

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

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Rectory Office Hours

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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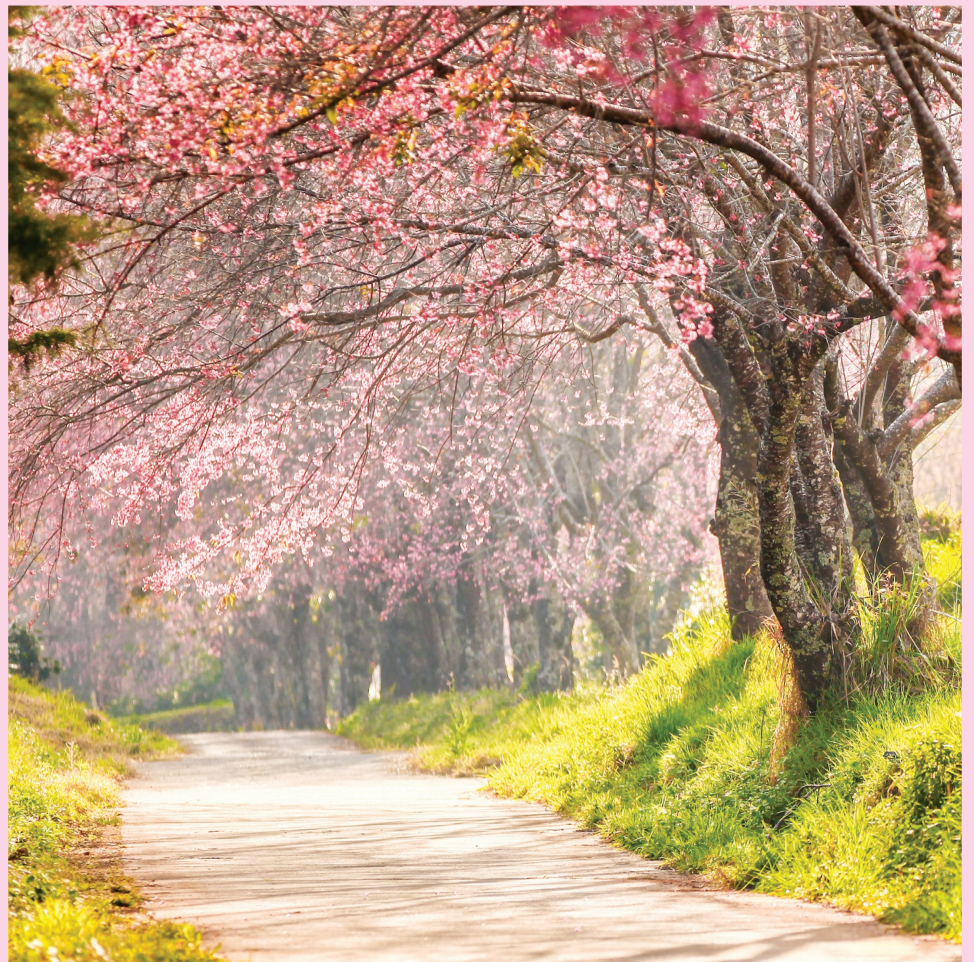
Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

March 31, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Lent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’” - Lk 15:31-32



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 7

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald, Kathy Schneider & Laura Meyer

Sunday 8:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Dave Hemmer, Ann Lessard

SERVERS-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Max & Elle Schneider

Jack MacEachern, Olivia Colson

Sunday 8:00 am Addison Kirschbaum, Scout Hall
Logan Kiesau, Madilyn Fisher

LECTORS-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Mark Gilberts

Sunday 8:00 am Dan Schickert

USHERS--APRIL 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Bob Ziel, Richard Steiner, Gene Kirschbaum, Robert DeFord

Sunday 8:00 am Dick Tesar, Tom Hampton, Don Osterhaus & John Chaffee

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Karen Fisher



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL 7

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Grunwald

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Deacon Mark Grunwald, Michael Bornholdt

SERVERS-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Ava & MaKenna Forde

Ryan Waller, Blake Thiry

Sunday 10:00 am Logan & Tessa Higgins
Lindsey Nolan, Jacob Mara

LECTORS-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler

Sunday 10:00 am Nancy Eastman

USHERS-APRIL 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Alex Schaefer, Tyler Rochleau, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara, Mark Mara & Dennis Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 6/7

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!



Tuesday, April 2	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Mary Smrcina
Wednesday, April 3	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Clem Stram
Thursday, April 4	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Scott Plondke
Friday, April 5	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Ron Cherrier
Saturday, April 6	8:00 am	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Ryan Long
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, April 7	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Floyd & Viola & Bobbi Atkins
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Nancy Aschom

FORGIVENESS:

By Ann Lankford, Director of Catechesis, Diocese of La Crosse

Each of us have experienced situations where we have been hurt and need to forgive others. In these circumstances, we can try to forget about the need to forgive, but it becomes obvious that we have not really forgiven a person when we see them and don't want to look at them, or hold back on a conversation. Forgiveness is an extremely important action for our peace of mind, but it is difficult without God's help.

It is noteworthy that when we pray the Our Father, we ask God for forgiveness of our sins in the same measure that we forgive others. When Jesus taught this most perfect of prayers to the Apostles, he places even greater emphasis on this part of the prayer, when He repeats, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Mt 6:14-15). Our forgiveness by God is contingent upon our forgiveness of others.

Jesus made similar comparisons elsewhere: "love one another, even as I have loved you" (John 13:34). "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). In each case, the perfect love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the standard not only for our relationship with God but also with one another. Jesus wants us to really strive to forgive others when they offend us. He tells us: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (Lk 6:27-28), as Jesus Himself did from His Cross when He said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do (Lk 23:34). It is important to make some distinctions about forgiveness:

*Forgiveness is not passive submission to abuse.

*Forgiveness does not mean that we must somehow "like" the wrong that is being done to us. Indeed, we can hate the sin that is being committed against us.

*Forgiveness does mean that we must pray for the grace to separate the sin from the sinner—"hating" the sin, but praying for God's grace to love the sinner. "Love" means here that we make a choice to pray that this person does not go to hell. We pray that they would somehow receive God's grace and come to know Him and go to be with Him in Heaven. "Hating" the sinner would mean that we desire that they would go to hell—be eternally separated from God. It's important to make the distinction between our feelings and what we choose with our will! Often, if we are honest in regard to the negative feelings we experience, no matter how awful and justified they are, we'll have more freedom to choose the good.

*Forgiveness means choosing to act in a charitable manner toward the offender, but not "setting ourselves up" for future abuse

Forgiveness is not easy and is something we must work at. We need to consciously decide to let go of negative feelings whether the person deserves it or not. And yet, we cannot do this without the help of God's grace. Jesus gives us the pledge that, whatever we encounter, His grace will be sufficient for us (see 2 Cor 12:9). We need to cooperate with His grace as we receive His strength to forgive others.

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Lent is a perfect time to help ourselves by choosing to forgive. This will mean better physical health through reducing levels of anxiety and stress, even improving sleep. And the choice to forgive will mean improved spiritual health as we become strengthened to forgive more quickly. Jesus wants to heal us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation from our sins of holding grudges or long-term resentment against others so that He can restore our interior peace and joy. Then we will experience a more joyful Easter, understanding better that Jesus truly defeated sin through His Resurrection from the dead

SUNDAY MARCH 31

COMMUNAL CONFESSION SERVICE

ST JOHN'S CHURCH 3:00 PM

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 Kasperek., Paul O. & Helen C. White, Patricia Coorough, John Gillitzer, Joe Poots, Carol Mullikin.

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 24th	\$6379.00	\$6716.00
Plate for March 24th	736.70	477.29
Units	<u>125.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$7240.70	\$7393.29

The second collection came to **\$3024.78** 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.

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 putting your donation in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the parish collection. Thank you.

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **Ryan James Connor** and **Adam Robert Connor**, sons of Milo & Donna (Selch) Connor, through the sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Ryan** and **Adam** and their family.

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 31

Book Study Group after the 10:00 am Mass in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's. **COMMUNAL CONFESSION SERVICE ST JOHN'S CHURCH 3:00 PM**

Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 2

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 pm Freshmen & Sophomore Confirmation Class in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's
6:45 pm Grade school CCD in St. John's School

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's School Hall, plus drawing for the Lottery Calendar winners & Holy Name Raffle winners

PCCW is looking for volunteers to say the rosary at weekend Masses. We also need help with our rummage sale. Anyone who wants to volunteer please call Linda at 608-874-4682.

4K Registration for Prairie Catholic School will be open April 1st - April 12th. Please contact the school office @ 608-326-8624 for a registration packet.

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11