



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 11, 2022

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:15pm

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 6:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30am

Holy Days & Holidays

Consult bulletin.

Eucharist Adoration

Wednesday | 9:00am - 10:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Confession

30 mins prior to Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Make arrangements with the Parish Office six months prior to proposed wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

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 Deacon Mike Daly 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.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140



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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON MIKE

Real Peace can only be found in Jesus Christ



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie,

The race has begun to get everything done. Just 14 more days until Christmas. Many of us are already stressing over how we are going to get it all done in such a brief time. Tree trimming, present buying, gift wrapping, card writing, cookie baking, and on and on. Peace doesn't seem to be part of the equation.

You will hear the word "peace" used all the time during the Christmas season. It's a powerful word, in part because it's something all of us want. We long for peace – peace with God, peace within, and peace with others. And here's the good news of Christmas: Jesus came to earth to give us peace. It starts with Jesus.

During advent we need to remember the words of Jesus: *"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart because I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33) Peace is not something to take for granted. Peace isn't a place; Peace is a Person. Peace is not a place you escape to out of your everyday life, but a Person you walk with every day.

You are invited to know Him, the Prince of Peace. You are invited to lay down your cares for the present, regrets of the past, and fears of the future and live as a forgiven child of God. You are invited to come to Him and become an heir to His promises of hope, love, joy, and peace. *"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"* (Isaiah 26:3)

Finding some peace is about living a life you don't need to run from but living a life you want to run into. You can have peace this holiday season if you'll turn wholly to God. You can have peace for the upcoming year if you'll trust wholly in Him. True peace can only come from knowing Jesus Christ because He is peace.

In Christ,
Deacon Mike

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE...

Ann Woelfel
Cindy Coughlen
Angela Hennen
Mike Fogarty
Loree Heinkel
Bob Belousek

Lily Jane
Carol Klein
Bud Steen
Lisa Pobuda
Joe Lajeunesse
Cara Miller

Susan Fahey
Gary Gerbeling
Jean Dockter
Genny Mesenbrink

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. Please get the permission of the person you wish to add before calling or emailing.



Christmas Cookies

BY THE DOZEN

Accepting orders now through Dec. 14th.

Pick up on December 18th, 9-Noon, in Roedel Hall.

Cookies are \$6.00 per dozen.

Gift Packs of assorted cookies \$15.00 each, great for gift giving!

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CHRISTMAS SEASON



**Excess donations will be used for altar
flowers during other times of the year.**

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*The First Presbyterian Church of
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the 2nd Annual*

*Christmas
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

———— 7:00 P.M. ————

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FREE WILL DONATION



*Join Our Lady of the Prairie for
An advent Season*

Evening of Adoration

In the Church

Lead by: Deacon Mike Daly

December 20th following 6:30 pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacred Scripture and Reflection

Advent Music

Benediction

Christmas Around the World



December 22nd @ 7pm

Location: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

A Christmas Pageant presented by the students of
Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

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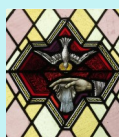
Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our Lady of the Prairie parish met and exceeded our goal.

Welcome New Parishioners

Our Lady of the Prairie would like to welcome our new parishioners. Please make them feel at home in our parish community.

Dennis and Stephanie Schroeder
James & Lynn Grampre



Celebration of Baptism



- ◆ McKinley Anna Monnens, daughter of Michael Monnens and Gabriel Savage on November 20, 2022
- ◆ Ana Marie-Lara Harrold, daughter of Domingo Riveras and Oriana Harrold on November 27, 2022

WINTER WEATHER CHURCH POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, remember our winter weather policy as follows:

- If schools are ***delayed or close early or closed*** due to snow or poor weather conditions, Church, Adoration and all meetings, events and activities scheduled for that day at the church will be cancelled (i.e., PREP, CCW, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter, etc.).
- **We will send an email blast to those of you on our weekly bulletin email list letting you know of closures. If you are not on our email list and would like to be added, please call the office or email kpumper@ourladyoftheprairie.com.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK DECEMBER 12—DECEMBER 18, 2022

MONDAY 12/12

7:00 pm-9:00pm | Catechetical Institute
using whole campus

TUESDAY 12/13

1:30 pm | Kingsway Mass
6:30 pm | Mass

WEDNESDAY 12/14

8:30 am | Mass
Coffee & donuts after 8:30am Mass
6:30 pm | Communal Penance

THURSDAY 12/15

8:30 am | Mass
8:45 am—Noon | OLP PreK-6 Old Log Theatre field
trip
2:00 pm | Lutheran Home Mass

FRIDAY 12/16

8:30 am | Mass
OLP 3-6 Grades confession after 8:30 am Mass

SATURDAY 12/17

Deacon preaching weekend
4:15 pm | Mass

SUNDAY 12/18—4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Deacon preaching weekend
8:00 am | Mass
9-10:00 am | Choir Practice in church
10:00 am | Mass
Decorate the church for Christmas after the 10 am
Mass

Bulletin Announcements:

If your group would like to post anything in the
bulletin, please send an email to Nora at
nwermskirchen@olp.church by noon on Monday for
the following Sunday's publication.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

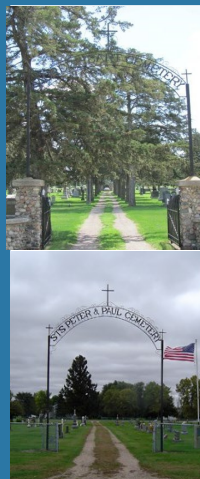
Christmas Eve, December 24, and
Christmas Day, December 25, fall
on a Saturday and Sunday this year.
Some may see this as a blessing
as do we priests and staff, yet we
realize we miss out on one collection
because of the combined weekend.
I know you will make a concerted
effort to be generous this year and
bring both your Christmas Envelope
and your Sunday, December 25th
envelope. Parishes rely on the
Christmas collection to carry us into
the New Year. Thank you for being
conscientious and generous.

IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers....

Eldina Madeline Eyrich

We extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends, and
loved ones, and pray for her eternal peace.



Cemetery Price Increase Effective July 1, 2023

All cemetery lots purchased after
June 30, 2023, will have an
additional charge of \$200.00 (per
lot) for perpetual care.

Member—\$700/lot + \$200 for
perpetual care

Non-member—\$1,400/lot + \$200
for perpetual care



**Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic Church**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2022

| MINISTRY | 4:15PM | 8:00AM | 10:00AM |
|---|--|--|--|
| Lectors | Sarah W | Ken S | Pat S |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion *If Deacon Mike is not present. | Betty W Charlotte M Dan F *Volunteer | Susan C Bob F Janice T *Volunteer | Karen V Joe V Jean M *Volunteer |
| Ushers | Keith H Randy S Volunteer Volunteer | John E Paul G Dr. Tim H Tim M | Jim CJ Ben C Jim G Emmett G |
| Servers | Andrew S Addy S Ian S | Austin T Kennah S Volunteer | Mason B Mackenzie B Cole C |



STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of December 4, 2022

Weekly Collection Goal for Month\$8,073.00
 12/4/2022 Collection (Week 23).....\$4,850.00
CURRENT WEEK DEFICIT.....-(\$3,123.00)

Church Painting Collection \$3,305.00

Attendance at 4:15pm Mass131
 Attendance at 8:00am Mass168
 Attendance at 10:00am Mass149
 Live stream views of Mass47

Total Number of Registered Active Families.....486
 Total Number of Registered Active Members.....1,293

*Collection week includes envelopes and loose total for that weekend collection.

**Total Contributions YTD includes all envelope, loose, ACH and midweek contributions up to date noted

Automatic Contributions

Did you know your contributions can be automatically deducted from your checking, savings, or credit card account? For more information call the parish office at 952-873-6564 or check out our website.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, 12/13

6:30pm d. Franciis Goblirsch

FRIDAY, 12/16

8:30am liv&d. Members of the Wayne Bohlke Family

WEDNESDAY, 12/14

8:30am d. Tom Anderson

SATURDAY, 12/17

4:15pm d. Dan Leonard

THURSDAY, 12/15

8:30am d. Teresa Fritz

SUNDAY, 12/18

8:00am d. Frank Glsczinski
 10:00am For the Parish

Church Painting collected as of 11/27/2022

\$191,566.48

This does not include the collection from 12/4/2022

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12—DECEMBER 18, 2022

Monday 12/12 | Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday 12/13 | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday 12/14 | Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday 12/15 | Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

Friday 12/16 | Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday 12/17 | Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Sunday 12/18 | Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS!
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