

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

St. Gabriel Archangel

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - 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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December 4, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



2nd Sunday of Advent

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. *Mt 3:4-6*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 11TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Laura Meyer, Richard Ambrose, Tom Steiner

Sunday 8:00 am Jeri Kluesner, Becky Henry, Mark Gilberts

SERVERS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Ava & Ella Hager
Shawn & JT Egstad

Sunday 8:00 am Dominique & James Reilly
Nicole Rickleff & Allison Lindner

LECTORS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Don Cipra

Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

USHERS-DECEMBER 10/11

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

Sunday 8:00 am John Chaffee, John Gillitzer, Mark Hamann, Nathan Mezera

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 4:00 pm Barb Welsch

Sunday 8:00 am Brad & Jenni Linder



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DEC. 11TH

Chris Ingham, Mary Steiner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger

Sunday 10:00 am Jean Ann Dillman, Gene Carlson

SERVERS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm MaKenna Forde & Rebekah
Champion

Emma & Michael Bjurquist

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Scott Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-DECEMBER 10/11

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

Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-DECEMBER 10/11

Saturday 7:00 pm Amy Young

Sunday 10:00 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!

CONFESSIONS:

St. Gabriel's: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm on Saturday

St. Johns: 6:00 to 6:45 pm on Saturday

(No scheduled confessions on days with wedding or funerals).



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 6	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Connie Esser
Wednesday, December 7	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Gary & Kelly LeGeune
<u>Immaculate Conception Vigil</u>			
Wednesday, December 7	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Juanita Tully
<u>Immaculate Conception</u> - Holy Day			
Thursday, December 8	7:00 am	St. John's Parish	William L. Rice
Thursday, December 8	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Niles & Norma Day
Friday, December 9	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Glen & Darrel Beneker
Saturday, December 10	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Clem Stram
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Jonathon Steger
Sunday, December 11	8:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Ray & Marjorie Jaynes
	10:00 am	St. John's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for: Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Eugene Gillitzer, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Jack Dahl, Joan Sheckler, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Ronnie Schlueter, Dean Heintz, Norb Aschom, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh.

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Wednesday Dec. 7 7:00 pm St. John's
Thursday, Dec. 8 7:00 am St. John's
Thursday, Dec. 8...8:15 am St. Gabriel's

BURGERS AND FRIES

We will host a Burgers and Fries dinner at our Fellowship Hall on Sat Dec 10th, serving from 4:30 until 7:00 pm.. This is one of our most popular recurring events, and all are welcome. There will be a free will offering, so please come and bring the family.

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes for Nov. 20th	\$6,059.00	\$6,140.00
Plate for Nov. 20th	833.55	687.50
Electronic Transfers	<u>1,347.00</u>	<u>1,537.00</u>
Total	\$8,239.55	\$8,364.50
Envelopes for Nov. 27th	\$6,290.00	\$6,711.00
Plate for Nov. 27th	<u>953.62</u>	<u>530.13</u>
Total	\$7,243.62	\$7,241.13

The second collection came to \$1,047.67 on Nov. 20th and \$463.27 on Nov. 27th and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

AN ADVENT GREETING FROM BISHOP WILLIAM CALLAHAN

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Hi Everybody, Bishop Callahan here, to encourage you to Share the Promise of Mercy in this season of Advent. I hope you have had a chance to experience God's boundless mercy firsthand. This past Year has been a time of personal challenge for me, but it has also been a source of great joy. When I reflect on the difficulties I've been given I can't help but to reflect on the presence of His Mercy, especially in those times when I needed it most.

The Church has given us the season of Advent as a time of expectant waiting, preparation, and anticipation. We wait for the "Messiah" as was promised by the Prophet Isaiah. "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse."

We prepare for the birth of Jesus as Saint Paul teaches: "Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep and put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

And we anticipate the coming of Christ, the Source of Mercy and the one of whom it was written: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel."

This Advent, renew your sense of tradition, or perhaps start a new way to mark this time in the Church Year as we await the Savior's birth. Take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attend Mass more frequently, and make time to pray. Prayer is our connection with our Heavenly Father who grants us everything that is good.

Remember that we can hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every situation, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end" and obtain the joy of heaven, as god's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ.

Blessed Advent to you; let us wait together in joyful hope.

PCS DAYCARE CENTER AND GYMNASIUM

We are pleased to announce that the new daycare and gymnasium spaces are open for use as of the last week of November. This is the fruit of much work and countless volunteer hours. So many in our parish came together to make this a possibility, and they are something that our entire parish can be proud of accomplishing. Currently, the day care will use the South center entrance for pick-up and drop-off. The gym entrance will be the west facing glass doors. Construction continues on the gym bathrooms and changing areas, but is hoped to be finished soon. In the meantime, we will have the downstairs bathrooms in the school building open for games. The office center will be the final phase of construction.

If you have not had a chance to see these, please stop by for a visit, or come to one of our middle school games. Thank you to all that have made this possibility become a reality.

God bless,

Fr Jim

DEACON'S CORNER The Deacon's Identity

One of the most beautiful teachings of the Church is that all baptized members are to serve the world, as prophets, priests, and kings. In union with the clergy and consecrated, the laity are to proclaim the Gospel; all are prophets. Through the sacrifices the laity make in life, they serve as priests. In their charitable acts, they show the world Christ, the servant king. By the deacon's ordination, he is to integrate, permanently and publicly, the ministry everyone shares in- the service of **Word, sacrament, and charity**. At his core, the deacon serves the Church by reminding every Christian of their three-fold vocation. Pope John Paul II, in an address to deacons gathered in Detroit in 1987 summarized this well: "The service of the deacon is the church's service sacramentalized... You are meant to be living signs of the servanthood of Christ's church". This understanding of the Church as servant to the world was the fundamental teaching of Vatican II. "How can we as Catholic Christians most effectively proclaim to a strife-torn and desperate world the good news of Jesus?" was the question the bishops asked. Everything the deacon does, whether at Mass or in the community, should be a symbol of this service.

It is important to understand this, because there is a natural tendency to view the deacon and his ministry in terms of the functions he performs. 'What does a deacon do?' is a question that is often asked. The corollary of this question is 'when can the deacon act in the place of the priest?' Most commonly, people assume that the permanent diaconate was restored in the Catholic Church by Vatican II because of the priest shortage in Europe and North America. Recall that there was no shortage 50 years ago. Seminaries were full. **Permanent deacons are not priest substitutes!** The deacon, an ordained minister living in the lay world, is the sign of the church's own *diakonia* – the mission all disciples share in to serve the world. He is not a junior priest.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.

We will be listing the names of all who responded. We will begin with around 50 parishioners and run them for a few weeks and list 50 or more, so if you don't see your name it will appear in following bulletins. Richard & Shirley Ambrose, Rose Bauer, Dorothy Baures, Robert & Nancy Becker, Florence Becwar, Doris Bohnenkamp, Bernard & Bonnie Boland, Ronald & Darlene Bunders, Darrell & Rae Ann Cooley, Gerald & Eldora Coorough, LeAnn Craig, Jerry & Joanne Cummings, Larry & Sharon Dahman, Donald & Joan Draka, Irving & Carol DuCharme, Thomas & Jean Farrell, Scott & Frances Geisler, Roger & Marlene Grunow, Deacon Mark & Ann Grunwald, Robert Heilmann, Terry & Kathleen Igou, Ronald & Mary Alice Jones, Geraldine Kluesner, Doris Krogman, Donald & Norma Lochner, Paul J. Lochner, Paul & Nora Moris, Debra Morovits, Janet Nelson, Joyce Novey, Paul & Lorna Porvaznik, Terry & Clara Powers, Jan Rutter, Betty Standorf, Catherine Steger, Cecilia Steinberg, Michael & Donna Steiner, Richard & Jeanette Steiner, Agnes Tesar, Phyllis Tichenor, Brian & Shelly Trautsch, James & Barbara Welsch, James White, Ronald & Karen White, Arlene Willms, and Phyllis Yeomans.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, December 4

9:00 am Coffee & Rolls at St. Gabriel's School; plus drawing for the Calendar Sweepstake & Holy Name raffle winners

4:00 pm Communal Penance Service at St. John's

Monday, December 5

Tuesday, December 6

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, December 7

5:30 pm Education Committee meeting at St. Gabriel's School

6:15 pm Choir rehearsal before 7 pm Mass

7:00 pm Vigil for Holy Day Mass at St. John's; CCD students will be attending

Thursday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

7:00 am Holy Day Mass at St. John's

8:15 am Holy Day Mass at St. Gabriel's

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

Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

4:30 to 7:00 pm **Burgers & Fries** in our Fellowship Hall; All you can eat....free will offering

Sunday, December 11

JWalkers meet at St. John's School after the 10:00 am Mass at St. John's to go Christmas Caroling; after Caroling we will have a Christmas party at Leisure Time Sports

Christmas Poinsettias for Church.....If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays please deposit names & donations in the collection basket or you can drop it off at St. John's Rectory. Thank you!

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Caryl M. Wachuta** in your prayers. Her funeral was held at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish last Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. May God grant Caryl eternal life and comfort to her family.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God, **Gracelyn Mae Poynter**, daughter of Matthew & Amanda (Mezera) Poynter, and **Emily Elizabeth Titkemeier**, daughter of Scott & Jennifer (Mayer) Titkemeier through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to bless **Gracelyn Mae** and **Emily Elizabeth** and their families.

BURGERS & FRIES next **Saturday, December 10th**. Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Bring your family & friends. All you can eat. Free will offering.