

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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December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”
- Lk 3:5-6

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St. Gabriel Archangel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

SERVERS-DECEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm No servers at this time

Sunday 8:00 am No servers at this time

LECTORS-DECEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

USHERS-DECEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

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 12

NICK NUGENT AND PEG SMITH

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The JWalkers will be caroling on Sunday, December 12th. If you know a shut in or someone who would like a visit, Please contact Mary Stoeffler at 563-329-0149 or call the Rectory at 326-6511.



Monday, December 6	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Sabina Strnad
Tuesday, December 7	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Walter Maas
Vigil for Holy Day	5:15 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Don Draka
Wednesday, December 8	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Thomas Kozelka
	12:15 pm	St. John's Church	William & Mary Crowley
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
Thursday, December 9	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Donna Finnegan
Friday, December 10	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Mary Marcella MacEachern
Saturday, December 11	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Herb Baures
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
Sunday, December 12	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Liv/Dec members of Evelyn Heisz Family
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Leslie Poots

Dear parishioners and visitors,

On Wednesday, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated. Not only is it a holyday of obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass but it is the patronal feast of the United States. Please note in this bulletin the times and churches for Masses both on the eve and day.

The Church solemnly declared this feast as dogma after centuries believing that it would be only right that Mary be born without sin in order for the Son of God to be born through a woman who was clean and pure. Members of the early Christian Church believed this without question; the Church declared it dogma in 1854.

It is good and right for all citizens to turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary for her to look kindly on us and protect us from all harm. She protected the Child Jesus within her and brought forth the Savior. She cares for us dearly and is a great intercessor for us to the Father to watch over our nation. She will never fail us if we put out trust in the Lord.

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 confessions nor the 7:00 PM Mass*)

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

If any lectors or commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion plan to attend the 5:15 PM Mass on Dec. 7th, or the 12:15 PM Mass on Dec. 8th, please contact the parish office (*608-326-6511*) by 12:00 Noon on Dec. 7th.

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.

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 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 **11/30/2021**, the pledged to date is **\$33,835** which is **50.92%** of the target from **132** 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 21	\$6,780.00	\$4,170.00
Plate for Nov 21	<u>704.56</u>	<u>371.72</u>
Total	\$7,484.56	\$4,541.72

The second collection came to \$678.30 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Prairie Catholic Middle School

2021-2022 1st Term Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honors: Declan Campbell, Dylan Heilmann, Liam Kennedy and Cooper Simmons

5th Grade Honors: Matthew Kramer and Zachary Quick

6th Grade High Honors: Kristin Nolan

6th Grade Honors: Eli Heilmann and Addilyn Lindner

7th Grade High Honors: Madilyn Coffield, Claire Kennedy, Camryn Knapp and Harrison Osterkamp

7th Grade Honors: Hailey Cejka, Carter Simmons and Stephanie Welter

8th Grade High Honors: Jack Simmons

8th Grade Honors: Allison Cejka, Andrew Geisler, Elle Schneider, Laura Sturmer and Jasper Thompson.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday, December 5

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

Monday, December 6

Tuesday, December 7

Wednesday, December 8

6:30 pm Freshman and Sophomore Confirmation Class

6:45 pm Grade School CCD Classes

Thursday, December 9

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

Friday, December 10

Saturday, December 11

Sunday December 12

JWalkers caroling after 10:00 am Mass

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 John Luster for the generous gift to Holy Family Parish in his memory. We are very grateful for this donation.

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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.

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

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