

# OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## September 27, 2020

WEEKEND MASS TIMES Saturday: 4:15 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

8:30 a.m.

Consult bulletin for special Holy Day and holiday schedules.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION One-Half Hour Prior to Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday: Closed

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE: Make arrangements with Parish Office six months prior to tentative date.

### **BAPTISMS:**

Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please speak to Father Michael Kaluza after Mass during the second trimester of pregnancy to begin the formal preparation process. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.



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## A Message from the Deacon

### LUNCH WITH GOD

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six pack of root beer and he started on his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old women. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to her and he opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him the boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone a few steps, he turned around and ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She had the most beautiful smile I have ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, He is much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest complaint, the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a life time. Embrace all equally!

Have you ever thought about when you see someone in distress or in need of someone to talk to that that person is Jesus in disguise to see if you would take the time to stop and just say hello? Just remember that we are all created in the image of God. As we go through our busy schedule every day, when we meet anyone just say hello, or just give them a smile, whether they return the same to you or not. Have you ever had lunch with God without realizing it was Him? Peace,

**Deacon Bob Raleigh** 



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### **PLEASE JOIN US**

The Catholic Church is the Church founded by Jesus Christ: it is the same Church mentioned in the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The term "Catholic" means "according to the whole;" it was used early in the Church's history to distinguish her from a number of other gatherings whose teachings and practices were not true to the authoritative teachings of Christ's apostles. All human persons are invited and encouraged to accept the salvation offered by Jesus through His one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church by living the sacramental life offered by the Catholic Church. It is the mission of Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church to offer this life to the people of Belle Plaine, Minnesota and its environs.

If you would like to become Catholic, please contact Fr. Michael Kaluza in person or by email at: mkaluza@olp.church.

September 18, 2020

# "Know It All News"

Our Lady of the Prairie, 200 E Church Street Belle Plaine, MN 56011

### PRINCIPAL LETTER

During these first few weeks of school at OLP, teachers have made extra time to settle students into the routines of a typical school day. Often, despite all of the excitement, students may find the transition from summer to school year difficult. Try to carve out a routine at home where backpacks are emptied together and completed homework is discussed.

At school this week, students began their specialist classes. Students spend time each day in gym, art, library, technology or music. The specialist classes help to enrich and extend learning in the core subjects, meeting all learners needs!

On Friday, K-2 students will have their initial fall assessment through FAST and the Belle Plaine Public Schools. This will give teachers a summary of where students are at coming from summer break. We will be assessing the students throughout the year and results will be sent home when available.

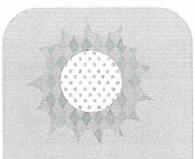
If your child qualifies for Title services, you will receive a letter. All Title services will be held at OLP at least once a week for your child. Ellen Vanravenswaay from the Belle Plaine Public Schools is the Title One Specialist for our school.

As you learn more about your teacher and classroom expectations, please do not hesitate to drop an email to your teacher. I'm also available at <u>walessio@ourladyoftheprairie.com</u> and look forward to hearing from you.

Peace, Wendi Alessio

### FATHER MICHAEL KALUZA

School is off to a great start and I look forward to an amazing year of learning and practicing our faith. I am very grateful that Mrs. Wermerskirchen allows me to assist in the lunchroom! That's my second favorite time to be with our students. Of course my first and absolute best favorite time is School Mass on Friday. Please join us as we worship God and give thanks for our many blessings!



**Important Dates** 

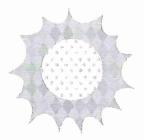
09/30 Picture Day

### Mass

Please Make sure that on Fridays, your child has dress shoes for the 8:30 Am Children's Mass. Also, Boys should have a tie on during Friday Mass!

### **Coborn's Fundraiser**

The Coborn's Deadline is the 2nd of October 2020. (Please See attached flyer for more information)



## Lunch Helpers Needed

We are still in need of one more lunch helper for both Tuesdays and Thursdays, also we need two lunch helpers for Fridays. It is important to get this help so we can continue hot lunch service on these days. This is a great opportuni-ty for parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles. If you volunteer to help serve lunch, you must complete the "Essential 3" before you can start. You will need to go to this link https:// www.virtusonline.org/virtus/ req\_list2.cfm?theme=o to reqister as a new member. Choose St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN (Archdiocese) and begin registration, choose Our Lady of the Prairie Belle Plaine, MN. Online you will fill out the background check and code of conduct forms, you can also register for the required live Virtus training session.

## **Teacher Scoop**

### MRS. URLICK

This week the K-1 class is previewing all the different books that we will be using this school year. We are still practicing good hygiene and hand washing too! We are talking about the importance of social distancing, wearing a mask inside, and learning how we can still play with friends while doing these things. It will be a unique school year, but so far we are so thrilled to be back at school with all of our friends.

### **TEACHER ASHLEY**

It's a new year and a new adventure! Preschoolers are meeting friends and learning the routine. Tickle Bumblebee is a friendly bee puppet that has been buzzing around our classroom asking friends names. This week hot lunch was a choice. Part of our morning routine, each child checks their name in by answering the question: Do you have a lunch box? Yes or No. We will start to identify our name and the name of others. Our theme is God made me special.

### **MR. LOPAHS**

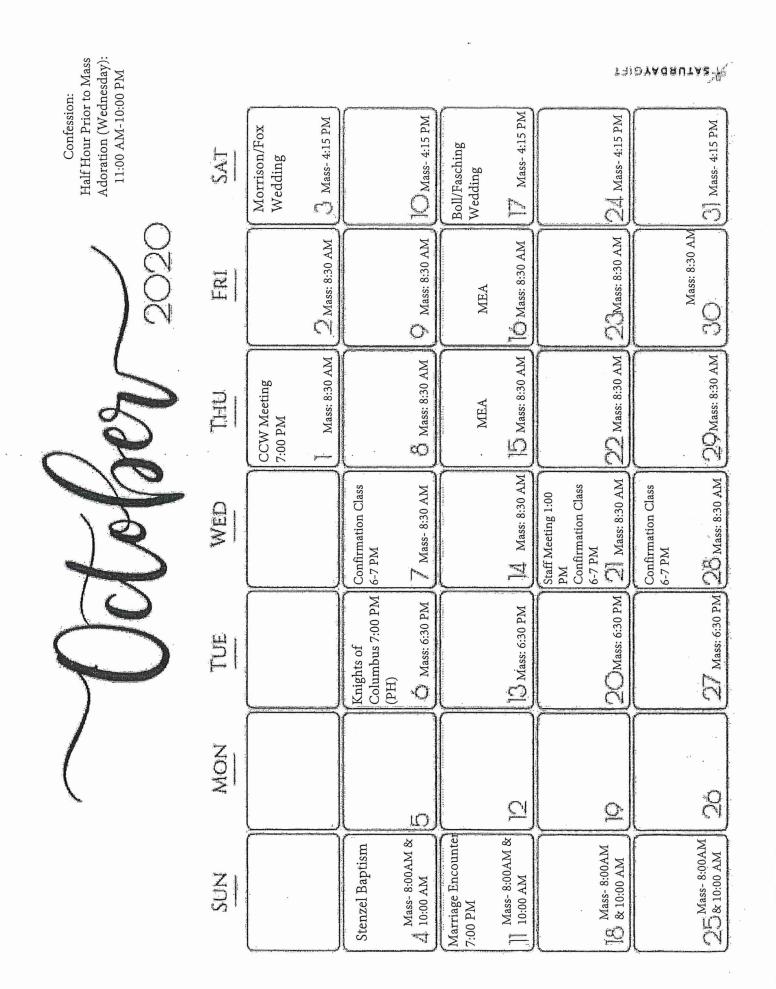
We have hit the ground running to start the year in 5th and 6th grade! From weekly spelling tests, Math quizzes, and Daily Bible work we are establishing a work ethic that will take on the rigors that our school year will bring. And we are having fun too! In Social Studies and Science we are incorporating the use of Google Classroom to the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to introduce a new way to do school, either in the class or at home. Subjects we are tackling in the beginning of the year include Map work, the Water Cycle, Weather Patterns, and the Topography of the US.

### **MS.CATES**

We had a fabulous first week back at school. It is so nice to see everyone together learning again. We are getting back into the swing of things and our new learning routine. In religion, we learned about young Jesus and what he liked to do for fun. In social studies we learned about Patriot day and what makes a hero. In science we did an apple experiment and learned about germs and how to stay healthy. In math, the second graders reviewed their addition to 20 facts and the third graders reviewed place value and expanded form.

### MRS.ALESSIO

The 4th graders are off to a great start and are SO happy to be back at school! In reading this year, we are focusing on the different reading genres and have started the year out by learning more about realistic fiction. In math, we are learning more about place value and what standard and expanded forms of numbers mean. In religion this week we have been learning about Mother Teresa.





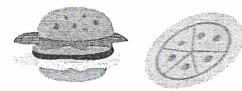
## **Boy Do We Have a Deal for You**

We are pairing with Coborn's on a great fundraising opportunity for all. We are selling Coupon books for \$20.00 each. The coupon books are filled with so much savings. For example, \$5 off your \$50 purchase, \$10 off your \$100 purchase, one pound of free bananas, and so much more! Fill out the form below if you are interested in the amazing savings!

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### **OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

Collection Goal for Sept.	\$ 7,025.00
9/20/2020 Collection Week 12	\$ 4,849.00
Contribution Goal YTD	\$ 75,415.00
Total Contributions YTD	\$ 65,428.11
Budget Deficit	\$ (9,986.89)

Number of Registered Families 470

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#### **Powers and Dominions**

In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery, and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels. This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more.

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## Please Hold in Prayer...

### Please pray for the following people:

Ann Woelfel Pat Krant Aggie Wawrzyniak Jean Dockter Betsy Bonderson Steve Huber Brodee Kupp Sallie Raleigh

If you know of someone who would like to have their name added to the prayer list, please notify the bulletin editor. A name will be listed for four weeks. Before calling or emailing the name, please seek the permission of the person.

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Oct. 3 & 4			
	4:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS:	J. Hartmann M. Schultz	J. Edberg D. Groen P. Guertin T. Halloran	J. Covington B. Covington J. Gerres E. Gerres
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## **Celebration of Baptism**

Braxton Tommy Traxler, son of Tommy Traxler and Amber Williams on August 2, 2020



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

- Tues (29) 6:30 pm d. Tammy Schultz
- Wed (30) 8:30 am d. Kelly O'Neill
- Thur (1) 8:30 am d. Ginger Gregory
- Fri (2) 8:30 am d. Carol Koenig
- Sat (3) 4:15 pm liv & d mem of the Dan Murphy Family
- Sun (4) 8:00 am For the Parish
  - 10:00 am- d. Mary Ann Shaughnessy

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/28/2020

MONDAY	Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
TUESDAY	Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Jn 1:47-51
WEDNESDAY	Jb 9:1-12,14-16/Lk 9:57-62
THURSDAY	Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
FRIDAY	Jb 38:1,12-21,40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10
SATURDAY	Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/Lk 10:17-24
SUNDAY	ls 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



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