

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**  
Pastor

## This Week at the Parish

### Sunday, February 10

6:30 pm Youth Group will meet at St. Gabriel's School

### Monday, February 11

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

### Tuesday, February 12

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### Wednesday, February 13

#### **Ash Wednesday**

8:15 am All School Mass at St. Gabriel's

12:10 pm Mass at St. Gabriel's

5:30 pm Harmony Choir practice at St. John's

7:00 pm Mass at St. John's CCD students will be attending

### Thursday, February 14

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Council meeting at St. John's Church

### Friday, February 15

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Devotions

### Saturday, February 16

### Sunday, February 17

10:00 am Mass Youth Group will be the gift bearers, servers, lectors & ushers

NO YOUTH GROUP this evening

6:30 pm First session of Faith Alive Bible Study at St. John's

Next weekend we will be having our non-perishable food collection for our local Food Pantry. Containers are located in the back of the Churches. Thank you to all who donate to this worthy cause.



#### MASS SCHEDULE

February 13

8:15 am - St. Gabriel's

12:10 pm - St. Gabriel's

7:00 pm - St. John's



*St. Gabriel Archangel*

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



*St. John Nepomuc*

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511

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## **CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Abstinence from meat (including chicken) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, 2 additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the 2 smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid food between meals on fast days is not permitted

February 10, 2013, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-February 16/17**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-February 16/17**

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek, Richard  
 Ambrose, & Nancy DuCharme  
 Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, & Rhonda  
 Stubbe

**Home Communion Ministers for February 17th**

Eileen Hermsen, Sheila Linder

**Servers-February 16/17**

Saturday 4:00 pm Lizzie & Kama Tesar  
 Katie Welsch & Breanna Teynor  
 Sunday 8:00 am Made & Jack Peterson  
 Adam Groom & Nathan Specht

**Lectors-February 16/17**

Saturday 4:00 pm Debbie Morovits  
 Sunday 8:00 am Natalie Stram

**Ushers-February 16/17**

Saturday 4:00 pm Randy Ginsterblum, Richard  
 Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim Welsch  
 Sunday 8:00 am Butch Boland, John Chaffee,  
 Don Cipra & John Gillitzer

**Scrip Workers-February 16/17**

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch, Lisa Tesar  
 Sunday 8:00 am Jenni or Brad Linder

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-February 16/17**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-February 16/17**

Saturday 7:00 pm Barbara Frommelt  
 Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Peggy  
 Gallagher, Donna Steiner

**Home Communion Ministers for February 17th**

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring, Pat McCoy

**Servers-February 16/17**

Saturday 7:00 pm Macy & Nathan Banasik  
 Austin Mezera & Rebecca  
 Champion  
 Sunday 10:00 am J Walker Youth Group

**Lectors-February 16/17**

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser  
 Sunday 10:00 am Youth Group

**Ushers-February 16/17**

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer,  
 Alex Schaefer, Tim Looney  
 Sunday 10:00 am Youth Group

**Scrip Workers-February 16/17**

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes, Cathy Irvin  
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

**Holy Family's Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday, February 11</b>	NO MASS		
<b>Tuesday, February 12</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Carrie & Lawrence Gillitzer: by Family
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>Wednesday, February 13</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Arleen Gillitzer: by Paul & Matilda Flansburgh
	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	12:10 pm	Bernard Pedretti: by Family
	<b>St. John's Church</b>	7:00 pm	Leone Peloch: by Alan & Deanne Hromadka
<b>Thursday, February 14</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Anton B. Mayer: by Bernard Mayer
<b>Friday, February 15</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Eileen Cornwell: by Family
<b>Saturday, February 16</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	4:00 pm	Eli Shedivy: by Catherine Mezera
<b>Saturday, February 16</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	7:00 pm	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
<b>Sunday, February 17</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:00 am	Clyde Noggle: by Family
<b>Sunday, February 17</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	10:00 am	Ken Kane: by Family

# Holy Family Parish

## LENT BEGINS!

I don't know about you, but it seems to me that we just finished Christmas, and now Lent begins. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and is a day of fasting and abstinence for those Catholics this applies to. During this *Year of Faith* we have an opportunity for a very special time of grace in our lives, a time to grow in holiness and a deeper relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As we prepare to enter into this Lenten season, it is good to ask: what makes Ash Wednesday and Lent so special? Why do so many come to church on this day? Why do so many people rank Ash Wednesday right up there with Christmas and Easter as one of the most important days of our Christian calendar? Is it just to come and let the priest or other minister smear some ashes on your forehead? If that is what counts, I can smear dirt on your forehead every Sunday.

No, there is something else going on. You see people walking around all day, wearing their ashes as a kind of a badge of honor. And that is a good thing, because it is a statement to the world that there is more to this life than what we see. There is the unseen, and that is more real than what is seen. When we make this statement, the world does not know how to respond.

Almost every other Christian celebration we have, the world has placed its thumbprint upon it. Christmas is no longer about the incarnation of our savior, it is about the commercialization, the light shows, the gifts and the parties. The Easter bunny is pushing the Risen Christ to the side. Halloween is no longer the hallowed eve of all Saints day. But the world doesn't know what to do with self-sacrifice, with abstinence and fasting. It doesn't know how to celebrate confession or conversion. They haven't found a marketing strategy to make the wearing of ashes a fashion statement that they can sell to the general public. And yet, we come. Ash Wednesday is probably the most highly attended Mass after Christmas and Easter; because it points to the real.

This reality check is something we all need. It is like the North Star of our spiritual life. We know the way; for Christ himself tells us; *'I am the way, the Truth and the Life'*. If he is the way, we have to know him so we can imitate him, we follow the Truth because this speaks to our hearts, sometimes when we are afraid to go there; and he is the Life, true life, eternal life.

So wear your ashes proudly. Let the world know there is more than what she has to offer. There is more beauty, more love, and more life than anything she can contain. We know this, and we believe it. Even though we may fall short in living these things we profess, we will continue to profess them, we will continue to strive to live them, and we will return to the Lord when we fall short.

***Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.***

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 Linda Vance, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Sis Jelinek, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Virginia Eichmann, Harry Konichek, Carissa Waldo, Earl White, 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, Adam Heiring, Roger Pellock, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Mary Kann, Ethel Sebastian, Don Walters, Earl Whittle, Tara Pellock, Alma Wall, and Lavonne Laskaskie.

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 Feb. 3rd	\$10,287.05	\$10,723.25
Plate for Feb. 3rd	710.86	521.77
Heat Envelopes	<u>125.00</u>	<u>310.00</u>
Total	\$11,122.91	\$11,555.02

The second collection came to **\$1,319.88** and will be used for school expenses & our religious education program.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**MANY THANKS** to the families of Clyde Noggle and Jonathan Steger for the generous donations to Prairie Catholic Schools in their memory. We are very grateful for these gifts.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A STUDY ON PRAYER THIS LENTEN SEASON.** FR WEIGHNER HAS ENDORSED A BOOK TITLED **BEGINNING TO PRAY.** STUDY WILL BE HELD WEEKLY AT ST JOHN'S STARTING **2/17/13 at 6:30 pm.** BOOKS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE RECTORY, FOR \$10.00. ANY QUESTIONS, CALL ANN GRUNWALD at 326-5459.

**Tri-Parish Knights of Columbus** will be having a Fish Fry at the Eastman Hall on Friday, February 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Adults are \$8.00 (includes 1 free beer) and kids 12 and under - \$1.00. Besides good food there will be door prizes. Bring your family & friends.

**Bingo Winners from Monday, February 4th: \$25.00** - Virginia Meana, June Petsche & Roger Goodman; **\$30.00** - Shirley Leamy; **\$45.00** - Marilee Pleggenkuhle; **\$100.00** - Mary Ann Baker; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Melody Igou; **50/50 Winner (\$59.50)** - John Wolfram

**Bingo Workers for Monday, February 11th: Check Writer:** Deb Schultz, **Floor Workers:** Becky Rooney and Pam Kiesau; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Food Preparation:** Char Steger; **Home & School Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Sam Peterson & Kama Tesar

**CAR & CASH RAFFLE....** Congratulations to the winners in the Car and Cash Raffle. Louis Steger walked away with the grand prize, a 2012 Ford Focus program car. Kurt Jaynes won the \$5000 first place prize, and Jan Kozelka, Nancy Mergen and Tom Igou (x 2) won the \$500.00 prizes. Thank you to all that supported our parish by purchasing raffle tickets, we sold out, and brought in approximately \$42,500 for our parish. We would also like to thank all those who came out in the aftermath of the snowstorm last week to take part in the burgers and fries dinner. We had over 350 people join us for a great event. Thank you to those that had a role in preparing, serving and cleaning up. Also a special thanks to those that donated the hamburger and to Hardee's for the buns and fries. Thank you to Mary Neisius for all her work and to all who sold tickets. God bless. **Watch this space for coming attractions!**  
Fr. Jim

**Lottery Calendar Winners for February, 2013:**

**\$100.00** - Thomas & Nancy Koenig, PdC; Quentin Kieser, O'Fallon, IL; Tim Steger, PdC; Ruth Ertel, PdC; Van Jacobson, PdC

**\$50.00** - Terri & Charlie Connell, PdC; Rose Karls, Lodi, WI; Mike Steiner, PdC; Derek & Jasmine Frommelt, Clive IA; Jim Hutchison, PdC.

**\$25.00** - Chris Betzle, Springfield, IL; Millie Senesac, PdC; Roger McCullick, Blue River; Maria Mezera, PdC; David & Kate Frank, Spring, TX; Nancy Thurn, Elkader; Jack Peterson, PdC; Lana J. Gratace, PdC; Linda Vance, PdC; Boldt Grandchildren, PdC; Mary Wilkinson, Duncan, Ok; Antoinette Otto, Sun City West, AZ; Margaret Knapp, Mt. Hope; Rich & Joy Kramer, Winneconne; Janet Kozelka, PdC; Sebastian Family, PdC; Jonathan Herman, PdC; Dave & Lori Allie, Shoreview, MN; Millie Senesac, PdC; Norma Erdenberger, PdC.

**SOUP AT NOON....**All are invited to Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Wauzeka on Sunday, Feb. 17th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for their delicious soups, sandwiches & desserts. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, students - \$4.00 and 5 and under - FREE. Carryouts available. Bake Sale & Basket Raffle.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - 2012/2013**

We would like to thank the following parishioners who have made the sacrifice to support the annual appeal this year. Please note if your pledge card was given or sent to us in the past four to six weeks - it has not been processed yet and your name will appear in later bulletins. We will publish the names two weeks in a row. **This is the second week for these names.**

Brian & Jean Ann Dillman, Thomas & Lisa Dyer, Fred Grelle, Michael & Linda Heal, Rick & Mary Kay Lange, Patrick & Kay Lorenz, Lester Marx, Carrol Polodna, Peggy Smith, Michael & Melissa Stram, Jason & Donna Teynor, Frank Tiller.

**Picture Directories....**We have several picture directories left. If you had your picture taken - you are invited to pick one up or if you did not have your picture taken you can purchase one for \$10.00. Please stop at St. John's Rectory during regular office hours.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the family of God, **Nolan Jacob Esser**, son of Eric Paul & Breanna (Goodwin) Esser and **Gavin Joseph VanNatta**, son of Luke J. & Brittany (Weis) VanNatta through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Nolan Jacob** and **Gavin Joseph** and their families.

*Walk-ins welcome!*~**Martha & Mary Women's Conference** on February 16th at the Grand River Center in Dubuque. Women and teens are invited to attend. The day includes great Catholic speakers who will call us to holiness and encourage us on our faith journey. Special sessions for teens! Sign up today and bring a friend! To register, call 563-580-9373 or go online at: [www.springtimeofhope.org](http://www.springtimeofhope.org)

**Greetings from Mrs. Hemmer's First Grade.** It's hard to believe our school year is half over. We have started our fourth reading book. In addition students are using the Accelerated Reading Program. This allows us to read a great variety of books. We take a comprehension test on the books using the computer. Students are able to see their progress and challenge themselves to read harder books. With Lent upon us we will be busy illustrating the stations of the cross and completing a booklet that will help us better understand the love that Jesus has for us



## 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](mailto: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.