

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish
Sunday, September 15

Holy Family Fall Bazaar at St. John's Church - Serving begins at 11:00 am featuring our delicious charcoal broiled chicken with all the trimmings. Supper hour will begin around 5:00 pm

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 pm Meeting for all Confirmation parents in St. John's Hall - at least one parent must attend and any of our 9th graders that would like to attend

Thursday, September 19

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

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

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

Following the 10:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's we are having an 80th Birthday Celebration Potluck for Fr. Jack Wambach in St. Gabriel's Hall.

Prairie Catholic School is still looking for someone who would like to play the piano or organ at the weekday student Masses. Tuesdays are a particular day of need. Please contact Mr. Marlow for details at: 326-4400 or 326-8624



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

**HOLY FAMILY
FALL BAZAAR
SEPT. 15, 2013
St. John's Hall
Chicken Dinner
Serving 11 am to 1:30 pm
Games for all ages
Supper Hour
5:00 to 7:00 pm
Raffle Drawing at 7:00**

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:6c-7



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September 15, 2013 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Eucharistic Ministers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra &
Howard Gillitzer

Sunday 10:00 am Doris Krogman, Ann Lessard &
Becky Henry

Home Communion Ministers for Sept. 22nd:

John Chaffee

Servers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Karly & Kori Jaynes
Jon & Lindsey Nicholson

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Lectors-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Ushers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Stu Bosworth,
Russell Eulgem, Gene
Kirschbaum

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Scrip Workers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch, Vicki Waller

Sunday 10:00 am Rochelle Neisius

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 8:00 am Donna Steiner, Windy Mezera &
Jean Ann Dillman

Home Communion Ministers for Sept. 22nd:

Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots, Janet Lueck

Servers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Sadie & Peggy Koresh
Anthony & Rene Irvin

Sunday 8:00 am Paige Schneider & Matthew
Chase
Jonah & Josh Linder

Lectors-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Andy Banasik

Sunday 8:00 am Steve Schwager

Ushers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer,
Mark Forsythe

Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara,
Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-Sept. 21/22

Saturday 7:00 pm Teresa Jaynes

Sunday 8:00 am Sheri Kennedy

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, September 16	NO MASS		
Tuesday, September 17	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Wally Zins: by Linda Ginkel & Family
Wednesday, September 18	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Jonathan Steger: by Family
Thursday, September	St. John's Church	8:15 am	Cy Moris: by Rose Bauer & Family
Friday, September 20	St. Gabriel's Church	8:15 am	Bill & Edith McGrath: by Tom & Helen Wachuta
Saturday, September 21	St. Gabriel's Church	4:00 pm	Jack & Ursula Kasparek Family: by Family
Saturday, September 21	St. John's Church	7:00 pm	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, September 22	St. John's Church	8:00 am	Mary Ellen Linder: by Edward Linder & Family
Sunday, September 22	St. Gabriel's Church	10:00 am	Joe Ertel: by Ruth Ertel

Holy Family Parish

Call no man your Father

One question that has come up since the letter appeared on the cars a few weeks back concerned calling priests Father. For the next couple weeks, part of my column will be a well-researched article that has been published in Catholic Answers website (www.catholic.com) I hope this will help clarify this issue.

The Answer:

To understand why the charge does not work, one must first understand the use of the word "father" in reference to our earthly fathers. No one would deny a little girl the opportunity to tell someone that she loves her father. Common sense tells us that Jesus wasn't forbidding this type of use of the word "father."

In fact, to forbid it would rob the address "Father" of its meaning when applied to God, for there would no longer be any earthly counterpart for the analogy of divine Fatherhood. The concept of God's role as Father would be meaningless if we obliterated the concept of earthly fatherhood.

But in the Bible the concept of fatherhood is not restricted to just our earthly fathers and God. It is used to refer to people other than biological or legal fathers, and is used as a sign of respect to those with whom we have a special relationship.

For example, Joseph tells his brothers of a special fatherly relationship God had given him with the king of Egypt: "So it was not you who sent me here, but God; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt" (Gen. 45:8). Job indicates he played a fatherly role with the less fortunate: "I was a father to the poor, and I searched out the cause of him whom I did not know" (Job 29:16). And God himself declares that he will give a fatherly role to Eliakim, the steward of the house of David: "In that day I will call my servant Eliakim, the son of Hilkiyah . . . and I will clothe him with [a] robe, and will bind [a] girdle on him, and will commit . . . authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah" (Is. 22:20-21).

This type of fatherhood not only applies to those who are wise counselors (like Joseph) or benefactors (like Job) or both (like Eliakim), it also applies to those who have a fatherly spiritual relationship with one. For example, Elisha cries, "My father, my father!" to Elijah as the latter is carried up to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kgs. 2:12). Later, Elisha himself is called a father by the king of Israel (2 Kgs. 6:21). **More to come.....**

CONFIRMATION PARENTS

We will have a Confirmation meeting for all Confirmation parents on Wednesday Sep 18th at 7:00PM at St John's hall. At least one parent must attend this meeting, and any of our 9th graders that would like to attend.

ANNUAL APPEAL

All parishioners should have received an Annual Appeal letter from Bishop Callahan this week. Please keep your letters and response cards, and we will hold our *AMEN* Sunday the 1st weekend of October. This will be the weekend we will ask for the cards to be dropped off in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. If you wish, you may respond by putting them in the mail at any time, and we will collect them and get to the right place. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support for this annual appeal.

RCIA

Anyone interested in participating in our RCIA this year, please plan on attending an informational meeting on Sunday, Sep 29th at St Gabriel hall following the 10:00 Mass. If you cannot make this meeting, or if you know of someone interested that cannot make this meeting, please inform the parish office.

God bless

Fr Jim

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 Marfilius, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Randy Radsek, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Amy Stroschein, Mark Gilberts, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Mae & Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, and Roger Goodman.

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, September 9th:
\$20.00 - Arlien Balk, Dorothy Degenhardt; JoDee Bedtka, Carolyn Weipert; **\$25.00** - Jeanne Moris; **\$100.00** - Dorothy Degenhardt; **Progressive Jackpot Consolation (\$100.00)** - Jeanne Moris; **50/50 Winner (\$43.50)** - Marilee Pleggenkuhle

Bingo Workers for Monday, September 16th:
Floor Workers: Sheila Eastman, Sarah Holler, Ruth Klang; **Caller:** Duane Rogers or Mary Stoefler; **Lunch Prepared by:** Holly Nicholson & Cassie Rickleff; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Caitlin Nolan & Kylee Weber

SCHOOL NEWS.....On Friday, September

20th, Prairie Catholic School will celebrate Patrons' Day at Wyalusing State Park. The day will begin with an outdoor Mass at 9:00 AM at the Hugh Harper Group Camp. At 10:00, students will begin rotating through a variety of activities and stations. Lunch will be provided for students at the park. At 1:30, students will be bused to the high school's Little Theater for a presentation by Don Showalter and Marv Lang, retired UW-Stevens Point professors. They will put on a terrific chemistry show complete with their many years of knowledge and humor. All parents and parishioners are welcome to attend. A temporary park pass will be issued to all parents and parishioners driving out to join us.

NEWS FROM MRS. STEINER'S PRE-K CLASS.....School has begun for our eager 4 and 5 year old children in Pre-K. They are adjusting to school routines, new friends, and beginning projects, stories, Spanish words and games. We will continue with more colors through a variety of activities in the weeks ahead. They are on their way to a world of new experiences and learning.

WEDDING BANNS

Anthony Peirce & Emily Root (II)
Eddie Mezera & Heidi Krachey (I)

Our Religious Education/CCD Program for grades 1-8 will begin on Wednesday, September 25th. The first night we will begin at 6:15 pm so we will have time for registration of new students and to collect the CCD fees. After that classes will begin at 6:45 pm and end at 8:00 pm in St. John's School. All parents of CCD students will be receiving a letter with more information. New students please call Pat Prochaska at 326-8774.

Parish Support

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Sept. 8th	\$9,428.00	\$7,476.05
Plate for Sept. 8th	<u>655.01</u>	<u>638.01</u>
Total	\$10,083.01	\$8,114.06

The second collection came to **\$708.51** and will be used for our school and our CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If anyone would like to purchase some magazines - Prairie Catholic School students can help you. Please call St. Gabriel's School at 326-8624 to place your order.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Robert J. Check** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. Gabriel's of the Holy Family Parish on Friday, September 13th. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be held October 25-27 in Brookfield, WI and November 15-17 in Rockford, Illinois. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 744-5653

BIBLE STUDY..."Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" -St. Jerome. Please join the Bible Study Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning Sept. 29th at Mark & Ann Grunwald's, 304 Jackson St., Prairie du Chien, (326-5459). Pick up the book for Galatians & Ephesians at St. John's Rectory (\$10.00) on Sept. 24, 25, 26, or 27th during regular office hours.

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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Website: www.prairiecatholic.org
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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 (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.