

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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**Rectory Office Hours**

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

**St. Gabriel Archangel**

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**Rectory Office Hours**

8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - 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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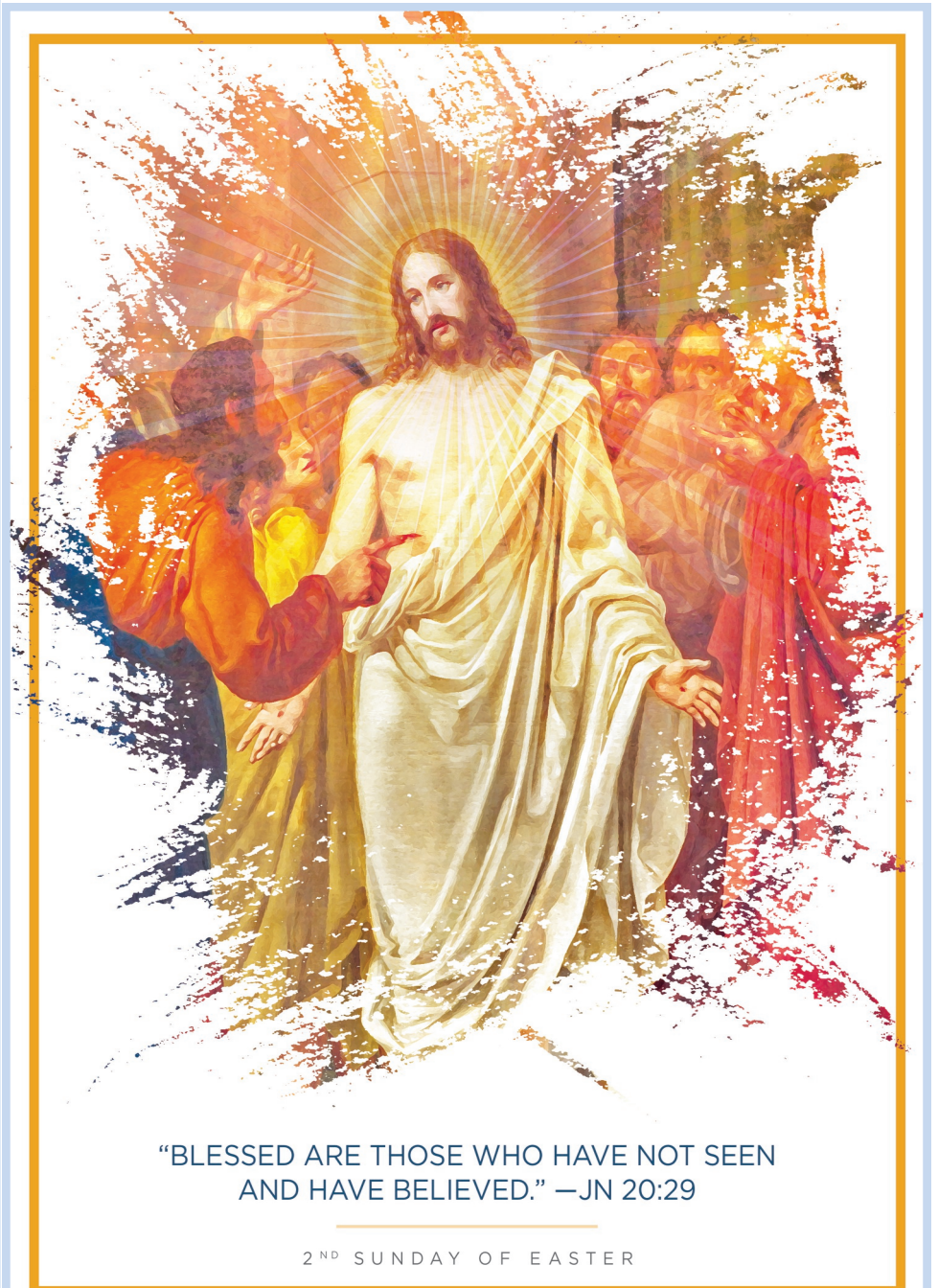
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Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (326-8553)

*April 11, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Easter*



“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND HAVE BELIEVED.” —JN 20:29

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-APRIL 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer  
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

### SERVERS--APRIL 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm No Servers at this time  
Sunday 8:00 am No Servers at this time

### LECTORS-APRIL 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer  
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

### USHERS-APRIL 17/18

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

### SCRIP WORKERS-APRIL 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm No Scrip Sales after Mass  
Sunday 8:00 am No Scrip Sales after Mass

### Easter Flowers were given in memory of:

John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Theresa Teachman, Loretta Tesar, Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Stewart & Alberta Bradley, Jack & Jean Tesar, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Eugene & Mary Gillitzer, Floyd, Viola & Bobby Atkins, Bill & Virginia Dahman, Francis & Helen Wall, Roger Pellock, Steven Pellock, Dennis Morovits.



## St. John Nepomuc

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-APRIL 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer  
Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

### SERVERS-APRIL 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm No Servers at this time  
Sunday 10:00 am No Servers at this time

### LECTORS-APRIL 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer  
Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

### USHERS-APRIL 17/18

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### Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Donald Keller
Tuesday, April 13	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Angela Ann Farnum
Wednesday, April 14	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Raymond Check
Thursday, April 15	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Tim Looney
Friday, April 16	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Joan Poots
Saturday, April 17	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Joan Poots
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Living & deceased members of the Andrew & Katherine Steger Family
Sunday, April 18	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Darlene M. Moris

### 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

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE  
March 25, 2021

**STATEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF  
WISCONSIN ON THE EQUALITY ACT OF 2021 (H.R. 5)**

Wisconsin's Catholic bishops join with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in opposing the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5). While all people must be treated with dignity and respect, efforts to prevent discrimination cannot foster inequality and intolerance of religion and people of faith. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution specifically protects free speech and the free exercise of faith, as both are essential for a free and open society.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We stand in solidarity with [the letter issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\) raising grave concerns with the Equality Act of 2021](#) (H.R. 5). As the letter rightly proclaims, every person is made in the image of God and must be treated with respect and compassion. Individuals have a right to live free of discrimination or harassment. However, the federal Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5), which aims to prevent discrimination by making "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" protected categories under the Civil Rights Act, would instead foster inequality and intolerance.

As Catholics, we are called to shield individuals from discrimination, accompany the vulnerable, and be a voice for the voiceless. However, the Equality Act would require religious entities to abandon the very principles of faith that undergird their ministry and service. Under the Equality Act, ministries would not be able to acknowledge the biological reality of male and female. Faith-based shelters would be punished for limiting access to women's sleeping quarters. Religious charities that offer adoption services would be forced to deny children the right to a mother and a father. Even worship facilities, schools, and other religious institutions would be forced to deny their core beliefs or cease operation.

The Equality Act not only fails to provide any accommodation or exemption for religious expression, it actually removes current protections under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), a bipartisan law designed to limit unnecessary government-imposed burdens on the practice of faith. Enacted into law under President Bill Clinton, RFRA ensures an appropriate balance between religious liberty and government action.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, recently stated "The Equality Act goes far beyond the noble desire to protect vulnerable people. It burdens consciences, severely curtails the rights of people to practice their faith, smuggles in an abortion mandate, and explicitly exempts itself from respecting religious freedom."<sup>1</sup>

Pope Francis acknowledged that throughout the world there are "...various forms of an ideology of gender that 'denies the difference and reciprocity in nature of a man and a woman and envisages a society without sexual differences, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family.'"<sup>2</sup> We recognize

<sup>1</sup> "Stand Against Unjust Discrimination: Oppose the Equality Act," Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York (March 16, 2021), <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2021/03/74791/>.

<sup>2</sup> *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), no. 56, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis (March 19, 2016), [http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20160319\\_amoris-laetitia\\_en.pdf](http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf).

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that not all will agree with our Catholic views of marriage, family, and human sexuality, some of which are shared with other faith traditions. However, the First Amendment protects free speech and the free exercise of religion thereby ensuring that different views about these fundamental realities may be openly expressed and lived. The Equality Act would suppress these liberties, which are essential to a free and open society.

The U.S. House of Representatives has already passed the Equality Act and it is being debated in the U.S. Senate. We urge Senators, especially our Wisconsin Senators, to oppose it. For further information on the impact of the Equality Act, visit <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>.

Let us pray during this Lenten Season, that God will bring us ever closer to a greater understanding of our Creator and lead us to repent for all the sins of prejudice and intolerance that continue to plague our nation.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

The Most Reverend Donald J. Hying  
Bishop of Madison

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken  
Bishop of Green Bay

The Most Reverend William P. Callahan  
Bishop of LaCrosse

The Most Reverend James P. Powers  
Bishop of Superior

## **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, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Peyton Kraushaar, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Don & Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Graham Shedivy, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Diane Fernette, Stacey Johnson, Frank Tiller, Rosanna Mayer, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Rose Miller, Nora Vickerman, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Phyllis Waller, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Sally White, Carol Kalish, Matilda Flansburgh, Joan Marie Tiller, Joseph Hamann, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Owen Price, Kathy Leard, Scott Yeomans, Dorothy Gilkes, Andra Meana, Gaige Hatlin, Doris Bohnenkamp, Lyle & Rosella Ahles, Marita (Hoeger) Conley, Jeffery Scott DuCharme, Gina Buettner, Audrey Mara, Sister Suzanne Gallagher, Nancy Knutson, George Kahler, Charles Barney, Rick Hamann, Darlene (McKillip) Murana, Patricia Coorough, John Gillitzer, Carol Mullikin, Doug Dickman, Loren & Diane Fishler, Wayne Mitchell, Matthew Stubbe, Robert McCarty, Phyllis Tichenor, Virginia A. Walz, Jennifer Lessard, Joe Prew, Linda Sweeney, Jeanelle Westerfield, Nick Morgan, Mary Duffy, Robin Valley Massey, Edith Adamson, Gracie Quam, Deacon Mark Grunwald, Sue Groom, Arlene Willms, Ryan Kozelka, Kathy Kurt, Rachel Bakken, Ron Ore, Lora Chamberlain, Christina Toberman, Alice M. Ohlert, Tony Teynor, Arnold Gillitzer, Roger Prew, Tammy Nolan.

Dear parishioners and visitors,

The tremendous joy that we start celebrating at the Easter Vigil continues this Sunday. There are two things pertaining to the universal Church but one personal for our parish family. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter which concludes the Easter Octave, and it is known too as Divine Mercy as instituted by St. John Paul II. For us, today is First Holy Communion for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student parishioners. They have been preparing this year making their First Confession earlier and First Holy Communion today.

It is a privilege to receive the Lord in Holy Communion but one must also be worthy. As most should know, if one has committed mortal or serious sin, one is to go to confession first. Mortal sin takes us away from the community of Faith; celebrating confession brings us back to the fold in good standing. One is then ready to receive Holy Communion again after confessing mortal sin.

Please join in congratulating our student parishioners but also pray for them. We want them to respect the Holy Eucharist and go to Church on Sundays when the obligation to attend is re-instated. It is the duty of their parents to attend Mass every Sunday and emphasize the importance to make Sunday holy for God and themselves.

Thank you, and God bless you. *Msgr. Stoetzel*

### **We will continue listing Diocesan Annual Appeal donors in next weeks bulletin.**

**With the lessening threat of covid, the parish desires to have servers at the weekend Masses again.** The first Mass to cover is the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. If it proves successful, servers will help cover an additional Mass until four are. If you are or want to be a server, please contact Msgr. Stoetzel at 608-326-6511 as soon as possible.

**Please note the wearing of masks and social distancing is still effective in the Catholic churches in the Diocese of La Crosse.** The Bishop wants all to be aware of the need to lessen the risk of the virus doing so out of Christian charity to others. The Bishop's letter is found at the main doors of both churches for you to read. Thank you.

**This is an update on the covid vaccine by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.** The approved vaccines are Pfizer and Moderna; Johnson & Johnson is not unless there are no other vaccines available; and, AstraZeneca is not. The concern with the latter two vaccines is the use of aborted human fetus tissues in their initial testing and/or production of the vaccines.

**Please note:** We will be cleaning up the cemeteries at St. Gabriel's and Calvary. If you have any items such as artificial flowers, etc. you would like to save please remove them by Tuesday, April 20th. Thank you.

## **THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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**Sunday, April 11**

Noon First Communion Mass at St. John's Church

**Monday, April 12**

**Tuesday, April 13**

**Wednesday, April 14**

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

**Thursday, April 15**

Adoration after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Gabriel's Church  
Benediction at 1:00 pm

**Friday, April 16**

**Saturday, April 17**

Wedding of Devin J. McIntosh & Emily Ann Fassbinder

**Sunday, April 18**

School Notes.....Congratulations to Mrs. Kristin Tietjen our new Little Saints Learning Center Director. Also we are looking for a full time middle school teacher for next school year at Prairie Catholic. If interested please apply on WECAN or contact Principal Spindler at 608-326-8624.

The Mission of Prairie Catholic School is to nurture Christ centered students through spiritual growth, academic excellence, and service to others in a safe and caring environment.

## **WEDDING BANNERS**

Devin J. McIntosh & Emily Ann Fassbinder (III)  
Nathan Mezera & Jessica Nagel (I)

**A big thank-you to the parish Men's Club** for their donation replacing the warmers in the St. Gabriel school building for the hot lunch program. The prior one worked no longer and had to be replaced to be compliant with the DPI regulations. A chiller was added to keep some foods cool in the line.

**There will be one box at the entrance of each church for you to discard old palms.** Please discard there and not anywhere else. Since these were blessed, they should not be thrown into the garbage. You can dispose of them yourself by burning and burying the ashes into the ground.

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Envelopes for April 4	\$5,206.00	\$6,516.00
Plate for April 4	927.52	.00
Easter	<u>9,248.00</u>	<u>7,491.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,381.52</b>	<b>\$14,007.00</b>

Holy Thursday collection came to \$156.00 and the Good Friday collection came to \$361.90. The second collection came to \$568.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**