



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 22, 2023

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

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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON MIKE



Called to be Disciples

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie,

The call from the Lord can be irresistible. He appears in our lives unexpectedly, even if we think we've heard it all before. His powers of persuasion are substantial. The men he called to be his apostles were focused on families and careers. Then one day Jesus shows up at the lakeshore and makes them an offer they can't refuse.

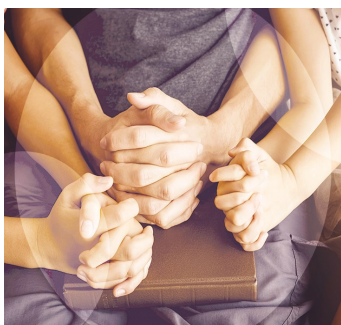
In our Church there is unity through diversity. Jesus decided to set up shop and hang his shingle in Capernaum – a bilingual region inhabited by pagans – and then hire workers of all ages from different professions to devote their uniqueness to God.

Church unity is paramount. Jesus says, "A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand." To many he is a cause for division (Lk 2:34b) but he came to unify not divide, "so that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you" (Jn 17:21). Diversifying the Church ensures the unbroken chain of the covenant between God and man remains intact. To draft the outcast and the stranger, the great and the lowly alike, doesn't weaken the lineup but adds depth to the roster and makes the team stronger. He packs the bench with men and women who ordinarily wouldn't mix. A fisherman. A Pharisee. A tax collector. A traitor. A lawyer, a police officer, and a journalist.

The sea is the source of life, the baptismal waters that initiate us into the Christian faith. The men Jesus called to be apostles had the tools of the trade to haul in the catch of the day as well as the chum and the dross. But when they received their calling they dropped their nets and walked away from lucrative professions – and the potential to gain a whole lot more of what the world deems to be important. Their nets provided their livelihood but nets can also mean entanglement. By saying yes to God they freed themselves from those webs.

Drop the net...and follow him.

In Christ,
Deacon Mike



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE...

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

Bud Steen
Lisa Pobuda
Joe Lajeunesse
Cara Miller
Susan Fahey
Jean Dockter

Genny Mesenbrink
Stan Effertz
Lyle Nagel

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.



Join us for a...

Waffle Breakfast

Sunday, January 29th
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Dine In or
Take it TO - GO!

Free Will Offering

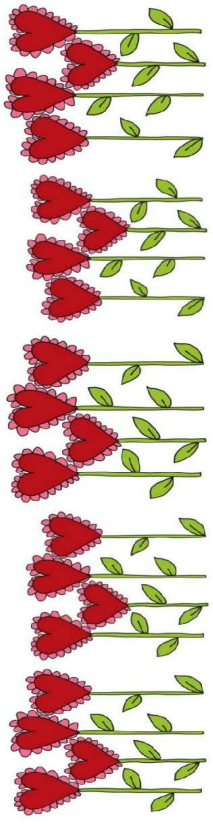


Our Lady of the Prairie Church
Parish Hall - 200 E. Church St.
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Gluten free waffles are available.

How Your breakfast makes a difference...

This fundraiser helps send our OLP 6th grade students to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN every fall. During their days at Wolf Ridge, students learn about the environment, cultural history, outdoor skills, team building, and personal growth. This nature-centered field trip is a long standing tradition at OLP that students, parents, and staff look forward to throughout their Catholic education.



Join us February 11th after the 4:15 Mass

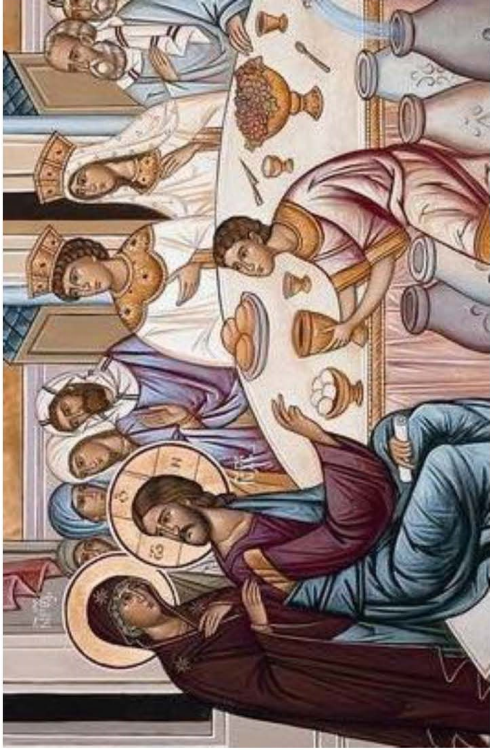
Cana Dinner

Cost: \$110 per Couple / \$55 Single

Proceeds will benefit the 2023 Confirmation Class 2 Day NET Retreat

Tickets available: After every Mass or in the Parish Office

Dinner Prepared by: Fatbellies BBQ



Happy Hour following Mass in Roedel Hall

Dinner at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Speaker following dinner at 7 pm



Loving Father,
You sent your Son to proclaim the good news of our salvation.
Help us to answer his call courageously may your Kingdom become a reality in our midst as we hear his word proclaimed, gather at the table of his Body and Blood, and serve one another in love.
Through our encounter with the Risen Lord may we live the good news with faith and hope and bring the light of your love to the darkest places of our world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are accepting applications for the position of the front office Administrative Assistant at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School. Desired skills for the position include but are not limited to:

- Proficiency in Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Data Base Management, Web Page Management, Desktop Publishing and Social Media
- Maintains confidentiality
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently
- Exhibits a positive and professional attitude

To apply, please email your resume to kpumper@ourladyoftheprairie.com or send to: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011

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.

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS!

We're happy to have you with us today!

DAILY READINGS, MASS INTENTIONS, MINISTRY SCHEDULE & WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK JANUARY 23-29, 2023

MONDAY 1/23**DAILY READINGS:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30**TUESDAY 1/24****DAILY READINGS:** Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

1:30 pm | Kingsway Mass

6:30 pm | Mass †Thelma Ott

6:30 pm | Mass/Dinner/Church Night Meetings

WEDNESDAY 1/25**DAILY READINGS:** Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18

8:30 am | Mass †Cy Goettl

Coffee & donuts after 8:30am Mass

2:00 pm | Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall

Faith Formation Classes: 3:30-5:00 pm | K-1 CGS

4:00-5:00 pm | 4th Grade TGA

6:00-7:30 pm | 2nd grade CGS

6:30-7:30 pm | 3rd, 5th-7th grade TGA

6:30-7:30 pm | 8th grade Chosen

THURSDAY 1/26**DAILY READINGS:** 2 Tim 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25

8:30 am | Mass †Bob Michel

FRIDAY 1/27**DAILY READINGS:** Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

8:30 am | Mass †Pat Athmann

SATURDAY 28**DAILY READINGS:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

4:15 pm | Mass †Jenny Gray

Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

Treats & Fellowship after 4:15pm Mass hosted by OLP P.T.A.

4:15 pm Ministers: Greeters—Brad & Sue S

Lector—OLP Students

EMHC—Betty W/Charlotte M/Dan F

Alter Servers—Liam G/Quinnlyn G/CeCe S/MJ K

Ushers—Keith H/Randy S/ **Volunteer/Volunteer****SUNDAY 1/29****DAILY READINGS:** Zeph 2:3: 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

8:00 am-Noon | OLP School Waffle Breakfast Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

8:00 am | Mass †For the Parish

8:00 am Ministers: Greeters—Mark & Letecia F

Lector—OLP Students

EMHC—Susan C/Bob F/Janice T

Alter Servers—Peter H/Luke H/Henry H

Ushers—John E/Paul G/Dr. Tim H/Tim M

9:00 am | Choir practice in the church

10:00 am | Mass †Tom Fahey

10:00 am Ministers: Greeters—Pat & Sandy S

Lector—OLP Students

EMHC—Paula C/Jim C/Nora W

Alter Servers—Mackenzie B/Mason B/Cole C

Ushers—Jim G/Emmett G/Jim C/Ben C

Bulletin Announcements:

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

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