



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 23, 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 FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Gospel this week is a reminder of the powerful way that God remains with his chosen in the great gift of the Eucharist. Prior to his death, Jesus instituted the Eucharist so that the Church would always have Jesus. He ordained his apostles and that gift of the Eucharist and priesthood has been handed down through the generations to our time. The resurrected Lord is known in the breaking of the bread and we are known to God. We are nourished by God so that we can boldly witness the wonderful things that God has done!



Saint Peter radically accounts all the marvels of the Lord in the first reading. Followers gather to listen to the preaching. While some come to believe, others stand to the side and remain skeptical. However, the resurrection changes everything and for believers it calls together the community of faith. We all need to have the constant encouragement that is provided in being a part of that community. We also need to continually invite others to join in God's family and share what has been handed down to us!

The second reading has Saint Peter preaching about the gift of the Eucharist and sacrifice of Jesus for our benefit. He reminds us that we are not yet fully at home and making our way through life to become citizens of heaven and live with all of the saints. The Eucharist will help us make that journey offering us the presence of Christ.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Leo Fogarty

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

**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
Genny Mesenbrink
Loree Heinkel
Richard Beach

Bob Belousek
Carol Mezera
Lyle Nagel
Rose Donharl
Lisa Pobuda
Rory Crusier

Carter Pickus
Brad Haynes
Bob Koenig
Deacon Bob Raleigh
Nick Johnson

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.





STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

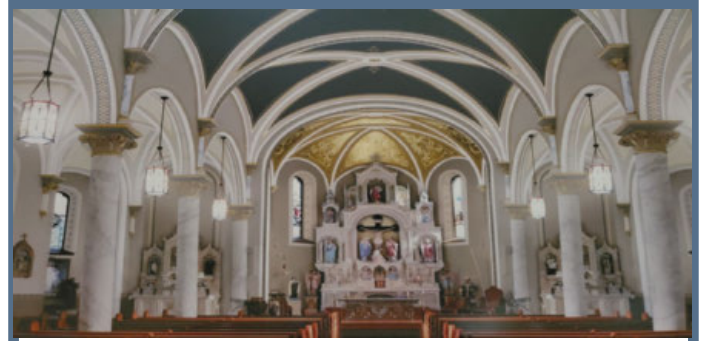
For the Week of April 16, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,073.00
4/16/2023 Collection (Week 41)	\$4,296.25
Current Week Deficit	-\$3,776.75
Church Painting Collection	\$540.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	187
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	164
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	170
Live stream views of Mass	62
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 4/16/2023:
\$289,163.93



PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION

Please prayerfully consider making a gift that will impact the lives of people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis.

Your gift supports ministries that include: pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church.

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Saturday April 29th.

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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

VOLUNTEER FAIR

We have begun recruiting volunteers.

Whether you are new to the parish, or life long members, we need your help.

Any talents you have, from lecturing to outside yard work, we could use you!

A list of needed areas are in the pews.

If you are already volunteering, please check that on the sheet. We hope you prayerfully consider sharing your talents.



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 or send to: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011



Preschool Teacher Position 2023-2024 School Year

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 for the 2023-24 school year.

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

4th Degree Hall of Fame

This past weekend, parishioner and proud member of the Belle Plaine Knights of Columbus, Gary Bartels, was inducted into the Fourth Degree Hall of Fame. The Ceremony was held during the fourth-degree exemplification in Roseville.

Congratulations Gary!
Council 1503 is proud of you and we thank you for your many years of service to the Knights of Columbus.



Gary & Nancy Bartels (front row) with district Master James Witzman



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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



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Bulletin Announcements

If your group would like to post 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

<p>Monday 24 Apr</p>	<p><i>Acts 6:8-15 / Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / John 6:22-29</i> 6:30-9:00pm CI (whole campus)</p>
<p>Tuesday 25 Apr</p>	<p><i>First Peter 5:5-14 / Psalms 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 / Mark 16:15-20</i> 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm Mass † Liv. & d. Guertin Family</p>
<p>Wednesday 26 Apr</p>	<p><i>Acts 8:1-8 / Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7 / John 6:35-40</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Jerry & Alice McCarthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • 6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Prep
<p>Thursday 27 Apr</p>	<p><i>Acts 8:26-40 / 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 / John 6:44-51</i> 6:30 pm Mass † d. Tom Anderson</p>
<p>Friday 28 Apr</p>	<p><i>Acts 9:1-20 / Psalms 117:1, 2 / John 6:52-59</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Alfred Miron OLP School Children's Mass</p>
<p>Saturday 29 Apr</p>	<p><i>Acts 9:31-42 / Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 / John 6:60-69</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-4:00pm Visioning Day (Parish Council) <p>4:15 pm Mass † d. Pam Tilleman Lector: Charolotte Mulroy EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Quinnlyn Gleason, CeCe Schultz, MJ Kurvers Greeters: Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCW Treats & Fellowship • KC Spring Banquet: 6:00pm Social (Roedel Hall)/ 7:00pm Dinner (Parish Hall)
<p>Sunday 30 Apr</p>	<p><i>Acts 2:14, 36-41 / Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6</i> <i>John 10:1-10 Peter 1:17-21</i> 8:00 am Mass † For the Parish Lector: Ken Skluzacek EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy Servers: Austin Traxler, Volunteer, Volunteer Greeters: Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCW Treats & Fellowship after both Masses • 9:00 - 10:00 am Choir Practice in Church <p>10:00 am Mass † d. Bill & Dorothy Meier Lector: Pat Schroers EMHC: Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark, Jean Murphy Ushers: Hubert Jeurissen, Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Peter Feddersen Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Cole Chesson Greeters: Volunteer</p>



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