

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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March 10, 2019 - First Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD





St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 17

Jeri Kluesner, Joe Prochaska

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Deacon Mark
Grunwald, & Mary Kirschbaum
Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Dave Hemmer & Ann
Lessard

SERVERS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Owen Teynor, Jack MacEachern
Emma & Michael Bjurquist
Sunday 8:00 am Jacob Mara, Shelby Schroeder
Tommy Mara, Harrison Osterkamp

LECTORS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe
Sunday 8:00 am J. J. Jackson

USHERS-MARCH 16/17

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

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 8:00 am Jill & Jeff Mara



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 17

Shirley MacEachern, Merle & Barb Frommelt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger
Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Deacon Mark
Grunwald & Karen Hertrampf

SERVERS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Madilyn Fisher, Makayla Steger
Ava & MaKenna Forde
Sunday 10:00 am Logan & Tessa Higgins
Lindsey Nolan, Jesse Lutz

LECTORS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy
Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

USHERS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Alex Schaefer, Tim
Looney, Volunteer
Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Mark
Mara, Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Karen Fisher
Sunday 10:00 am Tammy & Patrick 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!



Tuesday, March 12	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Scott Plondke
Wednesday, March 13	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Esther Fagan
Thursday, March 14	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Dick Boland
Friday, March 15	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Wendy Garrity
Saturday, March 16	8:00 am	St. John's Church	William Halpin
	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Clara Shulka
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Roger & Charlotte Steiner Family
Sunday, March 17	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Rudy Long
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	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)

The Effect of Smartphones and Social Media On Children and Youth

Bishop Callahan has designated March 10th as Safe Haven Sunday throughout the diocese. At this weekend's Mass, attenders will be able to receive information about how to protect themselves and their families from the harmful effects of pornography. The Office of Marriage and Family Life in LaCrosse has more information available on their website, <https://diolc.org/marriage/safe-haven-sunday/>. Hopefully, many of you will find this information helpful. The bishop's goals for the weekend are that a discussion will ensue in the family and parish about the uncomfortable topic of pornography, and that effective actions to protect families will result. I have an additional hope that this day will also get us thinking and talking about the related issue of the impact of the new communication technologies on our young people. The massive, rapid, and almost universal adoption of the internet and smartphones in our society is raising many questions about how these technologies are affecting our people, particularly our youth.

Psychologists, sociologists, and educators are beginning to study these new issues, and asking what causal connections might exist between their use and the problems our teens are having. Consider the following. The ownership and use of the smartphone has grown astronomically. The Apple iPhone first came out in 2007; by 2017, 80% of Americans owned one or a similar Android device. Over this same time period, teenage depression rates increased from 8% to 13%, and teenage suicide rates doubled. The reason for this mental illness increase is likely to be multifactorial, but most researchers agree that the new technologies play a role. Many of us young people are spending hours a day interacting with these devices, and less in face-to-face interactions. What effects this rapid change in behavior is having on our social life is a question we should all be asking. Many commentators and researchers are connecting heavy use of these technologies with deleterious social consequences. I find it most telling is that while software companies like Facebook continue to develop new apps like Messenger Kids to increase the use of their product by children, some of their executives and software engineers are imposing "no screen time whatsoever" rules for their own children, and sending their young to expensive private schools that have "no screen" policies.

What to do? I have three simple suggestions. The first is this: educate yourself about the research that is beginning to be published. If you want to learn a great deal quickly, go to the University of Virginia's Institute of Family Studies website and read a recent article about the connection. <https://ifstudies.org/blog/are-smartphones-and-social-media-hurting-our-kids> (How's that for an ironic suggestion!) Secondly, talk to friends, teachers, and family about what they are noticing, and ask yourself - "how are people interacting in restaurants or waiting rooms?"

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How many hours are your kids and you spending in front of screens? Is this affecting your family relationships and your children's attention spans?" Lastly, if you are concerned about your child's or your own use of the media, commit to making changes. Pray for the resolve to do so.

If you don't have access to the article I mentioned above, "Are Smartphones and Social Media Hurting Our Kids?" and want to read it, I'll get you a copy. One final thought: as Patricia Snow wrote in an essay about technology's effects on human relationships, "The time has come for the Church to speak to these issues. Surely this is her moment to share what she knows (about the human being) and has always taught." (First Things, May 2016) Call me at 326-5459. Let's get a discussion started. -Deacon Mark

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 (Hoeger) 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 Kasperek., Paul O. & Helen C. White, Patricia Coorough.

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 March 3rd	\$8,189.00	\$8,842.00
Plate for March 3rd	388.03	660.85
Units	<u>145.00</u>	<u>275.00</u>
Total	\$8,722.03	\$9,777.85

The second collection came to \$422.35 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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 50 parishioners and run them for a few weeks and list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins.

Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Norbert Aschom, John & Patricia Balk, Brad & Apton Check, Beatrice Check, Darrell & Rae Ann Cooley, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Janice Duve, Henry Esser, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Irmagard Hogenson, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Bruce & Ruth Klang, Thomas & Nancy Koenig, Jeff & Amy Krohn, Edward Linder, Patrick & Kay Lorenz, John & Joyce Luster, Maurice & Bette Mayer, Mark & Mary Mezera, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, David & Karen Nelson, Joan Novey, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Joyce Novey, Kathleen Novey, William (Nick) Nugent, Bernard O'Connell, Marilyn Ocenosak, Maurice & Letty Oehler, Richard & Verna Panka, Thomas Panka, Kyle & Michele Pattison, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Mary E. Pellock, Joan Poots, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, John & Annette Powers, Terry & Clara Powers, Gregory & Ann Quick, Mattie Rademacher, Terry & Anita Reglin, Frederick & Lynette Reichmann, Lorraine Rice, John & Ann Rink, Tyler Rochleau, Lauretta Rod, Don & Charlene Roh, Michael & Becky Rooney.

Thank you to all who attended the "Burgers & Fries" supper on Feb. 27th and to all who helped prepare and serve the meal. The Money Barrel winners were Kyle White & Geri Kozelka. (\$100. each)

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Phyllis M. Steiner** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Friday, March 8th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant **Phyllis** eternal life and comfort to her family.

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.

FISH FRY - FRI, MARCH 22ND
FELLOWSHIP HALL - St. John's
4:00 to 7:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, March 10

Coffee, Doughnuts, Fruit in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 am Mass hosted by the K.C.'s

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 13

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

6:30 pm Sophomore Confirmation Class in the Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, March 14

6:00 PM Finance Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Friday, March 15

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

2:45 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Gabriel's Church

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

Study Group on the book of "*Blessed are you: Living the Beatitudes*" after the 10:00 am Mass in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Holy Name Raffle Winners for March, 2019....

\$10.00 Winners: Jack Check, PdC; Bob Vance, PdC; Kelli Laurin, Sullivan, WI; Landyn Jacobson, Deforest, WI; Cassia Fox, Pipersville, WI

\$25.00 Winners: Glen Gillitzer, PdC; Kayla Ingham, PdC

\$100. Winner: Tim Steger, PdC

Sweepstake Calendar Winners for March, 2019...

\$100.00 Winners: Nathan Pedretti, Pittsburgh, PA; Buzz Esser, PdC; Mary Trautsch, Madison, WI; Tom Duve, Prairieville, La; John Forst, PdC

\$50.00 Winners: Mary Pellock, PdC; Austin Erdenberger, Sanger, Texas; Shawn & Susie Boeke, Guttenberg, IA; Brent Meyer, Portland, OR; Dennis Esser, De Forest, WI

25.00 Winners: Mike Mezera, PdC; Dustin Roh, Wauzeka; Armella Kueter, PdC; Elise McIntyre, Madison; John Reinke, PdC; Zita Balk, PdC; Chris Parker, PdC; Kylie Hemmer, PdC; Terry Igou, PdC; Jim Jones, PdC; Lexi & Josh Richardson, McFarland, WI; Scout Hall, PdC; Doug Krachey, Wauzeka; Bev Jones, PdC; Curtis Dixon, LaCrosse, WI; John Chaffee, PdC; Jim Welsch, PdC; Jeanette Clark, PdC; Sherry Lechnir, PdC; Jake & Kari Koresh, PdC

Little Saints Learning Center currently has the following openings:

Daycare Provider - WECAN Vacancy ID# 41502 and a Daycare Teaching Assistant - WECAN Vacancy ID# 41503. Candidates must apply online at WECAN. (Positions will be found under the La Crosse Diocese). Any questions, please contact the School Office 608-326-8624.