

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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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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February 24, 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 3

LeAnn Craig & Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Mary Kirschbaum,
Deacon Mark Grunwald
Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Joe & Sharon Atkins

SERVERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Shawn & JT Egstad
Jack MacEachern & Olivia Colson
Sunday 8:00 am Tommy Mara & Harrison Osterkamp
Shelby Schroeder & Julian DeGidio

LECTORS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts
Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

USHERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Bob Ziel, Richard Steiner, Gene
Kirschbaum & John Chaffee
Sunday 8:00 am Jim McGrath, Nathan Mezera, Mark
Hamann & Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 8:00 am Amy DeGidio



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 3

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger
Sunday 10:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, George &
Nancy Eastman

SERVERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Ava & MaKenna Forde
Ryan Waller & Stephanie Welter
Sunday 10:00 am Madelyn Coffield & Brogan Brewer
Dustin & Prestin Nolan

LECTORS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern
Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Alex Schaefer, Mark
Forsythe
Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara, Mark
Mara & Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 10:00 am Stephan 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

Tuesday, February 26	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Connie Esser
Wednesday, February 27	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Bill Betzle
Thursday, February 28	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Sharon Key
Friday, March 1	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Deceased members of the Frank & Elizabeth Ocenosak Family
Saturday, March 2	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Carrie Breuer † Don Cherrier
Sunday, March 3	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Bob Boland † For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

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.)

MAKING YOUR HOME A SAFE HAVEN

Pornography is not a topic most adults are comfortable speaking about. This is especially the case when it comes to parents addressing it with their children. Regrettably though, it's the topic that's becoming more and more necessary to address in our digital age. Too many parents, grandparents, and guardians think their children have not been exposed to internet-based pornography. This is simply not true. Statistics tell us another story. First exposure to Internet pornography is often during the elementary school years. This often occurs by accident. Picture this: your child typed in the wrong word on social media, your nephew clicked on the wrong YouTube video, or your godchild's friend showed him his first sexually explicit image on Instagram. When parents and guardians haven't created an environment where it's safe and open to dialogue about uncomfortable topics, children will often hide these experiences out of shame and embarrassment.

What does pornography do? Pornography perverts the intimate giving of spouses to each other because it takes what is made to be a sacred gift of self between husband and wife and turns it into a public performance designed to make a profit. Pornography objectifies persons and tempts people to infidelity, shattered families, darkness and isolation. (See Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2354)

In 2016, the Bishops of the United States wrote: Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography. This document reminds us that pornography causes damage to oneself, one's relationships, society, and the Body of Christ. That is why it can never be justified and is always wrong. In the pastoral letter, we read:

"Pornography use hurts the user by potentially diminishing his or her capacity for healthy human intimacy and relationships. It presents a distorted view of human sexuality that is contrary to authentic love, and it harms a person's sense of self-worth... It can increase isolation between people because of the feelings of shame and self-reproach it generates. It breaks down trust between family members, and it damages the ability of parents and other adults to be virtuous role models for children." (pg 7)

Pornography is instantly accessible, seemingly anonymous, and mostly free to any individual - child or adult - who has a smartphone, tablet or computer. In one or two clicks, anyone can be exposed to the porn industry which appears to be endlessly novel and exciting. In very little time, anyone can view porn and become instantly gratified in a virtual reality that degrades God's beautiful plan for human love and sexuality.

All of us must uphold the truth about each person's God-given dignity by rejecting anything that would harm it. Thus, diocesan leadership is committed to guide and equip parents and other individuals for this task. The parishes of the Diocese will celebrate its first annual Safe Haven Sunday on March 10th. Within the context of Mass, parishes in the diocese will provide age appropriate teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages, and families, making all homes a safe haven.

The theme of this year's Safe Haven Sunday is "Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children." Each household will be offered Covenant Eyes' book, Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture. This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program.

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This challenge provides practical tips that can be taken to create safer digital environments within the home. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of these resources.

Pornography doesn't need to be fought alone. The resources provided on Safe Haven Sunday will both encourage and teach individuals and families dealing with the effects of pornography that loving support is available. It's worth battling pornography in order to become whole and clean of heart.

Safe Haven Sunday is made possible through a partnership with CovenantEyes.com. Special thanks is extended to the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for their financial support. For more information about Safe Haven Sunday, visit: dioc.org/marriage/shs/

By Alice Heinzen

Director for Marriage and Family Life

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, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Graham Shedivy, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Mary T. Shedivy, Diane Fernette, Stacey Johnson, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Letty Oehler, Art Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Carol Kalish, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, M. Catherine Benoy, Irene Mitchell, Gaike Hatlin, Avalo A. Berns, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Donna Teynor, Marita Conley, Robert Hazen, Bernard "Butch" Boland, Jeffery Scott DuCharme, Gina Buettner, Audrey Mara, Sister Suzanne Gallagher, Nancy Knutson, George J. Mezera, George Kahler, Terry Zinkle, Charles Barney, Bonnie Boland, Steven Richard DuCharme, Rick Hamann, Pat Lenzendorf, Justina Koresh. Darlene (McKillip) Murana. Carl Kasparek.

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

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Feb. 17th	\$5,809.00	\$6,022.00
Plate for Feb. 17	1,111.99	613.81
Units	550.00	470.00
Electronic Transfers	<u>2,432.00</u>	<u>2,127.00</u>
Total	\$9,902.99	\$9,232.81

The second collection came to \$700.25 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

JWalker News

The JWalkers are going to be doing a special fundraiser this year to help defray the cost of some of their projects and this year's mission trip. Our group is going to Quincy, Florida, in June to help with Hurricane Michael recovery efforts. Because of the mass devastation there, we are very limited as to where we can house our group. We will be housed at a retreat center, but we will be charged to stay there for the week. We will be selling raffle tickets to help cover the cost of housing. The prizes include 1 \$300 pound meat bundle, 1 \$200 pound meat bundle and 4 \$100 Scrip Cards. The group will also have theme baskets set up and will be selling chances at the Burger and Fries and the Fish Fry. The raffle ticket and basket raffle winners will all be drawn at the Fish Fry on March 22 at St. John's Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available from any JWalker, Parish office, during the events, and by contacting Mary Stoeffler.

The group is also welcoming scholarships in any amount to help make it possible for all students to go. We are so blessed to be in such a supportive, generous church community. Thank You and please keep us in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendar.....

- Kindergarten Screening will be held on March 13th at Prairie Catholic School. More information in next week's bulletin.
- Fish Fry on Friday, March 22nd in Holy Family Fellowship Hall at St. John's. More details to follow.

Please join us for a study of Christopher Ruff's book "Blessed are you: Living the Beatitudes" beginning March 17th. Christopher Ruff is director of social ministries at the LaCrosse Diocese. He has written several books, for small group faith-sharing, 3 which we studied already. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall after 10 am mass at St. John's. Call Ann & Mark Grunwald 326-5459 to order \$10 book.

IT'S SUBMISSION TIME FOR THOSE .10 CENT BOX TOP LABELS.....March 1st is right around the corner. PLEASE cut out and put all labels into ziploc bags by Wednesday, Feb. 27th. They can be put into the big blue boxes at the back of both churches or dropped off at my house 328 North Beaumont Rd. -Rhonda Stubbe

What Does the PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) do?

Fund various parish needs (server's vestments, outdoor flowers, etc.); Sponsor African girl's education through Fr. Fagan; Support National Girl Scout seminar; Aid people who are going through difficult times; Provide missionary support

The PCCW is planning an April rummage sale. Please keep us in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning. We will announce drop off dates later in March.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Monday, February 25

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

Tuesday, February 26

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 27

4:30 to 6:00 pm **Burgers & Fries supper** in the school cafeteria at St. Gabriel's; Free will offering; Talent Show to follow meal; All are invited

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

Thursday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 3

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

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Daniel J. Hawes** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. John's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

Ladies Knight & Mardi Gras, Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30 pm in the K of C Social Room, St. John's School. Nicole Reed, Chair of Crawford Co. Special Olympics, Featured speaker and Kyle Teynor, Chief of Police, Featured Speaker. Wine, Beer and pop and hors d'oeuvres and treats. All Knights, invite your wives. We are not a secret organization. As a family organization we need to hear how we can become better husbands, fathers, faith leaders and what this organization can do to make that happen. 6:30 pm Social Time; 7:00 pm Featured presentations; 7:40 pm Planning for next Fraternal Year.

The Knights of Columbus welcome new Knights Bill Nicholson and Mark Bauer. Due to the weather many were not able to attend our last Initiation Degree. We will have another Initiation Degree on April 2nd at the Knights of Columbus meeting room. Special Guest will be Past State Deputy and State Membership Chair Ron Faust.

BURGERS & FRIES

Wednesday, February 27th

4:30 to 6:00 pm at St. Gabriel's School Hall
Free will offering - Talent show after the meal