

HOLY FAMILY Catholic Parish

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Holy Days

Mass times to be announced.

Baptism

Please call St. John's Rectory office.

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

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February 5, 2017 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. JAMES C. WEIGHNER, PASTOR

DEACON MARK GRUNWALD



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

You are the light of the world. A city set on
a mountain cannot be hidden." *Mt 5:13a, 14*



St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 12TH

Nancy DuCharme

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Tom Steiner, Mary Kirschbaum
 Sunday 8:00 am Megan Pedretti, Becky Henry, & Dave Hemmer

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Haley Bedward, John Titlbach
 Seth & Jack MacEachern
 Sunday 8:00 am Chase & Madilyn Fisher
 Kennedy Kirschbaum & Scout Hall

LECTORS-FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Dan Schickert
 Sunday 8:00 am JJ Jackson

USHERS-FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Gene Kirschbaum, Jim Welsch
 Sunday 8:00 am Jerry Matousek, Dick Tesar, Butch Boland, John Chaffee

SCRIP WORKERS-FEB. 11/12

Saturday 4:00 pm Roland & Ashley Lindner
 Sunday 8:00 am Volunteers



St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEB. 12TH

Nick Nugent, Peg Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Linda Moser
 Sunday 10:00 am Verna Panka, Jean Ann Dillman

SERVERS-FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Matthias Gerhards & Logan Brown
 Kori Jaynes & Allison Kennedy
 Sunday 10:00 am Julian DeGidio & Dawson Eastman
 Ashlyn & Makenzie Knapp

LECTORS FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn
 Sunday 10:00 am Kurt Kravchuk

USHERS-FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Doug Rickleff,
 Volunteers
 Sunday 10:00 am Gene Carlson, Mike Mara, Paul Porvaznik & Ron Trautsch

SCRIP WORKERS-FEB. 11/12

Saturday 7:00 pm Steve & Sarah Holler
 Sunday 10:00 am Kalli Igou

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, February 7	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Frank Nolan
Wednesday, February 8	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Marguerite Begnoche
Thursday, February 9	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	† Bill Betzle
Friday, February 10	8:15 am	St. John's Church	† Paul Kovarik
Saturday, February 11	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Anita Steger For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor
Sunday, February 12	8:00 am 10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church St. John's Church	† Eileen Boland † Stasia Swingle

REASON AND STRENGTH

(A note from Bishop Callahan)

Every year, at the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week, the annual Brains and Brawn event is held in La Crosse. It's a fun event for kids representing our wonderful Catholic schools from all over our beloved Diocese. The event features a basketball tournament and a knowledge competition. The students "strut their stuff" in some really inspiring ways giving evidence of the work being accomplished by parents, faculties, and administrators—oh, yes, and the children themselves—in our Catholic schools.

As I reflect on the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week for this year, I am reminded of some of the great theological principles of the Patron Saint of Catholic Education, St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas focused attention and energy in his estimation of the human person, on the beautiful mixture of faith and reason that truly makes human beings human.

A favorite gift I received this past Christmas is the book by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: *Last Testament*. Pope Benedict, in this book, offers a summary in philosophy, theology, and plain beautiful common sense, of his magnificent and prolific life as one of the most significant pontiffs in the history of the Church. Presented in an interview format, the Pope responds to various questions, many of which are certainly pertinent to the condition of Catholic thought and Catholic response to the problems of our increasingly secularistic world.

A question posed to the Pontiff early on in the book concerns dealing with problems of faith in the world. Benedict responds that, "the difficulty so often with God is the question of why there's so much evil and so forth; how something can be reconciled with His almighty power, with His goodness, that certainly assails faith in different situations time and again." The Pope goes on in a follow-up question responding that, "primarily by the fact that I do not let go of the foundational *certainty of faith*, because I stand in it, so to speak, but also because I do not understand something, that doesn't mean that it is wrong, but that I am too small for it."

I have added the emphasis for the *certainty of faith* above.

Faith and reason become the basis of Catholic life in the world. To maintain the certainty of faith in a world that continually denies the foundation of that faith namely: God creates a variety of stress in the believer who is actually trying to live a genuine faith-filled life.

Brains and brawn—reason and strength—are definitely building blocks in the life of the faithful Catholic who will try to maintain faith in day-to-day life. From St. Thomas Aquinas even up to Pope Benedict, it certainly seems that the importance of Catholic education—Catholic thinking—must be guaranteed by the strength of Catholic Schools.

Brains and Brawn is an annual event at which our children compete and have fun doing it. It offers opportunities for all students to share their gifts and talents in a positive and challenging manner. The underlying strength of having such an event reminds all of us in the Catholic community of the importance of brains and brawn—reason and strength—in our everyday life. Every day, we must, as both St. Thomas and Pope Benedict have urged, stand on the certainty of faith.

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To do that we must have strength and courage and knowledge—brains and brawn—reason and strength. Our minds must be filled with knowledge of the truth, the truth that comes from God. We must be able to defend that truth—not merely with brute strength, but with interior strength—positive reason, virtue, and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrating Catholic Schools' Week promotes these values and virtues. The celebration moves us beyond a simple awareness of Catholic schools existing to be an alternative to public schools. We exist to promote our faith—to teach value and virtue to our young. I support Catholic schools as my positive investment in the future. Catholic education matters; and Catholic schools make the difference. Support our schools and witness the difference our students are making—live the faith with your reason and strength.

Bishop William Callahan

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, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, 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, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Ronnie Schlueter, Dean Heintz, Norb Aschom, Robert McCarty, Matilda Flansburgh, Michele Gale Tiller Karr, Mary Jo Carl, Joseph Hamann, Stan Garnsworthy, Janet Kahler, Judy Mezera, Roger Ekern.

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

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for January 29	\$8,537.00	\$6,446.00
Plate for January 29	617.45	399.42
Heat & Utilities	<u>53.00</u>	<u>39.00</u>
Total	\$9,207.45	\$6,884.42

The second collection came to \$505.25 and will be used for Prairie Catholic School and our Religious Education Program expenses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEET ST. PEREGRINE

PATRON OF CANCER PATIENTS

Born in 1260 into an upper-class family in Forli Italy, as a young man Peregrine was seemingly destined to become a business leader. However, an encounter with a holy priest, St Phillip Benizi changed the course of his studies and his life. Peregrine became a priest of the Servite community. He was involved in his ministry when the Black Plague was common. After noticing a limp that was getting progressively worse, Peregrine was diagnosed with cancer of the foot. The prognosis was amputation of the leg. After falling into a deep sleep, Peregrine recalled a 'dream' where the crucified Lord stretched out his hand and touched his leg and foot. He was immediately cured, and ministered for another 40 years. St Peregrine, Pray for us.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Eugene D. Gillitzer** and **Leona M. Carl** in your prayers. Eugene's funeral was held on Saturday, January 28th and Leona's funeral was held on Tuesday, January 31st at St. Gabriel's of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant them both eternal life and comfort to their family.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL. We will continue to list 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.

Anthony Bakken, Joseph & Catherine Bierman, John & Patricia Check, Art & Carolyn Conley, Jim & Lucy Cornford, Cyril & Virginia DesRocher, Janice Dube, Delores Fischer, Elaine Fischer, Margaret Fischer, Dr. Michael & Mary Ann Garrity, Fred Grelle, Alan & Deanne Hromadka, Kurt & Teresa Jaynes, Michael & Mary Jaynes, Gary & Judy Knickerbocker, Lucien & Rita Krahn, Mark & Katie Lenzendorf, Edward Linder, June Looney, John & Joyce Luster, Audrey Mara, Jeanine Mara, Lyle Marfilus, David & Renee Martin, Donald & Patricia McGuire, Patrick & Iva Mulhern, Kathleen Novey, Joan Novey, Marilyn Ocenosak, Mark & Megan Pedretti, Tracy & Laurie Pedretti, Vernon & Mary Pedretti, Mary Pellock, Thomas & Lisa Peterson, Joan Poots, John & Annette Powers, Joseph & Joanne Prew, Gregory & Ann Quick, Mary Rupp, Wilbur Rupp, Robert & Linda Schneider, Mary Schultz, Vicki Sebastian, Marita Seitz, Edward & Donna Steger, Gregory & Diane Steger, Louis Steger, Terence Steger, Timothy & Charlene Steger, LaVerne & Phyllis Steiner.

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

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Sunday, February 5

10:45 am to 1:00 pm Holy Family Swiss Steak dinner at St. Gabriel's Cafeteria; all are invited; also drawing for the Calendar Raffle & Holy Name winners

Monday, February 6

Tuesday, February 7

3:30 pm Mass at Prairie Maison

Wednesday, February 8

5:00 pm Education Committee will meet at St. Gabriel's School

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

Thursday, February 9

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

6:00 pm Holy Family Finance Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

CHILI & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP DINNER

A couple weeks ago we put out a notice that there will be a Chili dinner on Sat Feb 25. I made a mistake in that I failed to mention we will also have our famous Chicken Noodle soup that evening as well. The menus will also include grilled cheese sandwiches (and perhaps deep fried cheese curds?) We will offer chili and chicken noodle soup for carry-outs as well. If you know ahead that you might want either of these, please contact the rectory and let us know how many quarts you might want. The left-over after the dinner will be for sale as well.

Hope to see a great crowd as we bring this event back after a few year's hiatus.

God bless Fr Jim

Congratulations to Pete & Mary Neisius on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them.

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37