

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

506 N. BEAUMONT ROAD & 710 S. WACOUTA AVENUE, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 53821

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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## St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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## Rectory Office Hours

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

## St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 326-2404

## 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.

## Principal

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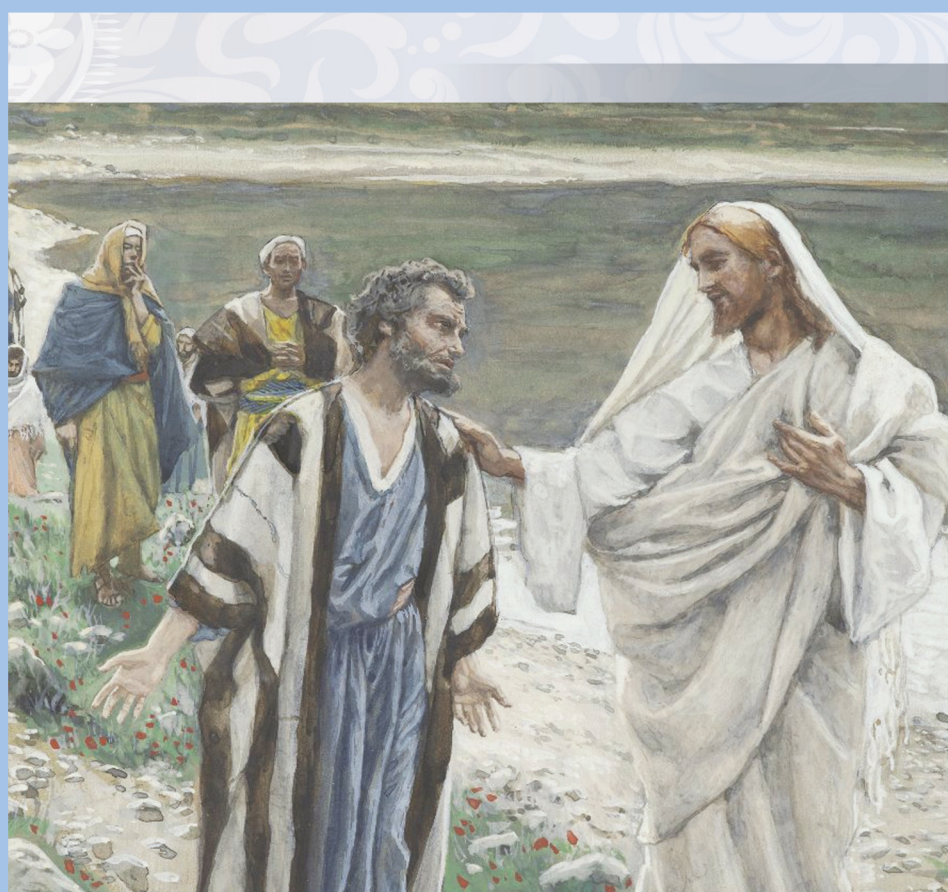
## Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

*May 5, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Easter*

**REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR**

**DEACON MARK GRUNWALD**



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 12

Nancy DuCharme

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-MAY 11/12

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

Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Megan Pedretti, Lucy  
Cornford

### SERVERS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm 7th & 8th Graders

Sunday 8:00 am Logan Kiesau & Addison Kirschbaum  
Logan & Tessa Higgins

### LECTORS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm 7th & 8th Graders

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### USHERS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Jim Welsch,  
Cliff Stram

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



## St. John Nepomuc

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 12

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Deacon Mark Grunwald, Doris  
Krogman, Austin Bechard

### SERVERS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Claire Kennedy & Blake Thiry  
Zach & Caleb Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Olivia Colson & Jack MacEachern  
Emma & Michael Bjurquist

### LECTORS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

### USHERS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff & Dan  
Schickert & Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Make Mara, Paul  
Porvaznik, Ron Trautsch

### SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Amy DeGidio

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, May 7	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Anna McGuire
Wednesday, May 8	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Rilla Oppriecht
Thursday, May 9	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Howard & Arlene Gillitzer
Friday, May 10	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† William Specht
Saturday, May 11	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Helen Wilkinson
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Raoul Steiner
Sunday, May 12	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bob Boland
	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.)

## Special Effects: The Radiation of Easter

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, astronomers announced that by using a powerful radio telescope they were able to take the first “picture” of a black hole. Black holes are small super dense bodies found at the center of many galaxies. These massive objects have gravitational fields so intense that light cannot escape from them. So we really can’t “see” black holes in any conventional sense. What we see in the published picture is a bright ring surrounding a dark center... a doughnut! Astronomers know that the dark center is not empty interstellar space, but that within that center is an object with the mass of 6.5 billion suns. How do they know that? By studying the characteristics of the radiation being emitted from the fast-moving gas near the black hole. The black hole has powerful effects on the matter around it.

In Father Jim’s homily last Sunday we heard that the disciple Thomas refused to believe his fellow disciples when they told him they had seen the risen Jesus. Thomas said he would believe that Jesus was alive if he could see him and touch his wounds. Father commented that at times he has wished he could see Jesus as Thomas eventually did. I certainly have. I suspect most of us have. Wouldn’t it be easier to believe in and follow Jesus as Lord and God if we could? But unless Jesus’ Second Coming is in the next hundred years, none of us will see him as his first followers did. Fortunately, Jesus reassures us that we can believe without seeing, and that we will be happy if we do.

How then can we without seeing believe in the empty tomb or the risen Lord? The answer is simply this. As astronomers can deduce the presence and properties of black holes by studying their effects on matter around them, we can have confidence in the historical reality of the Resurrection by considering the effects the Resurrection had on the disciples’ lives and the Greco-Roman culture they were part of. All the apostles displayed great faith; all except for John were martyred. In those first three centuries, many others were martyred refusing to deny Jesus. The number of Christians doubled every seven years during those centuries as people saw the love Christians had for each other and their non-Christian neighbors. Christianity proclaimed that all peoples were equal in Christ. Wives were protected when husbands were not allowed to divorce them on a whim. Although legal in Roman law, infanticide was not practiced in Christian households. And even though slavery was not outlawed for many centuries, the seeds of its abolition were planted when slave and master sat together and shared in the Eucharistic meal.

We can also believe as we witness the countless effects the Resurrection continues to have wherever the Gospel is announced. Today, when the dignity of the human being is upheld, the Resurrection is proclaimed - in the prayerful witness outside the abortion clinic, at the distribution of food in the refugee camp, or at the bedside of the dying homeless person.

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The Resurrection is proclaimed when spouses remain faithful during a difficult stretch, when a friend forgives another, when a worker resists the temptation to cheat an employer, or when a boss provides an employee a decent wage. The Resurrection is proclaimed at every Mass as Christians gather around the table of sacrifice. In all these things on the other side of Golgotha, the light of the empty tomb continues to pierce the darkness of sin and death.

We did not see the Resurrection take place, but neither did the disciples. But countless people have encountered the Risen Lord ever since. His is risen! Alleluia!

-Deacon Mark Grunwald

### 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, 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, Carol Mullikin, Doug Dickman, Loren & Diane Fishler & Wayne Mitchell.

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

### PARISH SUPPORT

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Envelopes for April 28th	\$7,485.00	\$7,896.00
Plate for May 28th	629.45	682.01
Additional Easter	<u>212.00</u>	<u>2,320.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,326.45</b>	<b>\$10,898.01</b>

The second collection came to \$619.55 and will be used for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. School envelopes came to \$185.00.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**JWALKER MISSION TRIP....**This June we have 35 to 40 young people and chaperones going to Florida to help with Hurricane Michael cleanup, This year our group is staying at a Tallahassee Diocese camp and it is a bit different from years past. This camp takes care of all the food and lodging for groups staying with them, and so the cost is a bit more per student. Therefore, we are in need of scholarships for these missionaries. A full Scholarship is \$500.00, and a half Scholarship is \$250.00. However, any amount you may be able to offer will be much appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Stoeffler or you may place a check in the collection basket marked especially for this purpose.

**BOHEMIAN DINNER SUNDAY MAY 19  
HOLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HALL  
SERVING FROM 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM  
Tender Smoked Pork Chop, Potato Dumplings,  
Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Poppysed Loaf Bread,  
Poppysed Cake  
ALL ARE INVITED**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring Theology on Tap at Ft. Mulligans, on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm. All parishioners are invited to join in a discussion of our faith, Jesus, and have a drink in a relaxed atmosphere. No charge! We will be led by Andrew Bruggan, facilitator, and teacher from Aquinas High School and a young man of faith. Please join us. Over 40 people attended last year. Are you prepared to have a drink, pray and express your faith in a public venue.

**The Life Guardian's (Driftless Area Pro-Life Group) will be holding their Mother's Day rose sale fundraiser again this year.** All funds will support local pro-life efforts. One of their goals for 2019 is to sponsor a permanent roadside sign with a prolife message. Cost of roses will be 1/\$3, 2/\$5, 6/\$15 or 12/\$25. If you would like to pre-order a dozen roses already bundled with filler and vase ready, please contact Heather Kramer at 608-306-0147 by May 9th.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.** We will continue to list the names of all who responded. We have a few more names to add to our donor list. John & Patricia Check, Ronald & Diane Goodman, Todd & Dee O'Connell, Sue Tiller.

## **THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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### **Sunday, May 5**

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

10:00 am Senior recognition Mass at St. John's

Knights of Columbus will be selling tootsie rolls after each Mass; please support their effort

### **Monday, May 6**

### **Tuesday, May 7**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus sponsoring 2nd annual Theology on Tap at Fort Mulligans - All are invited

### **Wednesday, May 8**

5:00 pm Choir practice at St. John's Church

5:30 pm Education Committee meeting at school

### **Thursday, May 9**

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 at St. John's

### **Friday, May 10**

### **Saturday, May 11**

Mother's Day Rose Sale after all Masses

### **Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day**

Mother's Day Rose Sale after all Masses

*Thank you to the family of Mary T. Shedivy for the donation to our Catholic school in her memory. We are very grateful for this gift.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Need your volunteer hours? Want to help out? Please visit our volunteer website at: [signup.zone/prairie-catholic-school](https://signup.zone/prairie-catholic-school) to see what's available.



### **Congratulation to the Confirmation Class of 2019:**

Macey R. Banasik, Hailey Bedward, Logan T. Brown, William V. Callahan, Rebekah Champion, Adam N. Chase, Chase J. Fisher, Ella M. Hager, Kendall E. Hill, Kennedy A. Kirschbaum.

Makenzie R. Knapp, Jonah B. Linder, Brady C. Luster, Jonathan W. Nicholson, Dominique M. Reilly, Matthew M. Rogge, Paige K. Schneider, Clare F. Teynor, John T. Titlbach, and Kathryn J. Welsch.

Please keep these young men and women in your prayers.