

# HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

506 N. BEAUMONT ROAD & 710 S. WACOUTA AVENUE, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN 53821

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

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**St. John Nepomuc**

710 S. Wacouta Ave.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 608-326-6511

### Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 1:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

### St. Gabriel Archangel

710 S. Wacouta Ave.

Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821

Phone: 608-326-2404

### 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.

### School Administrator

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### Dir. of Grade School Religious Ed.

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### Parish Nursing Program

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

## December 3, 2023 1st 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 three holydays of obligation and the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Patronal feast of the United States):

Thursday, Dec. 7th 5:15 PM - St. Gabriel; Friday, Dec. 8th 8:30 AM - St. Gabriel, and 12:15 PM - St. John

### 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

Please note the extra times set for the celebration of the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** (confessions):

Monday, Dec. 11th 4:00 – 6:00 PM St. John; Monday, Dec. 18th 4:00 – 6:00 PM, 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 bookracks 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-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

### SERVERS--DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Colin Vlaming

Sunday 8:00 am Zach Quick & Dylan Heilmann

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Steve Lechnir

Sunday 8:00 am Barb Mezera

### USHERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteer

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 9/10

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 DECEMBER 10

**Donna Steiner & Kathleen Deluhery**

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER-DEC 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am J Walkers

### SERVERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Wynn Hall

Sunday 10:00 am J Walkers

### LECTORS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am J Walkers

### USHERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am J Walkers

### SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 9/10

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteer

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

### **PCCW BOX RUMMAGE SALE**

St. John Catholic School

720 S. Wacouta Ave.

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Saturday, Dec 9th, 9:00 am until noon**

Boxes will not be provided

**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, December 4	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Jerry & Fern Bina
Tuesday, December 5	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Edward Springer
Wednesday, December 6	7:30 am	St. John's Church	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Willms
Thursday, December 7	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Special Intention
	5:15 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Special Intention
Friday, December 8	8:30 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Living & deceased members of Eugene & Mary Gillitzer family
	12:15 pm	St. John's Church	Patricia Prochaska
Saturday, December 9	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Leslie Roger Poots
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	the Faithful of Holy Family Parish
Sunday, December 10	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Doug Dickman
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	Anne Mezera

## Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Sunday, December 3

11:00 am Scripture Study. Coffee and cookies provided. Any questions, call 608-326-5459.

### Monday, December 4

5:30 pm Momnipotent meeting in St. John Hall

### Tuesday, December 5

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

### Wednesday, December 6

6:30 pm Freshman Confirmation Class

6:45 pm Grade School CCD Classes at St. John School

### Thursday, December 7

Adoration after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

5:15 pm PCCW Meeting in St. John Parish Hall

### Friday, December 8

### Saturday, December 9

### Sunday, December 10

11:00 am Scripture Study. Coffee and cookies provided. Any questions, call 608-326-5459.

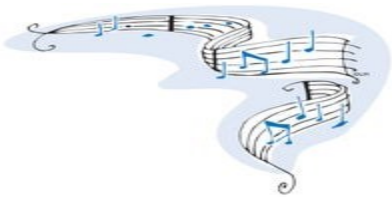
## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Nov 19	\$5,675.00	\$5,654.00
Plate for Nov 19	<u>1,051.25</u>	<u>650.25</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$6,726.25	\$6,304.25

Envelopes for Nov 26	\$4,317.00	\$6,428.00
Plate for Nov 26	<u>688.25</u>	<u>521.59</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$5,005.25	\$6,949.59

The second collections came to \$844.00 and \$170.10 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



The choir will be practicing on Dec 7th and 14th at 4:00 pm at St. John Church. Anyone wanting to join the choir is welcome. Any questions, contact Teri Connell at 608-326-4240.

## 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, June Looney, special intention, special intention, special intention, special intention, Pam Pierce, Helen Schneider and Dennis Droessler.

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

November 20 was a very special day for our Prairie Catholic 2nd Graders as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time! The students had been preparing for this day since the beginning of the school year. Congratulations to our 2nd Graders!

The 2nd graders have also been enjoying learning cursive letters and joining them to write words in cursive. They have partnered with the middle school students to read with an older buddy to work on reading fluency and comprehension. We really appreciate our older students for spending time with us four days a week to help with this very important skill.

On November 6th, we welcomed Caitlin Nolan as a student teacher in our classroom. Caitlin is a Winona State Elementary Education student. She will be with us until December 6. She will be graduating in December and will hopefully be doing some substitute teaching for us for the rest of this school year. We are fortunate to have her and wish she could be with us for a longer period of time.

During the Advent Season, the 2nd graders will be learning more about the Advent Wreath and our four week preparation for Christmas.

Mrs. Wachuta  
PCS 2nd Grade Teacher

## 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