



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 29, 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 FATHER MICHAEL



The Beatitudes

This weekend begins our Catholic Schools Week celebration and how blessed we are with a school to teach not only academics, but to complement our spiritual need for God to always accompany us.

The Beatitudes are among the most well-known passages of the Gospel. We hear Saint Matthew's account this weekend reminding us of how we are to live our Christian lives to achieve blessedness or happiness which is at the core of our very being. We live in a world which so often seems to reward the rich, the aggressive, the bold; those who seek to take advantage of others and care about no one except themselves. However, Jesus teaches the beatitudes to remind us about what is supposed to be important in our lives. Above all else, God is the primary focus of the Christian.

To depend upon God alone is at the core of the beatitudes. With God as the focus of our lives, we can truly acknowledge our own poverty and dependence upon God for the gift of life and blessings of our lives. To mourn means to recognize the vast expanse between ourselves and God. We are simply created creatures. God is infinite and only God can console us. As a prayerful people, we mourn before God and God comforts us in our complete dependence upon him. The meek recognize the greatness of God and live a life of humility giving thanks to God for their blessings and talents. To seek righteousness is to put our Christian values to work in the way that we choose to live our lives and the care and concern we show to others.

To achieve the Kingdom of Heaven, we are called to be peacemakers and stand up for what is right in the eyes of God, which often puts us in conflict with the politically correct society in which we live that permits abortion and our western culture is slipping into an acceptance of doctor-assisted suicide when life is no longer valued. The goodness of marriage between one man and one woman for a complementary spousal relationship and the rearing of children is under attack. When we face these difficulties in life, we can take refuge in our singleness of heart focused on God. The goodness and love of God is without limits; may we seek to imitate the life of Jesus so that we can share God's life for all of eternity. Then we will truly be blessed!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza

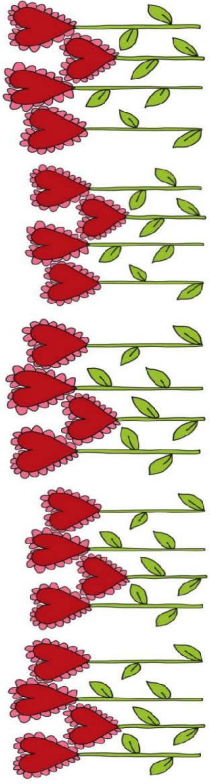
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE...

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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
Rose Donharl

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 February 11th after the 4:15 Mass

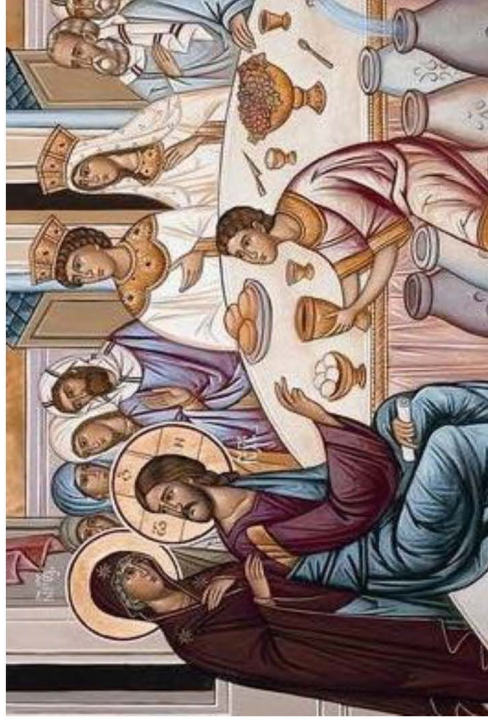
Cana Dinner

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



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- 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

Dear God,

We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war; for we know that You have made the world in a way that people must find their own path to peace within themselves and with their neighbors.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation; for You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice; for You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.

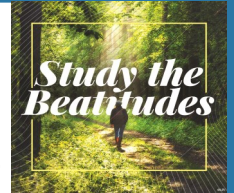
We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair; for You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease; for You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.

Therefore, we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power, to do instead of just pray, to become instead of merely to wish.

Amen.

— Rabbi Jack Riemer



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.**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS!

We're happy to have you with us today!

Cemetery Price Increase Effective July 1, 2023



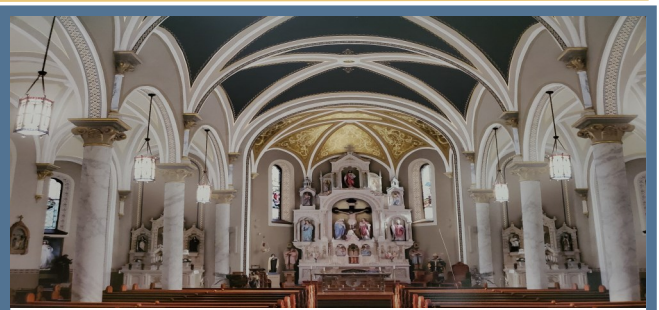
All cemetery lots purchased after June 30, 2023, will have an additional charge of \$200.00 (per lot) for perpetual care.

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

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



Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic Church



Church Painting collected as of 1/22/2023
\$273,441.93

(this amount does NOT include donations from 1/22/2023)

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of January 22, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month.....\$8,073.00
 1/22/2023 Collection (Week 29).....\$4,904.87
CURRENT WEEK DEFICIT.....-(\$3,168.13)

Church Painting Collection.....\$2,735.00

Attendance at 4:15pm Mass.....190
 Attendance at 8:00am Mass.....130
 Attendance at 10:00am Mass.....165
 Live stream views of Mass.....92
 (stopped recording after the 1st Reading)

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.

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.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



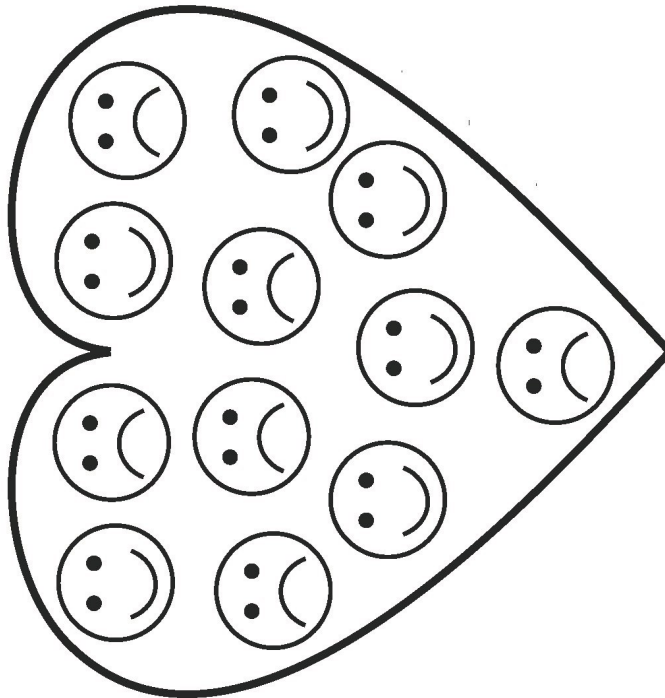
4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





PUZZLE

Circle the happy faces!
How many happy faces can you count?



MISSION

I will share my playtime with a friend.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

blessed	mercy	kingdom
meeek	pure	reward
filled	peace	heaven

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mecyr

hevena

peur



MISSION

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.

I hope most of you are aware, but if not, we held our first annual community event "The Feast" this past fall with huge success! The overall goal was to get the Belle Plaine Community to come together and enjoy a warm meal, free of charge!

A total of 826 meals were served, including 210 takeouts or deliveries, in just three hours. This event was possible because of Roger Moody, someone who grew up in Belle Plaine and will be forever grateful for that.

Even though the meal was free, we collected a free will donation with the intent to give out scholarships to local children in need. Our hope is to help cover a portion of the fees for any event / camp / class / activity / trip / educational need, for children that may not be able to participate otherwise. You've been mentioned as an organization / coach / person involved or connected with our youth in some capacity that you may have now or in the future be able to use this as an opportunity to share with families.



We are now accepting applications for scholarships to be given in 2023. Our scholarship team will be meeting quarterly to look over any submitted applications. The deadline for each quarter is below.

Deadline 1: March 31

Deadline 2: June 30

Deadline 3: September 30

Deadline 4: December 31

Application: ["The Feast" Scholarship Request Form \(google.com\)](#)

Please reach out if you have any questions. We're hoping to make this an annual event, so if you don't have any big trips or activities planned this year, please keep us in mind in the years to come.

The Feast Committee

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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Sunday, January 29th
Waffle Breakfast



All proceeds going toward
Wolf Ridge Camp 2023

Students Reading
at all Masses
Saturday, January 28th
And
Sunday, January 29th



Monday, January 30, 2023

Light the Night formerly
Pennies for Patients
Collect Nickels

Service Project Day

1:00pm K-6 students will bus to Kingsway to play games and do crafts with the residents.

1:00pm PreK students play giant games in Roedel Hall.

Dress of the Day: Classroom Color Day:
PreK—Red
K/1—Green
2/3—Orange
4/5/6—Purple



Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Light the Night
Collect Dimes

K-6 Roller Skating Field Trip Day
PreK Pizza Party & Surprise Activity
(Field trip & Pizza party sponsored by OLP P.T.A.)



Hot Dogs or Pizza, Chips and Soda lunch provided for K-6

Pizza will be provided for PreK

Dress of the Day: Spirit
Wear or Jersey Day



Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Light the Night
Collect Quarters

Wacky Wednesday

1:00 Meet in Roedel Hall to make Valentines to be distributed at The Lutheran Home Association Campus. Movie and treats in classrooms to end the day!



Dress of the Day: Wacky dress, mismatched colors, designs, backwards clothes.

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Light the Night
Collect Mixed Coins

Science Fair Day



1:30pm in Roedel Hall to showcase the students hard work.



Dress of the Day: Dress as what you want your future profession to be.



Friday, February 3, 2023

Light the Night
Collect Dollar Bills

Grandparents/Special Guest Day

8:30 Mass

Followed by donuts & juice in the parish hall sponsored by OLP P.T.A.



10:30 Talent Show in Roedel Hall

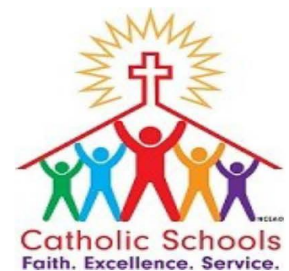


Dress of the Day: Dress your Best Day



Special Dismissal at 11:30 to spend time with your Grandparents or Special guest.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE



Catholic Schools Week

January 29th
thru
February 3th
2023

DAILY READINGS, MASS INTENTIONS, MINISTRY SCHEDULE & WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK JANUARY 30—FEBRUARY 5, 2023

MONDAY 1/30

Catholic Schools Week

DAILY READINGS: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20**TUESDAY 1/31**

Catholic Schools Week

6:30 pm | Mass †d. Rev. John F. Brandes

DAILY READINGS: Heb 12:1/4/Mk 5:21-43**WEDNESDAY 2/1**

Catholic Schools Week

8:30 am | Mass †liv&d. Members of the Wayne Bohlke

Coffee & donuts after 8:30am Mass

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

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

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

7:30 pm—8:30 pm | Choir practice for spring Contata

DAILY READINGS: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

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

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

THURSDAY 2/2

Catholic Schools Week

8:30 am | Mass †d. Rev. Leonard F. Siebenaler

DAILY READINGS: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40**FRIDAY 2/3**

Catholic Schools Week—Early Release day parent pickup

8:30 am | Mass †d. Steve & Diane Henning

DAILY READINGS: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29**SATURDAY 2/4**

4:15 pm | Mass †OLP School

4:15 pm Ministers: Greeters—Patrick & Charlotte M

EMHC—Keith H/Sarah W/Sue S

Ushers—Jim F/Joe H/ **Volunteer/Volunteer****DAILY READINGS: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34**

Lector—Maureen D

Alter Servers—Andrew S/Evan S/Eli W

SUNDAY 2/5

8:00 am | Mass †For the Parish

8:00 am Ministers: Greeters—Eric & Lisa M

EMHC—Sharon B/Sheila H/Sharon S

Ushers—Allen S/Ray S/Mark H/Calvin H

9:00 am | Choir practice in the church

10:00 am | Mass †d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien

10:00 am Ministers: Greeters—Scouts

EMHC—Rick M/Terry F/Jason P

Ushers—Scout/Scout/Scout/Scout

7:00 pm | Marriage Encounter Meeting in Roedel Hall

DAILY READINGS: Zeph 2:3: 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Lector—Sharon B

Alter Servers—Teresa F/Jeffrey T/**Volunteer**

Scout Sunday 10:00 am Mass

Lector—Pat S

Alter Servers—Stella S/William S/John S VI

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

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