



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 23, 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

Please contact 952-992-0140



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Open

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## LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

### TRUSTEES

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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 . . .



Jesus mission was all about preaching the Kingdom of God! Today he offers a parable for us to help us learn more about the Kingdom and our own participation in that kingdom.

Crops have to be planted carefully in the right conditions. Our own life depends that we have the proper food to continue to live. Therefore, the ground has to be right to receive the seed, and has to be watered. Harsh or stony ground will not allow the seed to germinate. Crops have to be nurtured during the growing season; it takes work to keep the weeds pulled, the crops watered and cared for. If the necessary conditions are not fulfilled, the crops will fail, resulting in hunger or starvation, even death. Even if good seed is planted, weeds will also grow, and threaten the crops. Decisions, judgments, have to be made and that's where our participation determines so much. Are we willing to continue to keep our spiritual lives healthy as we mature in the vineyard of the Lord? The battle to pull weeds, remove sin, from the garden of our soul is a constant struggle.

We are invited to participate and God continues to seek us to respond generously to what God has so generously bestowed upon us. Let us always make time for God in our lives and show that response that we want to make with our actions. May we treasure the faith that has been given to us and allow it to grow! We preach with our lives and may we always be preaching the Kingdom as Jesus taught us!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

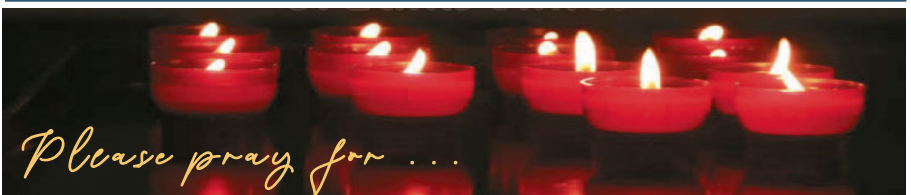


Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners  
**Joe & Katie Burmeister,  
Dakota and Joey**

and

**Laura Crapser & Austin Mesheski,  
Nevaeh and Myles**

Please make them feel at home  
in our parish community.



*Please pray for . . .*

Ann Woelfel  
Cindy Coughlen  
Angela Hennen  
Carter Pickus  
Loree Heinkel  
Richard Beach

Bob Belousek  
Carol Mezera  
Carl Gansen  
Mary Jo Gregory  
Lisa Pobuda  
Rory Cruser

Brad Haynes  
Bob Koenig  
Deacon Bob Raleigh  
Nick Johnson  
Kelly Huber  
Bud Steen

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.



16TH  
SUNDAY  
OF  
ORDINARY  
TIME



**STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

For the Week of July 16, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month . . . . .	\$8,344.00
7/16/2023 Collection (Week 3) . . . . .	\$6,148.00
Current Week Deficit . . . . .	(-) \$2,196.00
Church Painting Collection . . . . .	\$495.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass . . . . .	192
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass . . . . .	170
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass . . . . .	178
Live stream views of Mass . . . . .	31
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.

**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  
200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011



Church Painting collected as of 7/16/2023:  
**\$335,354.61**

**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**

**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School**

Website: [school.ourladyoftheprairie.com](http://school.ourladyoftheprairie.com)

Phone: (952) 873-6564

Tuition assistance is available.



## MCCL's 2023 Life Leadership Camp

Aug. 6-9, 2023

Paynesville, Minnesota

*A pro-life summer camp equipping high school students to defend the rights of the unborn & become the pro-life leaders of tomorrow.*

<https://www.mccl.org/registration>





**Church Painting**  
is scheduled to begin  
Monday, July 24, 2023.  
Scaffolding will be up for  
approximately 3 months.

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

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




Stop by the office to  
*Request a*  
**MASS INTENTION**  
2023 openings are available.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2023  
*Butterfly Release*  
Summer Memorial Celebration

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**Thursday, August 10, 2023 • 4:30-5:30pm**  
Program Commences at 5:00PM

*Our Lady of Peace Memorial Brick Garden*  
**2076 Saint Anthony Avenue  
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Light refreshments served. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

**Three ways to register/donate:**

- 1) Scan the QR Code to register/donate now.
- 2) Online at [ourladyofpeacemn.org/butterfly](http://ourladyofpeacemn.org/butterfly).
- 3) Click on the button below by August 4.

*In case of inclement weather, this event will be canceled and not rescheduled. Decision will be made August 10 at noon.  
Visit [ourladyofpeacemn.org/butterfly](http://ourladyofpeacemn.org/butterfly) or call 651-789-6820 for updates and information.*



*The Sacrament  
of Marriage*      United  
July 19, 2023

LeRoy Bentfield + Ramona Sullivan



**FALL FESTIVAL**  
*Block Party*  
Saturday, September 9  
Raffle tickets are ready for pick  
up in Roedel Hall.

## Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday <b>24</b> July	<i>Exodus 14:5-18   Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6   Matthew 12:38-42</i>
Tuesday <b>25</b> July	<i>Second Corinthians 4:7-15   Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6   Matthew 20:20-28</i> 6:30 pm   Mass † CCW Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father Kaluza out of office/Father Roger Hessian presiding</li> <li>• 7:00 pm   Southwest Council of Catholic Women dinner &amp; meeting in Parish Hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday <b>26</b> July	<i>Sirach 44:1, 10-15   Psalms 132:11, 13-14, 17-18   Matthew 13:16-17</i> 8:30 am   Mass † d. Jerome Dittberner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father Kaluza out of office/Father Roger Hessian presiding</li> <li>• Donuts &amp; Coffee after Mass</li> </ul>
Thursday <b>27</b> July	<i>Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20   Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56   Matthew 13:10-17</i> 8:30 am   Mass † liv. & d. John & Theresa Keonig Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father Kaluza out of office/Father Roger Hessian presiding</li> </ul>
Friday <b>28</b> July	<i>Exodus 20:1-17   Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11   Matthew 13:18-23</i> 8:30 am   Mass † d. Donald Schultz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father Kaluza out of office/Father Roger Hessian presiding</li> <li>• Parish Office Closed</li> </ul>
Saturday <b>29</b> July	<i>John 11:19-27</i> 4:15 pm   Mass † d. Jeanette Gerres <b>Lector:</b> Caden Bruzek <b>EMHC:</b> Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams <b>Ushers:</b> Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams <b>Greeters:</b> Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy
Sunday <b>30</b> July	<i>First Kings 3:5, 7-12   Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130   Matthew 13:44-52   Romans 8:28-30</i> 8:00 am   Mass † For the Parish <b>Lector:</b> Sharon Beach <b>EMHC:</b> Janice Teal, Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks <b>Ushers:</b> Ray Soller, Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Allen Schmitz <b>Servers:</b> Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen <b>Greeters:</b> Mark & Leticia Fogarty  10:00 am   Mass † d. William & Dorothy Meier <b>Lector:</b> Sandy Schroers <b>EMHC:</b> Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer <b>Ushers:</b> Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Peter Feddersen, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Heather Sutherland, Ryan Sutherland, David Sutherland <b>Greeters:</b> Pat & Sandy Schroers

## Bulletin Announcements

If your group would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: [bulletineditor@olp.church](mailto:bulletineditor@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday's bulletin.

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