



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 16, 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 contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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### FINANCE COUNCIL

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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . .



Have you ever listened to somebody and wondered what they just said? Sometimes we choose to listen to what we want and to forget quickly what we do not want to hear. Jesus speaks in parables and stories so that we remember what he said. He is able to speak to people in ways that capture our attention and seize our imagination. Jesus has that unique ability to relate to the people. His story today tells us something about God and something about us.

First of all, Jesus wants to tell us about himself. He is the sower and he wants to plant his seeds all over creation. Jesus has come for our salvation and redemption. Integral to his ministry is planting seeds in the hearts of those who hear him. Jesus reveals God to us by tirelessly planting seeds and proclaiming the nearness of God's Kingdom. The message of the Gospel needs to be planted in the heart of each person. We know that Jesus is the one who takes responsibility for the message.

But we also learn something about ourselves. If we examine our lives, we know how we respond to the loving Word of God. Each one of us here represents a type of soil that is mentioned in the Gospel lesson. We can either be the path, where the seeds do not even sink into the ground because the birds come and eat up the seeds right away. Or we can be rocky ground (with little soil) that does not give the seeds a very good opportunity to sink in. Or we can be thorns that choke the message of the Gospel. Or, the best choice for each one of us, is to be fertile soil. To allow the seeds of the Gospel to be planted in our lives and we can contemplate that love of the Gospel message throughout our entire lives. Jesus wants us to be good soil and respond to his message. Jesus will proclaim that message over and over and if we are disposed, we will be open to hearing the beautiful message of the Gospel.

So today we have possibilities to consider and choices to make. First of all, what kind of soil are we most like? Second, are we satisfied with that choice? What needs improvement in our lives, so that we might be more disposed to the love that Jesus brings in the message of the Gospel? How do we become good soil? Let our prayer today be: may we become fertile soil open to the message of the Gospel.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



**Exciting News!** Due to your generosity, statue painting has begun, and church painting is scheduled to begin the 3rd week in July. Scaffolding will be up for approximately 3 months.

**Daily Mass** will be held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.

**Sunday Masses** will be held in the Parish Hall.

Hoping to livestream for those attending from home.

*More details to come regarding confessions, baptisms, weddings, funerals.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE . . .

Ann Woelfel  
Cindy Coughlen  
Angela Hennen  
Carter Pickus  
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Carl Gansen  
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Lisa Pobuda  
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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.





Church Painting collected as of 7/09/2023:  
\$335,354.61

**STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

For the Week of July 9, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month . . . . .	\$8,344.00
7/9/2023 Collection (Week 2) . . . . .	\$5,916.00
Current Week Deficit . . . . .	(-) \$2,428.00
Church Painting Collection . . . . .	\$400.00
Endowment Fund Collection . . . . .	\$425.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass . . . . .	141
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass . . . . .	138
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass . . . . .	171
Live stream views of Mass . . . . .	41
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

**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 & 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](mailto:shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com) or mail to:

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School  
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**Employment Opportunities**

2023-2024 School Year

**Preschool Teacher**

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


**Reading Specialist**

Responsibilities include teaching Reading to 1st, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and serving all students as a strong advocate for the Catholic Faith.

Qualifications: The certified teacher best suited to this role will have gifts in these areas:

- Reading fluency and comprehension instruction
- Instructional technology fluency
- Comprehensive grasp of curriculum development
- Ability to work with teachers and students across the K-6 grade range
- A teaching style which is flexible, creative and hands-on.

Please submit resume and cover letter to: Sheila Hendricks [shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com](mailto:shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com)



**School Registration**

**PreK - 6 Grades**

**2023-2024 School Year**

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## Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday <b>17</b> July	<i>Exodus 1:8-14, 22 / Psalms 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 / Matthew 10:34-11:1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Totus Tuus all Week July 16-21.</li> </ul>
Tuesday <b>18</b> July	<i>Exodus 2:1-15 / Psalms 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 / Matthew 11:20-24</i> 1:30 pm - Kingsway Mass d. Rev. Groman 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Frank Glisczinski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 pm - Church Night Mtg - Roedel Hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday <b>19</b> July	<i>Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 / Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 / Matthew 11:25-27</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Ed Seeberger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Donuts &amp; Coffee after Mass</li> </ul>
Thursday <b>20</b> July	<i>Exodus 3:11-20 / Psalms 105:5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 / Matthew 11:28-30</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Michael Fogarty
Friday <b>21</b> July	<i>Exodus 11:10-12:14 / Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 / Matthew 12:1-8</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Brent Meyer
Saturday <b>22</b> July	<i>Second Corinthians 5:14-17 / Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / John 20:1-2, 11-18</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † Eldina Eyrich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCW Treats and Fellowship</li> </ul> <b>Lector:</b> Maureen Daly <b>EMHC:</b> Betty Weldon, Voluteer, Volunteer <b>Ushers:</b> Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers <b>Greeters:</b> Brad & Sue Schultz
Sunday <b>23</b> July	<i>Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 / Matthew 13:24-43 / Romans 8:26-27</i> 8:00 am I Mass † d. Susan Fahey <b>Lector:</b> Marcia Makowski <b>EMHC:</b> Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey <b>Ushers:</b> John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy <b>Servers:</b> Austin Traxler, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal <b>Greeters:</b> Eric & Lisa May 10:00 am I Mass † d. For the Parish <b>Lector:</b> Joe Vandermark <b>EMHC:</b> Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark, Jean Murphy <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Gerres, Emmett Gerres, Jim Covington, Ben Covington <b>Servers:</b> Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Cole Chessen <b>Greeters:</b> Al and Dorothy Bartolomei <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCW Treats and Fellowship following Masses</li> </ul>

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