



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 6, 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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## LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

### TRUSTEES

Charlotte Mulroy, Sue Schultz

### PARISH COUNCIL

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 . . .

This weekend the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord falls on a Sunday and trumps the celebration of an ordinary time Sunday. The events on top of Mount Tabor reveal the truly awesome mystery of Jesus. He is fully human and his apostles have come to know his humanity. They treasure his friendship and companionship. In the Transfiguration Jesus reveals his divinity as he is transformed in glory in the bright light of the radiance of God.



The apostles are privileged to experience the glory of God in the person of Jesus and have that reassurance that he is truly the Messiah they have confessed. It strengthens their relationship with him and gives them the conviction to continue the mission he establishes in giving us the Church as the vehicle that keeps us close to God. Of course the Transfiguration is also a great luxury for Peter, James and John to have the exclusive company of Jesus on the top of a mountain. They are away from the ordinary routine of life and witnesses to the law and prophets. They want to remain in this state of ecstasy and yet Jesus takes them back down the mountain so that they might be attentive to their mission.

Most importantly they hear the voice of God instructing them to listen to his beloved Son! Jesus truly has important words for us to hear and repeat. He is the Word of God who spoke creation and he continues to be the one who teaches and heals with his words. May we always be open to hearing the voice of Jesus in our lives so that we might grow in holiness and become better disciples.

God bless you,  
Father Michael Kaluza



Stop by the Parish Office  
to schedule

## Mass Intentions

2023 Openings



Ann Woelfel  
Cindy Coughlen  
Angela Hennen  
Merlin Bartels  
Loree Heinkel  
Richard Beach

Bob Belousek  
Carol Mezera  
Carl Gansen  
Mary Jo Gregory  
Lisa Pobuda  
Kristi Dose

Bob Koenig  
Deacon Bob Raleigh  
Kelly Huber  
Bud Steen  
Brad Haynes  
Mary C. Johnson

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 30, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
7/30/2023 Collection (Week 4)	\$5,076.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,268.00
Church Painting Collection	\$260.00
Maintenance Collection	\$1,105.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	155
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	123
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	167
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

### 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:

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Church Painting collected as of 7/30/2023:  
**\$335,614.61**

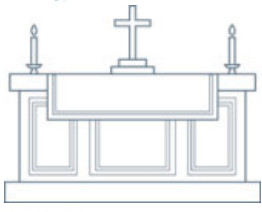


**Church Painting** has begun.

Scaffolding will be up for approximately 3 months.

**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](mailto:shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com)



**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School**

Website: [school.ourladyoftheprairie.com](http://school.ourladyoftheprairie.com)  
Phone: (952) 873-6564

2023-2024  
School Year  
*Tuition assistance is available.*



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

**Benjamin and Mona Altman,  
Mary, Charles, Samuel,  
Henry & Michael**

Please make them feel at home in our parish community.



## Celebration of Baptism

**Thomas James Berger**  
son of  
**Brian and Kelli Berger**  
July 30, 2023

# THANK YOU!

To everyone who lent a hand (and their backs) unloading the truck filled with the equipment needed for painting our church.

## Seminary INFORMATION NIGHT

For Junior and Senior High School men and their parents who would like to learn more about St. John Vianney College Seminary.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE SEMINARY 2110 Selby Ave. St. Paul, MN 55105	Tuesday <b>AUGUST 15</b>	WE BEGIN AT 5PM WITH MASS followed by dinner, presentation and tour.
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*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**RSVP REQUIRED**  
before Friday, August 11  
[www.10000vocations.org/assumption](http://www.10000vocations.org/assumption)



### Gifted and Belonging (GAB)

A Catholic fellowship of young adults with and without disabilities is hosting

### GAB in the Park

Sunday, August 27

6:00 - 8:00 pm

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Dear Rural Resident of Deanery 7,

I am a member of an Archdiocesan Care for Creation task force formed specifically to listen to your issues and concerns. The listening sessions held as part of the Synod process gave a voice to many parishioners throughout the archdiocese, but members of the task force are interested in what YOU have to say about your life in a rural area of the archdiocese.

I belong to St. Wenceslaus parish in New Prague. I served the parish for 28 years as a Catholic school teacher, pastoral minister and in faith formation with youth and adults. I am a secular Franciscan and am involved in care for creation and serving families experiencing homelessness. I grew up on a dairy farm in rural Jordan and currently live on the farm with my husband.

The listening sessions will be held in New Prague on **Thursday, August 3** and **Monday, August 7**, from 7-9pm in the **St. Wenceslaus Parish Activities Center** (only attend one).

I would be most grateful to hear your voice. The input that you and other rural residents provide will be confidential and will be used to identify key issues. If you are interested in participating, please register by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/7LCH9bMRTFTTRsk49>

or by calling, texting or emailing me. If you have any questions, I would be happy to take your call.

Thank you,

Mary Higgins

952-240-1604 (call or text) mjgh5174@gmail.com

Weekly Calendar with Readings	
Monday 7 August	<i>Numbers 11:4-15, / Psalms 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, / Matthew 14:13-21</i>
Tuesday 8 August	<i>Numbers 12:1-13, / Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 6-7, 12-13, / Matthew 14:22-36</i> 6:30 pm   Mass † <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father Kaluza out of office / Father Roger Hessian presiding</li> </ul>
Wednesday 9 August	<i>Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35, / Psalms 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-22, 23, / Matthew 15:21-28</i> 8:30 am   Mass † d. Rev. Wm (Bill) Kenney <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 10 August	<i>Second Corinthians 9:6-10, / Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9, / John 12:24-26</i> 8:30 am   Mass † d. William Zehnder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father Kaluza out of office / Father Roger presiding</li> </ul>
Friday 11 August	<i>Deuteronomy 4:32-40, / Psalms 77:12-13, 14-15, 16, 21, / Matthew 16:24-28</i> 8:30 am   Mass † <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father Kaluza out of office / Father Roger Hessian presiding</li> <li>Parish Office Closed</li> </ul>
Saturday 12 August	<i>Deuteronomy 6:4-13, / Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51, / Matthew 17:14-20</i> 4:15 pm   Mass † d. Michael Fogarty <b>Lector:</b> Sarah Williams <b>EMHC:</b> Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams <b>Ushers:</b> Scott Williams, Chris Weldon, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers <b>Greeters:</b> Dan Flynn
Sunday 13 August	<i>First Kings 19:9, 11-13, / Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14, / Matthew 14:22-33, / Romans 9:1-5</i> 8:00 am   Mass † d. Elizabeth Beach <b>Lector:</b> John Walsh <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> Clarence & Lynn Doheny 10:00 am   Mass † For the Parish <b>Lector:</b> Pat Schroers <b>EMHC:</b> Joe Vandermark, Karen Vandermark, Jean Murphy <b>Ushers:</b> Jeff Klein, Johan Miller, Peter Feddersen, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Shudy <b>Greeters:</b> Joe and Kristen Lajeunesse

### 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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