



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 13, 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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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Be Not Afraid

Jesus invites Peter to come out and walk on the water. In doing so he also invites us, the church, to do the impossible and cultivate the faith that makes all things possible. Our faith is possible because of the invitation from God. Jesus was sent from God to show us the way, the truth and the life. As members of the Body of Christ, the church, we are moved by faith to respond to the invitation of Jesus.



When Peter responds to the invitation from God to keep his gaze fixed on Christ, Peter is able to walk on water. When he glances away, he experiences trouble. Our spiritual life is much the same. We need to keep our eyes securely focused on Jesus, because he is all things to us.

In the first reading Elijah finds God in the whispering voice, even though he sought God in the strong and powerful elements of nature. Sometimes God surprises us and reminds us that God is always faithful and we have to trust that God is indeed always there when we seek him.

One of the early symbols for the church was a boat. The church was seen as a small boat tossed around in an unfriendly sea (a world that persecuted Christians). But the presence of Jesus in the boat calms the storm, and keeps the voyagers safe. Jesus continues to calm storms. He still reaches out and pulls us up when we call out and put our trust in him. Fear can seize us without warning, but we will be better prepared for it if we follow Jesus' example.

We can take comfort in knowing that we are not to be afraid to face the future and that God will be with us as we endeavor to continue the mission of the church. May the Holy Spirit breathe the gifts of wisdom and courage into our parish community to make prudent decisions for our sake and the sake of the whole world!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



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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.





STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of August 6, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month \$8,344.00
 8/06/2023 Collection (Week 5) \$6,029.00
 Current Week Deficit (-) \$2,315.00
 Church Painting Collection \$855.00
 Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass 161
 Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass 105
 Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass 135
 Live stream views of Mass Not streamed
 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:
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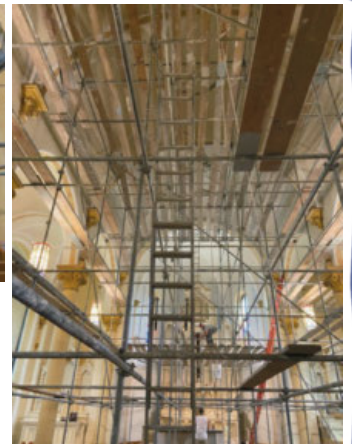


Church Painting collected as of 8/06/2023
\$336,446.61



Church Painting

Scaffolding will be up for approximately 3 months. Statues have been painted and are stored.



Daily Masses

are held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.

Sunday Masses

are 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



Celebration of Baptism

Elliott Reed Schneider
son of
Tom & Caitlin Schneider
August 12, 2023



Stop by the Parish Office
to schedule

Mass Intentions

2023 Openings



News from Father Michael Kaluza

Synod Update

The Archdiocesan synod continues to unfold. Archbishop Hebda's first priority is that each parish form small groups. These small groups should assist with building community and help our own spiritual growth. Our parish council is working on implementing these priorities and selecting people to serve as small group leaders. Each council member is requested to find six individuals to take part in formation. Training will be offered and begins in September with seven classes following the +6:30 p.m. Mass. If you are unable to attend a class in person, it will also be available to watch the next day on line. Please be open to taking part in this training! We always want to be a vibrant community of faith! We need you to help by being trained as a small group leader!

Adoration Chapel Update



Plans are underway to have our adoration chapel available seven days each week! Improvements will be made so that we can offer adoration on demand and allow adorers to come to the chapel at any time, day or night. The monstrance will be protected behind glass and a screen will expose or repose the Blessed Sacrament. We are always

looking to increase the number of adorers and are anxious to offer more opportunities for people to take part in this apostolate. Please consider adding a holy hour to benefit your spiritual life.

Announcing our two newest members to the Our Lady of the Prairie staff:

Lisa Ross, Preschool Teacher and Ashley Simons, Director of Enrollment & Marketing.



My name is Lisa Ross and I am the PreK teacher at OLP. I hold a Business Management Degree with a Specialization in Early Childhood Education from Rasmussen College in Mankato, Minnesota. I have over 25 years of professional experience serving children and their families. I have administered Licensed Early Childhood Educational Programs, Public/ Private School and Non Profit Programs. I have a passion for making connections in the communities I serve.

I live in Le Sueur with my husband and 5 children.

My name is Ashley Simons. My husband and I moved to Belle Plaine in August 2007 and have called this town home ever since. I received my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education through Minnesota State University Mankato and my master's degree in Teaching and Learning through Hamline University. I taught 4th and 5th grade for nearly a decade in Eastern Carver County School District before God called me out of the classroom and into our home to raise our children. I am a mom to 4 boys who are students and alumni to OLP Catholic School. Over the years I have volunteered to co-chair the annual Gala fundraiser, served as Vice President of the PTA and have been a member of the School Advisory Council for many years. Outside of the school I stay busy driving my boys to all their activities, cheering them on at their games, gardening, listening to audiobooks and also running my own photography business.



	School Registration	2023-2024 School Year
		PreK - 6 Grades
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Alpha Women's Center's FLANNEL FEST 23

hillspring church, 200 E 280th st, new prague

SEPTEMBER 30, 5-9 PM



ABOUT ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER

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SATURDAY



SEPTEMBER

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Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 14 August</p>	<p><i>Isaiah 58:6-11 / Psalms 1:1-4, 6 / Matthew 25:31-40</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 15 August</p>	<p><i>Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 / Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16 / Luke 1:39-56 / First Corinthians 15:20-26</i> <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p> <p>8:30 am I Mass † 1:30 am I Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Brent Meyer Lector: Joe Vandermark EMHC: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteer Servers: Volunteer Greeters: Volunteer</p> 
<p>Wednesday 16 August</p>	<p><i>Deuteronomy 34:1-12 / Psalms 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17 / Matthew 18:15-20</i> 8:30 am I Mass † liv. & d. Guertin Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee & donuts after Mass
<p>Thursday 17 August</p>	<p><i>Joshua 3:7-10, 11, 13-17 / Psalms 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Matthew 18:21-19:1</i> 8:30 am I Mass † 2:00 pm I Mass at The Lutheran Home</p>
<p>Friday 18 August</p>	<p><i>Joshua 24:1-13 / Psalms 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24 / Matthew 19:3-12</i> 8:30 am I Mass †</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Office Closed
<p>Saturday 19 August</p>	<p><i>Joshua 24:14-29 / Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 / Matthew 19:13-15</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Betty Weldon Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Greeters: Brad & Sue Schultz</p>
<p>Sunday 20 August</p>	<p><i>Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Matthew 15:21-28 / Romans 11:13-15, 29-32</i> 8:00 am I Mass † d. Jeanette Gerres Lector: Ken Skluzacek EMHC: Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murph Servers: Austin Traxler, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal Greeters: Richard & Sharon Beach</p> <p>10:00 am I Mass † d. lizabeth & Susan Miron Lector: Sheila Schmitz EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer Ushers: Jim Gerres, Jim Covington, Ben Covington, Volunteer Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Cole Chesson Greeters: Rick & Ginny Morgan</p>

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