

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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St. Gabriel Archangel

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Rectory Office Hours

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

Available by telephone

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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Rose Bauer, Shirley Cipra (608-326-8553)

December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent

The 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal is underway throughout the diocese. Last year, the appeal was under the Inspired by the Spirit campaign. The total target amount for the diocese is \$6,000,000.00 which remains the same as last. The target for our parish is \$65,725.00 which is \$2,149.00 less than last year. Over the past several years, we have exceeded the target which is greatly appreciated! Please be very generous again this year to support the needs of the Church here and abroad.

Please note the times of Masses and churches for the next two holydays of obligation and the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Saturday, Dec. 23rd 4:00 PM - St. Gabriel, and 7:00 PM - St. John; Sunday, Dec. 24th 9:00 AM - St. Gabriel (**NO 8:00 AND 10:00 AM MASSES**)

CHRISTMAS:

Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:00 PM - St. John, 5:30 PM - St. Gabriel, and 8:00 PM - St. John

Monday, Dec. 25th, 9:00 AM - St. Gabriel

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER GOD (not obligatory to attend Mass this year)

Monday, Jan. 1st 7:30 AM - St. John

The religious calendars for 2024 are available to take home beginning on December 2nd. Please take only one per household initially. If there are extras at the end of the month, please take another. Many thanks to Tiller Furniture who has sponsored them over the years which this time is the last. Enjoy retirement!

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is taken in December. If you would like to contribute, there are envelopes in the book racks in both churches. Please return your donation by the end of December.

Please remember your parish family at Christmas and the New Year with your financial giving. It supports the work of the Church right here in Prairie du Chien. Presently, the parish is meeting its financial obligations. Please continue with your time, talent and treasure. Thank you very much!



St. Gabriel Archangel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER-DEC 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

SERVERS--DEC 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Tanner Koresh

Sunday 8:00 am Zach Quick & Eli Heilmann

LECTORS-DEC 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Barb Mezera

USHERS-DEC 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

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. Winners names will be published in the church bulletin. Just a reminder these make great Christmas Gifts!



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION FOR DEC 31

Nick Nugent & Peg Smith

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER-DEC 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

SERVERS-DEC 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Wynn Hall & Cora Fuelling

Sunday 10:00 am Journey Stark & Braxton Trautsch

LECTORS-DEC 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-DEC 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-DEC 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer

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The Knights of Columbus are having a food drive. Items will be distributed through the Cap Office. Boxes are located in the back of both Churches and Primitive Health Chiropractic. Thank you.

WEEKEND MASSES: MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY REQUESTING THE MASS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE TO THE ALTAR. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES KNOWN TO THE USHERS AND SIT NEAR THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec 25	7:30 am	St. John's Church	John Powers
Tuesday, Dec 26	7:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Special Intention
Wednesday, Dec 27	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Loren Vondrum
Thursday, Dec 28	7:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Jon Kaber
Friday, Dec 29	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Michael (Mick) Schloegl
Saturday, Dec 30	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Alfred, Jean, Joe, & Steve Johll & Susan Walz the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	
Sunday, Dec 31	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Patricia Prochaska
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Paul, Delores & Michael Igou
Monday, Jan 1	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ore

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/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/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/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 orPs 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-
40

Hello from 1st grade. We have been busy learning addition and subtraction to 20 in math, along with counting pennies, dimes and nickels. The 1st graders have made lots of progress in their reading skills, from understanding what the author wants readers to learn or the setting and characters of a story. In science, they are learning what a scientist is and what is light and sound. In social studies, we had just learned about the first Thanksgiving and we will now be exploring how other cultures celebrate holidays. Lastly in Religion, we have been learning about baptism and how we become children of God. We are learning about Advent and how Jesus is the greatest gift from God.

Ms. Samantha Christian
1st Grade Teacher
Prairie Catholic School

Copies of Father Fagan's 2023 newsletter are available in the back of both churches.

Reminder: Our Scrip Gift Cards make great gifts for any occasion. Scrip is such a painless way to make extra funds for our parish and school.

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 24

No Scripture Study

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

No CCD or Confirmation classes

Thursday, December 28

Adoration after the 7:30 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

11:00 am Scripture Study in St. John Parish Hall unless noted otherwise. Coffee and cookies provided. Any questions, call 608-326-5459.

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers.

Please pray for: Bruce Mullikin, special intention, special intention, special intention, special intention, Pam Pierce, Helen Schneider, Dennis Droessler, Bob Wachter, Donna McRobbie and Henry Lomas.

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

Due to the number of requests and space in the bulletin, names submitted for the prayer corner will be deleted after one month. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec 10	\$10,988.00	\$6,640.00
Plate for Dec 10	\$ 1,082.96	708.25
Total	\$12,070.96	\$7,348.25

The second collection came to \$948.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Because our bulletin had to go to press early this week, the collection for December 16/17 will be posted in next week's bulletin.