

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**  
Pastor

## This Week at the Parish

### **Sunday, December 1**

6:30 JWalkers will meet in St Gabriel's School Hall

6:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

### **Monday, December 2**

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

### **Tuesday, December 3**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### **Wednesday, December 4**

5:15pm Harmony Choir rehearsal at St. John's - NEW VOICES WELCOME

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

### **Thursday, December 5**

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

7:00 pm Education Commissions meeting in St. John's Hall

### **Friday, December 6**

### **Saturday, December 7**

### **Sunday, December 8**

7:30 to 10:00 am JWalkers will be hosting their second annual breakfast in St. Gabriel's Hall. All are invited to attend

3:00 pm Communal Penance Service at St. John's Church

## CAR & CASH II

Grand Prize 2013 Dodge Dart

1st Prize \$2,500 cash

2nd Prize 10 x \$250.00 each

Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Tickets can be purchased at either rectory or school office, from Mary Neisius, and many local businesses. The car is courtesy of Sut Hill.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## *St. Gabriel Archangel*

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



## *St. John Nepomuc*

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
3:00 PM

"Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

- Mt 24:40-42



December 1, 2013 - First Sunday of Advent

**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-December 7/8**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-December 7/8**

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Howard  
 Gillitzer, & Kathy Schneider  
 Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Karen Fritsche, &  
 Mary Osterhaus

**Home Communion Ministers for December 8th:**  
 Nancy DuCharme

**Servers-December 7/8**

Saturday 4:00 pm Hayley & Bryce Bedward  
 Dalton & Preston Hendrix  
 Sunday 8:00 am Frankie & Harley Eastman  
 Gabby Toberman & Clare  
 Teynor

**Lectors-December 7/8**

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek  
 Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

**Ushers-December 7/8**

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim  
 Welsch & Bob Ziel  
 Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus,  
 Dick Tesar, Butch Boland

**Scrip Workers-December 7/8**

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider  
 Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor, Corey & Rob  
 Steger

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-December 7/8**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-December 7/8**

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

**Home Communion Ministers for December 8th:**  
 Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

**Servers-December 7/8**

Saturday 7:00 pm Jenna & Breann Holler  
 Peggy Koresh & Garrett Young  
 Sunday 10:00 am Faith Dillman & Kylee Weber  
 Lauren & Allison Kennedy

**Lectors-December 7/8**

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

**Ushers-December 7/8**

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, John Rickleff,  
 Merle Frommelt  
 Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, &  
 Ron Trautsch

**Scrip Workers-December 7/8**

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron & Sarah Kramer  
 Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

**THERE WILL BE A COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY,  
 DECEMBER 8TH AT 3:00 PM AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.**

**Holy Family's Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday, December 2</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Walter Hermsen: by Friends
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Lauretta Geisler: by Family
<b>Thursday, December 5</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Rose Kramer: by George & Janet Kahler
<b>Friday, December 6</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Bill & Edith McGrath: by Richard McGrath
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	4:00 pm	Fred Becwar: by Florence Becwar
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	7:00 pm	Charlotte Voth: by Richard & Lora Chamberlain
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:00 am	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	10:00 am	Glen & Darrel Beneker: by Irene Beneker

# Holy Family Parish

## TIME TO PREPARE

As Advent is upon us, it is a perfect time to ask ourselves; how are we preparing for the Christmas season? Although this may seem a foolish question, for isn't the Christmas season upon us? The answer is no, despite what the retailers and on-line offers are selling, it is not Christmas until we celebrate the birth of Christ. This is a time of waiting and preparing our hearts. If we simply rush from one activity to another, from one store to another, from one on-line order to another we will miss what is perhaps the biggest blessing this season offers. A time to wait patiently, a time to let the excitement build, a time to prepare our hearts for the One who made them for himself.

This is how we *Put Christ back into Christmas*. The stores are not going to do this; the news media is not going to do this and the internet or the movies are not going to do this. If this is our desire, each family has to make the effort, one by one, joining with like-minded families; changing the culture bit by bit. The Church has her role to play in this as well, to lead by example not to get too far ahead of ourselves.

Liturgically, the Church's year begins with the first Sunday of Advent, and can be considered 'a little lent' because Advent is a time of penance as we prepare for the birth of Christ. It is a silent time of anticipation and hope. St. Charles Borromeo writes: "Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all...The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace."

Preparing in this way doesn't simply happen to us. We have a part to play. We have to make it a priority in our lives and in the life of our family. If Christmas seems to be nothing more than a drain on the family; a time of shopping, eating and drinking; non-stop activity and music that you can't wait to be done with; try something new this year. If Advent becomes a time of reading, reflecting, praying and waiting, Christmas, *all 12 days*, can become a time of celebration. We will close with another reflection from St. Charles Borromeo:

*"Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. (cont. next column)*

*This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery."*

God bless you and yours during this special season

Fr. Jim

**Make your Advent season one of focus: Ignore the rushing and the bustling. Prayerfully prepare yourself for Jesus' coming. Christmas Day is approaching. Have you made room in your heart for the Christ Child?**

## 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, Tara Pellock, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Mae & Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Roger Goodman, Doug Rickleff, Richard Aschom, Michael Aschom, Kayla Taylor Vorwald, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Mary Markham and Lorna Porvaznik.

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 Nov. 24th	\$6,087.00	\$7,310.00
Plate for Nov. 24th	486.41	712.51
Total	\$6,573.41	\$8,022.51

The second collection came to **\$631.20** and will be used for school expenses and our CCD program.

An additional \$190.00 was donated to the collection for the Philippines

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### **Bingo Workers for Monday, December 2nd:**

**Check Writer:** John Fischer; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Betty Fischer, Peggy Fischer, Kati Forsythe; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Lunch Provided by:** Tammy Cram & Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Zachary Swiggum & Benjamin Teynor.

**Because the bulletin has to go to press early bingo winners from Monday, Nov. 25th will be in next week's bulletin.**

**SCRIP.....**We have a lot of gift cards for your Christmas gift giving. Give the gift that will not be returned. Also we have paper scrip that can be used at a lot of local businesses. You can purchase **SCRIP** after Mass or at either rectory office during regular office hours.

**LIKE TO SING?** Join our choirs for Advent and the Christmas season! There will be 5:15 pm practices at St. John's Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18 for 10:00 am Mass on Sundays and the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Call Terri Connell at 326-4240 if you are willing to sing for the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve children's Mass. Call Shirley Cipra at 326-8553 about Tuesday practices at St. Gabriel's for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve and 9:00 am Christmas Day Masses.

**Next Sunday, December 8th the JWalkers will be hosting a Breakfast from 7:30 to 10:00 am in St. Gabriel's School Hall. They will be serving scrambled eggs, egg bake, French toast, pancakes, muffins, sausage, applesauce, coffee, milk & juice. Free will offering. Special appearance by Santa.**

### **BAPTISM**

We welcome into the family of God, **Sara Beth Titkemeier**, daughter of Scott & Jennifer (Mayer) Titkemeier, through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Sara Beth** and her family.

**Volunteers Needed at Catholic Charities.....**Multiple shifts needed help right away at the Front Desk in our Prairie du Chien office! Main duties include answering incoming phone calls, greeting clients and answering questions about Catholic Charities' programs. 9 am to 12 pm and 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Monday through Thursday. Training provided! Please visit our website at [www.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org) or call 608-326-1616 for more information.

**SCHOOL NEWS.....**We have had a very productive start to our 7th grade English class. The 7th graders have been going down to the smart board to work on learning parts of speech and how to use them correctly. So far they have covered nouns, pronouns, and verbs. The 6th grade religion class has been taking a deeper look at each of the 10 commandments; learning what each one requires and forbids. The 7th grade religion classes have been studying more about Jesus' life as he lived among us. The 8th grade religion class have been learning about the church, sacraments, and the liturgical year. In the month of November they each had a different saint to do a research paper on and then they gave oral reports to the class. The first two months of the school year the 7th and 8th grade non-band students have been using the smart board to work on solving math word problems using a variety of methods.

Mrs. Jean Jozefowicz

**The Fort Crawford Museum** will be having their Christmas cookie sale on Saturday, December 7th at the Museum from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Thank you to all who have donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.** We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will be listing the following names for a few weeks and then another 50 or so. If you do not see your name it will be published in future bulletins. Ruth Brus, Donald & Shirley Cipra, Paul & Matilda Flansburgh, Kay Foley, John Forst, Karen Fritsche, Merle & Barbara Frommelt, Michael Garrity, Dr. Mike & Mary Ann Garrity, James & Ruth Gates, Frances & Scott Geisler, Roy & Vicki George, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Arnold & Elaine Gillitzer, Glen & Christa Gillitzer, Howard Gillitzer, John & Norma Gillitzer, Richard Ginsterblum, Randal Ginsterblum, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Mark & Ann Grunwald, William & Mary Halpin, William & Rita Hamann, Gary & Kelly Hamann, Robert & Donna Hamann, Thomas & Jody Harris, Donald & Teresa Heal, Michael & Linda Heal, Robert Heilmann, Jean Heiring, Mary Ann Heisz, Eileen Hermsen, Dennis & Martha Hoeger, Irmagard Hogenson, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Bryan & Cathy Irvin, James Jackson, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Jr., Kurt & Teresa Jaynes, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Joanne Jones, Mary Kann, Robert & Rita Kazda, John & Sheri Kennedy, Geraldine Kluesner, Jason & Sarah Knapp, Mary Ann Knutson., Virginia Konichek, Aurilla Koresh & Justina Koresh.

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**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.