

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**  
Pastor

## This Week at the Parish

**Sunday, April 7**

JWalkers Youth Group will be having a Road Rally this afternoon

**Monday, April 8**

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

**Tuesday, April 9**

3:30 pm Communion Service at Prairie Maison

**Wednesday, April 10**

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

**Thursday, April 11**

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

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Council meeting in St. John's

**Friday, April 12**

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group

**Saturday, April 13**

**Sunday, April 14**

7:00 to 10:00 am Family Life Committee will be hosting a Pancake & Sausage Welcome Breakfast in St. Gabriel's School Hall - Everyone is invited to greet our new parish members and enjoy a delicious breakfast

6:30 pm JWalkers Youth Group meeting in St. Gabriel's School Hall

## **Mark your calendar:**

Blood Drive on Monday, April 15th at the National Guard Armory from noon to 5:30 pm.

**The weekend of April 20/21 will be out annual food pantry collection.** This month our donations will be matched by the Feinstein matching fund.



Welcome Breakfast  
St. Gabriel's Hall  
Sunday, April 14th  
7:00 to 10:00 am  
All are invited to meet  
our new parishioners



*St. Gabriel Archangel*

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



*St. John Nepomuc*

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" - Jn 20:27-28



**April 7, 2013 - Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-April 13/14**

Saturday 4:00 pm Jackie Stram & Family  
Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

**Eucharistic Ministers-April 13/14**

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Richard  
Ambrose, Nancy DuCharme  
Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Megan Pedretti  
& Becky Henry

**Home Communion Ministers for April 14th**

Nancy DuCharme

**Servers-April 13/14**

Saturday 4:00 pm Kama & Lizzie Tesar  
Katy Welsch & Breanna Teynor  
Sunday 8:00 am Made & Jack Peterson  
Brett & Macy Sanders

**Lectors-April 13/14**

Saturday 4:00 pm Kurt Kravchuk  
Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts

**Ushers-April 13/14**

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 13/14**

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

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-April 13/14**

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle & Barb Frommelt  
Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara Family

**Eucharistic Ministers-April 13/14**

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

**Home Communion Ministers for April 14th**

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

**Servers-April 13/14**

Saturday 7:00 pm Nathan & Macey Banasik  
Jack Stoeffler & Rebecca  
Champion  
Sunday 10:00 am Brandon Hanger & Elizabeth  
Carlson  
Kierstyn Rogers & Zach Mara

**Lectors-April 13/14**

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser  
Sunday 10:00 am Sarah Mezera

**Ushers-April 13/14**

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug & John  
Rickleff  
Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik &  
Ron Trautsch

**Scrip Workers-April 13/14**

Saturday 7:00 pm Sarah & Steve Holler  
Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

**Holy Family's Mass Intentions**

**Monday, April 8** NO MASS

**Tuesday, April 9** NO MASS

**Wednesday, April 10** NO MASS

**Thursday, April 11** St. John's Church 8:15 am Communion Service

**Friday, April 12** St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Communion Service

**Saturday, April 13** St. Gabriel's Church 4:00 pm Laurayne Prew: by Chris & Barb Neises

**Saturday, April 13** St. John's Church 7:00 pm Janice Stark: by Gregory Curti

**Sunday, April 14** St. Gabriel's Church 8:00 am Robert Willms: by Joe & Sharon Atkins

**Sunday, April 14** St. John's Church 10:00 am For All Those People Entrusted to Our Pastor

# Holy Family Parish

## No regrets! Divine Mercy Sunday

Mercy comes from the Latin word *miseri-cordia*, which means God's Heart desiring to alleviate our misery. In answer to the second question above, do you know anyone that is in misery and wants to stay there? Bottom line, it is sin that causes our misery. How can we best receive God's mercy? Let's take a closer look.

Years ago a kid had these words, "No regrets," tattooed onto his body. I wonder if he's having regrets now. As human beings we discover early and often that we're flawed. What we do with our flaws will determine many things, not the least of which is where we'll spend eternity.

**Honesty and humility:** We all know good people who are worthy of our imitation. Something in them awakens in us a deep desire to be remarkable, to live a beautiful life. But how do we do it? Two things indispensable to becoming what we are meant to be are honesty and humility. Honest people realize that they miss the mark many times and reject some of the good things God wants to give us. This is called sin. Honest people know they are sinners and this protects them from blaming others or playing the victim. However, what protects them from the shame and guilt that so often accompany sin is humility. Humility acknowledges that I need help and in such dependence on others, and ultimately on God Himself, I find true freedom. So, are you honest about your struggles? Do you humbly ask God for His help so that by His grace you can live a joy-filled life? You can do both of these at the same time.

**Divine Mercy:** Pope Francis spoke recently of Divine Mercy by telling the following story: "I remember when I was an auxiliary bishop, in 1992 the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima came to Buenos Aires and a great Mass took place for the sick. I went to hear confessions at this Mass, and at the end of it I got up to administer the anointing of the sick. And an old woman came to me – humble, very humble, and over 80. I looked at her and told her: "Grandma – because for us that's what we call the elderly – nonna: do you want to go to confession?" "Yes," she told me." [I said] "But if you haven't sinned..." And she said to me: "We've all sinned." "But maybe the Lord doesn't forgive them" [I said]. "The Lord forgives everyone," she said: surely. "But how do you know that, ma'am?" "If the Lord didn't forgive everything, the world wouldn't exist." Why did she say this? Sin destroys and so a world without forgiveness would destroy itself. Think of the World Wars. The woman described above understands this and exhibits deep faith, remarkable honesty, and true humility.

**Confession:** For us to get to Heaven our hearts have to be open to a gift that we could never merit. The gift is being with God and we can't receive this gift without forgiveness of our sin. How can we know if our hearts are prepared to receive such a gift? *(cont. next column)*

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The Church has long taught that God refuses no one who approaches Him with a humble, contrite heart. Going to confession is the surest way to open our hearts and is an exercise in both honesty and humility. Make a good confession this year, especially if it's been a long time. For those who go to confession regularly, encourage someone else to come back to this healing Sacrament of Divine Mercy. Only in this way will the regrets, the miseries of our lives, be turned to the joy God gives to those who trust in Him! Let us celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy with gratitude for God's forgiveness of our sins and the inevitable healing that ensues.

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## 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, 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, Rita Wafer, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilus, and Jerry Cummings.

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 Mar. 24th	\$7,908.00	\$8,306.00
Plate for Mar. 24th	<u>677.09</u>	<u>597.16</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,585.09</b>	<b>\$8,903.16</b>
Envelopes for Mar. 31st	\$7,186.00	\$ 6,692.25
Plate for March 31st	1,230.70	1,492.48
Easter Envelopes	<u>10,570.00</u>	<u>13,336.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,986.70</b>	<b>\$21,520.73</b>

The second collection on March 24th came to **\$468.26** and on March 31st the second collection came to **\$778.76** and will be used for our Catholic School and our Religious Education Program.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## BINGO NEWS

**Bingo Winners from Monday, March 25th:** \$25.00 - Bob Wallin, Terry Crabtree, Ed Gobin, James Ritchie; \$45.00 - Helen Ellenbolt; \$100.00 - Karolyn Priebe; **Progressive Consolation Jackpot (\$100.00)** - Maureen Osterhaus; **50/50 Winner (\$64.00)** - Shirley Leamy

**Bingo Winners from Monday, April 1st:** \$25.00 - Daniel Ellefson, Shirley Thornton, Leo Schlitter, Gloria Hudson; \$30.00 - Melody Igou; \$45.00 - Cheryl Neirling; \$100.00 - Marcia Stilwell; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Sandy McCoy; **50/50 (\$73.50)** - Ruth Moris

**The Bingo Progressive Jackpot for April 8th will be \$616.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 52 calls or less.**

**The Bingo Workers for April 8th are:** **Check Writer:** Deb Schultz; **Floor Workers:** Becky Rooney & Pam Kiesau; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Lunch Provided by:** Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Mariah Slaght & Nathan Specht.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet...**Sunday, April 7th - Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung, following contemporary melody, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, LaCrosse at 3:00 pm in the Shrine Church.

**Practicing Catholic men age nineteen and up are welcome to join the Knight of Columbus.** Come grow with us. The Knights live a life of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. These obligations may be fulfilled by lecturing, ushering, parish volunteering and community involvement. Many of you may already be involved, but consider being joined with other Catholic men in voicing respect for life at all stages and supporting our clergy. There are no requirements to purchase insurance nor annuities but the products offered are very competitive. You pay annual dues and volunteer when you can. Pray about joining an organization that serves our Church, community and other special needs while supporting vocations to the religious and priestly formation. Contact Bill Schultz (608-874-4165), John Chaffee, Bernie Mayer or Stu Bosworth for information. If interested, you can obtain an application for induction into the Campion Council by calling 326-5456. The Induction ceremony is scheduled for **Sunday, April 14th** to begin at 1:30, at St John's Campus. Former Knights are welcome to re-join if they left in good standing with the Knights of Columbus. Knights will be handing out information after masses the weekend of April 6-7.

**Easter Flowers at Holy Family Parish were given in memory of:** Debra Hamann, Harold Hamann, Wilford & Virginia Dahman, Francis & Helen Wall, John & Nettie Stluka, Frank Fischer, Betty Kramer, Adeline Toftum, Agnes Ocenosak, June Tyler, Jean Mielke, James Looney, Loretta Tesar, Don & Ann McGuire, Les Poots Mary Ellen Linder, Charlotte C. Voth, Roger Wm. & Raoul G. Steiner, Wm. & Lora Young, Ray & Evelyn Sprosty, Loretta Jamnik, Bill Fillbach, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Jelinek & deceased Family members; Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Konichek, Sr. & deceased Family members, Mary & Courtney Nash, Deceased members of the James & Carol Coorough Family; Deceased members of the William & Mary Crowley Family, Jerome & Jeannie Jackson.

Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Robert & Brian Waller, Don Walters, John & Jonathan Steger, Max Gilberts, Deceased members of the Ernest Michel Family, Ed & Martha Wachter, Ken & Evelyn Picha, Fred Becwar, George & Adeline Becwar, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, Deceased members of the Aloysius & Anna Gillitzer Family, Lyle Lester, Deceased members of the Wm. & Edith McGrath Family, Elizabeth & Joseph Jelinek, Elizabeth & Edward Selch, LaVern Sutton, Sr. & for the healing of LaVern Sutton, Jr., Jean Hamann, Leo & Stasia White, Oscar & Lucille Postern, Nora Heier, Robert L. Balk, Bobby Boland, Chuck Krogman, Angie Leake, Adele Altepeter, Helen Altepeter.

**"Have you seen some new faces in the parish? Or is your family new to the Parish?** Do you have cabin fever and are eager to welcome Spring. This seems like the perfect time to come together and celebrate these new beginnings. **The Family Life Committee is hosting the bi-annual Pancake & Sausage Welcome Breakfast on Sunday, April 14th from 7:00 am to 10:00 am.** Everyone is invited to greet and welcome our new friends in Christ as we joyfully commit to keeping our parish, school and families alive in faith and action. See you there!"

**Need a gift for a birthday or wedding? How about a Scrip Gift Card? It is the gift that will not be returned!**

## 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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**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.