

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish
Sunday, February 24

1:00 pm JWalkers Ski trip to Mt. LaCrosse.

6:30 pm Faith Alive Class at St. John's

Monday, February 25

10:00 am Faith Alive class at St. John's

7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, February 26

Wednesday, February 27

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

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

Thursday, February 28

Adoration after the 8:15 am

Mass at St. John's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, March 1

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

9:00 am World Day of Prayer at St. Peter Evan. Lutheran Church -
Coffee Hour at 9:00 am - Service begins at 10:00 am

5:00 - 7:30 pm Fish Fry in St. John's Hall

Saturday, March 2

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Sunday, March 3

Coffee & Rolls will be served in St. Gabriel's School Hall plus drawing for the Lottery Calendar & Holy Name Raffle after the 8:00 am Mass

6:30 pm Sgt. Kyle Teynor will be giving a presentation on Meth in St. Gabriel's School Hall. All parents and high school students are invited to this valuable presentation. We will be serving taco's in the bag with all the trimmings.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

**HOLY FAMILY
FISH FRY**

St. John's Hall
Friday, March, 1st
5:00-7:30 pm

Adults - \$9.00

6-12 - \$4.00

Under 6 are Free

Grilled Cheese & Fries for
those 12 and under - \$1.00

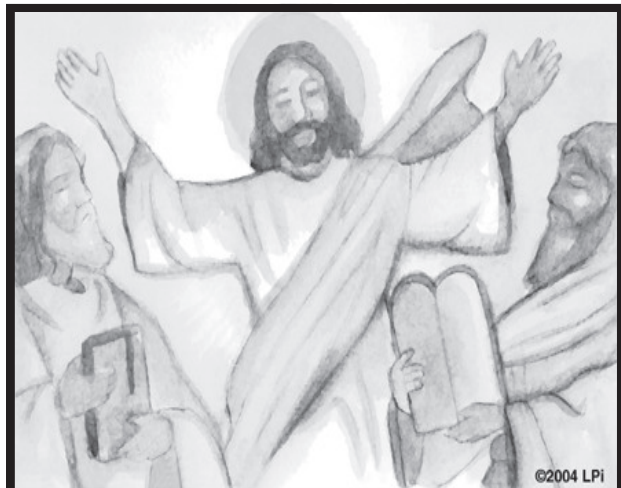
Deep Fried Cod or Broiled

Baked Potato or Fries

Coleslaw & Bars

ALL ARE INVITED!

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. - Lk 9:29-31



February 24, 2013, 2nd Sunday of Lent

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 2/3

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

Eucharistic Ministers-March 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Doscocil, Laura Meyer,
 Tom Steiner
 Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Karen Fritsche,
 Mary Osterhaus

Home Communion Ministers for March 3rd:

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-March 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Paige & Ryan Severson
 Paige Schneider & Spencer
 Pedretti
 Sunday 8:00 am Claire & Ben Teynor
 Frankee & Harlee Eastman

Lectors-March 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Arlene Willms
 Sunday 8:00 am Eric Teynor

Ushers-March 2/3

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-March 2/3

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider, Rhonda
 Stubbe
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 2/3

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

Eucharistic Ministers-March 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka
 Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner,
 Barbara Frommelt

Home Communion Ministers for March 3rd:

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

Servers-March 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Nick & Matt Rogge
 Austin & Ashley Mezera
 Sunday 10:00 am Eric & Alexis Nolan
 Caitlin Nolan & Matthew Chase

Lectors-March 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn
 Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

Ushers-March 2/3

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-March 2/3

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski, Melissa Reilly
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

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| Monday, February 25 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday, February 26 | St. John's Church | 8:15 am | Patricia Tiller: by Frank Tiller |
| Wednesday, February 27 | St. Gabriel's Church | 8:15 am | Lawrence David: by Dorothy Mumm |
| Thursday, February 28 | St. John's Church | 8:15 am | Robert A. Waller: by Damaris Pintz |
| Friday, March 1 | St. Gabriel's Church | 8:15 am | Eileen Cornwell: by Family |
| Saturday, March 2 | St. Gabriel's Church | 4:00 pm | For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor |
| Saturday, March 2 | St. John's Church | 7:00 pm | Mary Nash: by Family |
| Sunday, March 3 | St. Gabriel's Church | 8:00 am | Gene & Bea McGrath: by Family |
| Sunday, March 3 | St. John's Church | 10:00 am | Jose & Lucena Teves: by Elsa Fishler |

Holy Family Parish

Year of Faith Diocesan Article

What is the connection between faith and our future glory?

Many people think that the Church's season of Lent is supposed to only be a time of penance and fasting. The people who see Lent this way may find it a bit startling that during this time of penance and fasting and abstaining from meat we would read a Gospel that gives us a glimpse of not only the glory of Jesus, but of the future glory that we in faith expect to have. It's a sweet treat that can seem out of place at this time in the Church year. Let's take a closer look.

In Genesis God took Abram, a man almost 90 years old and without children, and told him to look up at the stars and try to count them. God promised Abram that as numerous as the stars are, so will the number of his descendants be. This was a glimpse of great future hope for a man who thought that he would have no heirs to pass his possessions on to. His faith was credited to him as an act of righteousness because faith can be so difficult to have when we, like Abram, see only hopelessness, or pain, or suffering in front of us. Every day, every minute can seem like Lent—fasting, abstinence, repentance. Sometimes the sufferings we undergo, even in our own Lenten observances such as fasting, can seem to have no purpose, or make no sense. But in his despair, Abram kept faith in the Lord's promise to him, and the Lord was his light and salvation, his life's refuge.

In Philippians St. Paul said that our citizenship is in Heaven. We do not belong to this earthly existence; this is not all that there is. He tells us to have faith; direct our lives, our joys, and our sufferings to the same Lord Abram had faith in, the same Lord who is our light and our salvation—our life's refuge. St. Paul wants us to know that fasting, repentance, and suffering are important and at times necessary for us, but they are nothing if they are not transfigured in Christ. They mean nothing if they do not lead to a growing and expanding faith in the Lord. Our suffering and pain and loss are nothing if they are not transfigured in Christ. Only in our faith in God do we get a glimpse of the glory of God and the future glory that we will share in when our lives are transfigured.

In Luke Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While He was praying His face changed in appearance and His clothing became a dazzling white. And two men were conversing with Him. It was Moses and Elijah who also appeared in glory. Peter and his companions saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with Him. Then a cloud overshadowed them and from the cloud came a voice that said; *this is my chosen Son: listen to him; believe in Him; have faith in Him.*

Lent is a time of fasting and repentance, but it also a time of building our faith. Lent is—more than anything else—a time of prayer, listening in faith to Jesus in His suffering and in His glory. Why is it, that only two weeks into our Lenten fast and penance, we get a glimpse of our future glory? (cont. on next column)

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Abram put his faith in the Lord, and it was credited it to him as an act of righteousness. With Abram we see the beginning of faith in God, and with the transfiguration of Jesus we see a glimpse of our future glory if we have faith. Through it all, Jesus is there, from beginning to end, in the good times and in the not so good times. Jesus is the beginning and the end of our faith. As members of Christ's Body we look forward to a share in that glory which first appeared in Christ. The sufferings of the present time are as nothing to the future glory that is to be revealed in us. God told Abram in his old age to have faith that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. We are his descendants in faith. Next time you look up at the stars; remember that one of those stars that Abram saw was shining for you.

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> |
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| Envelopes for Feb. 17th | \$8,654.00 | \$7,644.15 |
| Plate for Feb. 17th | 522.65 | 625.11 |
| Heat & Util. Envelopes | <u>195.00</u> | <u>.00</u> |
| Total | \$9,371.65 | \$8,269.26 |

The second collection came to **\$517.51** and will be used for school expenses and religious education expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Box Tops - If you have any of the box tops labels that you have been saving - please turn them in to the school offices or drop them off in the containers at the entrances of both churches or to Rhonda Stubbe by this Tuesday, February 26th. They need to be mailed by March 1st.



Bingo winners from Monday, February 18th:
\$25.00 - Sue Breuer, Sandy McCoy, Melody Igou, Christine Gramlich; \$30.00 - Nancy Bolton; \$45.00 - June Petsche; \$100.00 (the following each received \$25.00) - Roger Goodman, Walter Ready, Jr., Bill Benoy, Jeanne Moris; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Virginia Meana; **50/50 Winner (\$50.50)** - Rosie Hager

Bingo Workers for Monday, February 25th:
Check Writer: Sheri Kennedy; **Callers** - Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Floor Workers** - Sue Groom, Karen Fischer, Melanie Schneider; **Home & School Lunch stand Workers** - Parents of Jonathan Dyer & Harold Lochner

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES
10 March; St. Gabriel's, Prairie du Chien
2:00 pm Healing Service, 3:00 pm Reconciliation Service
13 March; St. Mary's, Gays Mills, 7:00 pm
18 March; St. Wenceslaus, Eastman, 7:00 pm

FROM THE DIOCESE.....If you are going to celebrate your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year you are invited to a **50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop William Patrick Callahan**. Each couple will receive a special invitation from the Bishop. The dates and locations of this year's events are: June 30th at Christ the King Chapel in LaCrosse, August 4th at St. Mary's in Altoona and August 25th at St. Bronislava in Plover. Please call your rectory office and let us know if you are interested in attending.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 S. Michigan St. on Friday, March 1st. Coffee will be served at 9:00 am with worship beginning at 10:00 am. You are invited to come & join us.



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: 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

SCHOOL NEWS.....Prairie Catholic 2nd graders recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was an exciting day as they put into practice what they have been learning about sin, penance, and God's forgiveness.

As we move through the season of Lent, the 2nd graders will be learning how prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can bring them "New Life." The students have come up with a list of things they will work on as a group to help them grow in holiness, as well as making personal sacrifices to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

As the children prepare for their First Communion they will continue to grow in their understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. Please pray for our 2nd graders as they continue on their journey to know and follow Jesus.

Mrs. Wachuta

Sunday, March 3rd, Sgt. Kyle Teynor will do a presentation on Meth. This will be held in St. Gabriel's School Hall at 6:30 pm. All parents and high school students are invited to this valuable presentation. We will be serving Taco's in the bag and all the trimmings.

Friends & Family are invited to an Open House celebrating Pat Wachuta's 90th Birthday on Sunday, March 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Prairie du Chien Town Hall, 33890 Hwy 35 (across from and north of Cabela's.) Your presence is the best gift.. (Hosted by Pat's children.)

DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER? PLEASE INFORM YOUR PARISH OFFICE OF THE CHANGE. THANK YOU.

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
lgratace@prairiecatholic.org

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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.