

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor**

This Week at the Parish

Monday, August 12

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

Wednesday, August 14

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Registration at the St. Gabriel's Campus for Prairie Catholic School & Daycare. Students will have their pictures taken for the yearbook and families can pay their tuition & fees

6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at St. Gabriel's

Thursday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

8:15 am Mass at St. John's

12:10 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

7:00 pm Holy Family Parish Council will meet at St. John's

Friday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 18

Next weekend is our monthly non-perishable food collection for our local food pantry. There are containers in the back of both churches

COULEECAP is seeking volunteers. If interested, please contact Peggy Gallagher, Karen Redman or Anne Saxon at 326-326-4122.

If anyone would like to volunteer to play the piano or organ at the daily Masses during the School Year - please call 326-4400 or 326-8624.

Thursday, August 15th is a Holy day of obligation.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS SCHEDULE

6:00 pm, Wed. Aug. 14th at St. Gabriel's.

8:15 am, Thurs. Aug. 15th at St. John's and 12:10 pm at St. Gabriel's.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FALL BAZAAR
SEPT. 15, 2013**

First Fall Bazaar meeting will be August 25th at 6:00 pm at St. John's for all Chairpeople and anyone else who would like to get involved. Also, we **NEED volunteers** to make phone calls for the Bazaar, if you can help please call Linda at 874-4682.



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.”

-Lk 12:37-38



August 11, 2013 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-August 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-August 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Howard Gillitzer, Laura Meyer,
 Tom Steiner
 Sunday 10:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins & Rhonda
 Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for August 18th:

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

**Servers for Wed., August 14th at 6:00 pm and
 Fri., August 16th at 8:15 am:**

Morgan Kiesau & Nicole Rickleff

Servers-August 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Katy Welsch & Chase Fisher
 Dalton & Preston Hendrix
 Sunday 10:00 am Rebekah Champion & Gabby
 Toberman
 Allison & Lauren Kennedy

Lectors-August 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek
 Sunday 10:00 am John Chaffee

Ushers-August 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim
 Welsch, Bob Ziel
 Sunday 10:00 am Don Cipra, John Gillitzer, Mark
 Mara & Chad Mara

Scrip Workers-August 17/18

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-August 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-August 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock
 Sunday 8:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris
 Krogman & Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for August 18th:

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barb
 Frommelt

**Servers for Tues., August 13th at 5:15 pm and
 Thurs., August 15th at 8:15 am:**

Morgan Kiesau & Nicole Rickleff

Servers-August 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Jenna & Nick Holler
 Austin Mezera & Ashley Mezera
 Sunday 8:00 am McKennan & Matthias Gerhards
 Zach Mara & Nick Mara

Lectors-August 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn
 Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Cummings

Ushers-August 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer,
 Alex Schaefer, Tom Looney
 Sunday 8:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch,
 Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-August 17/18

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes
 Sunday 8:00 am Jenni or Brad Linder

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, August 12	NO MASS		
Tuesday, August 13	St. John's Church	5:15 pm	Harry Konichek: by Joe & Pat Prochaska
<u>Vigil Mass for Assumption</u>			
Wednesday, August 14	St. Gabriel's Church	6:00 pm	Lyle Lester: by Rita Lester & Family
<u>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>			
Thursday, August 15	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Bob Willms (Ann): by Arlene & Family
Thursday, August 15	St. Gabriel's Church	12:10 pm	Rose Kramer: by Terry & Clara Powers
Friday, August 16	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Leone Peloch: by Richard & Verna Panka
Saturday, August 17	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Jimmy Ambrose: by Dorothy Baures
Saturday, August 17	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	Wm. J. Young: by Richard & Lora Chamberlain
Sunday, August 18	St. John's Church	8:00 am	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, August 18	St. Gabriel's Church	10:00 am	Lloyd & Marguerite Caya: by Family

Holy Family Parish

Letters on cars

For the most part, I do not respond to anonymous letters or notes that I occasionally receive in the collection basket or in the mail. If it is not important enough for someone to sign their name and give me an opportunity to respond in person to a particular concern, the note is filed in a circular file. This week, however, it is different as someone unknown placed letters on most cars at our 4:00 Mass at St Gabriel's. I realize the person may never get a chance to read this, but there is a chance as our bulletins are available to anyone during the week or on the internet.

First, I would like to thank the writer for their concern for our salvation. I, too, am concerned with theirs and have prayed for them. The letter stated that you have 32 years of Biblical studies under your belt. I would like to suggest that in the next 32 years you might want to look at the source of the book you are studying. Sacred Scripture (SS), as we know it today, is a gift for all Christians by the Early Church Fathers. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they are the ones that decided what books would be included and what ones were not authentic. Let me share a parable: A scientist said he found the secret of life. He got an appointment with God and told him 'I have studied the origins of life, and have found out how to create a human life without you.' God said 'show me'. So the scientist said 'first, you go out and collect about 25 lbs. of dirt...' at this point, God stated, 'just a second. Go create your own dirt'. Since the beginning of Christianity, SS has been and continues to be protected by the Pope and the Magisterium (the bishops in union with him). This is where the authority comes from, not an individual that says he has studied it and has declared he is the authentic interpreter of SS.

Like statistics, which can be used to prove almost any point, SS, taken out of context can be used to prove things that are not there when looked at in their entirety. If one of these quotes is troubling, look it up, and then consider the entire chapter it comes from and see if there is another conclusion you might come to. In the end, there may be times we are still not entirely clear, so we need an authentic voice to help us. The Pope and the magisterium is that clear voice.

While I will not respond point by point, I will respond to the attack against Mary, our Blessed Mother. Yes, she needed Jesus Christ as her savior, just as much as Adam and Eve, Abraham, you or me. God is not subject to time, and if He desired to create a perfect creature, preserved from original sin, in preparation to send His only Son in to the world, that is His concern. And as for brothers and sisters of Jesus, the word in Greek and Hebrew for brother and sister is the same as for cousin. Jesus was born in to a family, and that family extended beyond his parents. Joseph may have had siblings and certainly both Mary and Joseph would have had cousins with children. In Middle East society still today, the extended family is considered as a single unit.

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As for your concern about the sexual abuse scandal we have faced and continue to face in our church, yes it is unconscionable. Even one case is one too many. And yes, there have been cover-ups. However, the Church has never condoned any of these actions. Any attempt to hide or cover them up, were (are) wrong. However, there are many good, faithful priests and nuns, (whom are free to marry but have chosen not to) just as there are many good doctors and school teachers (and any other profession that have a problem in this area). It is foolish to condemn the entire Church or any institution for the sins of a few.

This is all I have room for at this time. Perhaps the discussion could continue if our friend would have the courage and fortitude to give us their name or organization.

God bless

Fr. Jim

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.....

Thursday, August 15th is Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 pm at St. Gabriel's and Masses on Thursday, August 15th will be at 8:15 am at St. John's and 12:10 pm at St. Gabriel's.

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, 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, Roger Pellock, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Earl Whittle, Tara Pellock, Lavonne Laskaskie, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Amy Stroschein, Mark Gilberts, Ann Dohse, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Mae & Merv Nimbar, and Dale Boldt.

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

Bingo Winners from Monday, August 5th: \$25.00 - Nathan Heins, Velva Beisker, Ann Tippery, Virginia Meana, Walter Ready, Jr., Ludy Grady, Terry Moris; **\$30.00** - Annabelle Stubbe, Jessica Ready; **\$40.00** - Mary Krachey, Camille Kapinus; **\$50.00** - Mary Frydenlund; **\$125.00** - Peg Stoeffler; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Sharon Strnad; **50/50 Winner (\$161.00)** - Nathan Heins

Next Monday, August 12th, the progressive jackpot will be at \$1,882 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 58 calls or less.

The Bingo workers for Aug. 12th are: Check Writer: Cathy Bierman, **Floor Workers:** Becky Rooney, Pam Kiesau; **Caller:** Mary Stoeffler; **Food Provided by:** Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Zachary Mara & Sophie Miller

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Walter "Walt" F. Hermesen** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. Gabriel's of the Holy Family Parish on Saturday, August 10th. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

Holy Names Raffle Winners for July 2013

\$10.00 - Jermyn Balk, Cashton, WI; Shirley Cipra, PdC; Leona Carl, PdC; Bernice DuCharme, PdC; Parker Bratkowski; Franklin, WI; **\$25.00** - Jane Ferrette, PdC; Arlys Denning, McGregor, IA; **\$100.00** - Marcie Boland, Marquette, IA

The Brat Fest Money Barrel Winners were: Jacob Fishler and Gerald Wright (**\$121.75 each.**) As soon as all the bills are in and paid we will publish the profit figure. Thanks to all who attended and to all who worked at this wonderful annual event.

CARE & SHARE...As many of you know, **Care and Share** is a program of Prairie Catholic School that assists families in difficult times with tuition assistance. It is our policy that no one receives a full tuition. However there are some in our community that do need assistance. The way this program works is a family can receive help as they require, and hopefully when their situation turns around they will be able to help keep the program going with a donation of their own. However, we need other funds as well. Any donation to this program will be very much appreciated. You may contact our school principal, Wade Marlow or myself; or you may place a donation in the Sunday collection basket with a note that it is to go to the **Care and Share Fund**. God Bless and Thank You. -Fr. Jim

Parish Support

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Aug. 4th	\$10,239.00	\$9,470.25
Plate for August 4th	784.58	713.06
Heat & Utility Envelopes	540.00	.00
TOTAL	\$11,563.58	\$10,183.31

The second collection came to **\$1,361.63** and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PIGGLY WIGGLY BOX TOPS BONUS CERTIFICATE

For one week only 8/5 to 8/14, you can purchase Box Top products at Piggly Wiggly. You'll receive an instant \$5.00 in savings and a Bonus \$5.00 certificate when you buy 10 products. If you got a Sunday newspaper on 8/4 there were lots of coupons inside to use towards these products. Now is the time to stock up on Back-to-School food items for your children and help support Prairie Catholic Schools.

-Rhonda Stubbe, Box Tops Coordinator

2013 August Sweepstake Calendar Winners

\$100.00 - Mary Check, PdC; Virginia Horstman, LaCrosse; Kevin & Deb Wilkinson, PdC; Mary Gann, Dunkerton, IA; Shirley Panka, PdC

\$50.00 - Tom Fischer, PdC; Kelly Thompson, PdC; Valerie Achenbach, PdC; Bo Rooney, Limball, MN; Al Fischer, Maysville, N. C.

\$25.00 - Zita Balk, PdC; John Gillitzer, PdC; Patty & Monty Ames, PdC; Gina & Neil Wimmer, St. Charles, MN; Kim Thompson, Desoto; Von J. Denlinger, PdC; Joseph Novey, PdC; The Ziel Family, PdC; Louie Steger, PdC; Richard Verna Tofton, Amherst, WI; Nell Bowar, Madison; Marie Boland & Girls, McGregor; Donald Cipra, PdC; Marilyn Ocenosak, PdC; Jim & Pat Coorough, PdC; Shirley Hendrix, PdC; Judy Rybarczyk, Sparta; Faith Dillman, PdC; Doug & Cristin Lee, Janesville, Delores Fischer, PdC.

WEDDING BANNS

Brian S. Kostek & Laura A. Forsythe (II)

Looking for Back-to-School items and a way to earn more free \$\$\$\$ for Prairie Catholic? Sam's Club just added 30+ products with 6 & 8 Bonus Box Tops. Don't forget that Wal-Mart also has many items with 4 & 8 Bonus Box Tops. Let's see how much money we can earn this year for Prairie Catholic Schools.

BAPTISM

We Welcome into the family of God, **BRAXTON DANIEL TRAUTSCH**, son of Brian & Ashley (Wagner) Trautsch through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Braxton Daniel** and his family.

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

E-mail Addresses: sgp@prairiecatholic.org
lgratace@prairiecatholic.org

Website: www.prairiecatholic.org
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 (Tuesday - 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.