



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 30, 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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17TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The readings this weekend speak to us about wisdom. That's something all of us need! As we grow in our faith, we also grow in wisdom. To be near and close to God is the wisest choice we can make so that we might readily know God in this world and be happy with God forever in the life to come.



The psalm sings about loving God's commands. The commandments are given to us for our own good and pleasure. God does not tell us to choose evil and desires our own happiness. That's why the commandments are an essential aid. The commandments are not to be understood as punishments; rather they help us as guides to holiness and happiness. God does not force us into anything, but offers us free will. It delights God for us to freely choose God's ways and that gives glory to God.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the Kingdom of Heaven is a real treasure. A disciple is one who seeks that treasure and gives up everything to obtain that grace. It takes wisdom to find that path that leads to the treasure!

In the first reading, King Solomon asks for an understanding heart to follow God's direction. He desires to lead the people in the ways of God and to be open to receiving direction and instruction from God. God's love is rooted in a generous heart and God provides the capacity for each one of us. May we also make this same request of God so that we may be led by God into the embrace of eternity!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza

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

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 Crusier

Brad Haynes
Bob Koenig
Deacon Bob Raleigh
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.



STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of July 23, 2023

Collection totals were not available at time of publishing.

- Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass 152
- Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass 147
- Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass 142
- Live stream views of Mass 36



Stop by the Parish Office to schedule

Mass Intentions
2023 Openings



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

Michael and Melinda Price & Priscilla

Please make them feel at home in our parish community.

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 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



Church Painting

has begun

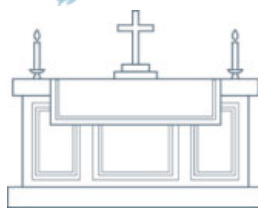
Scaffolding will be up for approximately 3 months.

Daily Masses

will be held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.

Sunday Masses

will be held in the Parish Hall.



**Our Lady of the Prairie School
Employment Opportunities**

2023-2024 School Year

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



School Registration

PreK - 6 Grades

2023-2024
School Year

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

Website: school.ourladyoftheprairie.com

Phone: (952) 873-6564

Tuition assistance is available.

Weekly Calendar with Readings	
Monday 31 July	<i>Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34, / Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, / Matthew 13:31-35</i>
Tuesday 1 August	<i>Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28, / Psalms 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, / Matthew 13:35-43</i> 6:30 pm Mass † d. Gary McCue (Vietnam Vet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm KC Meeting in Parish Hall • 7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting in Roedel Hall
Wednesday 2 August	<i>Exodus 34:29-35, / Psalms 99:5, 6, 7, 9, / Matthew 13:44-46</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Francis, Leona & Robert Huber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donuts & Coffee after Mass • 11:00am Ecumenical Lunch in Roedel Hall
Thursday 3 August	<i>Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38, / Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8, 11, / Matthew 13:47-53</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Rev. Wm (Bill) Kenney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm CCW Meeting in Roedel Hall
Friday 4 August	<i>Ezekiel 3:17-21</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller
Saturday 5 August	<i>Leviticus 25:1, 8-17, / Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 7-8, / Matthew 14:1-12</i> 4:15 pm Mass † For the Parish Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Betty Weldon, Voluteer, Volunteer Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
Sunday 6 August	<i>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, / Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, / Matthew 17:1-9, / Second Peter 1:16-19</i> 8:00 am Mass † d. Brent Meyer Lector: Janice Teal EMHC: Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy Servers: Austin Traxler, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal Greeters: Bob & Dorene Smith 10:00 am Mass † Liv & d. Edmund & Elizabeth Belland Family Lector: Rick Morgan EMHC: Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo Ushers: Jim Gerres, Emmett Gerres, Jim Covington, Ben Covington Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo Greeters: Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen

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.

August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
30 8am d. Brent Meyer 10am liv & d. Edmund & Elizabeth Belland family	31 6:30pm d. Gary McCue (d.Vietnam Vet) 7pm KC meeting in PH 7pm Liturgy Meeting in RH	1 8:30am Francis, Leona, & Robert Huber Coffee & donuts after Mass 11:00am Ecurmenical Lunch	2 8:30am d. Rev. Wm (Bill) Kenney 7pm CCW meeting in RH	3 8:30am d. Rev. Wm (Bill) Kenney 7pm CCW meeting in RH	4 8:30am d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller	5 4:15pm For the Parish	
6 8am d. Brent Meyer 10am liv & d. Edmund & Elizabeth Belland family	7 Father out of the office Father Roger Hession 6:30pm	8 Father out of the office Father Roger Hession 8:30am d.Rev.Wm (Bill) Kenney Coffee & donuts after Mass	9 Father out of the office Father Roger Hession 8:30am d.Rev.Wm (Bill) Kenney Coffee & donuts after Mass	10 Father out of the office Father Roger Hession 8:30am d William Zehnder	11 Father out of the office Father Roger Hession 8:30am	12 4:15pm d. Michael Fogarty	
13 8am d. Elizabeth Beach 10am For the Parish CUF Treats & Fellowship after 8am & 10am Mass 7pm ME meeting in RH	14 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 am 1:30pm - Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d Brent Meyer	15 8:30am liv & d. Guertin Family Coffee & donuts after Mass	16 8:30am d C CW Volunteers Coffee & donuts after Mass	17 8:30am 2:00pm Lutheran Home Mass	18 8:30am	19 4:15pm For the Parish	
20 8am d. Jeanette Gerres 10am d. Elizabeth & Susan Miron	21 1:30 pm Mass at Kingway 6:30pm	22 8:30am d C CW Volunteers Coffee & donuts after Mass	23 8:30am d C CW Volunteers Coffee & donuts after Mass	24 8:30am	25 8:30am d. Judy Morrison	26 4:15pm For the Parish KC Treats and Fellowship	
27 8am d. Emmett and Helen McCue 10am d. William & Dorothy Meier KC Treats and Fellowship following Masses	28 Teacher workshop	29 6:30pm d. Frank Gilszcinski Teacher workshop	30 8:30am Coffee & donuts after Mass Back to School Night	31 8:30am Teacher workshop	1 8:30am	2 4:15pm L&D. Larry Wolf Family	
3 8am Jerry & Irene Kirsch 9-10:00 Choir Practice in Church 10am For the Parish	4 Labor Day Office closed	Notes	Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space) *CGS - Caticesis of the Good Shepherd *TGA - The Great Adventure				*PH - Parish Hall *CI - Catechetical Institute

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