



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 11, 2023

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 8:00am - 3:00pm
Friday | Closed

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 DEACON MIKE . . .

Eat my Flesh and Drink my Blood . . .

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie, This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as "Corpus Christi". The Holy Eucharist is the "Source and Summit" of our faith and we are blessed to receive it.



Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." When we receive Holy Communion we are being fed the Body and Blood of Jesus under the form of bread and wine. This is the means by which we are able to take Jesus physically and spiritually into our very selves. Eating his flesh and drinking his blood is not an invitation to cannibalism, as the Jews feared. Instead, in the Eucharist the bread and wine are given a new and awesomely deep meaning: they become the very person of Jesus.

Jesus also said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." This is our great prayer. That Jesus would raise us to new life when we die. This is why it is so important that you and I attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of Christ that Jesus himself offers us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is the way we are united to Jesus.

In the Eucharist we deepen our relationship with Jesus, not mechanically but by becoming more and more like him over the years. We meet God in this mysterious and dramatic way: God gives himself to us, and we try to shape our lives into a loving gift for God. In heaven there will be no Eucharist as we know it, because our bonding with God will then be complete.

I pray that you will receive Jesus often in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is what gives you and I the strength to stay on the right path. This is what makes you and I Catholic.

In Christ,

Deacon Mike



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE . . .

Ann Woelfel
Cindy Coughlen
Angela Hennen
Genny Mesenbrink
Loree Heinkel
Richard Beach

Bob Belousek
Carol Mezera
Carl Gansen
Rose Donharl
Lisa Pobuda
Rory Crusier

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 June 4, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,073.00
6/04/2023 Collection (Week 49)	\$4,582.50
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,490.50
Church Painting Collection	\$1,625.00
Kabale Missionary Collection	\$4,550.30
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	175
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	187
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	118
Live stream views of Mass	21
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.



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Donald Schultz

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



Church Painting collected as of 6/04/2023:
\$320,261.61



ARCHDIOCESAN

Rural Life Sunday
2023

PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday, June 25, 2023

1:30 p.m. Mass

Celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda

Hosted by Tim & Amy Leonard Family Farm

13315 106th St., Norwood Young America, MN 55397

Host parish: St. Joseph Catholic Community, Waconia. MN

- Activities and Entertainment
- Lunch Following Mass (free will offering gratefully accepted)
 - Children's activities and games, see the animals
 - Please bring your own lawn chairs.
- Outdoor restrooms and handicap parking available.
 - Hand washing station available.
 - In case of rain, the celebration will be held inside a shed at the farm.



Gifted and Belonging (GAB)

A Catholic fellowship of young adults with and without disabilities is hosting

GAB in the Park

July 23 & Aug 27

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Thompson Park, West St. Paul

Gather with prayer & thanksgiving, then enjoy Thompson Park's walking & biking paths, a fishing dock, and beautiful areas to enjoy one another's company.

Bring your outdoor games, snacks and beverages.



Employment Opportunity Preschool

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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are accepting applications for the position of Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School. This is a full time position with flexible hours.

Responsible for planning and implementing the following programs:

1. Faith Formation
 - a. Youth and Adult
 - b. Totus Tuus
 - c. Bible Study
 - d. Book Club
 - e. Social Events (Cana Dinner)
2. Safe Environment Coordinator
3. Computer skills, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Power Point) and Google (Docs, Sheets, Slides).



To apply or for more information, please email your resume to: shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com or mail to:

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FINAL
2
Weeks

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



First
Holy
Communion

May 6
&
May 7



Birthright of Mankato



OLP will be collecting baby items during the month of June.

Please place donated items in the **wooden cradle** in the back of church.

They are currently most in need of the following NEW items:

- Diapers
- Sleepers
- Onesies
- Receiving blankets
- Fitted sheets for Pack 'N Plays
- Baby quilts or fleece blankets
- Hooded bath towels (a big need for these!)
- Baby wipes, diaper cream, baby lotion, shampoo, baby wash
- Winter clothing (pants outfits, heavier sleepers) size 3-6 mos.
- Summer clothing (lighter sleepers) size 3-6 mos.
- Jackets/coats 18 months to size 2T
- Baby board books; infant rattles or teethers; washcloth sets



See Bulletin Board for complete listing.

Thank you for helping little ones and their moms!

School Registration


2023-2024
School Year

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

Website: school.ourladyoftheprairie.com

Phone: (952) 873-6564

Tuition
assistance is
available.

Weekly Calendar with Readings	
Monday 12 June	<i>Second Corinthians 1:1-7 / Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 5:1-12</i>
Tuesday 13 June	<i>Second Corinthians 1:18-22 / Psalms 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 / Matthew 5:13-16</i> 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Robert and Mary Harsh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00-9:00 pm I Synod Evangelization Meeting
Wednesday 14 June	<i>Second Corinthians 3:4-11 / Psalms 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 / Matthew 5:17-19</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Joseph and Thelma Ott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee and Donuts after Mass
Thursday 15 June	<i>Second Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6 / Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 5:20-26</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Carol Keonig 2:30 pm I Mass at Kingsway
Friday 16 June	<i>Deuteronomy 7:6-11 / Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 / Matthew 11:25-30 / First John 4:7-16</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Larry Buesgens Parish Office Closed 
Saturday 17 June	<i>Second Corinthians 5:14-21 / Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 / Matthew 5:33-37</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Sarah Williams EMHC: Keith Heitkkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Scott William, Chris Weldon, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Greeters: Dan Flynn
<i>Father's Day</i> Sunday 18 June	<i>Exodus 19:2-6 / Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 / Matthew 9:36-10:8 / Romans 5:6-11</i> 8:00 am I Mass † d. Frank Glisczinski Lector: John Walsh EMHC: Janice Teal, Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks Ushers: Ray Soller, Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Allen Schmitz Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Bob & Dorene Smith 10:00 am I Mass † d. Dan Murphy Lector: Joe Vandermark EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer Ushers: Hubert Jeurissen, Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Peter Feddersen Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Shudy Greeters: Rick & Ginny Morgan 

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