

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St. John Nepomuc

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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

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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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December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42



St. Gabriel Archangel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 25/26

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

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LECTORS-DECEMBER 25/26

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USHERS-DECEMBER 25/26

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SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 25/26

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Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

St. Gabriel's Church will be decorated for Christmas Sunday Dec 19th after the 8:00 am Mass. Any help would be appreciated.



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC 26

Shirley MacEachern, 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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays, please deposit names and donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at St. John's Rectory.

Monday, December 20	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Catherine Steger
Tuesday, December 21	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Margaret Wachter
Wednesday, December 22	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Lora Chamberlain
Thursday, December 23	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Benda
Friday, December 24	2:00 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
	8:00 pm	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Saturday, December 25	9:00 am	St. John's Church	Priest's Intention
Christmas Day	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
Sunday, December 26	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Nell Bowar
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Thomas Kozelka

Dear parishioners and visitors,

The celebration of Christmas is fast approaching! It seems as though the end of the last Church year and the beginning of the present one were only yesterday. Here we are ready to celebrate Christmas once again.

We should know how the world was in a troubled time when the Father sent His Son. God's people – the people of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah – were suppressed by various powers throughout the centuries and, at that time, by the Romans. We see the gloomy things around us and the world which can trouble us. Hopefully, the annual celebration of Christmas will lift up our spirits knowing that God is with us, and he will bring us hope once again.

I extend to our parishioners and visitors a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May the peace of the Christ Child rest upon you and your homes!

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. 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.

Here is the latest update on the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal in relation to our parish: As of **12/10/2021**, the pledged to date is **\$35,090** which is **52.81%** of the target from **142** 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.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember Mavis Godden in your prayers. A Memorial Service was held on Dec 16th at the Garrity Funeral Home Chapel. May god grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

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Please remember Virginia (Ginger) DesRocher in your prayers. Her funeral will be held at a later date.. May God grant her eternal life and comfort to her family.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec 5	\$10,434.00	\$7,886.00
Plate for Dec 5	<u>626.59</u>	<u>809.18</u>
Total	\$11,060.59	\$8,695.18

The second collection came to \$424.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We have been very busy in third grade! Our class is learning about Advent and making our Advent wreath for the lockers. We will put a “flame” on each candle as the season progresses. The third graders are starting to learn multiplication. They have been looking forward to this all year and cannot wait to start practicing their math facts. We are wrapping up our unit on energy and its different forms. Our last project of the unit is creating an electrical circuit to test. The students will be able to see how electricity flows through a circuit to light a light bulb.

Ms. Madeline Wessels

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.

Congratulations to Scott & Paula Andersen on the occasion of their 32nd Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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 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.

Monday, December 20

Tuesday, December 21

Wednesday, December 22

6:45 pm Grade School CCD Classes

Thursday, December 23

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

Friday, December 24

Saturday, December 25

Sunday December 26

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 Jason (Tony) Teynor for the generous gift to Holy Family Parish 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.