



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 8, 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



Accept the Invitation

As we celebrate Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that the Magi made a significant journey. These wise and learned scholars set off to follow a star they saw as an invitation to deeper knowledge and wisdom. They were intrigued and sought to fulfill a desire. The invitation was extended to those outside of the chosen nation of Israel and that same invitation exists for us today.

The simplicity of the shepherds tending their flocks responded to an invitation of an angel to see the newborn king. They set aside everything to journey a short distance, leaving their flocks and security of way of life. They found new meaning and rejoiced. God had chosen to invite them to come and see.

The Magi came from abroad, from the distant land of the rising sun. They traveled against the light of day to find the light of God in the person of the baby Jesus. In the darkness of night, they were led by the brightness of a star that would reveal the glow of God's love for humanity. As witnesses of the child, the wise ones gained newfound knowledge and wisdom. Without the aid of the Scriptures, they understood what had been proclaimed by the prophets about God's plan of salvation and they became some of the first disciples in the New Testament. They accepted the invitation given to them through the unusual star in the sky. They made some preparations for the encounter with special gifts. The gifts reveal to us much about the person of Jesus. Christ the King is represented by the gold; Christ the Priest is represented by the frankincense; Christ the Sacrificial Victim by the Myrrh, used at his burial. This child was born to be King, the King who would reign over the whole world from the cross.

Just as the shepherds and Magi were offered invitations, we too are invited to come and see and as a new secular year begins, I hope that all of us will accept the invitation to faithful worship each weekend. We are the witnesses of the glory of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Let us seek that same knowledge and wisdom that brought the Magi to Jesus and be unafraid to make that bold proclamation with our lives.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza

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 & Eileen 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.





GOSPEL



When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.

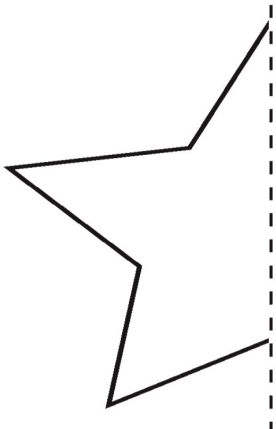
PRAYER



Dear God, thank you for making the stars move and twinkle in a special way, so that the Magi could find Jesus.

PUZZLE

Can you draw the second half of this star?



MISSION

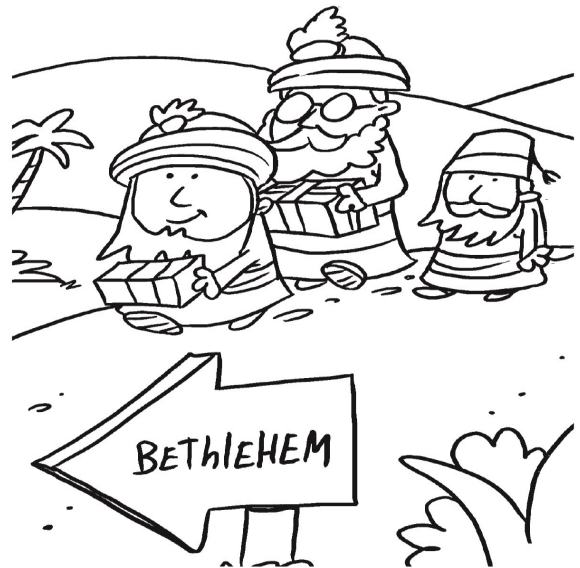
Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK JANUARY 9—JANUARY 15, 2023

MONDAY 1/9

TUESDAY 1/10

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

WEDNESDAY 1/11

8:30 am | Mass
Coffee & donuts after 8:30am Mass
11:30 am | Ecumenical Lunch 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-6th grade TGA
6:30-7:30 pm | 7th-8th grade Chosen

THURSDAY 1/12

8:30 am | Mass
6:45 pm | OLP P.T.A. Meeting in Roedel Hall

FRIDAY 1/13

8:30 am | Mass
End of 2nd Quarter

SATURDAY 14

Deacon preaching weekend
4:15 pm | Mass

SUNDAY 1/15

Deacon preaching weekend
8:00 am | Mass
9:00 am | Choir practice in the church
10:00 am | Mass
8:00am-Noon | KC Pancake Breakfast

Bulletin Announcements:

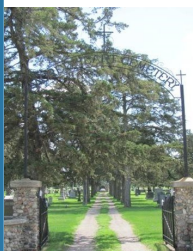
If your group would like to post anything in the bulletin, please send an email to Nora at nwermerskirchen@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday's publication.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14 & 15, 2023

MINISTRY	4:15PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
Lectors	Charlotte M	James F	Joe V
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion *If Deacon Mike is not present.	Betty W Dan F Charlotte M *Volunteer	Susan C Bob F Janice T *Volunteer	Rick M Terry F Jason P *Volunteer
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Greeters	Patrick & Charlotte M	Dr. Tim & Sue H	Jim C & Mike B

Did you make a New Year's resolution?

If God gave you a one-word New Year's resolution, what would it be?

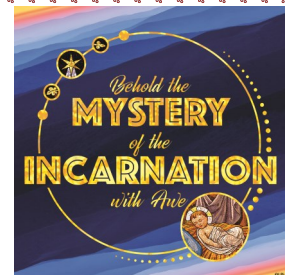
Think and pray about it. Here are some ideas:

- trust --peace --examine --teach --wonder
- childlike --see --start --stand --follow
- fight --less --surrender --love --give
- heal --Father --give --lead --climb
- listen --relax --rest

(an idea from the "Mast Appeal" show on Ave Maria Radio)

Prayer of St. Anselm

O my God,
Teach my heart where and how to seek
You, where and how to find You.
You are my God, and You are my all and I
have never seen You.
You have made me and remade me, You
have bestowed on me all the good things I
possess, still I do not know You.
I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you.
I cannot seek You unless You teach me or find You unless You show
Yourself to me.
Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire You in my seeking.
Let me find You by loving You, let me love You when I find You.
Amen



MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, 1/10

6:30pm d. Frank Glisczinski

FRIDAY, 1/13

8:30am d. Brent Meyer

WEDNESDAY, 1/11

8:30am d. Eleta Donaldson

SATURDAY, 1/14

4:15pm d. Emmett & Helen McCue

THURSDAY, 1/12

8:30am d. Dan Leonard

SUNDAY, 1/15

8:00am d. Barney & Germaine O'Hagan
10:00am For the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9—15, 2023

Monday 1/9 | Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday 1/10 | Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1/11 | Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1/12 | Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1/13 | Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1/14 | Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday 1/15 | Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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