



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 20, 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 . . .



So often we are most comfortable asking God for things! That's why we like petitionary prayer and telling God our wants, needs and desires. Life is filled with many challenges and that's the blessing of being in a good relationship with God who understands all of our difficulties.

The story of the healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter reveals that Jesus has come to offer freedom and liberation from so many of the burdens of sin. God is not afraid of barriers or borders, but grants pardon and peace to those who seek after Him in faith and allow his presence to touch their lives.

The faith of the Canaanite woman is at the heart of the message that we receive this weekend. She has a real and determined faith in the ability of Jesus and she will not stop until she receives what she is seeking. We too are called to exhibit a real and determined faith. Our faith is intended to grow until we reach what we are seeking – the fullness of beatitude or life in the Kingdom of God.

On our journey to the fullness of life in paradise, we might encounter barriers and obstacles, but if our faith is real and determined, wickedness will not prevent us from seeking God and his kingdom or responding to the invitation that is continually offered by our loving and living God. Trials and tribulations are a part of life as we experience living on earth where, unfortunately, evil exists. Jesus conquered evil on the cross and we are called to live up to the challenge to conquer the evils that we face as well. In spreading the Gospel beyond all barriers and borders we demonstrate our real and determined faith.

May we too express the confidence of the Canaanite woman's faith in our lives and with all those whom we encounter!

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 13, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
8/13/2023 Collection (Week 6)	\$4,952.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,392.00
Church Painting Collection	\$189.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	167
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	144
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	126
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).

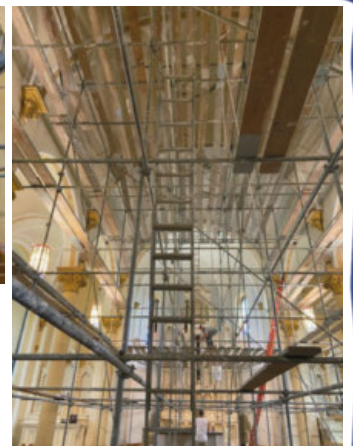
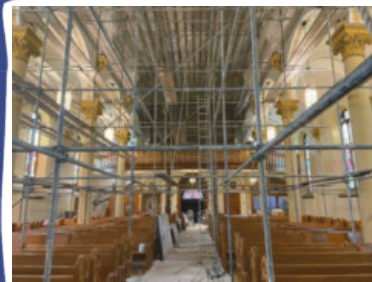


To apply, or for more information, please email your resume to: shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com or mail to:

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School
200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011



Church Painting collected as of 8/13/2023
\$336,635.61



Church Painting

Anticipate completion by Nov. 1st
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



Supporting the St. Joseph Business Guild

FIRST ANNUAL

**SPORTING CLAY
TOURNAMENT**

AT THE MINNESOTA HORSE & HUNT CLUB

2:30 PM | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Register as a parish team of (4) players,
or sign up as an individual (\$175 per player),
by September 13th, at sjbusinessguild.com



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fall
FESTIVAL

SATURDAY



SEPTEMBER

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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CASH RAFFLE, ONLINE & IN PERSON SILENT AUCTION, LIVE MUSIC,
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online auction opens Sept. 2nd & closes Sept. 9th at 7:00 pm <https://olpfall2023.ggo.bid>

**Birthright
of Mankato**

Thank you to all who supported the recent collection for Birthright of Mankato! We had a wonderful response, including some beautiful handmade baby items. The following note was received from Birthright:

*"Dear Our Lady of the Prairie Church,
Thank you very much for the baby quilts, assorted size sleepers, onesies, 54 pairs of knit booties, bodywash, diapers, wipes, creams, pacifiers, etc.. A special thanks for the 19 hooded bath towels.*

Sincerely, Birthright of Mankato."

Birthright has ongoing needs throughout the year. For more info and ways to help, please contact them at (507) 387-7818 and also see their website:

<https://www.birthrightmankato.org>

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

Alpha Women's Center is a non-denominational Christian ministry that operates a mobile medical clinic. Hillspring Church is a proud partner and host of our event. Flannel Fest raises funds to help us provide no-cost medical care and support to pregnant women in need.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Live Music
- Food Truck
- Temporary tattoos
- Outdoor games
- Petting zoo
- Hayride
- Pumpkin launch
- Silent auction



Scan for tickets
and more information

651-894-2882



**School
Registration**

2023-2024
School Year

PreK - 6 Grades

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

Website: school.ourladyoftheprairie.com

Phone: (952) 873-6564

Tuition
assistance is
available.

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 21 August	<i>Judges 2:11-19 / Psalms 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43, 44 / Matthew 19:16-22</i>
Tuesday 22 August	<i>Judges 6:11-24 / Psalms 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 19:23-30</i> 1:30 pm I Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm I Mass †
Wednesday 23 August	<i>Judges 9:6-15 / Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Matthew 20:1-16</i> 8:30 am I Mass † CCW Volunteers • Coffee & donuts after Mass
Thursday 24 August	<i>Revelation 21:9-14 / Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 / John 1:45-51</i> 8:30 am I Mass †
Friday 25 August	<i>Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 / Psalms 146:5-6, 7, 8-9, 9-10 / Matthew 22:34-40</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Judy Morrison • Parish Office Closed
Saturday 26 August	<i>Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5 / Matthew 23:1-12</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Caden Bruzek EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy • KC Treats and Fellowship Following Mass
Sunday 27 August	<i>Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 / Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 / Matthew 16:13-20 / Romans 11:33-36</i> 8:00 am I Mass † d. Emmett & Helen McCue Lector: Dr. Tim Halloran EMHC: Janice Teal, Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks Ushers: Ray Soller, Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Allen Schmitz Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Tom & Pam Cates 10:00 am I Mass † d. William & Dorothy Meier Lector: Joe Vandermark EMHC: Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo Ushers: Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Volunteer Servers: Heather Sutherland, Ryan Sutherland, David Sutherland Greeters: Eric & Jean Johnson • KC Treats and Fellowship following both Masses

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