

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mother's Day

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie
Maison

Thursday, May 16

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

6:00 pm Family Life
Committee will meet at Verna
Panka's residence (147 North
Wacouta Ave.)

7:00 pm Holy Family Parish
Council meeting in St. John's
Hall

Friday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 19

Bohemian Celebration
at St. John's - Mass at 10 am
with Polka Music followed
by a delicious Bohemian Din-
ner - Serving from 11:00 to 1:00

6:30 pm JWalkers will meet
at the old soccer fields on St.
Feriele Island

**Our non perishable food col-
lection** for our local food pan-
try will be held next weekend.
There are containers in the
back of both churches. Thank
you to all who continue to sup-
port this worthwhile cause.

Mark Your Calendar:

Summer Bible Camp - June 17-
21 - More information later -
Need volunteers to help -
Contact Jean Ann Dillman at:
Dillman@centurytel.net or 563-
380-0922



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404

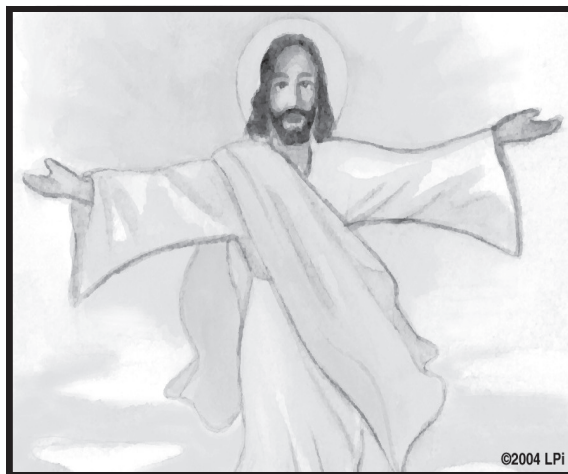


St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

**BOHEMIAN
CELEBRATION**
Sunday, May 19th
10:00 am Mass
with Polka Music
at St. John's Church
Bohemian Dinner
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Smoked Pork Chop
Potato Dumplings
Sauerkraut, Vegetable,
Poppyseed Loaf Bread
Poppyseed Cake

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. - Lk 24:50-53



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May 12, 2013 - Ascension of the Lord

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-May 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-May 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Howard Gillitzer & Laura Meyer

Sunday 8:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Mark Gilberts

Home Communion Ministers for May 19th:

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

Servers-May 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Hayley & Bryce Bedward Dalton & Preston Hendrix

Sunday 8:00 am Frankie & Harlee Eastman Gabby Toberman & Nathan Specht

Lectors-May 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Jeanette Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Rhonda Stubbe

Ushers-May 18/19

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-May 18/19

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Jenni or Brad Linder

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-May 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-May 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Deanne Hromadka

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris Krogman, & Donna Steiner

Home Communion Ministers for May 19th:

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

Servers-May 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Jenna & Breann Holler

Peggy Koresh & Garrett Young

Sunday 10:00 am Josh & Jon Dyer

Paige & Ryan Severson

Lectors-May 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 10:00 am Jerry Cummings

Ushers-May 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer, Alex Schaefer, Tim Looney

Sunday 10:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch, Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

Scrip Workers-May 18/19

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 10:00 am Katie Fox

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13	NO MASS		
Tuesday, May 14	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Lee Millin (ann): by Family
Wednesday, May 15	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Fred Becwar: by Florence Becwar
Thursday, May 16	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Michael Sigler: by Merle & Barb Frommelt
Friday, May 17	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Bob Boland: by Butch & Bonnie Boland
Saturday, May 18	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Bud Fralick: by Ruth Ertel
Saturday, May 18	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	For All Those Entrusted to our Pastor
Sunday, May 19	St. Gabriel's Church	8:00 am	Leone Peloch: by Richard & Verna Panka
Sunday, May 19	St. John's Church	10:00 am	Helen Tarrence: by Family

Holy Family Parish

May is Mary's Month. This article is by Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles

This has been a custom in the Church dating back many centuries. And it is beautiful to associate Mary with the coming of spring and the new birth of flowers and plants and crops in the field. In this special month, in which we will celebrate Christ's Ascension into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, I encourage you to deepen your devotion to Mary.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the beautiful image of the early Church united in prayer around "Mary, the mother of Jesus." That's what Jesus wanted. His last wish — some call it his last will and testament — was that his mother should become our mother. He told the apostle St. John and each one of us: "*Behold, your mother!*"

We need to make sure that Mary always has an important place in our lives. The Gospel says St. John took Mary into his "own home." We need to do that, too, by developing a deep, personal relationship with Mary — one of love, affection, devotion and trust.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus grew in wisdom in the household at Nazareth, with Mary and St. Joseph. We grow in faith and holiness by staying close to Mary. If we listen to her words and learn from her example. At the Annunciation, Mary told the angel, "*Let it be done to me according to your word.*" She made a commitment to cooperate with God's will, to be a "handmaid" to his plan of salvation. I like to think that Jesus learned something of his own attitude of trust in God's will from Mary.

We can hear her faith reflected in the words that Jesus taught his disciples: "*Thy will be done.*" And we can hear how deeply Jesus lived this attitude of abandonment to God's will. On the night he was asked to die for us, he prayed: "*Not my will, but thine be done.*" That's the attitude we need to live as children of God and children of Mary. Like Jesus and like Mary, we need to trust that our heavenly Father knows what is best for us, that he has a plan and a purpose for our lives. We need to say to God in every circumstance, "*Not my will, but thy will be done.*"

We can also learn a lot from Mary's habit of reflecting on the life of her Son. The Gospel says she treasured his words and pondered the meaning of his actions: "*She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.*" In this, too, she can be our model. We should spend some time each day contemplating Jesus' words and deeds through prayerful reading of the Gospels. Like Mary, we should keep his words and example in our hearts. We should pray for the grace we need every day to love her more and to be more like Jesus. We turn to Mary because in her arms we always find Jesus Christ. And in him we have safety and peace.

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Mary teaches us to always look to Jesus. Her last words in the Gospels, at the wedding at Cana, should be the first words that define how we live: "*Do whatever he tells you.*" Mary teaches us to be open to what Jesus wants to do in our lives. She welcomed Jesus into her life and gave him to the world. We, too, should be ready always to bring the gift of Jesus to others.

So in this month of Mary, as we pray for one another, let's all try to take some practical steps to deepen our devotion to Mary. Maybe that means praying the Rosary with more devotion and affection. Maybe it means saying a special Marian prayer, like the *Memorare*. Let us ask Mary's intercession to help us love her as Jesus loved her, and dedicate ourselves to sharing our lives generously with others — as our Blessed Mother did. And let's ask the Virgin Mary to be more and more a mother to us.

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, Carissa Waldo, 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, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilius, Jerry Cummings, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek

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 May 5th	\$ 10,271.25	\$10,106.00
Plate for May 5th	<u>736.50</u>	<u>566.35</u>
Total	\$11,007.75	\$10,672.35

The second collection came to **\$1,234.00** and will be used for school expenses and our CCD program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Bingo Winners from Monday, May 6th: \$25.00 - John Wolfram, Doris Krogman; \$35.00 - Gene Kirschbaum; \$40.00 - Linda Nelson; \$125.00 - Dana Kahler; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Linda Kelly; **50/50 winner (85.50)** - Helen White

The Jackpot for May 13th will be \$1,353.00 plus 50% of the bingo progressive jackpot card sales in 57 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, May 13th: Check Writer: Deb Schultz; **Floor Workers:** Pam Kiesau & Becky Rooney; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Lunch Provided by:** Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Scout Hall and Josie Kramer

WHEN JESUS SAW THE FISHERMEN AT THE SEA OF GALLIEE, HE ASKED THEM TO LEAVE EVERYTHING AND FOLLOW HIM TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE. JESUS IS ASKING YOU THE SAME QUESTION; DO YOU DARE TO FOLLOW? Come spend a weekend with others your age learning more about your faith and having fun. Includes a cook out with Bishop Callahan and a question and answer session.

This annual weekend for boys entering 6th through 10th grades will be held June 28 – 29, 2013 in La Crosse. For a registration packet, please contact Lana at the Holy Family office at St John's or call 326-6511.

Holy Family Parishioners: for the safety of our elementary and daycare students, the driveway between Beaumont and North Prairie Street (the playground between St. Gabriel's School and Daycare) will be closed during school hours. Please park on the street or in the church parking lot and use the main entrance. Thank you for your understanding

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. William & Patricia McCoy

Holy Family Parish Bohemian Celebration will be held at St. John's Parish next Sunday, May 19th beginning with a 10:00 am Mass with polka music followed by a delicious Bohemian Dinner in St. John's Hall.

WE NEED SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE DINNER NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19TH. If you can spare a few hours PLEASE call Betty at 326-2827. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Technology students have been very busy at Prairie Catholic Middle School. 8th grade students have been working on Washington D.C. monuments PowerPoint presentations. Grades 6 & 7 have been getting acquainted with Excel. They have been creating timelines, graphs and brochures.

The middle school students have been studying music theory, composers, and musicals. Stop by St. John's School to see the display of 6th grade's fabulous musical posters. They will be following up this lesson by watching *Lion King*. Lastly, I am very proud of the music program at Prairie Catholic. It is evident that great vocals are one of our students many strengths!

Mrs. Kerri Weber

REMINDER....We have a lot of **Scrip gift cards** that would make great gifts for graduations, weddings, birthdays. Give the gift that will not be returned and at the same time you will help our parish & school raise extra funds.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are in need of some gardening volunteers at both church sites and at Calvary Cemetery. If you would be interested in helping at either location, please contact one of our secretaries for more information. **Many thanks to Agnes Tesar** who has devoted much time and effort to beautifying St. Gabriel's Church & Calvary Cemetery over the years. You can call St. John's - 326-6511 or St. Gabriel's - 326-2404.

May, 2013 - Calendar Sweepstake Winners

\$100.00 - Nancy & Doug Wiltsie, Mason City, Ia; Julian DeGidio, PdC; Joe Atkins, PdC; Tina Sanders, PdC; Molly Kirschbaum, PdC

\$50.00 - Chris Rod, Fitchburg, WI; Jean Powers, PdC; Joe & Cheryl Hromadka, Fennimore; Philip Polodna, North Prairie, WI; Gabe Ritchie, PdC

\$25.00 - Ron & Arlene Trautsch, PdC; Ruth Ertel, PdC; Shirley Cipra, PdC; Jonah Enke, Janesville; Caitlin Forsythe, PdC; Rosella Stagman, PdC; Clayton DuCharme, PdC; Terry Steger, PdC; Butch & Mary Pedretti, PdC, Nell Bowar, Madison; Jeffrey Kussmaul, PdC; John Forst, PdC; Charley Zeeh, PdC; Anne Mezera, PdC; Michael Mayer, PdC; Mary Wilkinson, Duncan, OK; Joyce Novey, PdC; Terry & Cheryl Nash, Trempealeau; Mary M. Perry, PdC; Brent & Maria Baker, PdC

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 Website: www.prairiecatholic.org
lgratace@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.