

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, March 24

6:30 pm Faith Alive in St. John's Church

Monday, March 25

10:00 am Faith Alive Group will meet at St. John's
7:00 pm Bingo at St. Gabriel's School Hall

Tuesday, March 26

10:30 am Chrism Mass - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, LaCrosse

Wednesday, March 27

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

7:00 pm Live Stations of the Cross presented by the JWalkers at St. John's Church

Thursday, March 28

No morning Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. Gabriel's Parish

Friday, March 29

No morning Mass

1:30 pm Good Friday Services at St. John's

8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at St. John's

Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. John's Church

Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Easter Mass at St. Gabriel's Parish

10:00 am Easter Mass at St. John's Parish



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. -Lk 19:36, 37b



March 24, 2013 - Palm Sunday

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Holy Thursday Services - March 28 - 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe & Sharon Atkins, Howard Gillitzer;

Lector : Mark Grunwald;

Servers: Ben & Evan Teynor, Morgan Kiesau & Anthony Irvin

Ushers: John Chaffee, Stu Bosworth, Richard Steiner, Don Osterhaus

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 31

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-March 31

Sunday 8:00 am Jeri Kluesner, Rhonda Stubbe, Nick Nugent

Home Communion Ministers for March 31:

Nancy DuCharme

Servers-March 31

Sunday 8:00 am Frank & Harlee Eastman
Josh & Jonah Linder

Lectors-March 31

Sunday 8:00 am Ann Grunwald

Ushers-March 31

Sunday 8:00 am Don Osterhaus, Mark Hamann, John Gillitzer, Jerry Matousek

SCRIP WILL NOT BE SOLD NEXT WEEKEND.

You can always purchase it at the parish rectories during regular office hours.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for

Good Friday Services - March 29 - 1:30 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Doris Krogman, Barb Frommelt, Verna Panka;

Lector: Jeanette Steiner & Rita Krahn

Servers: Eric & Alexis Nolan, Emily Steger & Caitlin Nolan

Ushers: Merle Frommelt, Don Roh, Ron Trautsch & Bernie Mayer

Offertory Gift Bearers-March 30/31

Saturday 8:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-March 30/31

Saturday 8:00 pm Tim Steger, Deanne Hromadka & Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Donna Steiner, & Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for March 31st

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick & Merle & Barb Frommelt

Servers-March 30/31

Saturday 8:00 pm Jack Stoeffler & Wesley Schwager

Nathan Banasik & Nathan Specht

Sunday 10:00 am Josh & Jon Dyer, Jacob & Ellie Mara

Lectors-March 30/31

Saturday 8:00 pm Sarah Mezera

Sunday 10:00 am Norb Aschom

Ushers-March 30/31

Saturday 8:00 pm Bernard Mayer, Tim Looney, Don Roh & Doug Rickleff

Sunday 10:00 am Mark & Chad Mara, Mike Mara & Dennis Mezera

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25 NO MASS

Tuesday, March 26 **St. John's Church** 8:15 am Bob Matejka:
by Chris & Shannon Matejka

Wednesday, March 27 **St. Gabriel's Church** 8:15 am Gabrielle Fritsche:
by Karen Fritsche & Family

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28 **St. Gabriel's Church** 7:00 pm Fred & Marcella Zins:
by Linda Ginkel & Family

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29 **St. John's Church** 1:30 pm Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 **St. John's Church** 8:00 pm Tenebrae Service

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 30 **St. John's Church** 8:00 pm Priest's Intention

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31 **St. Gabriel's Church** 8:00 am Priest Intention

Sunday, March 31 **St. John's Church** 10:00 am Priest Intention

Holy Family Parish

Habemus Papam! We Have a Pope!

White smoke billowed from the small smokestack atop the Sistine Chapel at 1:10 p.m. (7:10 p.m. Rome time) on Wednesday, March 13th. This is the traditional announcement to the world that the Church has a new Pope!

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., of Buenos Aires, Argentina was elected as Pope by his fellow Cardinals. The election of our new Holy Father took place on the second day of the Conclave, on the fifth ballot. He has taken the name Francis, after Saint Francis of Assisi in his desire to invoke the simplicity of that saint and his concern for the poor.

In his first act as Pope, Francis led all to pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for his predecessor, Benedict XVI. Pope Francis is the 266th successor of St. Peter, who was chosen by Jesus Christ to be the head of the Catholic Church. It is interesting to note that he has already set a precedent in three ways. He is the first Jesuit Pope, the first Pope from South America, and the first Pope to take the name Francis.

In watching Pope Francis emerge on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, it is obvious that he is a humble, gentle man who emanates joy as a person totally committed to Jesus Christ. After greeting the people in Italian: "Brothers and sisters, good evening," he said, "As you know the duty of the conclave is to give Rome a bishop. It seems that my brother cardinals went almost to the end of the earth to find him." The enthusiasm was explosive as the crowd of more than 100,000 pilgrims in the Vatican Square chanted "*Viva il Papa*".

Pope Francis then asked the crowd for a favor: a moment of prayer for him. In the vast crowd of people in the Vatican Square and all the way down the main boulevard, there was complete silence. This time was not simply an interval without noise but an incredible moment of intense spiritual closeness as all bowed their head and prayed fervently to God for our new Shepherd. It was so stunningly quiet that ABC News thought that they had lost their audio! The new Vicar of Christ, a gentleman with great intelligence and a deep spiritual life, is well-known in Latin America where 40% of the world's Catholics live. There have been tears of joy in the streets as the people of South America rejoice over the new "Pope of the People." Pope Francis is known for his simple way of life, living in a small, modest apartment, taking the bus to work, and being a champion of the poor by frequently visiting dangerous slums.

He made a visit on Thursday morning to St. Mary Major, one of the Basilica's of Rome, in order to place a bouquet of flowers in front of her image, entitled Mary, Help of the People of Rome and to spend a good amount of time there in prayer.

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We know from his pastoral leadership in Argentina that Pope Francis is a strong defender of Catholic teaching, seeking to protect marriage and family life, and is a strong champion for children, including the unborn. He is impassioned to make the Church present to the people of the world. In speaking to the Cardinals on Friday, Pope Francis said, "We must continue the mission to bring Jesus Christ to all men and to bring all men to an encounter with Christ, Who is 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life.' The Holy Spirit gives new methods to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The world is desperate for Christ, the only Savior of men. This is still valid as it was at the beginning of Christianity."

Office of Catechesis & Evangelization, Diocese of La Crosse

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, Earl Whittle, Tara Pellock, Lavonne Laskaskie, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Rita Wafer, Marguerite Begnoche, and Jill Spinna.

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 17th	\$10,187.06	\$8,177.00
Plate for March 17th	627.86	597.25
Total	\$10,814.92	\$8,774.25

The second collection came to **\$530.65** and will be used for school expenses and our religious education expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ALL ARE INVITED to St. John's at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27th for "**Live Stations of the Cross**" presented by the JWalkers Youth Group



Bingo Winners from Monday, March 18th: \$25.00 - Roxie Shipley, Cathy Bickerton; \$100.00 - June Petsche; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Sandy McCoy; **50/50 Winner (\$39.00)** - JoDee Bedtka

Bingo workers for Monday, March 25th: **Check Writer:** Sheri Kennedy; **Floor Workers:** Karen Fischer, Sue Groom, Melanie Schneider; **Callers:** Dave Hemmer & Bill Huser; **Food Preparation:** Denise & Larry Rod and Mary Stoeffler; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Chas Sagedahl & Wesley Schwager

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Janice E. Mezera and Donald D. Walters** in your prayers. Janice's funeral was held on Thursday, March 21st at St. Gabriel's and Donald's funeral was held on Friday, March 22nd at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant Janice and Donald eternal life and comfort to their families.

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.

Prayer for our new Pope

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon Saint Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Francis, our Pope and grant that he, whom You have made Peter's successor, may be for Your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY, March 27th

7:00 pm Live Stations of the Cross at St. John's

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th

7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. Gabriel's

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

1:30 pm Services at St. John's

8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at St. John's

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. John's

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

8:00 am Easter Mass at St. Gabriel's

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School News.....With the third quarter quickly coming to a close and the fourth quarter approaching the fifth grade are drawing closer to becoming middle school students. They are finding that as the Easter season comes into view they can celebrate Easter not only on that day, but everyday. On March 13th, they were treated to a field trip to watch the performance of "Young Abe Lincoln." What a great show. They found that President Lincoln was a great student and very eager to learn as much as possible. The Fifth Grade at Prairie Catholic would like to wish every one a Happy Easter.

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:

Tom Halpin, Ann Lessard

Easter Flower Fund If you would like to make a donation to the "Easter Flower Fund" at the parishes in memory 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.