

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

**Daylight Savings Begins
SPRING FORWARD!**

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, March 10

2:00 PM Healing Service at St. Gabriel's

3:00 pm Reconciliation service at St. Gabriel's

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

Monday, March 11

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

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

Tuesday, March 12

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, March 13

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

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

Thursday, March 14

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

6:00 pm Finance Council will meet in St. John's Church Hall

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

8:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's

Sunday, March 17

10:45 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day Dinner in St. Gabriel's Hall - Hickory Smoked Ham and all the trimmings in St. Gabriel's Hall

Next weekend is the non-perishable food collection for our local food pantry. There are containers in the back of both churches for this monthly collection. Thank you to all who support this worthy cause.

**Holy Family Parish
St. Patrick's Dinner
March 17, 2013**

**St. Gabriel's Hall
Hickory Smoked Ham
10:45 am to 1:00 pm
Adults - 8.00 in advance
\$8.50 at the door
Children under 12 - \$4.00
Carryouts Available**

ALL ARE INVITED



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



**LAETARE SUNDAY
REJOICE!**

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" - Lk 15:31-32



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March 10, 2013 - 4th Sunday of Lent

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 16/17

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

Eucharistic Ministers-March 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 March 17

Eileen Hermsen, Sheila Linder

Servers-March 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Katie Welsch & Bryce Bedward
 Kama & Lizzie Tesar
 Sunday 8:00 am Made & Jack Peterson
 Josh & Jonah Linder

Lectors-March 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose
 Sunday 8:00 am Joe Atkins

Ushers-Marc 16/17

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

Scrip Workers-March 16/17

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch & Vicki Waller
 Sunday 8:00 am Jenni or Brad Linder

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 16/17

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

Eucharistic Ministers-March 16/17

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

Home Communion Ministers for March 17

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

Servers-March 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Peggy Koresh & Emily Steger
 Kierstyn Rogers & Elizabeth
 Carlson
 Sunday 10:00 am Kylee Weber & Ella Hager
 Brytta & Chas Sagedahl

Lectors-March 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser
 Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

Ushers-March 16/17

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

Scrip Workers-March 16/17

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11	NO MASS		
Tuesday, March 12	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Vulmar Bohnenkamp: by Lorraine Bierman
Wednesday, March 13	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Eli Shedivy: by Beth Scheckel
Thursday, March 14	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Deceased members of the Roger G. Steiner Family: by Lora & Richard Chamberlain
Friday, March 15	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Lawrence David: by Family & Friends
Saturday, March 16	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Clara Shulka: by Dorothy Baures
Saturday, March 17	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, March 18	St. Gabriel's Church	8:00 am	Wendy Garrity: by Mike Smith Family
Sunday, March 19	St. John's Church	10:00 am	Don Shea: by JoAnn Shea

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

To join the call to prayer for Life, Marriage and religious Liberty, go to:
www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty

Pledge to fast on Fridays at www.usccb.org/fast

To learn more about the challenges to religious liberty and conscience rights, go to:
www.usccb.org/conscience

To have your group or organization send postcards through 'Project Life and Liberty'
 go to: www.usccb.org/postcards

Holy Family Parish

Diocese of La Crosse Year of Faith series

How do we “come to our senses” and find inner joy and peace from the Lord?

Jesus teaches us about God’s mercy and forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son. We can relate to the lost son’s experiences of unhappiness and loss of peace when we walk away from the love of our Heavenly Father through sin. We can “come to our senses” and regain inner joy and peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let’s take a closer look.

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church observes what is commonly known as Laetare Sunday or “Rejoice Sunday, from words taken from the entrance antiphon for this Mass: “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.”

It’s fitting that on this Laetare or “Rejoice” Sunday—marking the midpoint of Lent—we should have heard this particular Gospel, this beautiful story: the parable of the Prodigal Son. It is an occasion for rejoicing to see how he was lost but “comes to his senses” and returns home. It is a most stirring and emotional parable; in fact, we can say it’s perhaps the best known and most loved of the Lord’s parables.

In this parable, of course, we see how the young man, filled with himself, truly insults his father when he goes to him and says, “Give me my share of the inheritance.” In other words: “To me, you are dead. I don’t want to wait until you actually are dead—I want my money now.” So it’s a pronounced insult to the father, yet the father acquiesces to the young man’s request, and off the son goes.

Of course, as the Lord so movingly relates, the young man loses all of his money and is left destitute. But he “comes to his senses.” What a wonderful phrase that is: “coming at last to his senses.” The son returns to his father in humility, and he is restored fully to his father’s good grace. This is an act of the father, the loving father, who welcomes him back and even runs out to meet him.

This parable, this beautiful parable of the prodigal son—or, you might better say of the “merciful father”—is so rightly and fittingly placed here in the midst of the Lenten season: this halfway point, when we have desired—by our works of penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—to conform our hearts and our lives more perfectly to the Lord. And here we have this beautiful story of forgiveness of the father. So this parable is given not just to those scribes and Pharisees of 2000 years ago, but to us today. It is given to you and to me, so that we can return to our Heavenly Father humbly and confess our sins, after “coming to our senses” and recognizing our sins. We might then be fully restored through the Sacrament of Penance to the right relationship with God, finding inner joy and peace so that, like the Prodigal Son, we who are dead might be given life, that we who have been.

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, Lavonne Laskaskie, Jerry Cummings, and Gary Adams.

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 March 3rd	\$11,435.00	\$11,322.00
Plate for March 3rd	<u>514.81</u>	<u>513.05</u>
Total	\$11,949.81	\$11,835.05

The second collection came to **\$1,674.10** and will be used for school expenses and religious education expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 5-7 in Madison, WI; May 17-19 in Brookfield, WI and June 7-9 in Rockford, IL Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

**St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
St. Gabriel’s School Hall
Sunday, March 17th
10:45 am to 1:00 pm**



Bingo Winners from Monday, March 4th:
\$25.00 - Annabelle Stubbe; \$30.00 - Helen Upton;
\$45.00 - June Petsche; \$100.00 - Alice Schlitter;
Progressive Jackpot Winner (\$566.00) - Roger
Goodman; **50/50 Winner (\$53.50)** - Terry Crabtree

The bingo workers for Monday, March 11th are:
Check Writer: Deb Schultz; **Floor Workers:** Pam
Kiesau, Becky Rooney; **Caller:** Bill Schultz;
Lunch Provided by: Char Steger; **Lunch Stand
Workers:** Parents of Jacob Mara & Nathaniel
Oehler

Holy Name Raffle Winners for March 2013

\$10.00 - Emily Steger, PdC; Bob Gillitzer, Fort Atkin-
son; Pam Eulgem, PdC; Marcie Boland, Marquette;
Brad Steiner, PdC. **\$25.00** - John Rink, PdC; Arden
Parker, PdC; **\$100.00** - Paul O. White, PdC

Thank you to all who attended our Fish Fry
last Friday and to all the workers who made this
delicious meal possible. The raffle winners at the
Fish Fry: **Money Barrel (\$136.00 ea)** - Mick
Rooney & Julian DeGidio; **Basket Variety w/
videos** - Butch Pedretti; **2 gift cards from Har-
dees, towel & candy** - Matt Check & Lana Gra-
tace; **3 Ceramic Easter Baskets with Eggs** -
Tammy Otteson, Betty Standorf, Esther Hamann

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 **spe-
cial 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. Bron-
islava in Plover. Please call your rectory office
and let us know if you are interested in attending
so we can submit your name to the Diocese.

REMINDER: Pie tins are in the back
of both churches for those wanting to
bake pies for our St. Patrick's Day Din-
ner next Sunday, March 17th.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - 2012/2013
We would like to thank the following parish-
ioners 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:

Helen Fernette, Delores Fischer, Margaret
Fischer, Vicki Sebastian, David & Amy Young,
Steve & Rebecca Henry, Thomas & Barbara
Stram.

Lottery Sweepstake Calendar Winners

\$100.00 - Bill Konichak, Portland, OR; Dee
Errthum, Columbia, WI; Ty Neises, Longmont ,
CO; John Forst, PdC; Melissa Hameister, Janes-
ville. WI

\$50.00 - Tim Wagner, McGregor; Shawn & Susie
Boeke, Guttenberg; Mary Gann, Dunkerton, IA;
Maria Titlbach, PdC; Todd Koresh, PdC

\$25.00 - Marilee Millin, Patch Grove; Pete Prew,
PdC; Robert Formanek, LaCrosse; Wanda Peters,
Bloomington; Lindsey Krachey, PdC; Gary A. Lo-
renz, Wauzeka; Gary J. Errthum, Columbia, WI;
Lindsey Krachey, PdC; Valarie Connell, Ames, IA;
Elmer Wisnefsky, PdC; Bill Schultz, Steuben;
Anita Steger, PdC; Diane & Dave Sutton, Wauna-
kee, WI; Terry Mezera, Ixonia, WI; Roxie Shipley,
PdC; Jack & Mary Ann Leake, PdC; Doran Kir-
schbaum, PdC; Wolf Machine (employees), PdC;
Sean McGrath, PdC; Karen A. Stagman, PdC

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God, **Journey
Joshua Stark**, son of Joshua & Maureen (Mara)
Stark through the Sacrament of Baptism. May
God continue to bless **Journey Joshua** and his
family.

Easter Flower Fund If you would like
to make a donation to the "Easter
Flower Fund" at the parishes in mem-
ory of a loved one, you can do so by
placing your donation in a plain envelope
marked "Easter Flowers" and place it
in the parish collection.

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.