



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 30, 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 . . .

Good Shepherd Sunday

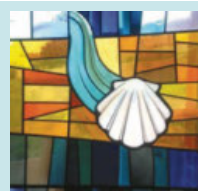
The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd in our Gospel. We recall his desire to save souls and guard and keep them under his watchful care. That's what Jesus wants to do for us, because we need a savior to help us on our pilgrimage through life. It can be a daunting and perilous journey, but if we choose to follow Jesus, we can be kept safe and secure. It does not mean that we will not encounter the difficulties of life, but it does mean that Jesus will protect our souls.

In order to make good choices, we have to consider the choices that we make and the voices that we follow. Are they the right or wrong voices? Are they helping us to achieve holiness or driving us away from the gate of goodness? Jesus as the gate to the pastures of charity and love shows us the path of well-being and happiness. By following the good shepherd, we can respond to reason and truth; otherwise we become distracted with dangerous and destructive influences that take us off the road to holiness and put us in perilous situations.

Jesus tells us that he comes to bring us life in its entirety and abundance. Let us listen to the voice of the good shepherd to bring us safely at the end of our pilgrimage to our true home in heaven. That's what we celebrate as we continue our Easter joy throughout the whole liturgical season. We continue to be blessed in abundance as we are reminded by the words of Jesus. May we use our abundance to follow Jesus and imitate his goodness so that many more might find in him all of their delight!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Celebration of Baptism

April 23, 2023

Lee Jerome Kroehler

son of Robert and Amanda Kroehler

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 Cruser

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 23, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	.....\$8,073.00
4/23/2023 Collection (Week 42)	..... \$5,315.00
Current Week Deficit	..... - (\$)2,758.00
Church Painting Collection	..... \$300.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	..... 231
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	..... 162
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	..... 211
Live stream views of Mass	..... 34
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

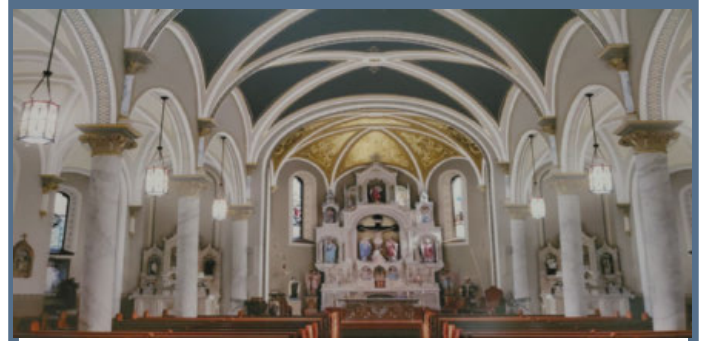
Did you know your contributions can be automatically deducted from your checking, savings, or credit card account? For more information call the parish office at 952-873-6564 or check out our website.

Thank You to all for making this event a major success!



Raffle Ticket Winners

- \$5,000 Dan Widmer, Jacob Sjostrom, Austin Fraundenst, Brad Goetsch, Rodney Dose, & Dennis Neisen
- \$3,000 Tim Hukpiede and Dennis Neisen
- \$2,000 Kim Balvance
- \$1,000 Brad Goetsch, Emily Kuphal, Blake Clobes, Dan Widmer, and Dennis Neisen



Church Painting collected as of 4/23/2023:
\$289,463.93

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WITH THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

MAY 13 4-7 PM
MAY 14 12-3 PM

OLP IS COLLECTING DONATIONS OF CLOTHING/CLOTH ITEMS FOR THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION. DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE OLP PARKING LOT.

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Fund Raising Program to
Aid People with Intellectual Disabilities
Saturday & Sunday
April 29 & 30

Tootsie Roll

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

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.

Employment Opportunity

Preschool Teacher

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.

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, & spiritually

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



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 send your resume to:
kpumper@ourladyoftheprairie.com, or

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One Week Only!

May 1-7

Why Diapers Are Important

- 1 in 3 families struggle to provide clean, dry diapers for their children.
- Families cannot use WIC or SNAP to purchase diapers.
- If a parent is unable to provide one week's supply of diapers, the child may be turned away from daycare, causing the parent to miss work.

Drop Site

Matt Saxe Chevrolet



FAITH IN ACTION

If you haven't donated yet . . .

**There is still time
to make your gift.**

You are invited to prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Services Appeal.

You can complete and return your pledge card to the collection basket, or make a secure gift online at: csafspm.org



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Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 1 May	<i>Acts 11:1-18 / Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 / John 10:11-18</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30-9:00pm I CI (whole campus) 	
Tuesday 2 May	<i>Acts 11:19-26 / Psalms 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7 / John 10:22-30</i> 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Alfred Miron <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm I KC Meeting in Parish Hall 	
Wednesday 3 May	<i>First Corinthians 15:1-8 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 / John 14:6-14</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Pauline Holcombe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee & donuts after Mass 6:30-7:30 pm I Confirmation Prep (Years 1 & 2) 	
Thursday 4 May	<i>Acts 13:13-25 / Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 / John 13:16-20</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. David Hottinger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm I CCW Meeting in Roedel Hall 	
Friday 5 May	<i>Acts 13:26-33 / Psalms 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 / John 14:1-6</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Marcel & Clara Miron OLP School Children's Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30-9:30pm I NET Retreat (whole campus) 	
Saturday 6 May	<i>Acts 13:44-52 / Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 / John 14:7-14</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am-3pm I NET Retreat (whole campus) 4:15 pm I First Holy Communion Mass † d. Pam Tilleman Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Greeters: Volunteer	
Sunday 7 May	<i>Acts 6:1-7 / Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / John 14:1-12 / First Peter 2:4-9</i> 8:00 am I First Holy Communion I Mass † d. Joseph & Thelma Ott Lector: Dr. Tim Halloran EMHC: Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz Ushers: Ray Soller, Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Allen Schmitz Servers: Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, Volunteer Greeters: Volunteer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 - 10:00 am Choir Practice in Church 10:00 am I First Holy Communion I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Sheila Schmitz EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer Ushers: Jim Gerres, Emmett Gerres, Jim Covington, Ben Covington Servers: Heather Sutherland, Ryan Sutherlan, David Sutherland Greeters: Volunteer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KC Exemplification after 10am Mass 	

May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8am For the Parish 9am Choir practice in church 10am d. Bill & Dorothy Meiers	1 7:00-9pm CI (whole campus)	2 6:30pm d. Alfred Miron 7pm KC Meeting in PH	3 8:30am d. Pauline Holcombe Coffee & donuts after Mass OLP School Outdoor Clean-up Day cemeteries & school grounds 3:30-7:30pm Faith Formation 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation PREP	4 8:30am d. David Hottinger 7pm CCW Meeting in RH	5 Cinco De Mayo 8:30am d. Marcel & Clara Miron	6 4:15pm d. Pam Tilleman 1st Holy Communion Mass
7 8am & 10am Masses: 1st Holy Communion 8am d. Joseph & Thelma Ott 9am Choir practice in church 10am For the Parish KC Exemplification after 10am Mass	8	9 1:30pm Kingsway Mass 6:30pm d. Brent Meyer PREP May Crowning 7pm CCW Meeting in RH 7pm Liturgy Meeting in Art Room	10 8:30am d. Judy Morrison Coffee & donuts after Mass	11 8:30am d. Derrick Schmidt 2pm Kingsway Mass 7pm Sacrament of Confirmation at Cathedral of St. Paul/Bishop Williams presiding	12 8:30am liv. & d. Guertin & Klehr Families OLP School May Crowning 10:30 am Funeral: Marian Hennen	13 Deacon preaching weekend 4:15pm For the Parish PTA Stuff the Truck (parking lot)
14 Mother's Day Deacon preaching weekend 8am d. Jean Marie (Daly) Martinson 9am Choir practice in church 10am d. Eldina Eyrich 7pm ME Meeting in RH	15	16 Father out of office 6:30pm d. Teresa Fritz	17 Father out of office 8:30am d. Gene & Mary McMahon Coffee & donuts after Mass	18 Father out of office 8:30am liv. & d. Hottinger Family	19 Father out of office 8:30am CCW Volunteers	20 Deacon preaching weekend 4:15pm For the Parish
21 Acension Deacon preaching weekend 8am d. Susan Fahey 9am Choir practice in church 10am d. Robert & Mary Harsh	22	23 1:30pm Kingsway Mass 6:30pm d. Frank Glisczinski 6:30pm Church Night Meeting in RH	24 8:30am d. Eleta Donaldson Coffee & donuts after Mass	25 8:30am d. Judy Morrison OLP Last Day of School Early Release at Noon OLP 6th Gr. Graduation	26 Office Closed 8:30am d. Bob Michel	27 4:15pm d. Kevin Schmitt Decorate Church for Pentecost OLP PTA Treats & Fellowship after Mass
28 8am For the Parish 9am Choir practice in church 10am d. Loy & Eldina Eyrich Decorate Church for Ordinary Time after 10am Mass OLP PTA Treats & Fellowship after both Masses	29 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed 8:30am Patriotic Rosary 9:30am Sacred Heart Cemetery For those who have died in service to the USA	30 Father out of office 6:30pm Lee & Connie Stuewe	31 Father out of office 8:30am d. Dick Klehr Coffee & donuts after Mass	1 Father out of office 8:30am d. Agnes Orthaus	2 Father out of office 8:30am d. Tom Deutsch	3 Missionary Priest: Father Frederick Byaruhanga 4:15pm d. Al & Irene Sowden
4 Missionary Priest: Father Frederick Byaruhanga 8am d. Pam Stelten 10am For the Parish	5	<i>Notes:</i> Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space) *PH - Parish Hall *CI - Catechetical Institute *ME - Marriage Encounter				

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