

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Rectory Office Hours

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

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

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.

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May 24, 2015 - Pentecost

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR



Pentecost Sunday

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me." - Jn 16:12-14a



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 31

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Molly Kirschbaum, Mary Kirschbaum,
Sunday 10:00 am Joe & Sharon Atkins

SERVERS-May 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Ryan & Kaitlyn Waller
Brady & Mitchell Luster
Sunday 10:00 am Ellie Mara & Caitlin Nolan
Brytta Sagedahl & Alexis Nolan

LECTORS-MAY 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Arlene Willms
Sunday 10:00 am John Chaffee

USHERS-MAY 30/31

Saturday 4:00 pm Joe Barrette, Bob Ziel, Gene
Kirschbaum, Richard Steiner
Sunday 10:00 am Kurt & Gunner Kravchuk, Jim & Sean
McGrath

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 30/31

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



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY 31

Ceil Benda, Ramona Heiring

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-MAY 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Deacon Mark Miller
Sunday 8:00 am Doris Krogman, Gene Carlson

SERVERS-MAY 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Nicole Rickleff & Kierstyn Rogers
Matt & Nick Rogge
Sunday 8:00 am Logan Higgins & Jack Peterson
Claire & Ben Teynor

LECTORS-MAY 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Mary Stoeffler
Sunday 8:00 am Charlie Connell

USHERS-MAY 30/31

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Dan Schickert, Alex
Schaefer, Mark Forsythe
Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara & Dennis
Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-MAY 30/31

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

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!



Monday, May 25	8:00 am	Mass at Calvary Cemetery (In case of rain the Mass will be held at St. Gabriel's)	
Tuesday, May 26		NO MASS	
Wednesday, May 27		NO MASS	
Thursday, May 28		NO MASS	
Friday, May 29	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Mary Markham
Saturday, May 30	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	† Cy Moris
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	† Cathy Vondrum
Sunday, May 31	8:00 am	St. John's Church	† For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
	10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Darlene Pedretti

How is the Holy Spirit relevant today?

Just before ascending into Heaven, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come in His fullness. The Apostles did not want the Lord to leave them but Jesus told them, "I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you." (John 16:7). Ten days later, Jesus kept His promise! On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down like fire from Heaven upon the Apostles and other disciples gathered with Mary (Acts 2:1-4).

What does the coming of the Holy Spirit mean for us today?

On Pentecost, we see the signs of a mighty wind that filled the Upper Room and tongues as of fire that rested on the Apostles together with the women and Mary and the disciples, as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4). As Jesus had commanded the Apostles to go forth and make disciples of all nations, they were now "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49), the needed power and presence of the Holy Spirit, strengthening them to overcome the fear that had seized them to the point of running away during Jesus' passion and crucifixion. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles went forth to teach, preach and baptize. The other disciples likewise went forth to bear witness to Jesus as the Son of God and our Savior.

We see that on Pentecost, the Catholic Church was publicly manifested. This work of the early Church, described in the Acts of the Apostles, clearly portrays people such as Peter and Paul being strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has remained with the Church ever since and will stay with her until the end of time.

The Solemnity of Pentecost is more than the celebration of an event. Above all, it is the celebration of a Person, the Person of the Holy Spirit. This Divine Person is the bond of love between the Father and the Son. A relationship with the Holy Spirit is necessary for all believers, and we develop it through quiet times of daily prayer, listening for His inner promptings and guidance.

We receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments, and thereby we receive the total gift of God's *Personified Love*. In Baptism there is a special outpouring of the Spirit as He dwells in our hearts and we become temples of the Holy Spirit. We also receive the gifts of faith, hope, and charity, along with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of Confirmation these gifts are increased and we are given a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess His name boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross. It is important that we know and understand how to use these supernatural gifts that come from God. We must all pray to grow stronger in each of these gifts, and to tap into them often.

The following prayer asks Jesus for an increase of each of these gifts:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, before ascending into Heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your apostles and disciples, please grant the same Holy Spirit to perfect in my soul the work of your grace and your love. Strengthen in me the supernatural *Gift of Faith*; that I may truly believe in God and make my response by developing a relationship with Him.

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The *Gift of Hope*; that I may trust in God through difficult circumstances and know that He loves me infinitely. The *Gift of Charity*; that I may receive God's love and give God's love. The *Gift of Knowledge*; that I may understand that there is a space reserved within me solely for the Holy Spirit. No thing or person can fill this space. God created me for Himself alone. The *Gift of Piety*; that I know and love God as a son or daughter truly would. As members of the Family of God, we are brothers and sisters in Christ and therefore we must treat each other with deep respect. The *Gift of Fortitude*; that I may have the courage and strength to overcome the obstacles that would harm my relationship with Jesus. The *Gift of Understanding*; that I may realize that sin separates me from my friendship with Jesus. My heart is led to respond by repenting of my sin and receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. The *Gift of Wisdom*; that I may be inspired to worship God and to love Him as my Heavenly Father: His love leads me to want to know and do what is right and good. The *Gift of Fear of the Lord*; that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may avoid anything that may displease Him. The *Gift of Right Counsel*; that I may be able to make correct decisions about God's will for my life.

Mark us dear Lord, with the sign of your true disciples, and animate us in all things with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

From the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

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, John Felder, Ann Fulcher, Elaine Shedivy, Nancy Patzner, Janelle Becwar, Carissa Waldo, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, Mildred Prew, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Marguerite Begnoche, Ann Rowe, Bill McCoy, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Lara Czajkowski Higgins, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Mark Janz, Lorna Porvaznik, Carolyn Schmidt, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Pam Hamann, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Albenia Sutton, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Kerriann Placko, Rosanna Mayer, Jason Bierman, Dana Kahler, Nancy Aschom, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Christine Alioto, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Tracy Pedretti, Bob Burr, Bonnie Boland, Roger Moris, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, LaVonne Laskaskie, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, James Stroschein, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Ed Rocksvold, Lewis Marfilius, Cecil Olson.

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

Bingo Winners from Monday, May 18th: \$25.00 - Carolyn Weipert; \$100.00 - Cecelia Mara; Progressive Consolation (\$100.00) - Deb Schultz; 50/50 Winner (\$38.50) - Millie Senesac

The progressive Jackpot for June 1st will be \$651.00 plus 50% of the progressive jackpot card sales in 53 calls or less.

NO BINGO on Monday, May 25th because of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Thank you to all who worked at the Bohemian dinner and to all who attended. As soon as all bills are paid we will publish the profit figure in the bulletin. The money barrel winners were Alan Hromadka and Steve Schwager. (\$128.00 each)



We congratulate our GRADUATES

The following students graduated from Prairie Catholic School last Thursday evening at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish:

Gracie E. Colson, Faith M. Dillman, Clayton S. DuCharme, Makennan J. Gerhards, Preston J. Hendrix, Weston D. Hill, Anthony L. Irvine, Lauren R. Kennedy, Morgan M. Kiesau, Peggy F. Koresh, Monserratt Lamadrid, Joshua R. Linder, Mitchell R. Luster.

Taylor J. Lutz, Terri L. Martin, Ryan J. McGrath, Ashley M. Mezera, Aaron S. Neisius, Lindsey L. Nicholson, Alexis C. Nolan, Caitlin M. Nolan, Caitlin M. Pattison, Brytta M. Sagedahl, Zachary R. Swiggum, Benjamin R. Teynor, Kaitlyn M. Waller, Kylee P. Weber.

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

Sunday, May 24

Bishop Flock will speak on his Mission at all Masses

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

8:00 am Mass at Calvary Cemetery (in case of rain Mass will be held at St. Gabriel's)

NO Bingo

Tuesday, May 26

3:30 PM Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, May 27

Thursday, May 28

Adoration at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Catholic Charities Hands of Hope Program in Prairie du Chien is looking for volunteers! We have multiple shifts available from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. Hours are dependent upon client needs. Duties would include checking mail for clients, grocery shopping, companionship, visiting, playing cards, light housekeeping, meal preparation, community events and doctor appointments. If interested, please fill out our volunteer application online located at www.cclse.org or call 608-326-1616.

The Prairie Catholic 6th Grade Class would like to thank all that supported their waffle breakfast fundraiser on Mother's Day. It was great food and a huge success!

IN SYMAPTHY

Please remember **Carolyn C. Henry** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Thursday, May 21st at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant Carolyn eternal life and comfort to her family.

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for May 17th	\$6,382.00	\$5,910.90
Plate for May 17th	914.65	775.55
Electronic Transfers	<u>\$1,812.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$9,108.65	\$6,686.45

The school fund envelopes came to \$792.00 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program.

The second collection at St. John's was to help defray the cost of the polka band and it came to \$358.95.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!