

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 24, 2019- Third Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

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St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 31

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald, Kathy
Schneider & Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Becky Henry, Donna Steiner & Lucy
Cornford

SERVERS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Emma & Michael Bjurquist
Ava Hagar & Owen Teynor

Sunday 8:00 am Tommy Mara, & Harrison Osterkamp
Shelby Schroeder & Jacob Mara

LECTORS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am J. J. Jackson

USHERS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Jim Welsch,
Robert DeFord

Sunday 8:00 am Jim McGrath, Nathan Mezera, Mark
Hamann & Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH 31

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann Dillman &
Deacon Mark Grunwald

SERVERS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Zach & Caleb Mezera

Madilyn Fisher & Makayla Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Madilyn Coffield & Brogan Brewer
Dustin & Prestin Nolan

LECTORS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex
Schaefer & Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis
Mezera, Mark Mara

SCRIP WORKERS-MARCH 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Corey Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

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 26	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	William Specht
Wednesday, March 27	8:15 am	St. John's Church	John Peter Brigson
Thursday, March 28	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Deceased members of the Joseph & Theresa Gillitzer Family
Friday, March 29	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Madonna Kapinus
Saturday, March 30	8:00 am	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Delores Fischer
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Special Intention
Sunday, March 31	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Mary Pitzer

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD MORE THAN JUST SUNDAY

A little boy asks an important question:

Recently I remained in my pew after Sunday Mass for some time of reflection. Within minutes, a rambunctious little boy with special needs ran down the center aisle. I am sure that the long open space was very inviting to him. He then went up some side stairs and through the sanctuary and back down the main steps. His older brother was trying to catch up in order to stop him. The older brother finally caught him at the bottom of the stairs. This had all happened very quietly and I had not noticed the situation until this point. The older brother said to his young brother, "You can't run up there. The sanctuary is a holy place." And the little boy asked an important question. "Why?"

I immediately began thinking about how I would answer the little boy's question. My first response would have been to point at the tabernacle and explain that Jesus is truly present there. The red sanctuary candle, which is always nearby, reminds us of this fact. This would suffice for the little boy at this point, with the idea of always adding more as he matures.

For an adult, my response would include more explanation about the tabernacle and the Holy Eucharist. The tabernacle is the beautiful receptacle in the Church in which the Holy Eucharist is reserved. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Himself. This is the reason why we genuflect, reverently going down on our right knee to the floor (or bowing our head if we cannot genuflect) as we enter and depart our pew in a Catholic Church.

Jesus desires to remain with us always. How does this happen, that Jesus becomes truly present at the hands of an ordained Catholic priest? During Holy Mass, the priest, standing in the Person of Jesus, repeats the words of Christ from the Last Supper. As the priest takes the bread, he says, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is My Body, which will be given up for you." And then the priest takes the chalice and says, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of My Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of Me." (See the Last Supper narrative in these three Gospels: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22: 14-20) After the priest prays these words of consecration, the host still looks like bread and the wine still tastes like wine, but the bread and wine have become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

And don't we need to be exceedingly astonished at this incredible miracle? Of course, the other amazing thing is that Jesus allows us to receive Him in Holy Communion. We want to be nourished and grow in our awareness of the astounding love that Jesus has for each one of us, in that He gives Himself totally to us, literally dwelling in our hearts.

Why is this so important? Every one of us deals with worries, distress, fear and difficulties that life brings each day. These things weigh us down. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My own peace I give to you: a peace the world cannot give; this is My gift to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27) Jesus wants us to come to Him, laying before Him our problems, and putting ourselves into His care. Attending Mass and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is the most privileged place to encounter Jesus. It is here that we most abundantly receive the peace that Jesus wants to give us if we open our hearts to Him.

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During this holy season of Lent, consider this: in addition to Sunday, you might resolve to go to Mass at least once during the week. This will afford you the opportunity to become more attuned to Jesus' True Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Let us slow down a bit—like the boy at the end of his run – and allow for more precious moments of silence during Lent, to be with Jesus. He is the only One who can bring us true peace and ultimately satisfy our restless hearts.

By Ann Lankford

Director for Catechesis and Evangelization, Diocese of La Crosse

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, Gaige 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 Kahler, Terry Zinkle, Charles Barney, Bonnie Boland, Steven Richard DuCharme, Rick Hamann, Pat Lenzendorf, Justina Koresh. Darlene (McKillip) Murana, Carl Kasparek., Paul O. & Helen C. White, Patricia Coorough, John Gillitzer.

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 17th	\$6,6466.00	\$5,042.00
Plate for March 17th	731.75	658.97
Unit Dues	75.00	125.00
Electronic Transfers	<u>2,432.00</u>	<u>1,987.00</u>
Total	\$9,704.75	\$7,812.97

The second collection came to \$758.57 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.

Michael & Zita Balk, Dr. Walter & Mary Boisvert, Irving & Carol DuCharme, Margaret Fischer, Jason & Sarah Knapp, Joe & Joanne Prew, Nathan Root, Mary Rupp, Jan Rutter, Helen Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Robert & Linda Schneider, Steve & Julie Schwager, Dennis & Adelee Schwertel, Robert & Ethel Sebastian, Vicki Sebastian, Marita Seitz, Timothy & Gayle Senesac, Carl & Julie Seputis, Monica Shedivy, Peggy Smith, Catherine Steger, Edward & Donna Steger, Gregory & Diane Steger, Louis Steger, Terence Steger, Timothy & Charlene Steger, Mary Steiner, Michael & Donna Steiner, Phyllis Steiner, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Russell & Mary Steiner, Thomas & Karen Steiner, Thomas & Barbara Stram, Gerald & Judy Strnad, Michael & Sharon Strnad, Norbert & Cathy Swenson, Phyllis Tichenor, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, Jerald & Rose Trautsch, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, Loren Vondrum, Robert & Debra Wachter, Gerald Wachuta, Steven & Jennifer Wachuta, Joshua & Angela Wagner.

The PCCW is having a Spring Rummage Sale April 12 & 13. You can drop off donations on Wednesdays 5:00 to 7:00 pm and on Sundays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL back parking lot entrance**. See flyer in churches for list of acceptable items.

SCHOOL NEWS

The fourth graders as well as the rest of the Prairie Catholic student body had the opportunity to be visited by the "Unni Boksasp" performers from Norway. We all enjoyed their performance, and were amazed by all their instruments and talents shown.

Fourth and third graders are wrapping up their Native American unit. All did a great job on their reports. We also just wrapped up Math, English, and Reading units. The students continue to show growth in all their subjects. We are now heading into our last quarter of school.

We are all thrilled to see and feel signs of spring. Enough cold and snow! *Mrs. Post*

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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, March 24

Book Study Group after the 10:00 am Mass in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 27

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

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

Thursday, March 28

Friday, March 29

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

Saturday, March 30

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

Sunday, March 31

Easter Flower Fund If you would like to make a donation to the "**Easter Flower Fund**" at the parish in memory of a loved one, you can do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the Parish collection. Thank you.

REMINDER:

Scrip Gift Cards make a great gift for any occasion. Scrip can be purchased at both rectories, our school and after Mass on the weekends.

Readings for the week of March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32