



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 14, 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



200 East Church Street | Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011
952-873-6564 | www.ourladyoftheprairie.com

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Fr. Michael Kaluza |
mkaluza@olp.church

DEACON

Michael Daly | mdaly@olp.church

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Kelly Pumper | kpumper@olp.church

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Anita Glisczynski | Janis Buesgens
frontdesk@ourladyoftheprairie.com

PRINCIPAL OF PARISH SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Sheila Hendricks |
shendricks@olp.church

FACILITIES MANAGER

Patrick Schroers
pschroers@olp.church

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION & SEC

Wendi Alessio | walessio@olp.church

CEMETERY CARETAKER

Keith Heitkamp |
heitkampkeith@gmail.com

LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

TRUSTEES

Charlotte Mulroy, Sue Schultz

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

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ashley Simons, Jessica Fogarty,
Loni Scheff, Jason Palo, Kelli Berger

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Neisen, Maria Tracy, Jerome Flaherty, Joe Vandermark, Jim Koepp

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

We are never alone!

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel this weekend that we are not alone. He informs his disciples that he remains with them. That's reassuring to those who feared his impending absence from the earth. While Jesus doesn't walk the earth any longer, it doesn't mean that his presence is lacking. God always desires a relationship and creates ample opportunity for us to enhance that relationship. In fact, after the Ascension of our Lord, the Holy Spirit comes to be yet another powerful presence!

Jesus assures his disciples that the Spirit dwells within the faithful. We are given the Holy Spirit at our baptism and it is strengthened in the sacrament of confirmation. God desires to be a part of our lives and welcomes our participation in his life. That is a great gift and one that can be strengthened by our involvement. God never forces himself on anyone. We have free will, but God delights when we seek that relationship.

Jesus is always the way, truth and life. By showing us how he lives in communion with the Father and the Spirit, we too are shown the best way to live - in community. Our lives are made better when we are not alienated. That's why in the life of the parish, we offer more than faithful worship. We need one another to be reminded of God's presence and we too delight in our membership with God and one another. Let us always seek those opportunities for community to not only be sons and daughters of a loving God, but also brothers and sisters who share in the life of God and make God's presence known in our community!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Marian Elizabeth Hennen

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

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

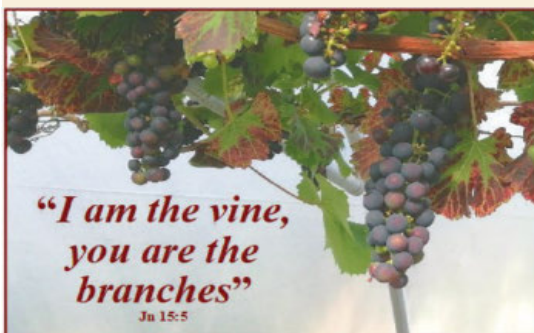
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE . . .

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
Kelli Huber

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 May 7, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,073.00
5/07/2023 Collection (Week 44)	\$5,900.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,173.00
Church Painting Collection	\$1,300.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	173
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	209
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	30
Live stream views of Mass	19
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.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Now that our team is complete, we are happy to announce our two front office staff.

**Anita Glisczinski
and
Janis Buesgens**

will be job sharing the position of Administrative Assistant and have coordinated their schedules to cover the front desk daily.

Though both are long time church members, please help us welcome them by stopping in to say hello and introducing yourself.



Church Painting collected as of 5/07/2023:
\$317,640.61

Fund-A-Need

Items purchased with OLP School Gala proceeds are arriving . . .

Folding Soccer Goals

Engineer A Coaster Activity Kit

Do a Dot Art

Swivel Chair

2# Map Rail

STEM Stations

Magnetic Tiles

Dry Erase Board

Do a Dot Markers

Pictured:
Students assembling
The Indoor Recess Pack



Thank you to everyone who supported the OLP Catholic School Gala. It was an outstanding accomplishment to have raised over \$90,000 for our students and staff during this event. After all our expenses and payouts we will have over \$70,000 to use towards our students and school.

We are truly humbled by our community's continued support of Catholic education. As a result of our efforts and your generosity we will be able to enrich the educational experience for all of our students and continue fostering their growth in faith.

We have already begun making purchases for our students with supporters' generous donations. We look forward to sharing with you all the ways your support is benefiting our students.

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



2023-2024
School Year

School Registration

**Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School**
PreK to 6th grades

*Tuition
assistance is
available.*

Website: school.ourladyoftheprairie.com
Phone: (952) 873-6564

Cemetery Price Increase Effective July 1, 2023

All cemetery lots purchased after June 30, 2023 will have an additional charge of \$200 (per lot) for perpetual care.

Member: \$700/lot + \$200 for perpetual care
Non-member: \$1,400/lot + \$200 for perpetual care



Our Lady of the Prairie
Memorial Day
Liturgical Celebration
Monday, May 29th

Sacred Heart
Cemetery
Chapel

8:30 am
Patriotic Rosary

9:30 am
Mass



Bring
your own
Chair

In case of rain will
be held at OLP



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



**CATHOLIC SERVICES
APPEAL FOUNDATION**
SERVE • SUPPORT • STRENGTHEN

Weekly Calendar with Readings	
Monday 15 May	<i>Acts 16:11-15 / Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9 / John 15:26-16:4</i>
Tuesday 16 May	<i>Acts 16:22-34 / Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8 / John 16:5-11</i> 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Teresa Fritz ♦ Father Roger Hessian presiding
Wednesday 17 May	<i>Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 / John 16:12-15</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Gene & Mary McMahan • Father Roger Hessian presiding • 9:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration • Coffee & donuts after Mass
Thursday 18 May	<i>Acts 1:1-11 / Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 28:16-20 / Ephesians 1:17-23</i> 8:30 am I Mass † Liv. & d. Members of the Hottinger Family • Father Roger Hessian presiding
Friday 19 May	<i>Acts 18:9-18 / Psalms 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / John 16:20-23</i> 8:30 am I Mass † CCW Volunteers OLP School Children's Mass ♦ Father Roger Hessian presiding
Saturday 20 May	<i>Acts 18:23-28 / Psalms 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 / John 16:23-28</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Joan Hartman EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Scott Williams, Chris Weldon, Volunteer Servers: Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, CeCe Schultz Greeters: Volunteer
<i>Ascension</i> Sunday 21 May	<i>Acts 1:12-14 / Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8 / John 17:1-11 / First Peter 4:13-16</i> 8:00 am I Mass † d. Lector: Sharon Schmitz EMHC: Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz Ushers: Ray Soller, Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Allen Schmitz Servers: Austin Traxler, Volunteer, Volunteer Greeters: Volunteer • 9:00 - 10:00 am Choir Practice in Church 10:00 am I Mass † d. Lector: Sandy Schroers EMHC: Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark, Jean Murphy Ushers: Jim Gerres, Emmett Gerres, Jim Covington, Ben Covington Servers: Jaxson Palo, Kaden Palo, Abby Endres Greeters: Volunteer



NRG NATIONAL REALTY GUILD
 Edsel Faunillan - Realtor
952 465-6820
 Your Home, My Priority EdselHomes@gmail.com
Parishioner

Does your home have high levels of RADON?
 Call Today to make sure your home is safe from elevated RADON!
612-504-4540

FAHEY DUCT CLEANING
 Professional Air Duct Cleaning Services
 Dryer Vent Cleaning • Air Duct Sanitizing
Matt Fahey, 612-490-5458

Meet Randy.
 He's a great listener and will guide you every step of the way.
Lampert Lumber Apple Valley, MN
 Randy.Koepf@LampertLumber.com
952-292-4416

MATT-SAXE-CHEVROLET-BUICK
 "YOU'LL LIKE OUR ATTITUDE"
952-873-2234
 WWW.SAXECHEVYBUICK.COM
 909 ENTERPRISE DRIVE • BELLE PLAINE, MN

Belle Plaine Family Dentistry, P.A.
 Steven B. Petersen, D.D.S.
 Henry D. Watzl, D.D.S.
General Dentistry
 210 North Meridian St., Suite 2 • Belle Plaine
952.873.2796

BERGER INTERIORS
 We will exceed your expectations in quality, value and service.
 FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED | 40+ YEARS EXPERIENCE
BELLE PLAINE ST. PETER
 121 South Meridian Street Belle Plaine | 952.873.6577 1787 Old Minnesota St. Peter | 507.519.1135
BERGERINTERIORS.COM
 FURNITURE | FLOORING | MATTRESSES | COUNTERTOPS | CABINETS | WINDOW TREATMENTS

Kolden
FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES
 Karl & Rosemary Kolden
952-873-6227
 www.koldenfuneralhome.com

CENEX 840 E. Main Belle Plaine
952-873-3344
 Home of the "Soft Touch" Car Wash with Turtle Wax
FEATURING HOT STUFF PIZZA
 Locally Owned & Operated
24 Hour Pay at the Pump

Edward Jones
Adam Kunkel
 Financial Advisor
 100 W Main Street Belle Plaine, MN
 952-873-2481
 Member SIPC

CHARD
Dan & Tom Chard
 www.chardgrading.com

Creative Landscapes By:
Lawns Are Us
 Residential & Commercial
Free Estimates 952-492-3160
 www.LawnsAreUs.com

Proudly Serving You From Four Locations!
 St. Peter 226 Nassau Street • 507.931.4000
 Mankato 500 Long Street • 507.625.1121
 Gaylord 209 Main Avenue • 507.237.5521
 Belle Plaine 201 W. Main Street • 952.873.2296
First National Bank
 Member FDIC **www.fnbnm.bank**

CHARD
Dan & Tom Chard
 www.chardgrading.com

PRAIRIE FARM SUPPLY
952-873-4234
 115 W. Church • Belle Plaine

Neisen's Red Door Bar
 125 N Meridian
952-873-6305

NEISEN'S Corner Bar
& Rustic Room
 101 E Main • Belle Plaine
952-873-6810

Tish Scheffler
Tish Scheffler (Patricia)
 Licensed Insurance Agent
 612-799-6496
 tishscheffler@ipnagent.com
 MEDICAL • MEDICARE ADVANTAGE • MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS
 RX PLANS • HOME • AUTO • BUSINESS • LIFE

STRAIT SMILES
 Family Dentistry
 Dr. Tasha Strait, General Dentist
 Dr. Monique Baune, General Dentist
 Dr. Mora Cervenka, General Dentist
 Dr. Jason Anderson, Orthodontist
New Patients Welcome 952-873-6380

Always There
Heat & Air
 We're Always There For You!
 • Installation, Maintenance, & Repair
 • Fair Rates & Financing Available
 • Free Installation Estimates
AlwaysThereRepair@yahoo.com
AlwaysThereRepair.com
 Call or Text (612) 499-2196
 Owners Jeremy & Ann Gindt

FirstChoice PHARMACY
Jill Reinhardt, Pharmacist, Owner
 www.firstchoicepharmacy.com
 Gaylord: 507-237-2933
 Jordan: 952-492-3334
 Belle Plaine: 952-855-4381

In loving memory of: Brent W. Meyer
 Blessings to all: Gerald, Carman Meyer & family

PANKONIN FINANCIAL GROUP
Ashton Pankonin
 Financial Advisor
 Parishioner
952.873.2703
 Belle Plaine, MN
 Financial Planning • Investments • Insurance

Ashton Pankonin
 Financial Advisor
 Parishioner
952.873.2703
 Belle Plaine, MN
 Financial Planning • Investments • Insurance

SKELLEY 24 HOUR TOWING
 Lockouts • Jump Starts
 Junker Disposal
952-873-4TOW
 Belle Plaine

Allen Schmitz
 Realtor®, GRI, Broker Associate
 612-483-1781
 AllenschmitzRealtor@gmail.com
KUBES REALTY
952-758-9110
 1221 4th Ave E, Suite 100 • Shakopee
 115 1st Ave SE, Suite 200 • New Prague
 www.kubesrealty.com

CONSTRUCTION TREE SERVICES
Matthew Doerr (507) 382-7502

Radermacher's FRESH MARKET
 Quality Freshness Convenience
 Jordan - (952) 492-2044 Le Sueur - (507) 665-2630 Le Center - (507) 357-4424

Hennen Electric, Inc
952-492-2744
 ESTABLISHED 1968 STEVE AND RICK HENNEN

KIECKER LAW OFFICE
OMNI KIECKER
 952-843-8545
 kieckerlaw.com
 Probate, Wills, Business, and Real Estate

my APPLIANCE SOURCE
 SALES • SERVICE
 We are smaller... but we try harder
 Visit us at www.MyApplianceSource.com

Gopher Heating & Air Conditioning
507-665-3300
 226 S. Main St • LeSueur

SPRAY FOAM ACORN INSULATION
 NEW PRAGUE, MN
 • Spray Foam
 • Acorn Insulation
 • Batted/Blown Insulation
 • Insulation Removal
 • Waterproofing
 • New Construction
 • Existing Buildings
Matt Offerdahl • 612.919.9684
Matt@AcornInsulationMN.com

CornerStone State Bank
 Providing:
 Loans for all of your Commercial and Consumer Needs
 Business, Real Estate, Equipment and Vehicles
 "We Service Your Loan From Application to Payoff"
Matt Fogarty, President
 Belle Plaine • 952.873.2500
 Le Sueur • 507.665.4200
 Green Isle • 507.326.3200
 Cloquet • 218.879.6781
 Montgomery • 507.364.2265
 Eagle Lake • 507.257.3544
 Madison Lake • 507.243.3511
 www.cornerstonesatebank.com

Daly & Daly Inc. Tax and Accounting Services
Michael J. Daly
 Daly Office Building
 119 W. Main Street • Belle Plaine
 Office: (952) 873-2213 • Fax: (952) 873-4237
 Email: daly&daly@frontiernet.net
 Securities offered through Signator Investors, Inc.
 A registered broker/dealer. Member FINRA & SIPC.

Belle Plaine M-F 6am-6pm
Angie's Learning Center
(952)-873-3951
 www.angieslearningcenter.com

Ridges at Sand Creek
(952)492-2644 • Jordan
 www.ridgesatsandcreek.com
 Golf • Dining • Events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Council 1503
 Call or Email Jason Palo
 For More Information
 (612)716-4636 | council1503gk@gmail.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
 Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME Gary Stang
gstang@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x5838

JIM CONNELLY MONUMENTS
 Do you have an interest in looking at cemetery monuments?
 Call for a private appointment:
(612) 618-0024
 jconnelly00@aol.com

Wolf Motors Ford
 Sales, Service, Parts, and Body Shop
www.wolfmotors.com
 952.492.2340
KENT BLADA

Widmer Masonry
 Residential • Commercial • Industrial
 Concrete • Block • Brick • Stone
 Steve Widmer
 Cell: 507-338-8536
 Le Sueur, MN
 www.widmermasonry.com