

# HOLY FAMILY

## Catholic Parish

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### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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#### Rectory Office Hours

8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - Friday)

#### 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.

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December 29, 2013

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. *Mt 2:19-21*



## St. John's

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS-JANUARY 5th

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barb Frommelt

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Trish Hager, Molly Kirschbaum, &  
Doris Krogman

### SERVERS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Breann & Jenna Holler  
Nick Holler & Carter Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Ella Hager & Kennedy Kirschbaum  
John Titlbach & Bailey Ottaway

### LECTORS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

### USHERS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex  
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe

Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara, Mark  
Mara, Dennis Mezera

### SCRIP WORKERS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron/Sarah Kramer, Cathy Irvin

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers



## St. Gabriel Archangel

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 5TH

LeAnn Craig Theresa Heal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Kathy Schneider &  
Virginia Konichek

Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Megan Pedretti &  
Becky Henry

### SERVERS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Lindsey & Jon Nicholson  
Seth & Kyle MacEachern

Sunday 8:00 am Katy Welsch & Brandon Hanger  
Ben & Clare Teynor

### LECTORS-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Rhonda Stubbe

Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

### USHERS-JANUARY 4/5

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-JANUARY 4/5

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 8:00 am Brad/Jenni Linder



### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31 4:00 pm St. John's Church † Lawrence David

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1 8:00 am St. Gabriel's Church † Arleen Gillitzer  
10:00 am St. John's † Lora Young

Thursday, January 2 8:15 am St. John's Church † Rose Trautsch

Friday, January 3 8:15 am St. Gabriel's Church † Leone Peloch

Saturday, January 4 4:00 pm St. Gabriel's Church † Bob Boland  
7:00 pm St. John's Church † Living & Deceased member of  
the Matthew & Rose Mezera Family

Sunday, January 5 8:00 am St. Gabriel's Church † Pat Ertel (ann.)  
10:00 am St. John's Church † For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

What is a New Year's resolution? And why do we make them each year? Why do they seem to fail almost every year? I know I have one that comes up each year; and it is on top of my list again this year. Is there something we can do to make them more effective? I think one of the reasons is we try to take too big a bite. We come up with a grand plan and are soon overwhelmed with the daily commitment needed to be successful. This comes in all aspects of our lives, the physical and the spiritual. So I have a few things to offer. Nothing original, but then there really isn't that much originality out there.

Does our resolution help draw me to Christ? In the end, this is all there is. **No matter what the particular resolution is, identify how this helps me in my relationship with Christ.**

Does it help me in my vocation? If I am successful, will I be a better priest, a better husband, wife or parent, a more faithful single person?

Have I prayed about my resolution? If you haven't made a resolution, don't just jump in; take your time, pray about them and then implement them.

Can I fit it into my schedule? Is this manageable? We don't want something so grandiose we will never be successful; and we don't want something so small it makes no difference in our life. If my primary focus this year is health, can I afford the time I am proposing? If my primary focus is spiritual, can I afford the time needed? Or do I need to be realistic? We all have commitments in our lives. Nothing comes without sacrifice in this life; we cannot have our cake and eat it too. What we need is find the healthy balance needed today.

Pray for the success of your resolution. Once we have identified the concrete way this will draw me deeper into my relationship with God, keep this as a part of your prayer life. If that is our goal, and the resolution is our pathway to the goal, we can overcome setbacks and make course adjustments as we grow.

May God bless and keep you and your family safe throughout 2014. Fr. Jim

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day is the Feast of the Holy Family. When Jesus was born as a child, he entered this world as part of a family. The same is true for all of us; although our particular family may be healthy, disjointed or even broken; we are a part of a family that is made in the image of the Holy Family. Do we take the time to consider this? Where would we be without our family? None of us chose to be here; we did not choose our parents or our nationality or even to be born during this century. All these things and more were given to us as a gift when we were brought into the world: a gift from God to our family and a gift from God for our family.

In many regards, the same is true of our parish family. We enter through our baptism or by enrolling as adults. We have a special opportunity here in Prairie du Chien, as our particular parish family is in its infancy. Two families were brought together last year, very similar to a marriage, and a new family was created. There are strengths and weaknesses, there are challenges and opportunities and there are specific histories and new traditions to enrich our lives. Each of us is a gift to our parish and our parish is a gift for us. (cont. on next column)

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Today we will begin what we hope becomes a special time for our parish family. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We will host a spaghetti dinner at St. John's Hall this afternoon, serving beginning at 4:30 PM. We will also draw for our annual Car and Cash raffle at the dinner.

## 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, Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Lloyd Rickleff, Richard Aschom, Michael Aschom, Kayla Taylor Vorwald, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Mary Markham, Rita Lester, Elaine Stram, Clem Wachuta and Lorna Porvaznik.

## THANK YOU!

To all that sent beautiful Christmas cards and letters, the pictures and for the gifts from so many of you, and especially for the prayers and Masses that were offered; THANK YOU. It is a blessing to be your parish priest. My Christmas Mass was offered for all those I serve here in Prairie du Chien and Holy Family Parish. May 2014 be a special year of blessings for you and your loved ones.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Dec. 22nd	\$8,167.00	\$ 9,418.00
Plate for Dec. 22nd	<u>713.36</u>	<u>637.69</u>
Total	\$8,880.36	\$10,055.69

The second collection came to **\$580.44** and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

Our Christmas collection will be published in the January 6th, 2014 bulletin.

**Thank you for your support!**

4a No Bingo report this week. NO bingo on Monday, December 30th.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER TONIGHT**  
Sunday, Dec. 29th  
SERVING BEGINS AT 4:30 PM  
FREE WILL OFFERING  
CAR & CASH DRAWING

**SWEEPSTAKE CALENDARS**  
**DRAWING February 1, 2014**

Sweepstake Calendars are now available from either rectory and the school office or call John Fischer at 326-2827. \$20.00 per calendar or 6 for \$100.00.

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. Anthony Bakken, Mary Campbell, John & Patricia Check, Edgar & Virginia Eichmann, Jeffrey & Karen Fisher, Leo & Patti Flanders, Mark & Kati Forsythe, Mavis Godden, Monica Horner, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Gene & Mary Kirschbaum, Patricia Kramer, June Looney, Thomas Mara, Maurice & Bette Mayer, John Mulrooney, Elizabeth Munson, Jeffrey & Jennifer Nack, Peter & Mary Neisius, Keith & Rochelle Neisius, David & Karen Nelson, Janet Nelson, Earl & Janette Nicholson, William & Holly Nicholson, David & Marilyn Nies, Frank & Betty Nolan, Joseph & Rosemary Novey, Joyce Novey, Kathleen Novey, Lawrence & Joan Novey, William Nugent, Marilyn Ocenosak, Bernard O'Connell, Todd & Dee O'Connell, Maurice & Loretta Oehler, James & Carol O'Meara, Thomas & Shirley Panka, Richard & Verna Panka, Kyle & Michele Pattison, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Tracy & Laurie Pedretti, Roger & Mary Pellock, Carrol Polodna, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, John & Annette Powers, Terry & Clara Powers, Joseph & Joanne Prew, Joseph & Patricia Prochaska, Greg & Ann Quick, Mattie Rademacher.

**Mass Schedule for the Holy Day**  
**Octave of Christmas**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31st 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 1st 8:00 am at St. Gabriel's**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 1st 10:00 am at St. John's**

**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 scheduled confessions on days with weddings or funerals.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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**Sunday, December 29**

4:30 pm Spaghetti supper in St. John's Hall  
Car & Cash drawing to follow  
Tickets are on sale until 5:00 pm

**Monday, December 30**

NO BINGO

**Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

No Mass at Prairie Maison

4:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at St. Gabriel's

**Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

10:00 am Mass at St. John's

**Thursday, January 2**

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. John's

Benediction at 1:00 pm

7:00 pm Education Commission Meeting - St. John's Hall

**Sunday, January 5**

Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's plus drawing for the Lottery Calendar & Holy Name Raffle.

**Christmas flowers at Holy Family were given in memory of:**

Herb Lueck, Debra Hamann, Harold Hamann, Frank Fischer, John & Nettie Stluka, Charlotte C. Voth, Roger W. Steiner, Raoul G. Steiner, Wm. & Lora Young, Donald Fischer, Fred Becwar, Ed & Martha Wachter, George & Adeline Becwar, Ken & Evelyn Picha, Michael "Mick" Kramer, Reginald & Rose Kramer, Marlowe & Ann Waller, Terry Waller, Marty, Mary & Bill Betzle, Cub, Clara & Mary MacEachern, Ron Cherrier, LeRoy Trautsch, Rose Trautsch, Ed & Fae Schneider, Bill & Mayme Quinn, Jonathan Steger, Bobby Boland, Max Gilberts, Jack & Ursula Kasperek Family, Helen Wilkinson, Loretta Tassar, Mike & Mary Elliott, Jerry Elliott, Mary Lou Elliott, Ivan Heisz, Mary Ellen Linder, Agnes Ocenosak, June Tyler, John Henry & Marguerite Barrette, James Looney.

**IN SYMPATHY**

Please remember **Roger M Goodman** in your prayers. His funeral was held, Saturday, December 28th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

**School News.....**Prairie Catholic Student Council recently had a very successful food drive for Operation Santa Claus. The students enjoyed planning and collecting food for this worthy cause. The next item on our agenda will be a fund raiser for new headphones for St. John's Middle School Computer room. We would like to thank all our families for their continued support.