

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

**Rev. James C. Weighner**  
Pastor

## This Week at the Parish

**Sunday, November 17**

6:30 pm JWalkers meeting at  
St. Gabriel's School

**Monday, November 18**

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

**Tuesday, November 19**

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie  
Maison

**Wednesday, November 20**

4:30 - 6:45 pm 5th Grade  
Soup Supper, Grilled Cheese,  
& Bars in St. Gabriel's School  
Hall - if you would like to pre-  
order please call the school  
office

5:30 pm Choir rehearsal at St.  
John's. All are welcome

**Thursday, November 21**

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

**Friday, November 22**

**Saturday, November 23**

**Sunday, November 24**

## CAR & CASH II

Grand Prize 2013 Dodge Dart  
1st Prize \$2,500 cash  
2nd Prize 10 x \$250.00 each  
Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each  
or 6 for \$100.00. Tickets can be  
purchased at either rectory or  
school office, from Mary  
Neisius, and many local busi-  
nesses. The car is courtesy of  
Sut Hill.

[www.prairiecatholic.org](http://www.prairiecatholic.org)

This week's second  
collection will be  
for those afflicted  
by the typhoon in  
the Philippine Is-  
lands.



*St. Gabriel Archangel*

506 N. Beaumont Rd.  
326-2404

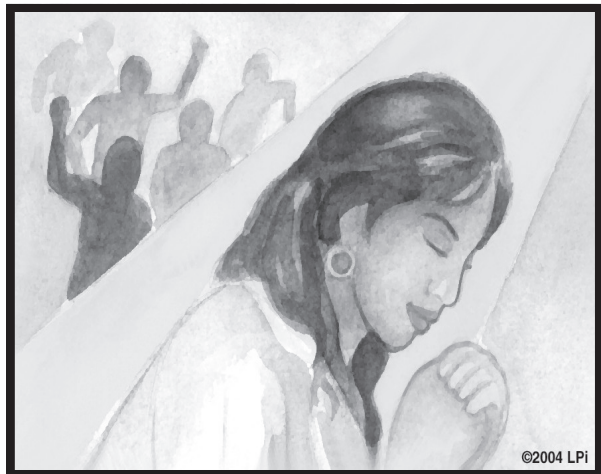


*St. John Nepomuc*

710 S. Wacouta Ave.  
326-6511



"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - Lk 21:16-19



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**November 17, 2013 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **St. Gabriel's Church**

### **Offertory Gift Bearers-Nov. 23/24**

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

### **Eucharistic Ministers-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Howard Gillitzer, Kathy  
 Schneider & Virginia Konichek  
 Sunday 8:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Megan Pedretti  
 & Karen Fritsche

### **Home Communion Ministers for Nov. 24th:**

John Chaffee

### **Servers-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Sam & Molly Peterson  
 Katy Welsch & Brianna Teynor  
 Sunday 8:00 am Elizabeth Carlson & Chase  
 Fisher  
 Ben & Clare Teynor

### **Lectors-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose  
 Sunday 8:00 am J.J. Jackson

### **Ushers-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim  
 Welsch & Bob Ziel  
 Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek, Don Osterhaus,  
 Dick Tesar & Butch Boland

### **Scrip Workers-Nov. 23/24**

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

## **St. John's Church**

### **Offertory Gift Bearers-Nov. 23/24**

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

### **Eucharistic Ministers-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger  
 Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann  
 Dillman & Windy Mezera

### **Home Communion Ministers for Nov. 24th**

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring & Pat McCoy

### **Servers-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Zach Rod & Evan Boisvert  
 Jack Stoeffler & Wes Schwager  
 Sunday 10:00 am Matthias & Makennan Gerhards  
 Eric Nolan & Nolan Stram

### **Lectors-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser  
 Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Connell

### **Ushers-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer, &  
 Mark Forsythe  
 Sunday 10:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara,  
 Dennis Mezera & Mark Mara

### **Scrip Workers-Nov. 23/24**

Saturday 7:00 pm Sarah & Steve Holler  
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteer

## **Holy Family's Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday, November 18</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday, November 19</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Dr. Wm. & Sylvia Nugent: by Nick Nugent
<b>Wednesday, November 20</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Robert A. Waller: by Family
<b>Thursday, November 21</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	8:15 am	Walter Hermsen: by Julie & Joe Breckler
<b>Friday, November 22</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:15 am	Bill & Edith McGrath: by Clem & Jackie Stram
<b>Saturday, November 23</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	4:00 pm	Kenneth & Vi Kane: by Ruth Ertel For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
<b>Saturday, November 23</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	7:00 pm	
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	<b>St. Gabriel's Church</b>	8:00 am	Laurayne Prew: by Family
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>	10:00 am	Bernard Pedretti: by Family

# Holy Family Parish

**This week we will conclude the article on Love and Faith by Chris Stefanick that we began two weeks ago.** The beginning of the article was on the messaging problem we face regarding marriage. The conclusion looks into the solution. For more information, check out Chris at [www.reallifecatholic.com](http://www.reallifecatholic.com)

I think our Pope has made it his central mission is to address this messaging problem. That's why, in his recent interview with *America* magazine, he said, "We (as a Church) cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods....When we speak about these issues, we have to talk about them in a context."

So what's the context of which he speaks? In a word: Love. God IS Love. The Good News of the Gospel is that Love created us to be one with him forever. When we wandered from Love, he sought us out through the prophets. When we still rejected him, he became one of us and laid down his body and his life to win us back. The bible is a love story! When we fail to grasp the context of love, there's nothing more unattractive than things like marriage...and Christianity. They make all the demands of love and offer none of the rewards.

That's why John Paul II said that "Religion itself, without the experience of the wondrous discovery of the Son of God and communion with him who became our brother, becomes a mere set of principles which are increasingly difficult to understand, and rules which are increasingly hard to accept. And Pope Benedict XVI said that the Church can't become "identified with certain commandments or prohibitions." That's because if Christianity is only identified with these issues, "we give the impression that we are moralists with a few somewhat antiquated convictions, and not even a hint of the true greatness of the faith appears."

You see, despite the crazy headlines from secular news agencies about Pope Francis' interview marking a radical departure from Church teaching, or a 180 degree shift from the pastoral approach of his predecessors, his message is nothing new. But then again, John Paul II and Benedict XVI weren't making up something new either. They were re-iterating the Gospel.

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Of course, the message of the Gospel isn't that moral guidelines, truths of the Faith, and the Church's sacraments and rituals are irrelevant. They're as important with faith as they are with marriage! No one would get married and say to his bride, "In my heart of hearts I really love you, and you really love me, so can I cheat on you?" The idea is absurd. Inherent in the question "Will you marry me?" is the question "Will you renounce all others?" That's why when Jesus announced the Kingdom he said "repent" and "believe in the Gospel" with the same sacred breath.

It's not because he is a rule giving monster whose mission was to ruin your life and take away your fun. It's because he's love offering you his life, and asking for your hand. That's the context that the Gospel message frames our Catholic Faith. And it's a beautiful thing.

**REMINDER.....If you use a cell phone for your main phone would you please let us know what your cell phone number is. Thank you.**

## PRAYER CORNER

**God, grant healing and peace** to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for 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, Roger Pellock, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Gary Adams, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Jill Spinna, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Mark Gilberts, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Mae & Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Roger Goodman, Doug Rickleff, Richard Aschom, Michael Aschom, Kayla Taylor Vorwald, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner & Mary Markham.

If you have a special intention or loved one who is in need of prayers; please let us know so we can include them.



**Bingo Winners from Monday, Nov. 11th:** \$25.00 - JoDee Bedtka, Helen Upton, Doris Krogman, Leo Schlitter; \$30.00 - Roger Goodman; \$45.00 - Arlien Balk; \$50.00 - Peg Stoeffler, Leo Schlitter; **Progressive Consolation (\$100.00)** - Virginia Meana; **50/50 Winner (\$40.50)** - Carolyn Weipert

**Bingo Workers for Monday, November 18th:**  
**Floor Workers:** Sheila Eastman, Ruth Klang, Amy Young; **Caller:** Michael Higgins or Duane Rogers;  
**Lunch Provided by:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Elizabeth Mezera & Samuel Peterson

**ST. NICHOLAS**

**A CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN**

St. Nicholas will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 7th, around 1:00 PM! St. Nicholas enjoys meeting children (and their parents)! He will tell them:

- The story of his life
- How he became a saint
- How "St. Nicholas" became "Santa Claus"

Best of all, he will tell the story of the first Christmas!

St. Nicholas will hand out some little remembrances for the children and will be available for photos. Schedule of the afternoon can be found at: <http://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/st-nicholas>

**Parish Support**

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Nov. 10th	\$7,653.50	\$7,338.10
Plate for Nov. 10th	770.05	486.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,423.55</b>	<b>\$7,824.27</b>

The second collection came to **\$580.69** and will be used for Prairie Catholic School & CCD expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**Holy Name Raffle Winners for November 2013**

**\$10.00** - Gale Beneker, PdC; Dave Bowar, Baraboo; Jackie McCullick, Cassia Herenda, Watertown, WI; Katie Jensen  
**\$25.00** - Kent Eulgem, PdC (twice)  
**\$100.00** - Louis Steger, PdC

**School News.....**The middle school students have been continuing with their Accelerated Reader goals. In addition, each has read a novel with their respective class. After completing a textbook unit, the classes will each begin another novel. We "travel" to many countries and meet many characters! There are life lessons to learn, geography to review, and vocabulary to master.

The seventh grade students studied the history of Halloween. Discovering the meaning and origin of costumes and traditions from other countries proved to be enlightening. The Student Council hosts the middle school party each year. Their advisor was not able to be at school Wednesday or Thursday, and yet the Student Council decorated and organized the food and games. The leadership skills of some were very impressive. We are enjoying fall, however, we are preparing for chilly recesses!

Mrs. Luanne Atkins

**Thank you to all who have donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.** We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will be listing the following names for a few weeks and then another 50 or so. If you do not see your name it will be published in future bulletins. Ruth Brus, Donald & Shirley Cipra, Paul & Matilda Flansburgh, Kay Foley, John Forst, Karen Fritsche, Merle & Barbara Frommelt, Michael Garrity, Dr. Mike & Mary Ann Garrity, James & Ruth Gates, Frances & Scott Geisler, Roy & Vicki George, Mark Gerhards, Mark & Donna Gilberts, Edward & Dorothy Gilkes, Arnold & Elaine Gillitzer, Glen & Christa Gillitzer, Howard Gillitzer, John & Norma Gillitzer, Richard Ginsterblum, Randal Ginsterblum, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Mark & Ann Grunwald, William & Mary Halpin, William & Rita Hamann, Gary & Kelly Hamann, Robert & Donna Hamann, Thomas & Jody Harris, Donald & Teresa Heal, Michael & Linda Heal, Robert Heilmann, Jean Heiring, Mary Ann Heisz, Eileen Hermsen, Dennis & Martha Hoeger, Irmagard Hogenson, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Bryan & Cathy Irvin, James Jackson, Jerome & Dixie Jackson, Jr., Kurt & Teresa Jaynes, Gene & Helen Jelinek, Joanne Jones, Mary Kann, Robert & Rita Kazda, John & Sheri Kennedy, Geraldine Kluesner, Jason & Sarah Knapp, Mary Ann Knutson., Virginia Konichek, Aurilla Koresh & Justina Koresh.



## 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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[pastor@prairiecatholic.org](mailto: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.