



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 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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### TRUSTEES

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### PARISH COUNCIL

Mike Buchanan, Dan Flynn, Ginny Morgan, Allen Schmitz, Ty Buesgens, Renee Schultz, Leticia Fogarty, Cindy Berger, Joan Bruggemeier, Sandy Schroers, Bob Smith, Tim Murphy

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## A MESSAGE FROM DEACON MIKE . . .

### Reflecting on the Lenten Season

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie,

People often don't look forward to Lent. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth. Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

Lent isn't about denial. It is about transformation. It is the season in which we prepare to encounter the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection by trying to become more Christ-like ourselves. Transformation is about letting ourselves be filled with God's presence so that we can be shaped by God's grace. But we have to make room for God's grace. We have to empty ourselves to make room for God, and that may mean leaving aside your favorite TV shows, chocolate, or whatever else takes up time, space, and energy in your life. And so, we give up things, habits as a way of beginning the transformation.

In our Catholic faith tradition, this process has a word – Kenosis, the "self-emptying" of one's own will and becoming entirely receptive to God's divine will. Denying ourselves in order to allow God to fill us. The Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and alms giving help prepare us to be transformed. We deny ourselves so that we can be reborn as new creations, to live more fully as the Kingdom citizens God desires us to be, to go and do the good that God would have us do.

A good place to start is being intentional in one's life of prayer and making a space in your life to be in relationship with God. What is your Lenten plan to make room in your life to be filled with God's grace?

In Christ,  
Deacon Mike



WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS!  
We're happy to have you with us today!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE . . .

Ann Woelfel  
Cindy Coughlen  
Angela Hennen  
Mike Fogarty  
Deacon Bob Raleigh

Loree Heinkel  
Bob Belousek  
Lyle Nagel  
Rose Donharl  
Lisa Pobuda

Rory Crusier  
Carter Pickus  
Brad Haynes  
Bob Koenig  
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.





# Knights of Columbus

Tickets Available After Mass

## Council 1503 Spring Banquet

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

Saturday April 29, 2023

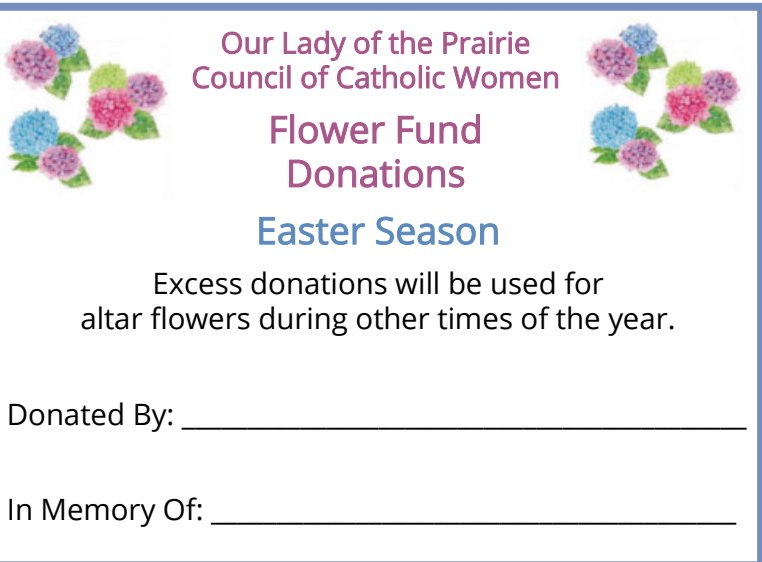
6pm Social (Roedel Hall)

7pm Dinner (Parish Hall)

Music by Carolyn Gleason

Guest Speaker: Anne Fredrickson

Alpha Women's Center



Our Lady of the Prairie Council of Catholic Women

## Flower Fund Donations

### Easter Season

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

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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: [kpumper@ourladyoftheprairie.com](mailto:kpumper@ourladyoftheprairie.com) or send to: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011



## Lenten Dinners

Sponsored by the Belle Plaine Knights of Columbus

March 10, 17, 24, 31

4:30-6:30 p.m.

OLP Parish Hall

\$12 or free will offering

*Proceeds to the Seminarians and Handmaids of The Heart of Jesus*



Stop by the office to

## Request a MASS INTENTION

2023 openings are available.



## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of March 12, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month . . . . . \$8,073.00  
3/12/2023 Collection (Week 36) . . . . . \$5,299.00

**CURRENT WEEK DEFICIT. . . . . - (\$2,774.00)**

Church Painting Collection . . . . . \$617.00

Attendance at 4:15pm Mass . . . . . 175

Attendance at 8:00am Mass . . . . . 142

Attendance at 10:00am Mass . . . . . 164

Live stream views of Mass . . . . . 42

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.



### Preschool Teacher Position

Our Lady of the Prairie is seeking a loving and energetic teacher to lead a full-day preschool classroom of 4's & 5's. The position is available immediately. Negotiable as a long-term substitute position too.

### Our Lady of the Prairie believes children should...

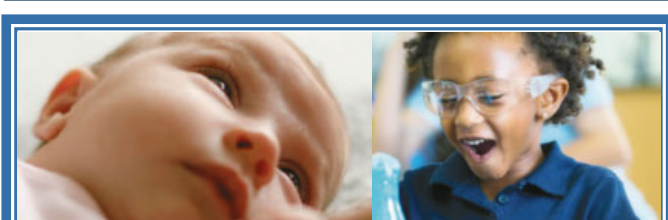
- ◆ be given opportunities to freely explore their interests
- ◆ experience the world using all their senses
- ◆ be immersed in language rich environments with songs, stories, fingerplays, and conversation
- ◆ learn through play to develop social & emotional skills
- ◆ embrace nature and spending time outdoors
- ◆ be supported socially, emotionally, and spiritually

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit resume and cover letter to Sheila Hendricks at shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com



Church Painting collected as of 3/12/2023:  
**\$279,859.93**

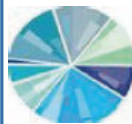


## FAITH IN ACTION

*For the love of Christ Impels us to believe in the power of giving with measurable outcomes of our gifts impact.*

### Focus areas of your contribution:

1. To nurture, sustain and protect life at all stages and to affirm the dignity of each and every person.
2. To serve those most in need and to strengthen the faith.
3. To support the priorities of the future Church and vigorously express the Good News of Jesus.
4. To educate our children and young adults in safe and healthy environments that provide both academic and spiritual growth.



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### 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

## Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday <b>20</b> Mar	<i>Isaiah 65:17-21 / Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13 / John 4:43-54</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00-9:00 pm I CI (whole campus)</li> </ul>
Tuesday <b>21</b> Mar	<i>Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / John 5:1-3, 5-16</i> 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Frank Glisczinski
Wednesday <b>22</b> Mar	<i>Isaiah 49:8-15 / Psalms 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18 / John 5:17-30</i> 8:30 am I Mass † CCW Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee &amp; donuts after Mass</li> <li>3:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation</li> <li>7:30-8:30 I Contata Choir Practice</li> </ul>
Thursday <b>23</b> Mar	<i>Exodus 32:7-14 / Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 / John 5:31-47</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Rev. Edwin Savundra
Friday <b>24</b> Mar	<i>Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 / Psalms 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Rev Bill Martin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am I Stations of the Cross (Father Kaluza)</li> <li>4:30-6:30 I pm KC Lenten Dinner</li> <li>6:30 pm I Stations of the Cross (Deacon Mike)</li> </ul>
Saturday <b>25</b> Mar	<i>Isaiah 7:10-14 / Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 / Luke 1:26-38 / Hebrews 10:4-10</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † liv & d. Pam Tilleman <b>Lector:</b> Charlotte Mulroy <b>EMHC:</b> Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn <b>Ushers:</b> Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, <b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b> <b>Servers:</b> Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe <b>Greeters:</b> Dan Flynn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KC Treats &amp; Fellowship after mass</li> </ul>
Sunday <b>26</b> Mar	<i>Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / John 11:1-45 / Romans 8:8-11</i> 8:00 am I Mass † For the Parish <b>Lector:</b> Sharon Beach <b>EMHC:</b> Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal <b>Ushers:</b> John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy <b>Servers:</b> Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen <b>Greeters:</b> Mark & Leticia Fogarty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-10:00 am I Choir Practice in church</li> <li>KC Treats &amp; Fellowship after both masses</li> </ul> 10:00 am I Mass † d. Ruth Effertz <b>Lector:</b> Sheila Schmitz <b>EMHC:</b> Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo <b>Ushers:</b> Hubert Jeurissen, Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Peter Feddersen <b>Servers:</b> Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Cole Chesson <b>Greeters:</b> Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan

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If your group would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: [bulletineditor@olp.church](mailto:bulletineditor@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday's bulletin.

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