

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

This Week at the Parishes
Sunday, April 29

Monday, April 30
7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, May 1
3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mai-
son

Wednesday, May 2

Thursday, May 3
Adoration after the 8:15 am
Mass at St. John's with Bene-
diction at 1:00 pm

Friday, May 4
2:55 pm Divine Mercy Bible
Study at St. John's Church

Saturday, May 5
Prairie Catholic Golf Outing
& Back Home Boys Concert

Sunday, May 6
9:00 am Coffee & Rolls will
be held in St. John's Hall plus
the drawing for the Sweep-
stake Calendar will be held

Mark Your Calendar:

10:00 AM Mass with Polka
music followed by St. John's
Annual Bohemian Dinner on
Sunday, May 20th. Smoked
Pork Chop with all the trim-
mings.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404

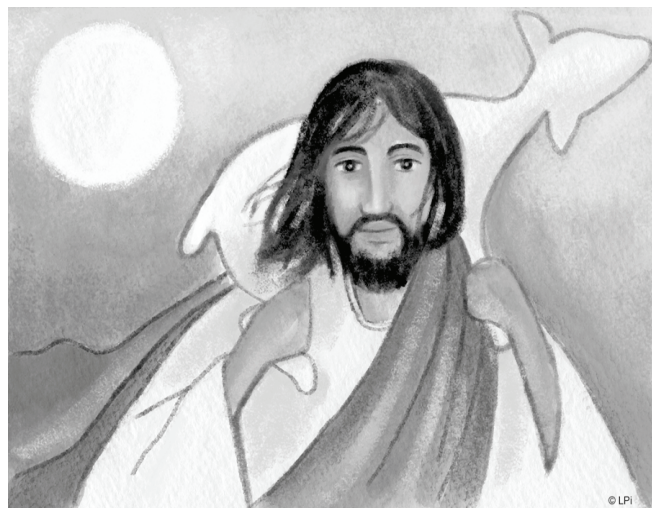


St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

Holy Family Breakfast
Sunday, May 13th
6:30-10:00am
St. Gabriel's School
Hall

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15



Offertory Gift Bearers-May 5/6

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

Eucharistic Ministers-May 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra & Lyle Marfilus
Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Jeri Kluesner, Karen Fritsche

Home Communion Ministers for May 6

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-May 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Spenser Pedretti & Nathan Specht
Carter Steger & Clayton DuCharme
Sunday 8:00 am Ben & Evan Teynor
Aaron & Zachary Neisius

Lectors-May 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose
Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

Ushers-May 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim Welsch
Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Jim McGrath & Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-May 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider/Trisha Hager
Sunday 8:00 am Jenni/Brad Linder & John & Heather Luster

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 22nd	\$3,462.00	\$4,050.00
Plate for April 22nd	\$320.14	322.50
Total	\$3,782.14	\$4,372.50

The second collection at St. Gabriel's came to \$256.00 and will be used for school expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC GOLF OUTING
3 PERSON TEAMS
SATURDAY MAY 5TH
GET YOUR TEAM REGISTERED
FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING WITH THE
BACK HOME BOYS



For more information or registration forms contact:

Dave Coorough @ 608-326-6707; PdC Country Club Manager or Duane Rogers @ 608-326-3529, Event Chairman

St. Gabriel's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 30

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 1

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 2

8:15 am Donna & Nick Wachuta: by Family

Thursday, May 3

NO MASS

Friday, May 4

8:15 am Betty Berns: by Margaret

Saturday, May 5

4:00 pm For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, May 6

8:00 am Kenneth Kane: by Family



Bingo Winners From Monday, April, 23rd:

\$25.00-Marian Taylor, Gayle Aspenson, Arlien Balk, **\$30.00** - Walter Ready, **\$45.00** - Gayle Aspenson, **\$50.00** - Ruth Moris, Cindy Bender. **Progressive Consolation** (\$100.00)-Makennan Gerhards; **50/50 Winner** (\$62.00) - Marilee Millin

Bingo Workers for Monday, April 30th: Check Writer: Cathy Bierman; **Floor Workers:** Becky Rooney & Deb Schultz; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Food Prepared by:** Kati Forsythe & Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Morgan Kiesau &

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom?

To learn more about our first freedom, and to send your message to HHS and Congress telling them to stand up for religious liberty and conscience rights, go to www.usccb.org/conscience today! Thank you for joining the effort to end this unprecedented government coercion of conscience and intrusion in religious affairs.

Congratulations Patrick McConnell

Patrick, the son of Pete and Barbara McConnell, is a former resident of Prairie du Chien and student of Prairie Catholic School, will be ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Superior on Sunday June 3, 2012, at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior, WI. Fr. Patrick will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday June 10th at 10:00 AM at St Francis Xavier Parish in Merrill, WI. Please keep Patrick in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for this special celebration. The McConnell family would like to extend an invitation to either of these events to all in our parishes that may like to attend.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

MOST CHERISHED FREEDOMS

The following is bulletin insert from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops on the HHS mandate. These bulletin inserts will be published in our bulletin as they are released:

In 1634, a mix of Catholic and Protestant settlers arrived in Southern Maryland from England aboard the *Ark* and the *Dove*. They had come at the invitation of the Catholic Lord Baltimore, who had been granted the land by the Protestant King Charles I of England. While Catholics and Protestants were killing each other in Europe, Lord Baltimore imagined Maryland as a society where people of different faiths could live together peacefully. This vision was soon codified in Maryland's 1649 Act Concerning Religion (also called the "Toleration Act"), which was the first law in our nation's history to protect an individual's right to freedom of conscience.

Maryland's early history teaches us that, like any freedom, **religious liberty requires constant vigilance and protection, or it will disappear.** Maryland's experiment in religious toleration ended within a few decades. The colony was placed under royal control and the Church of England became the established religion. Discriminatory laws, including the loss of political rights, were enacted against those who refused to conform. Catholic chapels were closed and Catholics were restricted to practicing their faith in their homes. The Catholic community lived under this coercion until the American Revolution.

By the end of the 18th century our nation's founders embraced freedom of religion as an essential condition of a free and democratic society. So when the Bill of Rights was ratified, religious freedom had the distinction of being the First Amendment. Religious liberty is indeed the first liberty. This is our American heritage, our most cherished freedom. **If we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, all other freedoms are fragile.** If our obligations and duties to God are impeded, or even worse, contradicted by the government, then we can no longer claim to be a land of the free.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?

Among many current challenges, consider the recent Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. For the first time in our history, the federal government will force religious institutions to facilitate drugs and procedures contrary to our moral teaching, and purport to define which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit an exemption. This is not a matter of whether contraception may be prohibited by the government. It is not even a matter of whether contraception may be supported by the government. **It is a matter of whether religious people and institutions may be forced by the government to provide coverage for contraception and sterilization, even when it violates our religious beliefs.**

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for Linda Vance, Adrienne Kortas, Odelia Matt, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Marge Noggle, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, Dennis Brandt, Mary Nash, Payton Kay Kazda, Harry Konichek, Helen Tarrence, James Thompson, Rick Sime, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, Walter Hermesen, John Messling, Tony Teynor & Mark Lochner.

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



Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday evening at St. John's Church. May God continue to bless them.

Tanner Dale Paul Buchheit, Katie Ann Maximilian Check, Kelly Jo Joan Check, Tyler Louis Lawrence Cota, Reese Matthew Patrick Dressler, Angela Nicole Pio Elmquist, Stephanie Margaret Mary Magdalene Elmquist, Emily Mae Elizabeth Fishler, Makayla Mae Catherine Gerhards, Adam Robert John Groom, Peyton Michael Hubert Hall, Jack David David Johnston, Severin Gunnar Francis Kravchuk, Jacob Francis Sebastian Lenzendorf, John Alton John Luster, Chad Arnold Anthony Mara, Sean James Joseph McGrath, Douglas Gregory Gregory Mezera, Connor Patrick Patrick Murray, Zachary John Patrick Neisius, Lauren Maria Maria Nicholson, Brittany Ann Teresa O'Connell, Levi James James Orr, Payton Lynn Elizabeth Petsche, Shalli Ann Francis Poots, Paige Faith Lucy Rickleff, Joyanna Florence Therese Steiner, Brooke Marie Jean Trautsch, Emily Elizabeth Elizabeth Trautsch, Jack Vincent Christopher Wasechek, Nicholas Killian Vincent Weber, Lindsey Rae Anne Welter, Gary Jason Peter Julian Eymard Wynos, Anna Marie Clare Zeeh.

4th Sunday of Easter

St. John's Church

Offertory Gift Bearers-May 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-May 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris
Krogman & Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for May 6

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

Servers-May 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Emmi Steger & Hailee Lynn
Chas & Brytta Sagedahl

Sunday 10:00 am Angela & Gina Sebastian
Renee & Anthony Irvin

Lectors May 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

Ushers-May 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara,
Mark Mara, & Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-May 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski/Brooke & Kyle
Teynor

Sunday 10:00 am Bart Zeeh/Michelle Kirchman,
Michele Pattison

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for April 22nd	\$3,938.00	\$4,475.00
Plate for April 22nd	\$287.70	\$304.10
Total	\$4,225.70	\$4,779.10

The second collection at St. John's came to \$597.15

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SCHOOL NEWS

As our year winds down to a close, I look back at what a wonderful year we have had. Our students won fire safety poster contests, helped decorate the capitals Christmas tree, hosted an art exhibit at Effigy Mounds and are hold a bake sale for the new hospital building fund. They are becoming very active citizens in our community. I am so proud of all they have accomplished. Mrs. Colleen Welter-Art and Technology

Congratulations to Don & Ruth Brus on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.

St. John's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 30

5:15 PM Ryan Long: by Family

Tuesday, May 1

8:15 am Leonard Nelson: by Mary Kann

Wednesday, May 2

NO MASS

Thursday, May 3

8:15 am Andrew Wrecker:

by Mark & Mary Jane Mezera

Friday, May 4

NO MASS

Saturday, May 5

7:00 pm Maria J. Schneider: by Lora Chamberlain

Sunday, May 6

10:00 am Ken DesRocher: by Family & Friends

The Unit Chairpeople for May at St. John's are:
Chris O'Connell, Letty Oehler & Joanne Prew

Coffee & Rolls will be served in St. John's Hall at 9:00 am next Sunday, May 6th by the May Unit. The drawing for the winners for the Lottery Sweepstake Calendars will also be held at that time.

The Diocese of LaCrosse is again sponsoring the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. The dates and locations for this year's events are: July 15th at St. Mary's in Altoona; August 5 at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse and August 12th in St. Bronislava in Plover. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend a celebration, in their honor. If you are celebrating a 50th Wedding Anniversary this year and are interested in attending call your name into your rectory office. **Names must be given to the Diocese by Friday, May 4th, so please contact the office as soon as possible.**

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2012

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 or Gn 1
1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Mass Schedule

Saturday

**4:00 pm
7:00 pm**

**St. Gabriel's
St. John's**

Sunday

**8:00 am
10:00 am**

**St. Gabriel's
St. John's**

E-mail Addresses: sgp@prairiecatholic.org
ljgratace@hotmail.com

Website: www.prairiecatholic.org
pastor@prairiecatholic.org

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

Wade Marlow

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Lana Gratace

Sandy Halverson

Director of Grade School Religious Education

Pat Prochaska

Parish Nursing Program

Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra

Please call (357-2000)

Rectory Office Hours at St. Gabriel's:

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

Rectory Office Hours at St. John's

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

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