

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, April 21

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Mai-
son

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 pm CCD Classes at St.
John's School - notice the

earlier start time

Thursday, April 25

Adoration after the 8:15 am
Mass at St. John's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, April 26

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Prayer
Group at St. John's

Saturday, April 27

10:00 am First Communion
Retreat in St. Gabriel's School
Hall until Noon

Sunday, April 28

On Monday, April 15th, the 7th & 8th graders traveled to Madison. They visited the Confederate Cemetery and took guided tours of the State Capitol and Veteran's Museum. Thanks goes out to chaperones Cathy Irvin, Tammy Nolan, Jenni Severson, Mary Stoeffler and Brandon Swiggum for all their help. A big thanks also to the Home & School Association and Men's Club for their generous donations to help cover the cost of this field trip.

**WORLD DAY
OF
VOCATIONS
4TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

**SAINTS SCRAMBLE
GOLF OUTING
PDC COUNTRY CLUB
MAY 11, 2013
9:00 am Registration
10:00 am Shotgun Start**

**BACK HOME BOYS
CONCERT
St. Gabriel's School
Parking Lot
MAY 11, 2013
8:00 pm - 12:00 am
(more info to follow)**

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

- Jn 10:27-30



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April 21, 2013 - 4th Sunday of Easter

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 27/28

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

Eucharistic Ministers-April 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Tom Steiner, &
 Virginia Konichek
 Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry,
 Donna Teynor

Home Communion Ministers for April 28th:
 John Chaffee

Servers-April 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Nathan Specht & Ethan
 Swiggum
 Jacob Mara & Nolan Stram
 Sunday 8:00 am Paige Schneider & Matthew
 Chase
 Frankee & Harlee Eastman

Lectors-April 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek
 Sunday 8:00 am Dr. Mark Grunwald

Ushers-April 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim
 Welsch, Bob Ziel
 Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee,
 Don Cipra & John Gillitzer

Scrip Workers-April 27/28

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe
 Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 27/28

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

Eucharistic Ministers-April 27/28

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

Home Communion Ministers for April 28th:
 Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring & Pat McCoy

Servers-April 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Jack Stoeffler & Wesley
 Schwager
 Nathan Banasik & Evan Teynor
 Sunday 10:00 am Blake Fishler & Caitlin Nolan
 Austin & Ashley Mezera

Lectors-April 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn
 Sunday 10:00 am Steve Schwager

Ushers-April 27/28

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

Scrip Workers-April 27/28

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary or Ken Stoeffler
 Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy & Katie Fox

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22	NO MASS	
Tuesday, April 23	St. John's Church	8:15 am Lorraine Siegenthaler: by Rose Bauer & Jim Bauer
Wednesday, April 24	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am Jonathan Steger: by Greg, Diane & Family
Thursday, April 25	St. John's Church	8:15 am Clara Dale: by Family & Friends
Friday, April 26	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am Earl & Leona Valley: by Family
Saturday, April 27	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm Deceased members of the Merrill Goodman Family: by Ron & Diane Goodman
Saturday, April 27	St. John's Church	7:00 pm Wencil & Leona Swatek: by Evelyn Waller
Sunday, April 28	St. Gabriel's Church	8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, April 28	St. John's Church	10:00 am Chad Mezera: by Pauline Blaskaski

Holy Family Parish

What does it mean when we call Jesus our Good Shepherd?

The Fourth Sunday of Easter has been designated World Day of Vocations. We want to celebrate our vocation, God's call to a particular state in life. Some people's vocation is to be married and raise children as gifts from God for His greater glory. Others are called to the dedicated single life while still others have the vocation of offering their lives in unique and total service to the glory of God through the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. To whatever vocation we are called, we need to live lives of holiness by staying close to Jesus.

This Sunday is also "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the focus of the Gospel reading is on Jesus as our Good Shepherd. Blessed Pope John Paul II declared that Good Shepherd Sunday's theme is "Vocation to Service." This theme is fitting for a weekend that we look at the vocation of the shepherd in caring for their flock and compare Jesus to a good shepherd.

Taking care of sheep and goats was thought to be a lowly job because the shepherd lived with the sheep out in the fields day and night. When a lamb was not able to keep up with the flock, the shepherd would carry it on his back. When we are not able to keep up, Jesus our Good Shepherd, does not leave us behind; rather out of His deep love, He carries us, even though we may not recognize it.

While humans thought little of shepherds, God loved them so much that they were given the dignity of being the first to hear of the birth of Jesus, the Lamb of God. At His birth, Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, became one like us in everything but sin. During the day, a shepherd would lead his sheep to the greenest pastures he could find while he kept close watch over them to protect them. Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, constantly watches over us, protecting us and leading us to spiritual nourishment by receiving Him in Holy Communion. A good shepherd loved his flock so much that he would put his life in danger for them. Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, gave His life for us.

To be a shepherd also means to be vigilant in protecting your sheep against danger. Shepherds carried a wooden staff to ward off wild animals intent on stealing the sheep away from the shepherd and killing them. Jesus carried a wooden cross to give us life and destroy the power of Satan, who seeks to take our eternal life by stealing our soul away from God.

In our society we face many dangers to our well-being. It is very difficult for Christians to wander through a culture of death without the assistance of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. To help us to stay together for protection, Jesus has given us the Church to lead us to what is good and to protect us from what causes misery.

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Shepherds lived with the sheep 24 hours a day, even having names for all of them. In the morning the shepherd would call his sheep by their names and if any of them were missing, he would leave the others to go looking for the lost one. We also wander away from Jesus our Good Shepherd through the darkness of sin. But Jesus was sent by the Father to pay the price for our sins through His death. Good Shepherd that He is, Jesus continues to call us back, calling us by name to live our vocation in service to God by serving others. Jesus is indeed our Good Shepherd. On this World Day of Vocations, pray that in everything we do, each of us will image Jesus the Good Shepherd in our vocations of service to one another.

YEAR OF FAITH series, Diocese of La Crosse

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, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, Steve Moris, Mark Lochner, Tony Teynor, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Adam Heiring, Roger Pellock, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Mary Kann, Ethel Sebastian, Earl Whittle, Tara Pellock, Lavonne Laskaskie, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilius, Jerry Cummings, Ann Rowe and Bill McCoy.

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 April 14th	\$8,435.25	\$7,130.00
Plate for April 14th	607.98	795.37
Easter (additional)	<u>70.00</u>	<u>445.00</u>
Total	\$9,113.23	\$8,370.37

The second collection came to **\$1,056.26** and will be used for school expenses and Religious Education expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Bingo Winners from Monday, April 15th: \$25.00 - Sue Breuer, Marcia Stilwell, JoDee Bedtka; \$30.00 - Sue Breuer; \$45.00 - Walter Ready, Jr.; \$100.00 - Sue Butler; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Marion Bernabei; **50/50 Winner (\$60.00)** - Alice Schlitter

Bingo Workers for Monday, April 22nd: **Check Writer:** Sheri Kenney; **Caller:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Floor Workers:** Sue Groom, Karen Fischer & Melanie Schneider; **Food Prep:** Denise & Larry Rod and Mary Stoeffler; **Food Stand Workers:** Parents of Andrew Waller & Austin Cejka

HOLY NAME RAFFLE WINNERS - APRIL, 2013

\$10.00 - Pete & Mary Neisius, PdC; Aelred Mezera, PdC; Butch & Bonnie Boland, PdC; Phyllis Yeomans, PdC; Teresa Heal, PdC

\$25.00 - Owen DuCharme, Seneca; Janice Pitzer, PdC

\$100.00 - Paul Jones, PdC

Next Drawing will be May 6th.

The 6th Graders are doing a Schwan's Fundraiser to help fund their 8th Grade Washington D.C trip. You may pre-order from any 6th grader from Prairie Catholic from March 28 to April 17th. A Schwan's Truck Sale will be at True Value Parking Lot on Saturday April 27th from 9-11:00 a.m. All pre-orders will need to be picked up that day. Gift Cards & Online Orders may be made at www.schwans.com (Use Campaign ID: 42734)

April Lottery Sweepstake's Calendar Winners

\$100.00 - Rick McQuillen, Boscobel; Lori Waller, PdC; Wolf Machine employees, PdC; Tyler Baker, Waterford, WI; Molly Stram, PdC

\$50.00 - Elaine Moris, McGregor; Jamey Pedretti, PdC; Emily Steger, PdC; Gene Carlson, PdC; Absolute Plumbing & Heating, PdC;

\$25.00 - Carol Mullikin, PdC; Rebecca J. Lynn, PdC; Brian Heal, PdC; Lindsey Krachey, PdC, Debbie Morovits, PdC; Diane Leake, Delavan; Nell Bowar, Madison; Donald & Sherry Losch, Lancaster; Duane Walz, Mazomanie; Sara Rybarczyk, PdC; Susan Pawlowski, West Bend; Mark Forsythe, PdC; Doug & Cristin Lee; Janesville; Lenoir Lochner; Jesse Aspenson, PdC; Jolinda Bunders, Steuben; Ronald Becwar, PdC; Lisa Draka, PdC; Gayle Aspenson, PdC; Lisa Swiggum, PdC

School News

The 7th and 8th grade Science classes have been progressing well through their units this winter and spring.

The 7th grade Earth Science class has completed units on Earthquakes, Rocks and Volcanoes. They are currently studying Astronomy and will finish the school year with a Water Units.

The 8th grade Life Science class has completed units in Seed Plants, Mammals, and Birds. They are currently studying the Human Body with an emphasis on the skeletal system, muscles, and skin.

Both grades were in Madison on Monday, April 8th to tour the State Capitol, Veteran's Museum, and the Confederate Cemetery.

Prairie du Chien Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus, Eastman in the Fr. Baer Hall. Chris Rogers will be our guest speaker. He will give a presentation on youth ministry. All high school students are encouraged to attend.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember Earl "LaVern" White in your prayers. Earl's funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Monday, April 15th.

Also, please remember **Patricia Smith** in your prayers. Pat was a former resident of Prairie du Chien and she was a very active member of St. John's Parish when she resided in Prairie du Chien.

May God grant Earl and Pat eternal life and comfort to their families.

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. Maurice & Bette Mayer

WEDDING BANNES

David Lipanot & Kerry Kurt (I & II)

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**

E-mail Addresses: sgp@prairiecatholic.org
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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.