

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
PASTOR

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, August 18

Monday, August 19

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

Thursday, August 22

First day of school at Prairie
Catholic with a 1:00 pm
Dismissal

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie
Maison

Friday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 24

Brian Kostek & Laura
Forsythe Wedding at St. John's

Sunday, August 25

6:00 pm 1st Bazaar planning
meeting in St. John's Hall - all
Chairpeople for the Dining
Room, Kitchen, & Carryouts
Dinner & Supper Hour should
attend and anyone else who
would like to be involved.

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

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

St. Wenceslaus, Eastman will
host their Annual Picnic &
Homecoming on Sunday,
Sept. 1st - Ham & Chicken
Dinner with all the trimmings.
Serving from 11 am to 2 pm



Thursday, August 22
First Day of School

at
Prairie Catholic



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

HOLY FAMILY
FALL BAZAAR
SEPT. 15, 2013

First Fall Bazaar meeting
will be Aug. 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.

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." -Lk 12:50-52



AUGUST 18, 2013 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-August 24/25

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

Eucharistic Ministers-August 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Laura Meyer,
 Tom Steiner
 Sunday 10:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Ronda
 Stubbe

Servers for Wed., Aug. 21st at 5:15 pm:

Kaitlyn Waller & Gabby Toberman

Home Communion Ministers for August 25th:

John Chaffee

Servers-August 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Kaitlyn & Andrew Waller
 Jack Stoeffler & Nathan Specht
 Sunday 10:00 am Caitlin Pattison & Brytta
 Sagedahl
 Blake Fishler & Sam Peterson

Lectors-August 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner
 Sunday 10:00 am Mark Gilberts

Ushers-August 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
 Russell Eulgem, Gene
 Kirschbaum
 Sunday 10:00 am Kurt & Gunner Kravchuk, Jim &
 Sean McGrath

Scrip Workers-August 24/25

Saturday 4:00 pm Cory Steger
 Sunday 10:00 am Rochelle Neisius

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-August 24/25

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

Eucharistic Ministers-August 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka
 Sunday 8:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Donna
 Steiner & Doris Krogman

Servers for Tues., August 20th at 5:15 pm:

Kaitlyn Waller & Gabby Toberman

Home Communion Ministers for August 25th:

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

Servers-August 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Dominique Reilly & Macy
 Banasik
 Morgan Kiesau & Nicole
 Rickleff
 Sunday 8:00 am Brandon Hanger & Macy
 Sanders
 Made & Jack Peterson

Lectors-August 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik
 Sunday 8:00 am Steve Schwager

Ushers-August 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer,
 Merle Frommelt
 Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara,
 Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-August 24/25

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary or Ken Stoeffler
 Sunday 8:00 am Sheri Kennedy

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, August 19	NO MASS		
Tuesday, August 20	St. John's Church	5:15 pm	Les Poots: by Joan Poots & Family
Wednesday, August 21	St. Gabriel's Church	5:15 pm	Marge Weissinger: by Donna Cipra
Thursday, August 22	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Duve & Pluemer Family: by Jan Duve
Friday, August 23	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Wm. McGrath: by Clifford & Barbara Stram
Saturday, August 24	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Robert A. Waller: by Family
Saturday, August 24	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, August 25	St. John's Church	8:00 am	John Bayness: by Georgia Hutchison
Sunday, August 25	St. Gabriel's Church	10:00 am	Bob Matejka: by Barb Matejka

Holy Family Parish

MARRIAGE

Please allow me to clarify a point that has come up at least 4 times the past week. There seems to be a misperception in our community that if a young couple is cohabitating before marriage I refuse to marry them: but this is not correct. Although we need to look at each couple individually; (one man and one woman, at least one of the individuals is a baptized Catholic etc.) and as long as there are no other impediments, cohabitation does not prevent them from marrying in the Catholic Church. That being said, I will challenge each couple in this situation to find a way to separate until the marriage. This is both for the good of the marriage (statistically speaking cohabitation leads to a much higher percentage of divorce within 7 years) and for the good of the souls of the individuals. Simply stated, cohabitation is serious matter and is a sin. I will not candy-coat the situation as the Church sees it, even if I risk hurting the feelings of one or both parties.

If a cohabitating couple wishes to have their marriage blessed with a Mass, we do require that they find a new living situation. However, if they refuse, we offer the Marriage Rite without a Mass. This is a Sacramental marriage, blessed by the Church and every bit as valid as a marriage within a Mass. There are other reasons a couple may choose to have a marriage outside of Mass, including mixed marriages. This is a choice of the couple after we have had an opportunity to discuss the situation and alternatives. I apologize for any misunderstanding that may have occurred through my limited ability to communicate this properly. Hopefully this will help the understanding of this delicate issue in our community.

ASSESSMENT

Thank you to all who helped the capital campaign assessment either through the questionnaire last week or in interviews. The assessment was not completed in time to give a report in this week's bulletin, but it will be forth coming. This is an exciting time for our parish, and we have so much to look forward to as we decide how our parish will look in the coming years.

On a related matter, St. John's church will be undergoing a renovation in the coming weeks. This is unrelated to the capital campaign as an anonymous donor, after seeing the improvements at St. Gabriel church, approached us about painting the St John's. Due to the structural differences in the two churches, we let out bids to have a professional crew paint St John's. The project will begin the last week of August / the first week of Sep. When we get the schedule finalized we will let you know how long the church will be closed. It is our plan to have it finished by the weekend of the fall bazaar.

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BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

There is one last item that needs to be discussed. I realize that there has been much discussion in our community with the possibility of a capital campaign and building project, but there is something that comes up on an annual basis that we need to continually be aware of. The Bishops Annual Appeal is fast approaching, and letters on this will be arriving soon. Our parish assessment this year is very close to what it was last year, so we will be requesting the same amount as last year. As in the past, it is our desire to increase the number of families participate which will benefit the parish in the amount of rebates we will receive.

Thank you for your patience, open hearts and prayers moving forward. God bless. Fr. Jim

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, Graham Shedivy, Gene & Mary Lou Ackerman, 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.

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Aug. 11th	\$7,574.10	\$9,395.00
Plate for Aug. 11th	873.96	872.96
Heat & Utilities	<u>355.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$8,803.06	\$10,267.96

The second collection came to **\$670.75** and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Bingo Winners from Monday, August 12th:
\$30.00 - Erin Krachey, Glenda Wolfram, Merilee Pleggenkuhle, Lois Harwood, Sharon Strnad;
\$40.00 - Roger Goodman, Molly Stram; \$45.00 - Betty Cejka, JoDee Bedtka; \$50.00 - Molly Stram;
\$150.00 - Kari Kossman, **Progressive Jackpot Winners (\$1,156.00 each)** Neil Heins & Los Harwood;
50/50 Winner (\$173.00) - Angie Pleggenkuhle

The Bingo Workers for Monday, Aug. 19th are:

Floor Workers: Sheila Eastman, Sarah Holler, Pam Kiesau, Amy Young; **Caller:** Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers; **Lunch Provided by:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Jarrod Osterkamp & Jack Peterson

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

St. Paul encourages us to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus." When we focus on Jesus we become transformed. Let His love transform your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Aug. 23-25 in Brookfield, WI; Sept. 13-15 in Crystal Lake, IL and Oct. 25-27 in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeofflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

The committee planning Fr. Jack's 80th birthday party on Sunday, Sept. 22nd would like to know if anyone has photos of Father Jack that they would like to share on that day. Please send them to Lana at St. John's Rectory Office and write your name on the back so they can be returned. Thank you.

WANTED: Volunteers to make phone calls for the Fall Bazaar. We desperately need some help. call Linda Moser at 874-4682 or 608-379-4787 if you could help.

Don't forget to use SCRIP for your back to school shopping. Also if anyone has any old Scrip order forms at home please throw them away and pick up some new ones in either church or at the Parish offices.

Holy Name Raffle Winners for August 2013

\$10.00 - Ken Hess, PdC; Pat Prochaska, Bridgeport; Bob Marfilius, Boscobel; Dale Willms, Greenfield; Mary T. Shedivy, PdC
\$25.00 - Gen Stubbe, PdC; Brian Nelson, PdC;
\$100.00 - Danielle Steger, LaCrosse

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

The Pro-Life Group of Southwest Wisconsin is presenting a Pro-Life speaker, Sam Guzman, on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 7:00 at St. Wenceslaus Church Hall, Eastman, WI. This is free of charge and open to the public. It would be great for teens as well.

WEDDING BANNES

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

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.