



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 5, 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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Loni Scheff, Jason Palo, Kelli Berger

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent the Church offers the story of the Transfiguration. We are given a glimpse that something better awaits us. That is also true with our liturgical year. While we embrace the Lenten disciplines to empty our lives of all that is not necessary, we also make room for the glory of Easter. On top of the mountain the disciples are told to listen to Jesus. Just like the disciples, we too need to listen to Jesus. That part of prayer helps us to grow closer to God and better follow the teachings of the Church. Jesus established the Church so that we could hear the voice of the Father and that we would have an example of goodness.



The promises that God made to Abraham in the first reading continue to enliven our Jewish brothers and sisters to remember that they were chosen by God. Jesus has incorporated us into the elect of God and showed us that God's call is inclusive to all of humanity. Therefore, we need to reveal our blessings to others and invite them to share our joy!

During Lent we also pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday following morning Mass and again at 6:30 p.m. Make room for that important devotion in your family schedule. The way of the cross leads to glory and the story of the Transfiguration inspires us to do great things for God and something beautiful for Our Lady!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza

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

### IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers....

**Randy Lee Runge**

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and loved ones, and pray for his eternal peace.

## 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  
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.



**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 [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



**Ham & Poultry Bingo!**

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

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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**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](mailto: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

**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*

**Bulletin Announcements**

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.



## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of February 26, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month . . . . .	\$8,073.00
2/26/2023 Collection (Week 35) . . . . .	\$5,801.64
<b>CURRENT WEEK DEFICIT.</b> . . . . .	<b>-( \$2,271.36)</b>
Cemetery Fund . . . . .	\$752.00
Church Painting Collection . . . . .	\$1,050.00
Attendance at 4:15pm Mass . . . . .	187
Attendance at 8:00am Mass . . . . .	164
Attendance at 10:00am Mass . . . . .	211
Live stream views of Mass . . . . .	40
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

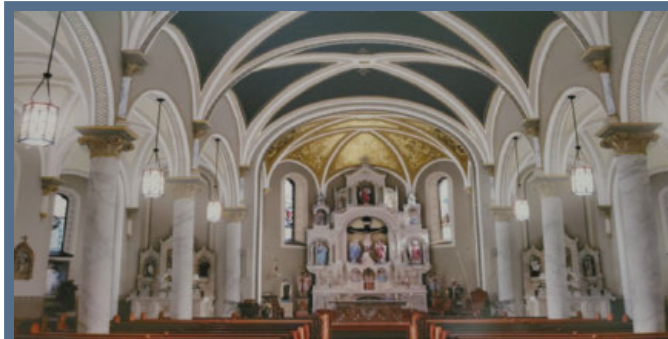


**THE IRISH MASS CELEBRATING  
THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK  
MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> AT NOON**

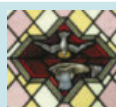
**Free Irish Music & Irish Dancers  
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Archbishop Hebda acknowledges the significance of Saint Patrick and the Irish immigrants indebted to him in the history of our Archdiocese, therefore he has granted a dispensation from the abstinence of meat on March 17.



Church Painting collected as of 2/26/2023:  
**\$278,316.93**



**Celebration  
of  
Baptism**



◆ Arlo Otto Kahle, son of Matthew and Emily M. Kahle on February 26, 2023

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## Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday <b>6</b> Mar	<i>Daniel 9:4-10   Psalms 79:8, 9, 11, 13   Luke 6:36-38</i> 7:00-9:00 pm   CI (whole campus)
Tuesday <b>7</b> Mar	<i>Isaiah 1:10, 16-20   Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23   Matthew 23:1-12</i> 6:30 pm   Mass † d. Clifford Beach 7:00 pm   KC Meeting in Parish Hall
Wednesday <b>8</b> Mar	<i>Jeremiah 18:18-20   Psalms 31:5-6, 14, 15-16   Matthew 20:17-28</i> 8:30 am   Mass † d. Bill & Dorothy Meier Coffee & donuts after Mass 8:15-10:30 am   OLP Kindergarten Round-up 11:00 am   Ecumenical Lunch 3:30-7:30 pm   Faith Formation 6:30 pm   Communal Penance 7:30-8:30   Contata Choir Practice
Thursday <b>9</b> Mar	<i>Jeremiah 17:5-10   Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6   Luke 16:19-31</i> 8:30 am   Mass † d. Eldina Eyrich 3:30-7:00 pm   OLP All School Open House
Friday <b>10</b> Mar	<i>Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18   Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21   Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46</i> 8:30 am   Mass † d. Bob & Mary Harsh OLP Children's Mass 9:00 am   Stations of the Cross (Father Kaluza) 4:30-6:30   pm KC Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm   Stations of the Cross (Deacon Mike)
Saturday <b>11</b> Mar	<i>Micah 7:14-15, 18-20   Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12   Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am Reconciliation Workshop (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) 4:15 pm   Mass † liv & d. Members of the Steve and Deb Wermerskirchen Family <b>Lector:</b> Sarah Williams <b>EMHC:</b> Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, <b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b> <b>Servers:</b> Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, CeCe Schultz, MJ Klivers <b>Greeters:</b> Dan Flynn 6:30 - 8:00 pm   Catholic United Financial Bingo
Sunday <b>12</b> Mar	<i>Exodus 17:3-7   Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9   John 4:5-42   Romans 5:1-2, 5-8</i> 8:00 am   Mass † For the Parish <b>Lector:</b> James Fogarty <b>EMHC:</b> Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal <b>Ushers:</b> John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy <b>Servers:</b> Austin Traxler, Kenneth Skluzacek, <b>Volunteer</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Eric & Lisa May 9-10:00 am   Choir Practice in church Catholic United Financial Treats & Fellowship in Roedel Hall after 8:00 & 10:00 Masses  10:00 am   Mass † d. Tom Fahey <b>Lector:</b> Rick Morgan <b>EMHC:</b> Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark, Jean Murphy <b>Ushers:</b> Hubert Jeurissen, Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Peter Feddersen <b>Servers:</b> Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Schudy <b>Greeters:</b> Terry & Karen Feddersen Catholic United Financial Treats & Fellowship in Roedel Hall after 8:00 & 10:00 Masses 7:00 pm   Marriage Encounter in Parish Hall

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