

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - Friday)

Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

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Marriage

Please contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

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June 1, 2014 • Ascension of the Lord

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

You are witnesses of these things." *Lk 24:46, 48*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JUNE 8TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Trish Hager, Mary Kirschbaum, Tom Steiner

Sunday 10:00 am Eileen Hermsen, Becky Henry, Don Cipra

SERVERS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Karly & Kori Jaynes
Dalton & Preston Hendrix

Sunday 10:00 am Peggy & Sadie Koresh
Caitlin Nolan & Kylee Weber

LECTORS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Ambrose

Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-JUNE 7/8

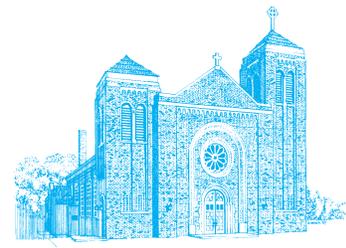
Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Cliff Stram, Jim Welsch, Bob Ziel

Sunday 10:00 am Mark & Chad Mara, Nathan Mezera & John Chaffee

SCRIP WORKERS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 4:00 pm Melanie Schneider

Sunday 10:00 am Sheila Eastman



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JUNE 8

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner, Donna Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Diane Steger

Sunday 8:00 am Verna Panka, Karen Hertrampf,
Doris Krogman

SERVERS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Evan Boisvert & Carter Steger
Rebekah Champion & Morgan Kiesau

Sunday 8:00 am Brandon Hanger & Zack Mara
Nick Mara & Matthias Gerhards

LECTORS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Pat Mulhern

Sunday 8:00 am Debbie Morovits

USHERS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff, Dan Schickert

Sunday 8:00 am Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik, & Ron Trautsch

SCRIP WORKERS-JUNE 7/8

Saturday 7:00 pm Volunteers

Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor

WEEKEND MASSES: MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY REQUESTING THE MASS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE TO THE ALTAR. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES KNOWN TO THE USHERS AND SIT NEAR THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!



Tuesday, June 3		NO MASS	
Wednesday, June 4	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Communion Service
Thursday, June 5		NO MASS	
Friday, June 6	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Communion Service
Saturday, June 7	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† William & May Balk † Mary Nash
Sunday, June 8	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. John's Church St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor † Gladys Slama

Q: Why do Catholics use Holy Water and make the Sign of the Cross as we enter a church?

Traditionally, we have placed fonts of holy water near the entrances of our churches. This placement and usage corresponds actually to Old Testament Jewish practices of purification: The Book of Leviticus prescribed various ritual purifications using water to remove the “uncleanness” associated, for instance, with coming into contact with a dead body, menstruation, childbirth, or leprosy (cf. Lv 12-15). A person also purified himself with water before entering the Temple precincts, offering prayer and sacrifice, and eating. For this reason, in the Courtyard of the Priests there was an immense bronze basin filled with water. Here the priests purified their hands and feet before offering sacrifices at the nearby altar, bathed before entering the Temple itself, and also drew water for other purifications prescribed in Jewish rituals.

We too have fonts filled with holy water for blessings for three reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil, and as a reminder of our Baptism. The repentance of sin symbolized in the washing with water is reflected in Psalm 50: “*Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. Cleanse me of sin with hyssop that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow*” (3-4, 9). Remember too how St. John the Baptizer called all to conversion and used a ritual washing of water to signify the repentance of sin and purification.

These actions have been incorporated into our own Mass. In the Penitential Rite, one of the options is the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling with holy water. As the priest passes through the congregation sprinkling them with the holy water, they customarily chant the *Asperges Me (Cleanse me)*, which is based on Psalm 50. In all these actions, each person again makes an act of repentance of sin.

Second, the holy water protects us against evil. In the prayer of blessing of water in the *Sacramentary*, we read: “*Lord, God Almighty, creator of all life, of body and soul, we ask you to bless this water: as we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil. Lord, in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation; free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart.*”

Finally, holy water reminds us of our Baptism, when by the invocation of the Holy Trinity and the pouring of holy water, we were set free from original sin and all sin, infused with sanctifying grace, incorporated into the Church, and given the title Son or Daughter of God. In making the sign of the cross with the holy water, we are mindful that we are called to renew those baptismal promises of rejecting Satan, all His works, and all his empty promises, and to profess our faith. Once again, we repent of sin, so that we can offer our prayers and worship to God with pure and contrite hearts. Just as water and blood flowed from the Sacred Heart of our Lord as He hung upon the cross – signifying the great sacraments of baptism and holy Eucharist – the taking of holy water and making the sign of the cross remind us of our baptism in preparation for the reception of the holy Eucharist.

Never should we doubt the power of this great sacramental. St. Teresa of Avila in her autobiography, *The Book of Her Life*, wrote of the power of holy water: “I was once in an oratory, and [the devil] appeared to me in an abominable form at my left side. (continued on next column)

Because he spoke to me, I looked particularly at his mouth – which was most frightening. It seemed that a great flame, all bright without shadow, came forth from his body. He told me in a terrifying way that I had really freed myself from his hands but that he would catch me with them again. I was struck with great fear and blessed myself as best I could; he disappeared, but returned right away. This happened to me twice. I didn’t know what to do. There was some holy water there, and I threw it in that direction; he never returned again. ... I often experience that there is nothing the devils flee from more – without returning – than holy water” (Chapter 31). Upon the testimony of such a great saint, we see the importance not only of pausing to bless ourselves with holy water as we enter and leave church but also of having holy water available in our homes. (From an article by Fr R Saunders; <http://catholicexchange.com/why-holy-water>).

Prayer Corner

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for: Steve Moris, Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, Loren Fishler, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Maxim Kramer, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Jim Coorough, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Cathy Vondrum, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Roberta Marfilus, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Michael Aschom, Mary Lou Kavon, Ken Fleshner, Clem Wachuta, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Dale Boldt, Marion Bernabei, Mary Gillitzer, Richard Aschom, Lavonne Laskaskie, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Josephine Cipra, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Pam Hamann, Thomas Koenig, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik & Fr. Jim.

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

The parish has received a check from the Estate of Mary A. Check. We are very grateful for this generous gift.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for June 1st	\$6,705.25	\$7,437.00
Plate for June 1st	<u>908.15</u>	<u>814.65</u>
Total	\$7,613.40	\$8,251.65

The second collection came to \$518.33 and will be used for school and CCD expenses.

The profit from the Bohemian Dinner came to \$2,827.00. Thank you again to all who worked at the dinner and to all who attended.

Thank you for your support!

BINGO

Bingo workers for Monday, June 2nd are:

Check Writer: John Fischer; **Caller:** Bill Schultz; **Floor Workers:** Lucy Cornford, Betty Fischer, Peggy Fischer, Kati Forsythe; **Lunch prepared by:** Tammy Cram & Kati Forsythe; **Lunch Stand Workers:** Parents of Caitlin Nolan & Brytta Sagedahl

The Progressive jackpot for June 2nd will be \$937.00 plus 50% of the progressive bingo jackpot card sales in 54 calls or less.

Next weekend Bishop Robert Flock will be here to present a mission appeal for his Archdiocese of Cochabamba, Bolivia. The following is a letter from Bishop Flock:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrances of you....because of your partnership for the Gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1,3.5)

The Archdiocese of Cochabamba covers an area of 12,473.4 square miles in central Bolivia with a population of 1,758,143, with about a million in the city and periphery (2012 census). The city itself is located in a valley 6,561 feet above sea level, overlooked by the tallest statue of Christ in the world (Cristo de la Concordia: 132.7 feet), and surrounded by mountains where the rural population scratches out a living raising fruits, vegetables and lots of potatoes.

The Archdiocese, in addition to its 75 parishes, maintains over 300 schools, 38 hospitals and clinics, 11 centers of handicapped assistance, 47 soup kitchens, 25 kindergartens, 11 homes for orphans, aged, etc., and 40 "school week" homes so rural children can attend classes, providing direct assistance to a significant portion of the population, as well as promoting projects for human and economic development to alleviate and overcome the widespread poverty in the area, often in conjunction with local governments and other organizations.

All of this, as well as our principal mission to proclaim the Gospel, require a great deal of human and financial resources for which I implore your generous solidarity, your heartfelt prayer and your sincere efforts to better understand and support Pope Francis in his call for a more just global economy which "serves rather than rules" (Evangelii Gaudium 58).

In Christ the Good Shepherd.

Robert Flock,
Auxiliary Bishop of Cochabamba

The 2nd collection June 14 & 15 will go to the Mission appeal. Envelopes will be enclosed in next weekend's bulletin. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 scheduled confessions on days with weddings or funerals.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH 4b

Sunday, June 1

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls in St. John's Hall - plus drawing for the Lottery Sweepstakes Calendar & Holy Name Raffle

Monday, June 2

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

Tuesday, June 3

NO MASS at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, June 4

Thursday, June 5

NO ADORATION

Friday, June 6

Next weekend, June 7/8 Bishop Robert Flock will be speaking at all Masses regarding his mission appeal for the Archdiocese of Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Wedding Banns

Jonathan Boyle & Elaina Knoble-Janney (I)

Fr. Jack is coming to Prairie du Chien for a visit June 17th - June 23rd. As he doesn't drive, he would like people to come visit him! He will be seeing people at St. Gabriel's Rectory. Call Doris Krogman at 326-8671 to set up a time to visit.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **John R. Kernan** in your prayers. His funeral was held at St. Gabriel's of the Holy Family Parish on Thursday, May 29th. May God grant him eternal life and comfort to his family.

Box Topes Program earns \$20,000 for Prairie Catholic School. There is an article in the 5/28 edition of the Courier Press highlighting all the past 18 years of clipping those little .10 cent labels for our school. The photos of all this years award winners for being the top box collectors will be in the June 2nd or 4th edition of the Courier. There are box top sheets posted at the back of both churches for parishioners to take and fill out themselves over the summer months. Just drop the sheet in the big blue box when it's all filled up. **Many thanks to everyone for helping us earn this free \$\$\$ for our student's education.** —Rhonda Stubbe Box Top Coordinator