



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 27, 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 . . .



Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ. He is truly the Messiah who has come to save humanity from the darkness of sin and evil and offers forgiveness and salvation through his life, death and resurrection. And it is on this confession that Jesus announces the church will be built. In his confession, the church understands that it is Jesus who founds and builds the church. Therefore, the church belongs to God and the apostles, disciples and all people of good will have roles to play that are important for the church as the Body of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists four distinctive marks of the church and we pray these marks in our creed each weekend at Mass: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. The church is one just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united in the Trinity. The oneness of the church mimics the unity of the Trinity in one God.

The church is holy because it is founded by Christ under the guidance of the Father with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Because the church belongs to God it is holy. Of course sinners make up the people of God, so the church helps us with its holiness to purify us of sin and convert us to be more like God, who is holy.

The word “catholic” means universal. Throughout the world you will find the Catholic Church because Christ is present in the Church as the head of the Body of Christ and the church has a mission to evangelize to the world and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is our universal call.

As Peter is told in the Gospel, Jesus is building the church on the foundation of the apostles of which Peter is chosen personally by Jesus to be the head. Ever since the time of Saint Peter, the church has had a pope as the Bishop of Rome to guide the whole church in the work of salvation. How blessed we are to receive the gift of the church headed by a successor of the apostles to continue to lead us toward the everlasting Kingdom of Heaven.

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 20, 2023

Sunday Collection amounts not available at time of publishing.

- Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass 141
- Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass 127
- Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass 157
- Live stream views of Mass Not streamed

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.



Stop by the Parish Office to schedule

Mass Intentions
2023 Openings

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:

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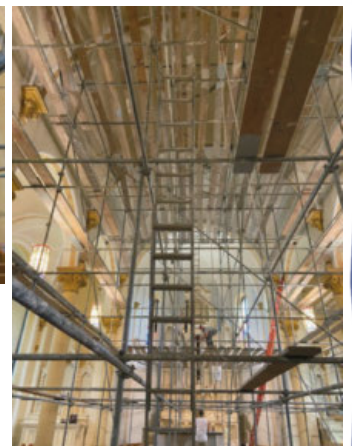


Church Painting collected as of 8/20/2023
\$343,840.64



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



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September 1, 2023

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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

<p>ABOUT ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Music • Food Truck • Temporary tattoos • Outdoor games • Petting zoo • Hayride • Pumpkin launch • Silent auction
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Scan for tickets and more info- www.alpha-women.org

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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.



JOIN THE BELLE PLAINE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY EXEMPLIFICATION ON

September 17, 2023

11AM

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(PARISH Hall)

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Fall FESTIVAL

SATURDAY



SEPTEMBER

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 28 August	<i>First Thessalonians 1:2-5, 8-10 / Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9 / Matthew 23:13-22</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30-3:00 Teacher Workshop
Tuesday 29 August	<i>Jeremiah 1:17-19 / Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 / Mark 6:17-29</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30-3:00 Teacher Workshop 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm Mass † d. Frank Glisczinski
Wednesday 30 August	<i>First Thessalonians 2:9-13 / Psalms 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12 / Matthew 23:27-32</i> 8:30 am Mass † Carl & Georgine Gansen 46th Wedding Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee & donuts after Mass 12:00-5:00 Teacher Workshop 5:00-6:30pm Back to School Night (Roedel Hall)
Thursday 31 August	<i>First Thessalonians 3:7-13 / Psalms 90:3-4, 12-13, 14, 17 / Matthew 24:42-51</i> 8:30 am Mass † <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00-3:00 Teacher workshop
Friday 1 September	<i>First Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Psalms 97:1, 2, 5-6, 10, 11-12 / Matthew 25:1-13</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Office Closed
Saturday 2 September	<i>First Thessalonians 4:9-12 / Psalms 98:1, 7-8, 9 / Matthew 25:14-30</i> 4:15 pm Mass † Liv. & d. Larry Wolf Family Lector: Charlotte Mulroy EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Volunteer Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
Sunday 3 September	<i>Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / Matthew 16:21-27</i> 8:00 am Mass † d. Jerry & Irene Kirsch Lector: James Fogarty 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: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran 10:00 am Mass † d. For the Parish Lector: Sandy Schroers EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer Ushers: Jim Gerres, Jim Covington, Ben Covington Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo Greeters: Terry & Karen Feddersen

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