

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish Sunday, January 6

Holy Name meeting after the 8:00 am Mass plus drawing for the Holy Name Raffle plus the Lottery Calendar Winners
Coffee & Rolls will be served

11:30 am to 4:00 pm Holy Family will host Rich Curran, a motivational & inspirational speaker for our high school students in St. Gabriel's School Hall

Monday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 8

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

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

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Council meeting

Friday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

Sunday, January 13



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404

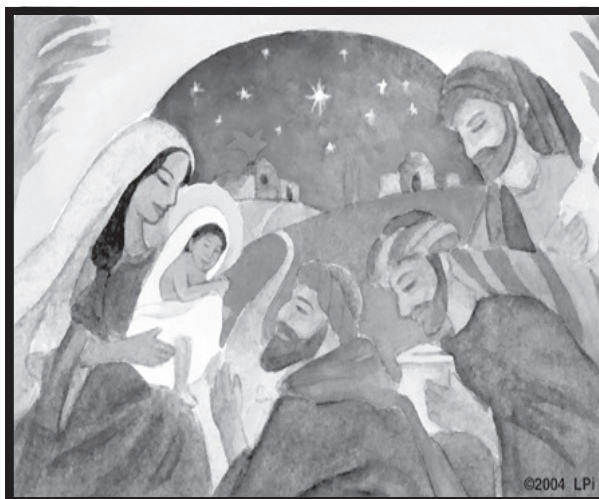


St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

***"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."***

- Mt 2:6



January 6, 2013 - Epiphany of the Lord

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Jackie Stram Family
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-January 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Howard
 Gillitzer & Lyle Marfilus
 Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Becky Henry,
 Megan Pedretti

Home Communion Ministers for January 13th

Nancy DuCharme

Servers-January 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Mitchell & Brady Luster
 Kaitlyn & Andrew Waller
 Sunday 8:00 am Sam & Molly Peterson
 Zachary & Aaron Neisius

Lectors-January 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra
 Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee

Ushers-January 12/13

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

Scrip Workers-January 12/13

Saturday 4:00 pm Tammy DuCharme
 Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-January 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle & Barb Frommelt
 Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara Family

Eucharistic Ministers-January 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger
 Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Verna Panka &
 Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for January 13th

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barb
 Frommelt

Servers-January 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Bailey Ottaway & Karly Jaynes
 Gina & Angela Sebastian
 Sunday 10:00 am Emily Trautsch & Lauren
 Kennedy
 Elizabeth Carlson & Ellie Mara

Lectors-January 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik
 Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

Ushers-January 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff,
 John Rickleff
 Sunday 10:00 am Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik, Ron
 Trautsch

Scrip Workers-January 12/13

Saturday 7:00 pm Sarah or Steve Holler, Deanna
 Koresh
 Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 7 NO MASS

Tuesday, January 8	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Wendy Garrity: by JoAnn Shea
Wednesday, January 9	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Laurayne Prew: by Chris & Barb Neises
Thursday, January 10	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Mary Nash: by John & Catherine Sherman
Friday, January 11	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Donald A. Slama: by Family
Saturday, January 12	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Peter & Catherine Ambrose; by Dorothy Baures
Saturday, January 12	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	Violet Graap & Marie Rippel: by Lora Chamberlain
Sunday, January 13	St. Gabriel's Church	8:00 am	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, January 13	St. John's Church	10:00 am	Timothy Cipra: by Albena Sutton

Holy Family Parish

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At this time of year, it is normal for us to take on New Year's resolutions. We do this each year, and while it is natural for us to focus on the physical because we can measure our progress in terms of money in the bank, debt paid down or pounds lost, etc. our Holy Father reminds us not to forget the spiritual aspect of our lives. We are especially called to do this during this *Year of Faith* Pope Benedict has invited us into. Because we are matter and spirit, we need to an approach that tackles both body and soul.

How do we further the development of the life of faith? This is not an easy question to answer, but it is an important question to ask. Because in asking the question, we acknowledge we are a work in progress and not a finished project. In fact, there is no such thing as a completely mature, completely fulfilled Christian. In this life we are constantly called to conversion, and will never be finished until we are home in heaven.

In this conversion walk, we need guidelines. One that will serve us well no matter which sphere of life we are developing comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "*let nothing separate you from the love of Christ*" (Romans 8:35). If we follow this principal, no matter what comes our way; good or bad, success or failure, they can draw us closer to Christ. Often we put our own spin on things, and this is not bad. But what happens when we fail or when bad things happen? These things do not mean God has withdrawn, they do not mean that God doesn't care about us or our loved ones. With this as a guide we can challenge ourselves, setting goals that will stretch us in every way, always certain that ultimately God is in charge, and He desires only one thing; our salvation. May God bless you and your loved ones throughout the New Year.

Fr. Jim

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Congratulations. This has been a record year in terms of the time needed to meet our goal and the percentage of our families that have participated. We met the goal of \$35,839 in about 4 weeks. We also have had just over 34% of our families respond to date. In the years past, we have had around 25% respond, so this is a healthy sign of our parish life. With this response, we should not have an increase in what we ask next year. We will continue to strive to increase the percentage of those responding, however. If we can increase this to a respectable 75% to 80%, which can be done (I have seen over 95% at 3 different parishes) we can continue with successful campaigns. Remember, it is still not too late to participate. All responses are welcome, no matter what the contribution. If you are in need of a reply card, let the office know and we will get one out to you. Thank you for your support.

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, Sena Breuer, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Adam Heiring, Tom White, Roger Pellock, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Mary Kann, Ethel Sebastian, Don Walters, Jeff Krohn & Leone Peloch.

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. 30th	10,133.00	\$7391.00
Plate for Dec. 30th	958.17	1129.80
Total	<u>\$11,091.17</u>	<u>\$8,520.80</u>

The second collection came to **\$956.16** and will be used for school expenses and Religious Education expenses.

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
New Years Collection	\$2,484.63	\$1,813.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

At The Advertisers

LOOK Supporting Our Church Bulletin

Our advertisers make our bulletin possible each week and we really appreciate them.



The bingo workers for Monday, January 7th are as follows: **Check Writer:** John Fischer; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Betty Fischer, Peggy Fischer; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Lunch Provided by:** Tammy Cram & Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Taylor Lutz & Ryan McGrath

Thank you to everyone who has been saving ink cartridges for our school. This past year we have received \$4,665.00 from these cartridges for our school which includes \$860.00 from Staples in on line credits. We would also like to thank Jerry & Rose Wright for coordinating this for us. Keep on saving - As you can see these cartridges really add up.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We read about the magi bringing gifts to the Christ child. Give the gift of time and yourselves to your spouse; sign up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament so that it can flourish and reflect God's love. Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 25-27 in Brookfield, WI; February 8-10 in Crystal Lake, IL and April 5-7 in Madison, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2013

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

WELCOME FR. JEROME...Fr. Jerome will be visiting Holy Family Parish for the next week.

Tickets for our 1st Annual CAR & CASH drawing can be purchased at both rectories and schools or from Mary Neisius (326-2366) Your chance to win a 2012 Ford Focus, \$5,000.00 or \$500.00. \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Only 2500 tickets will be sold.

Those who donated money for our Christmas flowers can now pick up a poinsettia to take home with you. Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Flower Fund.

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS....Your annual contribution statement will be mailed to you before January 31, 2013. A reminder that your contribution statement for the Annual Appeal & We Belong to Christ Campaign will be sent you from the Diocesan office.

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.

Irene Beneker, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Janette DuCharme, Nancy DuCharme, Janice Duve, Karen Fritsche, Dr. Michael & Mary Ann Garrity, Jeanine Mara, Audrey Mara, Nick Nugent, Amanda Pettit, Joan Poots, Cecilia Steinberg, Alben Sutton, Jerry & Rose Trautsch, Robert & Linda Vance, Donald & Lucille Walters, Gerald & Rose Wright.

Reminder: Check out our website at www.prairiecatholic.org You can read the weekly bulletin or the weekend homily. Check out what's going on in our school, calendar of upcoming events and all sorts of information.

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

Website: www.prairiecatholic.org
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.