Scott Plondke
Wednesday, December 11	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Leslie Poots
Thursday, December 12	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Edward Fritsche, Jr.
Friday, December 13	<u>9:00 am</u>	St. John's Church	Lewis Marfilius
Saturday, December 14	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Herb Bauer
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Roger W. Steiner
Sunday, December 15	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Shirley Panka

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

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, 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, Gaipe 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.

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

Msgr. Stoetzel

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov. 24th	\$7,677.00	\$6,384.00
Plate for Nov. 24th	<u>687.10</u>	<u>537.50</u>
TOTAL	\$8,364.10	\$6,921.50
Envelopes for Dec. 1st	\$8,693.00	\$9,004.00
Plate for Dec. 1st	<u>691.23</u>	<u>556.88</u>
TOTAL	\$9,384.23	\$9,560.88

The second collection came to \$562.11 for Nov. 24th and on Dec. 1st it came to \$447.57 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear parishioners and visitors,

The Church is already into the second week of Advent. With the activities in preparation for Christmas, this season comes and goes so quickly without giving much thought in what is its purpose.

Advent is not meant to be a penitential season as is Lent. It has been written by several ancient writers the Church has three Advents: 1) the first one when Jesus Christ was born, 2) the second during the life of Christ on earth and for us now, and 3) the third at the final coming of Christ. The preparation during this season is to remind us that Christ will come again at a time we do not know; therefore, we want to be ready. If we are working to have our lives in order, it should be looking forward to the celebration of Christmas and the Parousia (*second coming*).

Don't let this season go by without spending time in prayer asking God for strength and resolve to be ready for his coming. If we have our lives in order and striving for holiness, then we should wait patiently for the Lord to come and not delay.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

Announcements

Please give to the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal if you have not done so. The parish family needs the support of all parishioners to reach our target amount of \$59,310.00. As of November 27th, we are at 64.44% of our goal in pledges. There is \$21,090.00 yet to be pledged in order to reach our target. If we do not reach this amount, the balance has to be paid anyway with money from the general account which is designated to pay bills.

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!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will begin with around 40 parishioners. If you do not see your name this time it will appear in future bulletins.

Michael & Julie Hazen, Donald & Teresa Heal, Michael & Linda Heal, Theresa Heal, Eileen Hermsen, Dennis & Martha Hoeger, Bryan & Cathy Irvin, James Jackson, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Ronald & Mary Jones, Robert & Rita Kazda, Dr. Jan & Odean Kieser, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Gary & Judy Knickerbocker, Patricia Kramer, Doris Krogman, Gerald & Judith Kuchenbecker, Norma Lochner, Paul J. Lochner, Patrick & Catherine Lorenz, Michael & Shirley MacEachern, Michael & Deborah Mara, Thomas Mara, David & Renee Martin, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Anne Mezera, Michael & Kayla Mezera, Elizabeth Munson, Janet Nelson, David & Marilyn Nies, Betty Nolan, Joyce Novey, Rosemary Novey, Nick Nugent, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Joan Poots, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, Terry & Clara Powers, Joe & Joanne Prew, Mary Prindle.

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

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.

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 us out. Many thanks!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 8

JWalkers will be Christmas Caroling at the Nursing Home and to some of our homebound parishioners

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, December 11

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

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

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

Thursday, December 12

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

6:00 pm Finance Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 13

Adoration after the 9:00 am Mass at St. John's

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15

3:30 pm Communal Penance Service at St. Gabriel's

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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 15th 3:30 pm at St. Gabriel's

Tues., Dec. 17th 6:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus, Eastman

Wed., Dec. 18th 7:00 pm at St. Mary's, Gays Mills

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!

Readings for the week of December 8, 2019

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/ Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-1