

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

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Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 1:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

St. Gabriel Archangel

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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.

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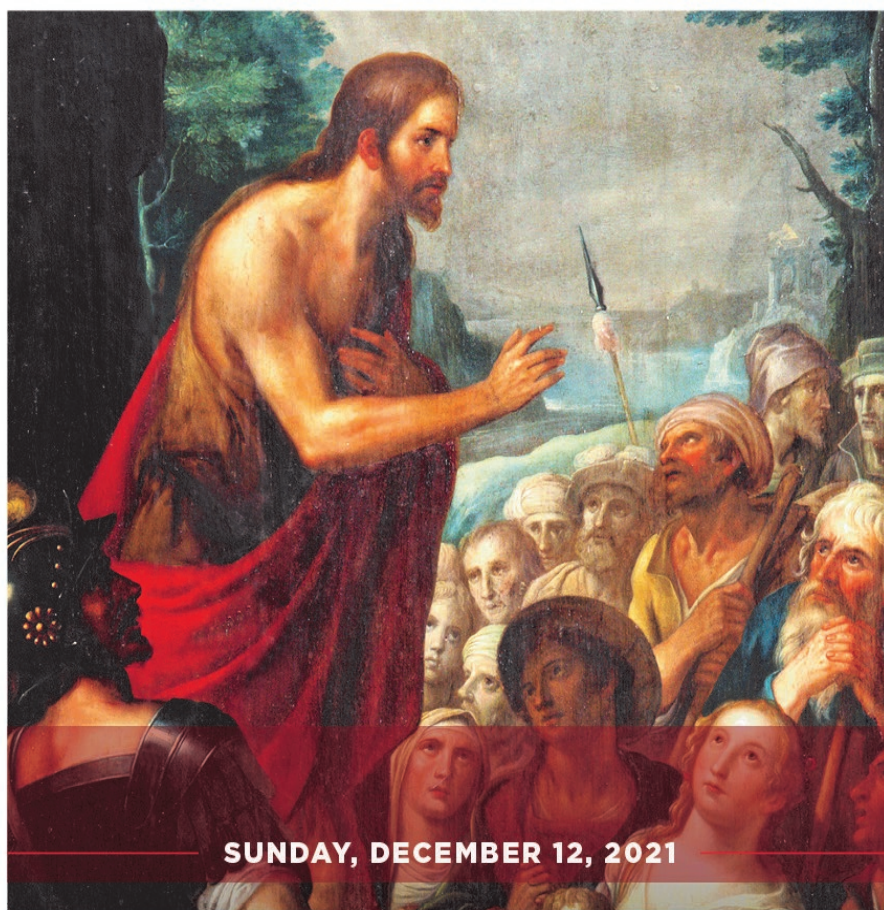
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December 12, 2021 3rd Sunday of Advent



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16



St. Gabriel Archangel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

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The Diocese of La Crosse is looking for the names of those couples celebrating 50th Jubilee wedding anniversaries in the year 2022. If you will be celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2022, please contact the Rectory at 326-6511. We need to submit a list of names to the Diocese by the end of the year.



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC 19

Shirley MacEachern, and Merle & Barb Frommelt

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The Knights of Columbus will be having a breakfast on December 19th from 7:00 am until 10:30 am at Fellowship Hall. Free will offering will be accepted.

Anyone wishing to have a loved one honored with flowers for the Christmas Mass season, please place an envelope with your donation in the collection basket with the name of the honoree. We will publish names in the bulletin.



Monday, December 13	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Thomas Kozelka
Tuesday, December 14	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Darlene Moris
Wednesday, December 15	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Dr. William Nugent
Thursday, December 16	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Terry Powers
Friday, December 17	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Mr. and Mrs. Keith A. Key
Saturday, December 18	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Don McFarland
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Roger W. Steiner
Sunday, December 19	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Mr. and Mrs. John Novey

Dear parishioners and visitors,

Even though the Advent Season is not a penitential season, it is beneficial to go to confessions in preparation for Christmas. The first reading for the 1st Sunday of Advent was taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. He prophesized during some very dark years for the Israelites, and he was evidentially murdered by his own country people. However, in the passage on that Sunday, he offered hope that one day that glory would fill their lives once again. The sacrament of penance should do the same for us because we can be clouded in the darkness of sin.

I will be offering three sets of additional confession times: two this week and one the next. This sacrament can have a powerful impact in the lives of those who prepare and celebrate it. The sacrament restores the harmed or broken relationships that we have with God and others. It takes off the burden of sin and frees us from the enslavement we have with the Evil One. That in itself is hope for a better life closer to God, and preparing once again for the birth day of our savior.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

Announcements

Here is the Christmas Eve and Day schedule this year:

Christmas Eve: 2:00 PM at St. John (*JWalkers*), 4:00 PM at St. Gabriel (*Children*), and 8:00 PM at St. John

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM at St. Gabriel

The weekend of December 25th – 26th: The Patronal Feast of Our Parish Family

Saturday: 4:00 PM at St. Gabriel (*NO confessions before this Mass and NO 7:00 PM Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00 AM at St. Gabriel, and 10:00 AM at St. John

Extra confessions: Monday, Dec. 13th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM at St. John; Thursday, Dec. 16th, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at St. Gabriel; Monday, Dec. 20th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM at St. John

Please remember your parish family this Christmas with your prayers and financial giving. We need

your support to continue the work of the Church right here in our community. It might seem mundane but the parish has an annual operational budget to maintain to meet its obligation. Please be most generous. May the Christ Child bless you this Christmas and New Year for your generosity!

The air conditioning system in the Prairie Catholic School basement failed and needs to be replaced. Any company interested in submitting a bid is to contact the parish office (*608-326-6511*) for the specs and submit a bid in writing no later than December 31, 2021.

The 2022 Catholic calendars are available at the church entrances for you to use through the new year. Please take one per household. Many thanks to Tiller Furniture for sponsoring them again! Please patronize their business.

Envelopes for the 2021 Retired Religious Campaign are found in the back of the churches if you desire to contribute. Please take one this weekend and return the next with your contribution.

Here is the latest update on the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal in relation to our parish: As of **12/06/2021**, the pledged to date is **\$34,690** which is **52.21%** of the target from **138** parish households out of approximately 750. We need the support from all our parishioners to at least reach and exceed the target. Any money over the target is returned to the parish to support the parish budget. When you send in your pledge card and/or donation, you can send it directly to the diocese.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov 28	\$7,179.00	\$8,301.00
Plate for Nov 28	<u>782.02</u>	<u>658.00</u>
Total	\$7,961.02	\$8,959.00

The second collection came to \$185.12 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The kindergarten students are attending mass every other week. They are learning how to recite the prayer "Grace" by heart.

The kindergartners have been engaged in activities and stories that teach them about Advent and Christmas. One of the things we are using in our classroom is an interactive Nativity, called "What God wants for Christmas". Each day a story is read to the class and a gift box is passed to each student to peek inside. The last student gets to share who the character is and place it in the Nativity. They learn What God wants for Christmas is in their heart. The students love this activity!

Mrs. Mary Huser

Prairie Catholic School Silent Auction December 1st-December 14th for the class trip to Washington DC in Spring of 2023. A link to the auction site can be found on Prairie Catholic Schools Facebook Page. Contact Brian Simmons at 608-778-9320.

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday, December 12

JWalkers caroling after the 10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Scripture Study in St. John's Sacristy-
Please join us. Any questions, call 608-326-5459.

Monday, December 13

Tuesday, December 14

Wednesday, December 15

6:30 pm Sophomore Confirmation Class

6:45 pm Grade School CCD Classes

Thursday, December 16

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

Friday, December 17

Saturday, December 18

Sunday December 19

7:00 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast

11:00 am Scripture Study in St. John's Sacristy-
Please join us. Any questions, call 608-326-5459.

Thank you to the family of Thomas Kozelka for the generous gift to Holy Family Parish and Prairie Catholic School in his memory. We are very grateful for this donation.

LOTTERY SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS are now for sale. Thirty monthly prizes. You can purchase them at St. John's Rectory, Prairie Catholic School or call John Fischer (326-2827). Six for \$100.00 or \$20.00 per calendar. 360 drawings February 2022 through January 2023. Winners names will be published in the church bulletin. Just a reminder these make great Christmas gifts.

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for: Tammy Nolan, Sara Graser, Jeff Krohn, Trudy Adams, Eldon Arms, Patricia McCoy, Joe Bierman, Elizabeth June Creager, Joe Prew, Michele McCabe, Doris Bohnenkamp and Laura Meyer.

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