

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Rev. James C. Weighner
Pastor

This Week at the Parish

Sunday, September 29

AMEN SUNDAY official response weekend to the Bishop's Annual Appeal

RCIA meeting in St. Gabriel's Hall after the 10:00 am Mass

6:30 pm Bible Study at Mark & Ann Grunwald residence

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 pm Family Life meeting at Maurice & Letty Oehler's residence - 1220 S. 5th St.

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

7:00 pm Education Commission meeting in St. John's Hall

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

Wedding of Eddie Mezera & Heidi Krachey at St. Gabriel's

Sunday, October 6

JWalkers Kick off Sunday starting with 10:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's followed by a High Energy Praise & Worship Band and 3 great speakers - See inside bulletin for more details

6:30 pm Bible Study at Mark & Ann Grunwald's Residence

Burger & Fries on Saturday, October 12th, 4:30 to 6:45 pm at St. John's Hall

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCCHARIST

Informational meeting
Sunday, Oct. 6th
St. John's Hall 6:00 pm
We are in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in serving as a Eucharist minister at Mass, home communion, or to volunteer at the hospital are invited to attend.



St. Gabriel Archangel

506 N. Beaumont Rd.
326-2404



St. John Nepomuc

710 S. Wacouta Ave.
326-6511

RCIA CLASSES

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

"But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:29-31



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September 29, 2013 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-October 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Eucharistic Ministers-October 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Mary Kirschbaum, Howard
Gillitzer & Jeri Kluesner

Sunday 10:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins, Rhonda
Stubbe

Home Communion Ministers for October 6th

LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

Servers-October 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Sam & Molly Peterson
Ella Hager & Kennedy
Kirschbaum

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Lectors-October 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Ushers-October 5/6

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

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

Scrip Workers-October 5/6

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider & Rhonda
Stubbe

Sunday 10:00 am Volunteers

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Offertory Gift Bearers-October 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-October 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Ellen Pellock

Sunday 8:00 am Doris Krogman, Jean Ann
Dillman & Windy Mezera

Home Communion Ministers for October 6th

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith & Mary Check

Servers-October 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Zach Rod & Evan Boisvert
Nick & Matt Rogge

Sunday 8:00 am Matthias & Makennan Gerhards
Ben & Clare Teynor

Lectors-October 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 8:00 am Norb Aschom

Ushers-October 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Don Roh, Bernie Mayer, Alex
Schaefer & Mark Forsythe

Sunday 8:00 am Merle Frommelt, Mike Mara &
Dennis Mezera

Scrip Workers-October 5/6

Saturday 7:00 pm Judy Warpinski

Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers

Holy Family's Mass Intentions

Monday, September 30 NO MASS

Tuesday, October 1 St. John's Church 8:15 am John & Anna Mezera Polodna Families
by Frank & Betty Nolan

Wednesday, October 2 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Bill & Edith McGrath:
by Tom & Helen Wachuta

Thursday, October 3 St. John's Church 8:15 am Adam Heiring: by JoAnn Shea

Friday, October 4 St. Gabriel's Church 8:15 am Fred Becwar: by Florence Becwar

Saturday, October 5 St. Gabriel's Church 4:00 pm Earl Rybarczyk and
Walter & Florence Welsh: by Family

Saturday, October 5 St. John's Church 7:00 pm Tim Cipra: by Mrs. Jack Steiner

Sunday, October 6 St. John's Church 8:00 am For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

Sunday, October 6 St. Gabriel's Church 10:00 am Alma Wall: by Russ & Mary Steiner

Holy Family Parish

Call no man your Father... **What Jesus says...**

Jesus criticized Jewish leaders who love "the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called 'rabbi' by men" (Matt. 23:6-7). His admonition here is a response to the Pharisees' proud hearts and their grasping after marks of status and prestige.

He was using hyperbole (exaggeration to make a point) to show the scribes and Pharisees how sinful and proud they were for not looking humbly to God as the source of all authority and fatherhood and teaching, and instead setting themselves up as the ultimate authorities, father figures, and teachers.

Christ used hyperbole often, for example when he declared, "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell" (Matt. 5:29, cf. 18:9; Mark 9:47). Christ certainly did not intend this to be applied literally, for otherwise all Christians would be blind amputees! (cf. 1 John 1:8; 1 Tim. 1:15). We are all subject to "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16).

Since Jesus is demonstrably using hyperbole when he says not to call anyone our father—else we would not be able to refer to our earthly fathers as such—we must read his words carefully and with sensitivity to the presence of hyperbole if we wish to understand what he is saying.

Jesus is not forbidding us to call men "fathers" who actually are such—either literally or spiritually. To refer to such people as fathers is only to acknowledge the truth, and Jesus is not against that. He is warning people against *inaccurately* attributing fatherhood—or a particular *kind or degree* of fatherhood—to those who do not have it.

Some individuals genuinely do have a spiritual fatherhood, meaning that they can be referred to as spiritual fathers. What must not be done is to confuse their form of spiritual paternity with that of God. Ultimately, God is our supreme protector, provider, and instructor. Correspondingly, it is wrong to view any individual other than God as having these roles.

Throughout the world, some people have been tempted to look upon religious leaders who are mere mortals as if they were an individual's supreme source of spiritual instruction, nourishment, and protection. The tendency to turn mere men into "gurus" is worldwide. This was also a temptation in the Jewish world of Jesus' day, when famous rabbinical leaders, especially those who founded important schools, such as Hillel and Shammai, were highly exalted by their disciples. It is this elevation of an individual man—the formation of a "cult of personality" around him—of which Jesus is speaking when he warns against attributing to someone an undue role as master, father, or teacher. He is not forbidding the perfunctory use of honorifics nor forbidding us to recognize that the person *does* have a role as a spiritual father and teacher.

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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, Mark Gilberts, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Mae & Merv Nimbar, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Mary Hannah, Roger Goodman and Doug Rickleff.

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 Sept. 22nd	\$6,988.25	\$6,807.05
Plate for Sept. 22nd	<u>739.69</u>	<u>635.67</u>
Total	\$7,727.94	\$7,442.72

The second collection came to **\$807.61** and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For all your shopping needs - remember using our Scrip program is a great fundraiser that is painless. Scrip gift cards make for easy shopping for a gift for a wedding, birthday, anniversary. You can purchase Scrip after Mass or from either rectory office during regular office hours.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... Burgers & Fries at St. John's Church Hall of the Holy Family Parish on Saturday, October 12th from 4:30 to 6:45 pm. ALL YOU CAN EAT! Free Will Offering - Proceeds to Prairie Catholic School. Mark the date on your calendar!



Bingo Winners from Monday, September 23rd: \$25.00 - Eileen Hammond, Helen Upton; \$100.00 - Marilee Millin; **Progressive Jackpot Consolation (\$100.00)** - Betty Cejka; **50/50 winner (\$47.50)** - JoDee Bedtka

The **Progressive Jackpot** next Monday will be at \$706.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 53 calls or less.

Bingo Workers for Monday, September 30th:
Floor Workers: Sheila Eastman, Sarah Holler, Ruth Klang; **Caller:** Duane Rogers or Mary Stoefler; **Lunch Provided by:** Char Steger & Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Preston Hendrix & Weston Hill

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).

THANK YOU FROM FR. JACK WAMBACH,SJ
My humble thanks for the wonderful Mass and reception at St. Gabriel's School after. Thanks too for the 18 years I had here, the very best of my priestly life. I have remembered you in my daily prayers since leaving here in 2008 and shall continue to do so in the future. Please pray for me.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **Sarah Elizabeth Schulz** and **Sofia Ray Schulz**, daughters of John L. & Jennifer (Moris) Schulz through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Sarah** and **Sofia** and their family.

WEDDING BANNES

Eddie Mezera & Heidi Krachey (III)
Demetri Andrews & Jaimie Ann Ariss (II)
Paul Jenrich & Vanessa Stubbe (I)

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Elinor T. Pine** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish on Tuesday, September 24th. May God grant Elinor eternal life and comfort to her family.

School Notes...The Physical Education Classes have been working hard. The middle school students completed their disc golf unit and are now focusing on fitness testing and volleyball. Pre-K - 3rd grade are coming to the end of their throwing and catching units, and the 4th and 5th grade are finishing up football. The next units for the students will be kicking and soccer.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLICS TO THE JWAKLER KICK OFF SUNDAY. It will be a great start to another new year growing deeper in our faith and as friends. **Sunday, October 6, 2013 10:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's.** Mass will be followed by a High Energy Praise and Worship Band and 3 great speakers: Andrew Brueggen, Chris Rogers and Patrick Brueggen. They will make you laugh, teach you how to live your faith and inspire you to be what God is calling all of us to be. Great food and snacks will be provided. We will conclude at 4:00 pm.

AMEN SUNDAY

Today is 'AMEN SUNDAY' the day we give our official response to the Bishop's appeal if we have not already done so. The physical act of signing your pledge card or dropping it into the mail is important, no matter the amount of the gift. Doing this is a physical reminder to offer prayers for the success of the appeal, for those touched by the appeal and for our local parish as well. Thank you for your prayerful consideration for the bishop's request. God bless Fr. Jim

BUILDING THE FUTURE...

PRESERVING THE PAST

Many have been asking where we stand with the capital campaign. The background and assessment work has been mostly completed, and the opening phase is beginning. The interviews and pew surveys showed our community sees the need for a capital campaign and a facilities plan. Of the 261 respondents, 74% had an initial positive response to a campaign. In addition, over 80% indicated they are willing to consider supporting a campaign. With this in mind, we are beginning the next phase, meeting with individuals and groups of people to lay out the plan our councils have developed; including a fellowship hall at St John's campus and school improvements at our St Gabriel campus. Plans and phasing of projects will continue to be developed as the campaign progresses. God bless

Fr. Jim

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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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

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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.