

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish **Sunday, December 8**

7:00 to 10:00 am JWalkers
2nd annual breakfast in St.
Gabriel's School Hall. All are
invited to attend.

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

6:30 pm Bible Study at the
Grunwald residence

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie
Maison

6:00 pm Choir practice at St.
Gabriel's Church

Wednesday, December 11

5:15 pm Harmony Choir
rehearsal at St. John's Church

6:30 pm Prairie Catholic
School Christmas program at
St. Gabriel's Church

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

Thursday, December 12

Adoration after the 8:30 am
Mass at St. John's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

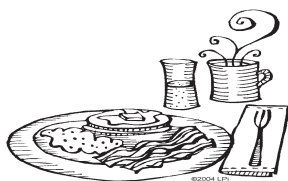
6:00 pm Finance Council
meeting in St. John's Hall

CAR & CASH II

Drawing December 29th

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 busi-
nesses The car is courtesy of
Sut Hill.

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**YOU ARE INVITED
FOR BREAKFAST IN
ST. GABRIEL'S HALL
SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH
7:00 to 10:00 am
HOSTED BY THE
JWALKERS**



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

Communal Penance
Service
Sunday, Dec. 8th
St. John's Church
3:00 pm

**John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the king-
dom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet
Isaiah had spoken when he said:
A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.**

- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b



December 8, 2013 - Second Sunday of Advent

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 14/15

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

Eucharistic Ministers-December 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Debbie Morovits,
 & Tom Steiner
 Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Eileen Hermsen,
 & Rhonda Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 15th

Sheila Linder

Servers-December 14/15

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

Lectors-December 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeannette Steiner
 Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

Ushers-December 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
 Russell Eulgem, Gene
 Kirschbaum
 Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee, Don Cipra, John
 Gillitzer & Mark Hamann

Scrip Workers-December 14/15

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-December 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-December 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanna Hromadka
 Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Peggy
 Gallagher & Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for Dec. 15th:

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

Servers-December 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Liz & Ashley Mezera
 Sadie Koresh & Rebecca
 Champion
 Sunday 10:00 am Brandon Hanger & Elizabeth
 Carlson
 Kierstyn Rogers & Zachary
 Mara

Lectors-December 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik
 Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

Ushers-December 14/15

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer,
 Alex Schaefer, & Tim Looney
 Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch,
 Mark Mara & Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-December 14/15

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

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 10	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Bob Willms: by Family
Wednesday, December 11	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Ann Yager: by Patty Schauf Yager
Thursday, December 12	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Leone Peloch: by Peggy Ryan
Friday, December 13	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Bill & Edith McGrath: by Gene & Mary Lou Ackerman
Saturday, December 14	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	For All those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Saturday, December 14	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	Mary Marcella MacEachern: by Family
Sunday, December 15	St. Gabriel's Church	8:00 am	Eileen Cornwell: by Family
Sunday, December 15	St. John's Church	10:00 am	Charles Jelinek Family: by Family

Holy Family Parish

AWAKENINGS AND EXPECTATIONS

Bishop Callahan's Blog; November 27, 2013

On the twenty-second of November we noted the fiftieth anniversary of the death of a famous Christian writer: Clive Staples Lewis. C.S. Lewis, as he is widely known, is favored by many Catholics for his works, such as Mere Christianity and The Screwtape Letters. Raised in the Church of Ireland but declaring himself an atheist by age 15, Lewis slowly re-embraced Christianity through the works of authors George MacDonald, J.R.R. Tolkien and G.K. Chesterton. Lewis eventually joined the Church of England, much to the disappointment of Tolkien who had hoped he would become a Catholic. Nevertheless, many Catholics have been moved and influenced by his works. One of the most famous and often quoted literary works from our earliest days of childhood is The Chronicles of Narnia. A famous epic which unfolds throughout seven novels describing the foundation and the destruction of a mythical kingdom called Narnia.

For our Advent reflection, let's examine the major characters of the series. The four Pevensie children, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, represent humanity in the mythical land of Narnia. Aslan, the Great Lion, is the central character who appears throughout all seven books. Aslan is a talking lion who is wise, compassionate, and filled with magical and spiritual authority. He is the mysterious and benevolent guide to the human children and the savior and guardian of Narnia. C.S. Lewis described Aslan as a version of Jesus as He might have appeared in an alternative reality.

After their first adventure described in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, the four children are once again transported to Narnia in Prince Caspian. While it had been only a year in their earthly lives, many more years had passed since their previous adventures in the mythical kingdom. They discover that everything has changed, and not all for the better. After a series of difficulties, Lucy, the youngest of the children, is finally reunited with Aslan in a forest clearing. She is full of affection for the lion and rushes to embrace him with her head fully lost in his ample mane and gazes up into his large face.

"Welcome child," he said. "Aslan," said Lucy, "you're bigger."

"That's because you're older, little one," he answered.

"Not because you are?"

"I'm not. But each year you grow, you'll find me bigger."

Advent encourages us to be like Lucy. We are called to approach Jesus and realize that as we grow spiritually we will find Jesus to be bigger. There will always be more Jesus than we can ever comprehend—more Jesus to know—more Jesus with whom we can form an even deeper relationship.

Advent is the season when we look deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation—the "how's" and "why's" of the coming of the Redeemer. (cont. on next column)

We will always have questions about His coming; but we should never have doubts about His presence and His willingness to have us come to Him. Like the unending generosity of God, we can't outgrow His presence. As we grow in the spiritual life He will always seem bigger, more interesting, more welcoming and friendlier.

This Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, take some time to discover how deep is the mystery and presence of God in your life.

Candle two is lit this week. Blessed Advent and I'll see you at Mass.

You can find more at:

www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/blog

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, 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 Dec. 1st	\$9,935.00	\$15,999.00
Plate for Dec. 1st	859.10	653.21
Total	\$10,794.10	\$16,652.21

The second collection came to **\$1147.49** and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Name Raffle Winners for December 2013:
\$10.00 - Teresa Heal, PdC; Nick Horihan, Houston, MN; Beverly Regester, PdC; Mary Ellen Shedivy, PdC; Peg Ross, Oconomowoc, WI
\$25.00 - Pat Prochaska, PdC; John Forst, PdC; **\$100.00** - Janel Fox, Appleton, WI

BINGO

Bingo Winners from Monday, November 25th: \$25.00 - Marsha Konichek, Alice Schlitter, \$30.00 - Helen Upton; \$45.00 - Sandy McCoy; \$100.00 - Sarah Macias; **Progressive Consolation (\$34.00 each)** - Mary Ann Baker, Jeanne Moris, Jan Rutter; **50/50 (\$80.50)** - Edward Gobin

Bingo Winners from Monday, Dec. 2nd: \$25.00 - Dorothy Degenhardt, Peg Stoeffler, & Linda Marfilius; \$100.00 - Ruth Moris; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Renee Ingle; **50/50 winner (\$46.50)** - Pam Ellefson

The progressive bingo jackpot for Monday, December 9th will be \$706.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 53 calls or less.

The Bingo Workers for Monday, December 9th are: **Check Writer:** Deb Schultz; **Floor Workers:** Pam Kiesau & Becky Rooney; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Lunch Provided by:** Gayle Aspenson & Jan Rutter; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Bailey Ottaway & Kama Tesar

Megan Stram, a campus Missionary with the Evangelical Catholic, a non-profit organization in Madison, WI at the UW campus will host a meal Sunday, December 8th from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. This fundraiser will be held at the Buckhorn restaurant at Country Inn & Suites in Prairie du Chien.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Rose M. Trautsch** and **Margaret Mae Nimbar** in your prayers. Rose's funeral was held on Monday, Dec. 2nd and Margaret's was held on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at St. John's of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant them eternal life and comfort to their families.

Christmas Poinsettias for Church.....If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays please deposit names and donations in the collection basket or drop off at one of the parish offices. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

- We need someone to oversee the kitchen for funeral luncheons at St. John's.
- We also need someone to oversee the flowers for the interior of St. John's Church.
- For more information call Lana at 326-6511 during regular office hours.

THANK YOU!

SCHOOL NEWS.....

The school year is quickly flying by. In a month, we are almost at the halfway mark. It looks as though the sixth graders have comfortably settled into their new surroundings.

Math classes are moving at a fast pace. The eighth graders are studying ratios, rates, and proportions. This ties in nicely with the opening of Snack-n-Go. The students will test their knowledge on unit rates, finding the best profit for the items they sell.

The seventh graders are working with measurements in geometry. They will soon be introduced to the Pythagorean Theorem, it's not as scary as it sounds.

The sixth graders are also working with measurements. They are/will be discovering the formulas for areas of squares, rectangles, parallelograms, triangles, and circles.

Math Counts competition is December 11. Good luck to all participants! Merry Christmas to all.

Mrs. Igo

Bell Ringers.....Pat Mercaitis has taken on scheduling for ringing of bells for the weekend of Dec. 21/22. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Pat at 608-988-4556, or see her after Mass

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. Michael & Zita Balk, Robert & Cecelia Becwar, James & Lucy Cornford, Patricia Cota, Von & Jean Denlinger, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Sylvia Gilberts, Gary & Joan Howe, Connie Hudson, Charles & Georgia Hutchison, Sheri Jackson, Jan & Odean Kieser, Keith & Lynn Kozelka, Lucien & Rita Krahn, Charles & Linda Kramer, Aaron & Sarah Kramer, Doris Krogman, Armella Kueter, Daniel & Delores Kussmaul, Eugene LaPointe, Jack & Mary Leake, Michael & Kathleen Leard, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Patricia Lenzendorf, Morris & Darlene Lessard, Ann Lessard, Bradley and Jennifer Linder, Paul Lochner, Donald & Norma Lochner, Timothy & Theresa Looney, Donald & Mary Lyons, John & Joyce Luster, Michael & Shirley MacEachern, Jeanine Mara, Jeff & Jill Mara, Audrey Mara, Michael & Deborah Mara, Lewis Marfilius, Lyle & Roberta Marfilius, David & Renee Martin, Bernard & Rosanna Mayer, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Stephen & Patricia Mercaitis, Terry & Ann Meyer, Michael & Kayla Mezera, William & Windy Mezera, Anne Mezera, Patricia Mezera, Catherine Mezera, Mark & Mary Jane Mezera, Dennis Mezera, Aelred & Maria Mezera, Elaine Moris, Paul & Nora Moris, Debra Morovits, Patrick & Iva Mulhern.

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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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 (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.