



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 19, 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

Please contact 952-992-0140



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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON MIKE

Love Your Enemies



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie,

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:44-45a)

This is not an easy command from our Lord. But it is a command of love.

First, He calls us to love our enemies. Who are our enemies? Hopefully we do not have “enemies” in the sense of those who have willfully chosen to hate. But we may have people in our lives who we are tempted to have anger toward and who we have a difficult time loving. Perhaps we can consider anyone we struggle with as our enemies.

To love them does not necessarily mean we must become best friends with them, but it does mean we must work toward a true affection of care, concern, understanding and forgiveness toward them. This can be hard to have toward everyone but it must be our goal.

The second part of this command will help. Praying for those who persecute us will help us grow in the proper love and affection we need to foster. This aspect of love is quite straightforward even though it is also quite difficult.

Think about those whom you have a difficult time loving. Those toward whom you have anger. It could be a family member, someone at work, a neighbor or someone from your past with whom you have never reconciled. It is in keeping with this Gospel passage to honestly admit that there is at least someone, or perhaps more than one person, with whom you struggle, either externally or internally. Admitting this is simply an act of honesty.

Once you identify this person or persons, think about whether you pray for them. Do you spend time regularly offering them to God in prayer? Do you pray that God pours forth His grace and mercy upon them? This may be hard to do but it is one of the healthiest acts you can do. It may be difficult to show love and affection toward them, but it is not hard to consciously choose to pray for them.

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
Jean Dockter
Genny Mesenbrink
Stan Effertz
Lyle Nagel

Rose Donharl
Rory Cruser
Carter Pickus
Brad Haynes
Special Intention

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.



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March 5, 2023

11AM

O.L.P. CATHOLIC CHURCH

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To Become a Knight please contact Grand Knight Jason Palo (612)716-4636 Cell or by email council1503gk@gmail.com



Puzzle Mania!

Sunday, February 19th

Opens at 11:30, Start at 12:30.

Our Lady of the Prairie

Join us for a friendly competition!

Each Team (up to 4 People) will be racing to finish a 1000-piece puzzle.

Cash prizes to the top 3 finishing teams.

Cost is \$100 per team.

Door prizes and food provided.

Email evhennen@frontiernet.net to register.



This event is made possible by:
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THE TURNING POINT

Eight Encounters with Jesus That Will Change Your Life

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A Study of the Gospel of JOHN

The Turning Point: Stories from the Gospel of John

Please join us after 8:30 am mass for an eight-week bible study on DVD led by Dr. Allen Hunt. You will be introduced to people and stories from the Gospel of John where you will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform your everyday life.

Please call the office at 952-873-6564 or email walessio@ourladyoftheprairie.com by 2/24 to reserve your spot.

When: Thursdays, March 2 thru April 27 following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Where: Roedel Hall

Cost: \$15 per person for workbook

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.

This position could be full-time or part-time (job share).

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

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.



Ham & Poultry Bingo!

Saturday, March 11th

Belle Plaine Vet's Club

The Vet's Club will be serving
Burgers & Fries/Onion Rings 5:00-8:00pm

Bingo will start at 6:30pm

50/50 and Raffles during the whole event!



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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.

Craig and Mary Billerbeck

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



**Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic Church**



STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

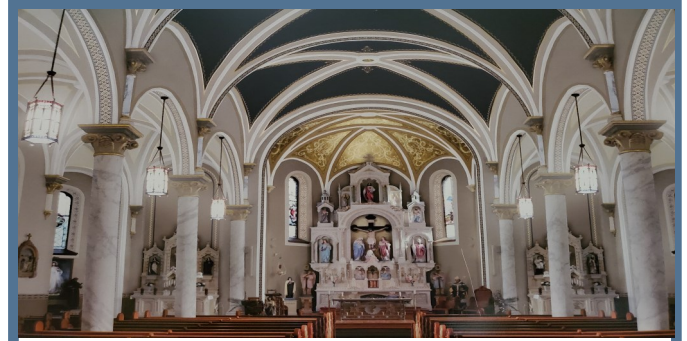
For the Week of January 22, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,073.00
2/12/2023 Collection (Week 32)	\$6,107.75
CURRENT WEEK DEFICIT.	-(1,965.25)
Church Painting Collection	\$1,395.00
Attendance at 4:15pm Mass	209
Attendance at 8:00am Mass	194
Attendance at 10:00am Mass	150
Live stream views of Mass	36
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.



Church Painting collected as of 2/12/2023:

\$276,726.93



MASS OF ANOINTING

Saturday

Feb. 25th

at 11:00 am.

All are invited to attend Mass and receive the special blessings of this Sacrament.

A light luncheon provided by: Council of Catholic Women

in the Parish Hall following Mass.

OLP School Gala
Saturday, April 22nd

Stay tuned for details!



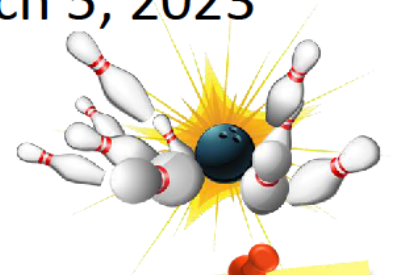
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 GRAND PRIZE: 2023 CHEVY TRAX SUV OR \$20,000 CASH!
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 BUY TICKETS \$5 each
 SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION
 WATCH THE LIVE PRIZE DRAWING ONLINE ON MARCH 9, 2023
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NO-TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Borough Bowl

Belle Plaine, MN



Shifts offered at

11am, 2pm, and 5pm

5 Bowlers per team.

Up to 8 teams per shift.

Registration begins half hour

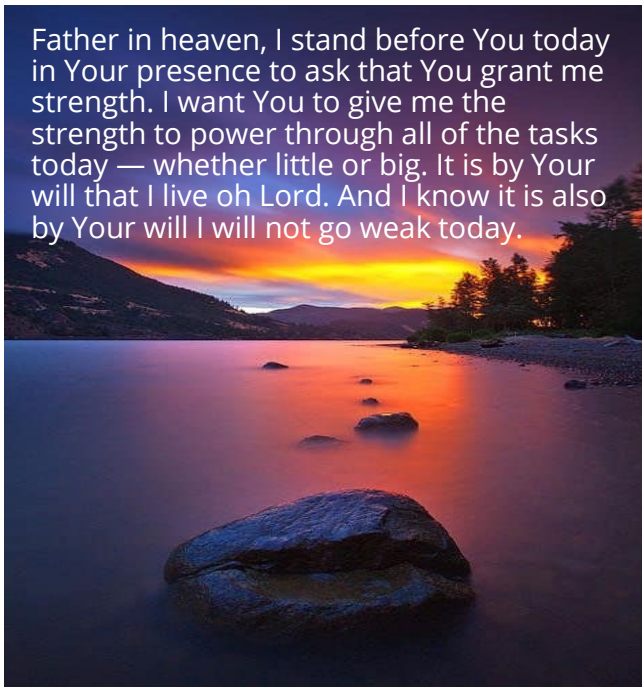
prior to shift.

Team Entry: \$125
 Includes 3 games of bowling and shoe rental for up to 5 people.
 Payment required at time of pre-registration!
 Door Prizes & Raffles Throughout event!

TEXT OR EMAIL TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM!

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Father in heaven, I stand before You today in Your presence to ask that You grant me strength. I want You to give me the strength to power through all of the tasks today — whether little or big. It is by Your will that I live oh Lord. And I know it is also by Your will I will not go weak today.



**THE IRISH MASS
 CELEBRATING
 THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK
 MARCH 18th AT NOON**

Bulletin Announcements
 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 bulletin.

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 20 Feb	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29 Office closed/No school 7:00-9:00 pm CI (whole campus)
Tuesday 21 Feb	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm I Mass † Rev. John F. Brandes Decorate for Lent after 6:30 pm Mass
Ash Wednesday 22 Feb	Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Ash Wednesday 8:30 am I Mass † Rev. Edwin Savundra Coffee & donuts after Mass Lector: OLP Student EMHC: Maureen Daly, Keith Heitkamp, Sharon Beach Ushers: OLP Students Servers: OLP Students 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Eldina Eyrich Ash Wednesday Lector: Joe Vandermark EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sarah Williams, Susan Cole Ushers: Scott Williams, Emmet Gerres, Jim Gerres, Volunteer Servers: Cole Chessen, Eli Williams, Volunteer 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation 7:30-8:30 Contata Choir Practice
Thursday 23 Feb	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 8:30 am I Mass † d. & liv members of the Steve & Deb Wermerskirchen Family
Friday 24 Feb	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 8:30 am I Mass † Rev. Leonard F. Siebenaler OLP Children's Mass 9:00 am and 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Father)
Saturday 25 Feb	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 9:00 – 11:00 am Reconciliation Workshop (2 nd grade) 11:00 am I Anointing Mass † Brunch after Mass in Parish Hall sponsored by CCW 4:15 pm I Mass † d. Bob and Mary Harsh Lector: Charlotte Mulroy EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Eli Williams Greeters: Brad and Sue Schultz
Sunday 26 Feb	Gn 2:7-9;, 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19, or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 8:00 am I Mass † for the Parish Lector: Ken Skluzacek EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Dr. Tim Halloran Servers: Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, Volunteer Greeters: Richard and Sharon Beach 9-10:00 am I Choir Practice in church 10:00 am I Mass † d. Kevin Schmitt Lector: Joe Vandermark EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Jason Palo Ushers: Hubert Jeurissen, Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Peter Feddersen Servers: Mason Berger, Kenzie Berger, Cole Chessen Greeters: Rick and Ginny Morgan KC Father/Child Breakfast after Mass 11:30 am – 3:00 pm Catholic United Financial Puzzle Mania