

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**

## This Week at the Parish

### **Sunday, December 16**

Youth Group will be caroling this afternoon - We will meet at 12:45 pm at St. Gabriel's - All high school students are inviting to go caroling - Movie & Pizza afterwards

3:00 pm Advent Penance Service at St. John's

6:30 pm Faith Alive Bible Study at St. John's

### **Monday, December 17**

10:00 am Faith Alive Bible Study at St. John's

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School Hall

### **Tuesday, December 18**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### **Wednesday, December 19**

5:30 pm Harmony Choir practicing for Christmas Eve at St. John's

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

### **Thursday, December 20**

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

7:00 pm Holy Family Parish Council meeting in St. John's Hall

### **Friday, December 21**

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's for two hours

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Devotions at St. John's Church

### **Saturday, December 22**

### **Sunday, December 23**

**Community Blood Drive at Prairie du Chien City Hall on Monday, December 17th from Noon to 5:30 pm**



*St. Gabriel Archangel*

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



*St. John Nepomuc*

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**December 24th  
Christmas Eve**

**St. John's**

**Mass at 5:00 pm**

**Mass at 10:00 pm**

**St. Gabriel's**

**Mass at 5:30 pm**

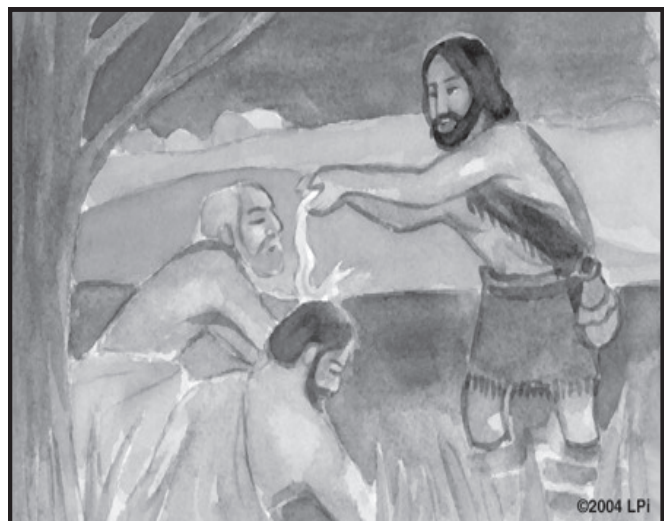
**(Children's Mass)**

**December 25th  
Christmas Day**

**St. Gabriel's**

**Mass at 9:00 am**

**Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a**



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**December 16, 2012 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-December 22/23**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Richard  
Ambrose, & Nancy DuCharme  
Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry,  
Donna Teynor

**Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 23rd:**  
John Chaffee

**Servers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Dominique Reilly & Gracie  
Colson  
Dalton & Preston Hendrix  
Sunday 8:00 am Evan & Ben Teynor  
Clare Teynor & Aaron Neisius

**Lectors-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Lyle Marfilius  
Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

**Ushers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard  
Steiner, Cliff Stram & Jim  
Welsch  
Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee, &  
Nathan Mezera

**Scrip Workers-December 22/23**

Saturday 4:00 pm Carrie Colson  
Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-December 22/23**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-December 22/23**

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock  
Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner  
& Jean Ann Dillman

**Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 23rd:**  
Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, & Janet Lueck

**Servers-December 22/23**

Saturday 7:00 pm Peggy Koresh & Evan Boisvert  
Rene & Anthony Irvin  
Sunday 10:00 am Kylee Weber & Faith Dillman  
Weston & Kendall Hill

**Lectors-December 22/23**

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser  
Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

**Ushers-December 22/23**

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer,  
Mark Forsythe  
Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara,  
Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

**Scrip Workers-December 22/23**

Saturday 7:00 pm Cathy Irvin  
Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy

**Holy Family's Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 17** NO MASS

**Tuesday, December 18 St. John's Church** 8:15 am Rudy & Ryan Long: by Family

**Wednesday, December 19 St. Gabriel's Church** 8:15 am Herb Baures: by Baures Family

**Thursday, December 20 St. John's Church** 8:15 am Bob Matejka:  
by Richard & Virginia VanHorn

**Friday, December 21 St. Gabriel's Church** 8:15 am Lawrence David: by JoAnn Shea

**Saturday, December 22 St. Gabriel's Church** 4:00 pm Albert Becwar: by Family

**Saturday, December 22 St. John's Church** 7:00 pm Mary Marcella MacEachern: by Family

**Sunday, December 23 St. Gabriel's Church** 8:00 am Helen Wilkinson: by Family

**Sunday, December 23 St. John's Church** 10:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

# Holy Family Parish

## How do we prepare for our Savior?

It is Advent and we are preparing for the Incarnation of the Savior not just as an event 2000 years ago but as a personal and ongoing relationship that each of us has with Jesus. Let's take a closer look.

The Incarnation means that the Savior enters our world in human flesh. He was born of Mary in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago. The story of the Incarnation includes all the ground work laid by God. Prophets had to predict it. Mary had to say "yes." Joseph had to have an angel appear to him. And, a whole lot more. Any great event requires preparation.

The story of the Incarnation is even more wonderful because the saga doesn't end at Bethlehem; it continues in all our lives. It is also a very personal story because God invites us to welcome Christ into our individual lives. God doesn't want to save a faceless "us." He wants to save you and me. Each of us is known to God by name and the offer of salvation includes a very personal decision to accept, to believe in, and have faith in, His Son, Jesus, and then to make our life conform to this individual call to discipleship. Because faith is a life long journey, our decision for Christ is ongoing.

To participate in this great ongoing story we also need to prepare. In Philippians 1:9-11 St. Paul wrote: "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

To prepare for Christ we want to be open to an increase in love. St. Paul says this takes place through knowledge and perception. Knowledge of Jesus grows through reading the Gospels and prayerful reflection on what God has done in our lives. The more we know about Jesus the more we can grow in a real relationship with Him. If we know Him and know the stories about Him from the Gospels we can expect to build a solid friendship with Him. As we more fully realize His sacrifice for us, that friendship can grow into love.

Preparation also means discerning what is of value so we can be "pure and blameless;" not caught up in the things of this passing world but focused on things of real lasting value. Love, forgiveness, and eternal life come to mind. Knowing Jesus and focusing on things of lasting value are two means to prepare for "the day of Christ." Whether it comes upon us suddenly or comes into gradual awareness, "the day of Christ" is when we, as individuals, can truly claim to be disciples of the Lord. And, even with our flaws and failings, we strive to make Christ's Incarnation an ongoing reality in what we say and do. We desire to live in His love.

**(This article is a bulletin insert from the Diocese of La Crosse)**

God bless. Only 1 week left to prepare! Fr. Jim

## 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, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, Harry Konichek, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Sena Breuer, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Adam Heiring, Tom White, Roger Pellock, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Mary Kann, Ethel Sebastian, & Don Walters.

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

## Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Dec. 9th	\$7,434.10	\$9,175.00
Plate for Dec. 9th	567.79	635.84
Holy Day	<u>1,645.42</u>	<u>1,058.50</u>
Total	\$9,647.31	\$10,869.34

The second collection was for the Retired Religious and came to \$718.71.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**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 drop off at one of the parish offices.

## WEDDING BANNERS

**Ramon Gonzalez & Veronica Hernandez (I)**

**Sweepstake Calendars are now available from either rectory and school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00. These make great Christmas gifts!**

**From Msgr. Roger J. Scheckel...** On behalf of the many men and women, who serve Christ in the foreign missions, the Diocesan Mission Office extends to you a heartfelt thank you for your financial generosity on World Mission Sunday. We have received your parish's contribution of \$2,276.16, which will be forwarded to the National Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. May God bless you for the financial and spiritual help you offer the missions.



**BINGO**

**Bingo winners from Monday, December 10th:** **\$25.00** - Cindy Bender, June Petsche; **\$30.00** - Renee Ingle, Bob Siegele; **\$35.00** - Melody Igou, Marilee Millin; **\$40.00** - JoDee Bedtka; **\$62.50 each** - Barb Groom & Mary Ann Baker; **Progressive Consolation \$100.00** - Arlien Balk; **50/50 Winner (\$113.00)** - Nancy Bolton

**Next Monday, Dec. 17th the Progressive Jackpot for Bingo will be at \$855.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 58 calls or less.**

**Bingo Workers for Monday, December 17th:** **Check Writer:** Debbie Morovits; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman, Sarah Holler and Ruth Klang; **Caller:** Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers; **Food Preparation:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Preston Hendrix and Joshua Linder.

**SCHOOL NEWS.....**Last Friday marked the midterm of our second quarter. Where does the time go? In Math, the eight graders successfully conquered slope/intercept. They can now find the slope of a line, the x and y intercepts, and graph various linear equations. The sixth & seventh graders are discovering the areas of rectangles, triangles, and circles. The seventh graders also explored the relationship among the sides of a right triangle, the Pythagorean Theorem. Dec. 12th is our first MATHCOUNTS competition. Good luck to our math students accepting this challenge. Thank you to 3M for sponsoring the competition at the local level. Have a blessed Christmas season. *Mrs. Igou*

**December 2012 Calendar Winners: \$100.00** - Adam Steiner, PdC; Ginny Foley, Gays Mills; Mary Check, PdC; Amy Krohn, PdC; Vicki Sebastian, PdC; **\$50.00** - Emma & Benson Swatek, Onalaska; Zita Balk, PdC; Vincent Halpin, PdC; Judy Gillitzer, PdC; Lenoir Lochner, PdC; **\$25.00** - Quick Family, PdC; Claire Stoeffler, PdC; Dwane Walz, Mazomanie; Gayle Aspenson, PdC; Louis Steger, PdC; Tammy Otteson, PdC; Sandy Halverson, PdC; Charles Zeeh, PdC; Matt Cram, PdC; Sandy Thornton, Marquette; Ed Tarrence, DePere; Stella Lipke, PdC; Marcie Boland & Girls, McGregor; JoAnn Lemon, Milan, IL; Julie Schwager, PdC; Mike & Shirley MacEachern, PdC; Kyle Pattison, PdC; Jon Bowar, Rice, MN; Wade Marlow, Marquette; Danielle Swiggum, Eastman

**Holy Name Raffle Winners for December 2012 \$10.00** - Carol Walz, PdC; Niki Gratton, Beetown; Dan Kussmaul, PdC; Jim Jones, PdC; Steve Johnsrude, Boscobel; **\$25.00** - Millie Senesac, PdC; Tristin Johnsrude, Onalaska; **\$100.00** - Dean Cornford, Janesville

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - 2012/2013**

We would like to **thank** the following parishioners who have made the sacrifice to support the annual appeal this year. Please note if your pledge card was given or sent to us in the past four to six weeks - it has not been processed yet and your name will appear in later bulletins. We will publish the names two weeks in a row. This is the second week for these names. Richard & Shirley Ambrose, James & Sherry Ariss, Norbert & Nancy Aschom Jesse & Gayle Aspenson, Mary Barrette, Rose Bauer, Timothy & Catherine Betzle, Darol & Dale Boldt, Patricia Boldt, Stewart & Kathryn Bosworth, Eugene & Colleen Bouzek, Gene & Donnette Carlson, Thomas & Karen Cejka, Mark Check, Roger & Joan Check, Linda Cherrier, Charles & Teresa Connell, Larry & Sharon Dahman, LaVon David, Diane Day, Von & Jean Dellinger, Loren & Ann Dohse, Mark & Pamela Eulgem, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Loren & Diane Fishler, Leo & Patti Flanders, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Katie Fox, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Sylvia Gilberts, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Glen Gillitzer, Mavis Godden, Michael & Trisha Hager, William & Rita Hamann, Gary & Kelly Hamann, Theresa Heal, Donald & Teresa Heal, Dennis & Martha Hoeger, Irmagard Hogenson, Gary & Joan Howe, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Jr., Gene & Helen Jelinek, Larry & Edith Jelinek, Ronald & Mary Jones, Geraldine Kluesner, Ray & Marsha Konichek, Virginia Konichek, Mary Konichek, Justina Koresh, Gary & Arleen Kozelka, Lucien & Rita Krahn, Eugene LaPointe, Jack & Mary Leake, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Patricia Lenzendorf, Donald & Norma Lochner, June Looney, Donna Mara, David & Renee Martin, James & Caroline McGrath, Dennis Mezera, Frederick & Darlene Moris, Elizabeth Munson, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, Janet Nelson, Frank & Betty Nolan, James & Carol O'Meara, James & Yvonne Pitzer, Terry & Clara Powers, Joe & Patricia Prochaska, Greg & Ann Quick, Terry & Anita Reglin, William & Lorraine Rice, Jeffrey & Amy Roach, Loretta Rod, Curt & Shelly Root, Wilbur Rupp, Mary Rupp, Jan Rutter, Robert & Linda Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Mary Schultz, Anne Mae Steffensmeier, Catherine Steger, Terence Steger, Timothy & Charlene Steger, Michael & Donna Steiner, Mary Steiner, Clement & Jacqueline Stram, Michael & Sharon Strnad, Kenneth & Phyllis Tichenor, Ronald & Arlene Trautsch, Juanita Tully, Damian & Stephanie Vlaming, James & Margaret Walz, Carol Walz, Rev. James C. Weighner, James & Barbara Welsch, Ronald & Karen White

**Tickets for our 1st Annual CAR & CASH drawing** can be purchased at both rectories and schools or from Mary Neisius (326-2366) Your chance to win a 2012 Ford Focus, \$5,000.00 or \$500.00. \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Only 2500 tickets will be sold.

## Holy Family Parish-Prairie du Chien WI

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday**            **4:00 pm**            **St. Gabriel's**  
                              **7:00 pm**            **St. John's**

**Sunday**                **8:00 am**            **St. Gabriel's**  
                              **10:00 am**          **St. John's**

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Website: [www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org)  
[pastor@prairiecatholic.org](mailto: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

**Office Managers**  
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

No 3:00 pm confessions on days with weddings or funerals.