

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, October 13

4:00 to 7:00 pm JWalkers meet at the island (old soccer fields) - meeting then game night to follow - a lunch will be provided

6:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

No Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

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

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

Friday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

Wedding of Paul Jenrich & Vanessa Stubbe at St. Gabriel's

Sunday, October 20

JWalkers - please join us at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's. After Mass we will be going to Vesperman Farms in Lancaster - Cost is \$5.00

6:30 pm Bible Study at the Grunwald residence

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



Fall Festival

St. Gabriel's Hall

Sunday, Nov. 3rd



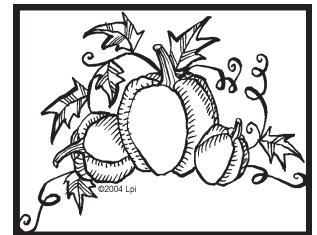
St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511



And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:15-18



October 13, 2013 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-October 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
 Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-October 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra, &
 Howard Gillitzer
 Sunday 10:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Megan Pedretti
 & Karen Fritsche

Home Communion Ministers for October 20th:

Jeri Kluesner, Sheila Linder

Servers-October 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Hailey & Bryce Bedward
 Dalton & Preston Hendrix
 Sunday 10:00 am Frankie & Harlee Eastman
 Gabby Toberman & McKenzie
 Knapp

Lectors-October 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Virginia Konichek
 Sunday 10:00 am John Chaffee

Ushers-October 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
 Russell Eulgem, & Gene
 Kirschbaum
 Sunday 10:00 am Mark Hamann, Jerry Matousek,
 Nathan Mezera & Butch Boland

Scrip Workers-October 19/20

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch & Cory Steger
 Sunday 10:00 am Jenni or Brad Linder

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-October 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-October 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock
 Sunday 8:00 am Peggy Gallagher, Doris
 Krogman, & Jean Ann Dillman

Home Communion Ministers for October 20th:

Shirley MacEachern, Ann Quick, Merle & Barbara
 Frommelt

Servers-October 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Carter Steger, & Bailey Ottaway
 Jenna Holler & Garrett Young
 Sunday 8:00 am Nicole Rickleff & Macy Sanders
 Paige & Ryan Severson

Lectors-October 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik
 Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Cummings

Ushers-October 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Merle Frommelt, Bernie Mayer,
 Alex Schaefer, Tim Looney
 Sunday 8:00 am Jim Gallagher, Ron Trautsch,
 Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-October 19/20

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, October 14 NO MASS

Tuesday, October 15 NO MASS

Wednesday, October 16	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Lou and Hilda Cardine & Barbetta & Geraldine: by Larry & Ann Dohse
Thursday, October 17	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Leone Peloch: by Janette DuCharme
Friday, October 18	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Catherine McGrath: by Evelyn & Pam Waller
Saturday, October 19	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Bernard Pedretti: by Family
Saturday, October 19	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	Charles, Doris, Steve & Brent Jelinek: by Family
Sunday, October 20	St. John's Church	8:00 am	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, October 20	St. Gabriel's Church	10:00 am	Walter Hermsen: by Family

Holy Family Parish

What is charity and why do we need it?

During this Year of Faith, it is a good time to ponder and appreciate the love that God has for us. The strongest proof is that Christ died on the cross for us. In response, the Lord asks us to love as He does, sacrificially, which includes even loving our *enemies*. The gift of charity received at Baptism strengthens us for this challenging task. Let's take a closer look.

Charity (love) is a theological virtue which means that this gift comes from God and leads us back to God. Charity is the power to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Charity makes up for what is lacking in our human ability to love and strengthens us to love as God loves, in reality allowing Him to love in and through us.

To love our neighbors means to will their good. Love in this sense is an act of the will, and it is not simply a feeling. The gift of charity inclines our will to act and our emotions may eventually follow. Charity allows us to love our family and friends, making a decision to treat them with respect and kindness regardless how we feel, and by doing good things for them. We can show charity toward our enemies by praying for them.

Why do we need the virtue of charity? Charity upholds and purifies our ability to love. Charity animates goodness in relationships, making us capable of acting as God's children and of inheriting eternal life. By responding to God's love by living out the Ten Commandments we are strengthened in our relationship with Christ. Further, when we practice the virtue of charity, we will see the fruits of joy, peace, and mercy in our lives.

Charity also demands that we speak the truth in love, pointing out when someone is in error, especially when living a lifestyle that offends Christ because it is harmful and demeans the person's God-given dignity. For example, parents show "tough" love toward their children through proper discipline in forming their character.

How do we nourish and renew charity? When we need the gift of charity, the most important thing we can do is ask for it. Ask God for the grace to know how much He personally loves you. He will answer that prayer. When we know that we are truly loved by God, we are compelled to love others who are indeed children of God.

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In turn, let us also pray for the grace to grow in our love for God during this Year of Faith thereby avoiding indifference, ingratitude and lukewarmness toward His love.

We are strengthened in our ability to live charity toward others by receiving Christ Jesus in the Holy Eucharist each Sunday. When we fail to practice charity, we can go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive forgiveness and be made stronger through God's grace. In cooperating with His grace, there is a revitalizing effect and we are renewed to begin again in our efforts to love more perfectly.

From Diocese of La Crosse Office of Catechesis, 2013

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, Mary Hannah, Roger Goodman, Doug Rickleff, Richard Aschom, Michael Aschom, LeRoy Trautsch, and Kayla Taylor Vorwald.

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 Oct. 6th	\$10,139.00	\$10,236.00
Plate for Oct. 6th	<u>826.15</u>	<u>627.34</u>
Total	\$10,965.15	\$10,863.34

The second collection came to **\$1,163.50** and will be used for school and our CCD program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Bingo Winners from Monday, October 7th:
\$25.00 - Gayle Aspenson, Christine Gramlich, Arlien Balk, Millie Senesac; **\$30.00** - Shirley Vandereide; **\$45.00** - Alice Schlitter; **\$100.00** - Angela Tippery; **Progressive Jackpot Consolation (\$100.00)** - Ruth French; **50/50 Winner (\$50.50)** - Glenda Wolfram

The Progressive Jackpot for Monday, Oct. 14th will be \$967.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 55 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, October 14th:
Check Writer: Deb Schultz; **Floor Worker:** Pam Kiesau & Becky Rooney; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Food Provided by:** Char Steger; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Taylor Lutz and Ryan McGrath

We would like to thank the family of Robert J. & Janice Check for their generous donation to the school libraries in their memory. We are very grateful for this gift.

October 2013 Calendar Winners

\$100.00 - Michael Mezera, Edina, MN; Lisa Erdenberger, PdC; Emma Schultz, Steuben; Eugene LaPointe, PdC; Michael Polodna, Onalaska

\$50.00 - Chuck Kramer, PdC; Jeff Clausen, PdC; Mary White, PdC; Rita Hamann, PdC; Kelsey Mezera, PdC

\$25.00 - D. J. Collins Family, PdC; Shirley Cipra, PdC; Shirley Panka, PdC; Virginia Horstman, LaCrosse; Janette DuCharme, PdC; Karen Hertrampf, PdC; Paul Flansburgh, PdC; Bob Burr, PdC; Cathy Betzle, PdC; Dominique Reilly, PdC; Chuck Steiner, PdC; Dorothy Baures, PdC; Cecelia Benda, PdC; Louis Steger, PdC; Michael Hendrickson, PdC; Al Hromadka, PdC; Brad Steiner, PdC; Terry Steger, PdC; Melvin A. Novey, Dixon, Ill; Trudy Defelice, PdC

For those who purchased soup at our recent fall bazaar, we are asking for you to return the jars to the kitchen at St. John's Church. Many thanks.

WEDDING BANNS

Paul Jenrich & Vanessa Stubbe (III)
Peter Grunwald & Chellanie Adams (II)

SCHOOL NEWS.....The 2nd graders at Prairie Catholic are currently learning about Creation and other Old Testament stories. Through their daily prayer they are learning to think about others and learning what reverence means. Throughout the school day there are reminders that everything we do is for God.

Accelerated Reader is a wonderful reading program used by our 2nd graders. Students read books from the school library and take quizzes to check their comprehension. This program helps struggling readers become more confident, while urging advanced readers to choose more challenging books. DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time has become a favorite part of the day for the 2nd grade class. Mrs. Wachuta

October is Respect Life Month. Campion Council of the Knights of Columbus asks that you pray for our civilization to respect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. Our local council is also conducting a Respect Life fund drive October 26th & 27th. The Knights are handing out *Lifesavers 4 Life* candies as a reminder for Respect Life Month. We will also be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs for \$4.00 each. We thank all who supported our drive last year. You were very generous. Please make a donation towards this drive. Moneys collected go toward counseling, public relations campaigns, and pro-life organizations. There has been progress in the last year on abortion issues. Thank you for making life issues an important part of your mission and an important part of your prayer life

Developing a Joy-filled Marriage.....Does it seem very long ago that the two of you completed a marriage prep program? With that in mind we would like to make you aware of an opportunity to **give your marriage a boost**, a tune up, renewed warmth. Thousands of couples throughout the Diocese of LaCrosse have gained from this opportunity over the past three decades. What is it? **A marriage Encounter Weekend!** The next National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for November 2-3rd in Eau Claire. The Marriage Encounter will be held at Americas Best Value Inn across from Sacred Heart Hospital. Renew the bonds of mutual understanding and love brought about by better communication in your marriage. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend begins on Saturday morning with 7:30 am registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 pm. For more information phone (715) 832-3296, e-mail at: rippsk@charter.net or through our website at: www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm

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. John's**
 10:00 am **St. Gabriel's**

E-mail Addresses: sgp@prairiecatholic.org
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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 (Tuesday - 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.