

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie
Maison

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

7:00 pm Education Commit-
tee will meet in St. John's Hall

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls in St.
Gabriel's Hall plus drawing
for the Lottery Sweepstakes
Calendar & Holy Name raffle

Next weekend on April 6th & 7th our second collection will be the annual DCCW Low Sunday Collection. Proceeds from this are used for spirituality days, education, conventions, workshops, leadership training, support and charitable works throughout the Diocese.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



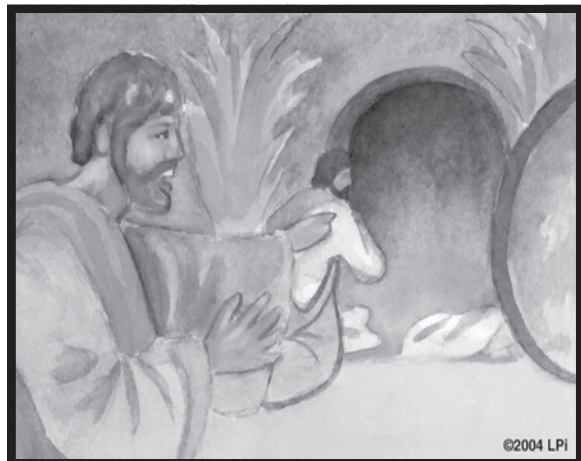
St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

-Jn 20:6-8



March 31, 2013 - Easter Sunday

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 6/7

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

Eucharistic Ministers-April 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Howard Gillitzer, Lyle Marfilus
 Sunday 8:00 am Mark Gilberts, Karen Fritsche, Mary Osterhaus

Home Communion Ministers for April 7:

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-April 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Bryce & Hayley Bedward Dalton & Preston Hendrix
 Sunday 8:00 am Claire & Ben Teynor Evan Teynor & Gabby Toberman

Lectors-April 6/7

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

Ushers-April 6/7

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth, Russell Eulgem, Gene Kirschbaum
 Sunday 8:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus, Dick Tesar

Scrip Workers-April 6/7

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-April 6/7

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

Eucharistic Ministers-April 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka
 Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Patty Schauf-Yager, Barb Frommelt

Home Communion Ministers for April 7:

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

Servers-April 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Garret Young & Peggy Koresh Jenna & Breanna Holler
 Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers Youth Group

Lectors-April 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik
 Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

Ushers-April 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Mark Forsythe, Alex Schaefer
 Sunday 10:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera, Gene Carlson

Scrip Workers-April 6/7

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski & Melissa Reilly
 Sunday 10:00 am Katie Fox

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

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| Monday, April 1 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday, April 2 | St. John's Church | 8:15 am | Bill Betzle: by Family |
| Wednesday, April 3 | St. Gabriel's Church | 8:15 am | Clyde Noggle: by Family & Friends |
| Thursday, April 4 | St. John's Church | 8:15 am | Arleen Gillitzer: by Family |
| Friday, April 5 | St. Gabriel's Church | 8:15 am | Carol Howard: by Butch & Bonnie Boland |
| Saturday, April 6 | St. Gabriel's Church | 4:00 pm | Ryan Long: by Ruth Ertel & Family |
| Saturday, April 6 | St. John's Church | 7:00 pm | Mary Nash: by Maurice & Letty Oehler |
| Sunday, April 7 | St. Gabriel's Church | 8:00 am | For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor |
| Sunday, April 7 | St. John's Church | 10:00 am | Jack Kluesner: by Ralph & Janice Stanek |

Holy Family Parish

Why Personal Encounters with Jesus make all the Difference

My name is Isaiah. I lived 700 years before Jesus was born, but God chose me to tell people about Jesus. When God spoke to me I had to write it all down. There was so much! Once God said, *“Tell the people that the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call Him ‘Immanuel’.”* A virgin with child? Immanuel! This means *“God is with us!”*

There was more... God said, *“The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them....”* But over time God’s message to me began to change: God told me to say, *“I gave my back to those who strike me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.”* What did it mean? Was the Messiah to be treated in such a way? Little by little, the message became clear: our Messiah was to suffer horrible things: He was to be *“despised and forsaken, stricken and afflicted. Pierced through for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities.”* Imagine, a Messiah, who comes as a baby, and then suffers and dies after taking all our sins upon Him! Incredible!

Seven hundred and thirty three years later, Barabbas walked down the street, quite perplexed. ‘I still don’t understand. Why did He take my place? I am a murderer and He was innocent. In the midst of an insurrection that I stirred up against the Roman occupation, I killed people. I caused havoc by rallying a group to my cause and committing robbery. I was caught and convicted of these crimes. My punishment was to be crucifixion – death on a cross during the feast of Passover – so that it would serve as an example to others to be submissive to their rule’.

Well, on the day of the execution I was in a prison cell near Pilate’s palace. A new prisoner was brought in. He had been tortured; with deep gashes all over His body and a crown of thorns was shoved into His head. I could tell that he had never done anything wrong. There was no way He was capable of doing any of the barbaric things I had done.

But he didn’t speak a word to defend Himself – as if He was resigned to receive whatever was inflicted on Him. This Man was causing quite a stir; Pilate seemed to think He was innocent, but the crowd was riled up against Him. I heard the crowd as they yelled out *“Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”* Eventually both of us were taken before the throng of people. It was Pilate’s custom on important occasions to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd, and Pilate wanted them to choose between us. There was no way, you would think, the people would want to let me out to wander freely again. But when Pilate asked, *“Which of the two do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?”* a loud roar of *“Release to us Barabbas”* filled the streets. I couldn’t believe it. It was obvious who the guilty one was.

Then Pilate asked the crowd, *“What shall I do then, with the one you call the King of the Jews?”* *“Crucify Him!”* they shouted back. It is really inconceivable that I am a free man. And suffering unimaginable pain on a cross is this innocent Man. He has taken my place. Those nails should have been hammered into my hands and feet, not His. It certainly wasn’t fair that this Man named Jesus died in my place. I can’t comprehend it and I don’t think I ever will.

Mary Magdalene sat by the tomb weeping because the stone was rolled away and the body of Jesus was gone. A man whom Mary didn’t recognize walked up to her; thinking it was the gardener she said *“Please Sir, if you have taken His body tell me where it is so I can take Him away.”* And Jesus simply said, *“Mary”*. Her eyes were opened and she recognized Jesus in His glorified body. He said to her, *“There’s no need for you to live in fear and despair. You see in Me that death has been swallowed up in victory!”* He told her to go and tell Peter, James, John and the others, but Mary embraced Jesus, hanging onto Him tightly and saying, *“No Lord, I can’t leave your side! Not again. I’m afraid I’ll never see you again.”* So Jesus had to gently push Mary to arm’s length away saying, *“There’s no need to hold on to me Mary, believe me, you’ll never be alone again! I will return to my Father, but I will always be with those who believe in me. I must show myself to my followers. You go to them Mary. Tell them that the Son of Man has risen just as He said He would. Don’t be afraid; go tell them what you’ve seen and heard.”*

The year is two thousand and thirteen. You sit in the pews here trying your best to hold onto your faith in a world that is incredibly hostile to Christians and especially to Catholics. People all around us; our neighbors, coworkers and associates can’t figure out why we believe and worship - it doesn’t make sense to them: A God who would be born as a baby, suffer and die on a cross for our sins, rise from the dead, and appear to people? What’s the difference between those who don’t believe and us who do? Why are we here at Mass today celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead, and they are not?

We are here because each of us have had an encounter with Christ some way, somehow, that has impacted our lives so strongly that we want that relationship with Jesus to be nurtured and to grow. For Isaiah the prophet it was hearing God speak to him about Jesus. For Barabbas it was the realization that Jesus suffered for him. For Mary Magdalene it was recognizing Jesus as her Lord and Savior who would be with her always. What about you? What’s your story? How have you encountered Jesus in prayer, above all in prayerfully reading Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John in the Bible? Why do we believe in Jesus Christ? That, Catholics, is the Easter story we need to share with the people around us.

Diocese of La Crosse, WI

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:
Tom Halpin, Ann Lessard

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC PRE-K

Prairie Catholic will have Pre - K packets available in St. Gabriel school office beginning April 2nd. If you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2013, please consider enrolling in our Pre - K program. Completed paperwork will be due in the office by April 18th. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 326-8624.

Bingo Workers for Monday, April 1st: Check Writer: Debbie Morovits; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Peggy Fischer, Kati Forsythe; **Caller:** Kyle Teynor; **Lunch Provide by:** Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Ryan Severson & Jennifer Slaght.

Practicing Catholic men age nineteen and up are welcome to join the Knight of Columbus. Come grow with us. The Knights live a life of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. These obligations may be fulfilled by lecturing, ushering, parish volunteering and community involvement. Many of you may already be involved, but consider being joined with other Catholic men in voicing respect for life at all stages and supporting our clergy. There are no requirements to purchase insurance nor annuities but the products offered are very competitive. You pay annual dues and volunteer when you can. Pray about joining an organization that serves our Church, community and other special needs while supporting vocations to the religious and priestly formation. Contact Bill Schultz (608-874-4165), John Chaffee, Bernie Mayer or Stu Bosworth for information. If interested, you can obtain an application for induction into the Campion Council by calling 326-5456. The Induction ceremony is scheduled for **Sunday, April 14th** to begin at 1:30, at St John's Campus. Former Knights are welcome to re-join if they left in good standing with the Knights of Columbus. Knights will be handing out information after masses the weekend of April 6-7.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

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| INCOME | |
| Dinner Income | \$3,127.50 |
| Dollar Barrel | 440.00 |
| Donation Basket for carry-out containers | 53.00 |
| Food Sold in kitchen | 408.00 |
| Misc. | <u>180.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$4,208.50 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Advertising | \$ 193.60 |
| Ticket Expense | 123.50 |
| Food Expenses | 2,018.29 |
| Money Barrel | <u>220.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,555.39 |
| 2013 PROFIT | \$1,653.11 |
| 2012 PROFIT | \$1,607.45 |

The money barrel winners were Judy Strnad and Kent & Jennifer Eulgem (110.00 each).

Please note:

The Parish bulletin had to go to press early because of the Easter Holiday so therefore our collection from last weekend will be published in next week's bulletin plus the bingo winners. We will also list the Easter flower memorials in next weekend's bulletin.

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**

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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.