

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**

## This Week at the Parish

### **Sunday, February 17**

JWalkers will be serving rolls & juice for their families in St. John's Hall after the 10:00 am Mass

No Youth Group this evening

6:30 pm Faith Alive Group will meet at St. John's Church

### **Monday, February 18**

10:00 am Faith Alive Group will meet at St. John's

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

### **Tuesday, February 19**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

### **Wednesday, February 20**

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

### **Thursday, February 21**

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

7:00 pm Holy Family Parish Council meeting in St. John's Hall

### **Friday, February 22**

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's until 8:00 am Saturday

2:55 pm Divine Mercy Devotions at St. John's

### **Saturday, February 23**

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

### **Sunday, February 24**

Youth Group will be taking a ski trip to Mt. LaCrosse from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Mark your calendar Men's Club will be having a Fish Fry on Friday, March 1st in St. John's Hall



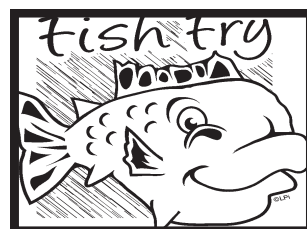
*St. Gabriel Archangel*

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404



*St. John Nepomuc*

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



**HOLY FAMILY  
FISH FRY  
FRIDAY, FEB. 1ST  
ST. JOHN'S HALL**

*"Let us enter the Lenten season, which helps us rediscover the gift of Faith received in baptism and impels us to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, putting our commitment to conversion under the banner of Divine Mercy"*

Pope John Paul II

## AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

**10 March; St. Gabriel's, Prairie du Chien  
2:00 pm Healing Service, 3:00 pm Reconciliation**

**13 March; St. Mary's, Gays Mills, 7:00 pm**

**18 March; St. Wenceslaus, Eastman, 7:00 pm**



**February 17, 2013, First Sunday of Lent**

**ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-February 23/24**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-February 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Kathy  
 Schneider & Mary Duskocil  
 Sunday 8:00 am Ann Lessard, Becky Henry &  
 Donna Teynor

**Home Communion Ministers for February 24th**

John Chaffee

**Servers-February 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Mitchell & Brady Luster  
 Gina & Angela Sebastian  
 Sunday 8:00 am Karly Jaynes & Rebecca  
 Champion  
 Zachary & Aaron Neisius

**Lectors-February 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner  
 Sunday 8:00 am Rhonda Stubbe

**Ushers-February 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,  
 Russell Eulgem, Bob Ziel  
 Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek,  
 Jim McGrath & Dick Tesar

**Scrip Workers-February 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Vicki Waller  
 Sunday 8:00 am Rochelle Neisius

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**Offertory Gift Bearers-February 23/24**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers-February 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger  
 Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann  
 Dillman, & Windy Mezera

**Home Communion Ministers for February 24th**

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

**Servers-February 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Jack Stoeffler & Wesley  
 Schwager  
 Bailey Ottaway & Zack Mara  
 Sunday 10:00 am Faith Dillman & Lauren  
 Kennedy  
 Chas & Brytta Sagedahl

**Lectors-February 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern  
 Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

**Ushers-February 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer,  
 Mark Forsythe  
 Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara,  
 Dennis Mezera & Gene Carlson

**Scrip Workers-February 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary or Ken Stoeffler, Cathy  
 Irvin  
 Sunday 10:00 am Sheri Kennedy, Katie Fox

**Holy Family's Mass Intentions**

**Monday, February 18** NO MASS

<b>Tuesday, February 19</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Tim Cipra: by Mark & Barbara Martin
<b>Wednesday, February 20</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Sue Walz Special Intention: by Richard Ambrose
<b>Thursday, February 21</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Donald Higgins: by Family
<b>Friday, February 22</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Laurayne Prew: by Tom & Cathy Nelson
<b>Saturday, February 23</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	4:00 pm	Robert A. Waller: by Elaine Moris
<b>Saturday, February 23</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	7:00 pm	Jack Kluesner: by Ralph & Janice Stanek
<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:00 am	Bob Willms: by Arlene & Family
<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	10:00 am	For All Those Entrusted to our Pastor

# Holy Family Parish

## POPE BENEDICT XVI RESIGNS

This is a subject I never thought I would ever write about. It hasn't happened for almost 600 years, and never for the reasons Pope Benedict has given. He has stated that since he is no longer able to perform the duties required of the papacy due to health and age, he is resigning at the end of February. What this means, and how it will all play out remains to be seen. Speculation on who the next Pope will be is already rampant on the internet, with everyone having a say. There are even odds makers in Las Vegas making wagers. In a day of instant news on the internet and 24 hour news programs all striving to be the first to break a story, one thing is certain; this will be one of the most talked about event for a long time. But there is another aspect to this story that will drive the pundits crazy; it is the most secretive event as well. Once the Cardinals go into conclave, there will be an absolute media blackout. And once they name a new Pope, there will be no interviews on how the discussions within the conclave progressed.

We do know, however, the method. All Cardinals under the age of 80 when the seat of Peter becomes vacant (8:00 PM on Feb 28) will go into conclave a week or two later. The specific date will not be set until after the seat becomes empty, but will likely be soon after because there will be no time of mourning due to the death of the pontiff. After the conclave begins, there are normally 4 votes each day; 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. This continues until one candidate receives 2/3 of the votes. If there is no decision after 13 days, there is a day of prayer and reflection before resuming the voting. At this time, the voting is between the 2 leading candidates until one reaches the 2/3 majority.

The most important point in all of this is the fact that ultimately, the Holy Spirit is in charge. No one expected John Paul I would die 33 days into his papacy. No one expected a young cardinal from Poland would be named to succeed him, or that John Paul II would serve one of the longest terms in the history of the Church. And very few expected a German cardinal to follow in his footsteps. And although John Paul II's last years were a great witness to the dignity of human suffering, and Pope Benedict XVI has stated many times that a pope could resign if he determined it would be best for the Church, no one expected this day would come. Benedict's witness is one of humility and love for the Church.

I don't think it is an accident that Pope Benedict has made this move during the *Year of Faith*, nor at this time, the beginning of our Lenten period. It took a great leap of faith for him to step aside; faith in the Church and faith in the Holy Spirit; that He will guide the Barque of Peter through these uncharted waters. This decision also comes at the beginning of our Lenten journey in this *Year of Faith*.

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(cont. from previous column) Lent is a time of reflection and conversion for each one of us personally, but also for the Church as a whole. Let us offer our sacrifices and prayers in a special way this lent for our Holy Father Benedict XVI, for the man the Holy Spirit has already selected, for our Church and for ourselves; that we may grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
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. 10th	\$6,990.25	\$8,276.00
Plate for Feb. 10th	442.50	467.07
Heat & Utilities	<u>100.00</u>	<u>255.00</u>
Total	\$7,532.75	\$8,998.07

The second collection came to **\$902.55** and will be used for school expenses and our religious education program.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Thank you to the family of Thomas J. White for the generous donation of \$4,850.00 to Prairie Catholic Schools in his memory. We are very grateful for this gift.**

**Holy Name Raffle Winners for February 2013**  
**\$10.00** - Tim Steger, PdC; Connor Green, Monona; Mike DeMuth, PdC; Butch & Bonnie Boland, PdC; Arlene Willms, PdC.

**\$25.00** - Emily Steger, PdC; Mary Dixon, LaCrosse  
**\$100.00** - Kay Tesar, PdC

**Swiss Steak Dinner Dollar Barrel Winners** - Larry Dahman & Bernard Boylen (\$125. each)

**Bingo Workers for Monday, February 18th:**  
**Check Writer:** Debbie Morovits; **Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman, Sarah Holler & Ruth Klang;  
**Caller:** Duane Rogers or Michael Higgins; **Lunch prepared by** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff;  
**Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Nathan Banasik & Ethan Cummuta

**The yearly deadline for submitting all those little .10 cent labels is fast approaching.** If you've been saving them throughout the year now is the time to get them turned in. I need to have them all cut and counted into 50 count bags and mailed by **FRI-DAY, MARCH 1ST.** You can drop them off in the big blue boxes at the entrances of both churches, and schools, or my home 328 N. Beaumont. I'm hoping this years shipment puts us over the \$16,000 earned in free \$\$\$\$\$. Many, many thanks for helping Prairie Catholic Schools with this wonderful program.

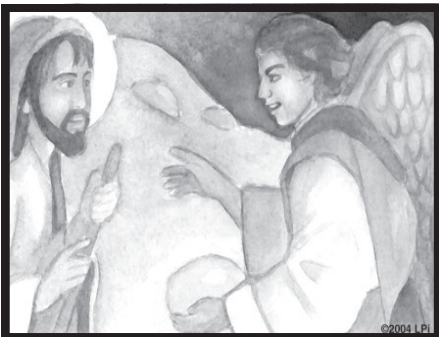
Mrs. Rhonda St. Stubbe, Coordinator

**School News...** Prairie Catholic School held its annual ski trip on Wednesday, February 6th. This was rescheduled from Friday of Catholic Schools Week because of frigid temperatures. We had a beautiful day on the slopes for our 5th through 8th grade students. For many of our 5th graders, this was their first experience with skiing. The Mt. LaCrosse instructors provided lessons for our students. The upper classmen always look forward to this field trip. The day was enjoyed by everyone and everything went well.

I would like to thank our school secretary, Mrs. Ziel, for all her hard work organizing the paperwork for this trip. I would also like to thank the teachers and parent chaperones who attended and made the day go smoothly. *Mrs. Pattison*

**Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."**

-Lk 4:1-3



**Swiss Steak Dinner**

<b>Income</b>	
Dinner Ticket Sales	\$6,926.50
Dollar Barrel	500.00
Packer Envelope Sales	100.00
Total	\$7,526.50

<b>Expenses</b>	
Food expenses	\$2,686.89
Advertising	200.40
Tickets & Mailing	283.43
Dollar Barrel	250.00
Total	\$3,420.72

**PROFIT \$4,105.78**

**Thank you to all who attended the Swiss Steak Dinner. Also to all who baked and donated pies; thanks to the Youth Group for assisting in many tasks helping where needed and to all others that came and donated their time.**

**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 first week for these names. Jeffery & Tammy DuCharme, Gary & Judy Knickerbocker, Gerald & Judy Kuchenbecker, Daniel & Sheila Linder, Thomas Mara, Donald & Patsy McGuire, Earl & Janette Nicholson, Robert & Victoria Samples, Vicki Taylor

**PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
 St. John's Middle School  
 2ND TERM HONOR ROLL**

**6th Grade High Honors:** Lauren Kennedy, Alexis Nolan, Caitlin Pattison

**6th Grade Honors:** Gracie Colson, Faith Dillman, Clayton DuCharme, Preston Hendrix, Weston Hill, Anthony Irvin, Morgan Kiesau, Peggy Koresh, Joshua Linder, Brytta Sagedahl, Ben Teynor, Kylee Weber

**7th Grade High Honors:** Evan Boisvert, Isabella Cummuta, Bailey Ottaway

**7th Grade Honors:** Breann Holler, Renae Irvin, Paige Severson, Kama Tesar

**8th Grade High Honors:** Jacob Mara, Wesley Schwager, Mariah Slaght, Evan Teynor

**8th Grade Honors:** Nathan Banasik, Jonathan Dyer, Eric Nolan, Nathaniel Oehler, Madeline Peterson, Chas Sagedahl, Emily Steger, Andrew Waller

## 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**

E-mail Addresses: [sgp@prairiecatholic.org](mailto:sgp@prairiecatholic.org)  
[lgratace@prairiecatholic.org](mailto:lgratace@prairiecatholic.org)

Website: [www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org)  
[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.