



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 3, 2023

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 3:00pm

### 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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### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Neisen, Maria Tracy, Jerome Flaherty, Joe Vandermark, Jim Koeppe

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



As we gather for this Labor Day weekend, the scriptures remind us about the labor and cost of discipleship. It means that we must keep our eyes focused on Jesus. While we all enjoy the great benefits of following the Savior, we might be surprised at the hardships, trials and burdens of Christianity. They are reminders to us that if we desire to live in the fullness of God's kingdom, it will never be fully realized on this side of heaven. But we can offer our hardships and unite our suffering with the cross of our Lord. We can also work at accomplishing good deeds that will be recognized after death.

The path that Jesus travels is the road to Jerusalem, where he endures suffering and crucifixion. Jesus makes this clear as he tells Peter: "Get behind me Satan." Discipleship demands clarity about where we are headed and knowledge of the road to salvation. As we travel through life we will experience all sorts of troubles, but our suffering can be redemptive when joined to the passion of Christ. We offer to God not only all of the blessings that God has provided for us, but also those difficulties that enter our lives. Much like marriage endures through good times and bad, health and sickness, so too must our relationship with God be steadfast and constant.

Next weekend is our annual fall festival! Thank you to everyone who has helped with the planning and participation! Let's all make it an awesome event next Saturday! We are a blessed community and I am grateful for the blessing that you are to me.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Ann Woelfel  
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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 27, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month . . . . .	\$8,344.00
8/27/2023 Collection (Week 8) . . . . .	\$4,882.30
Current Week Deficit . . . . .	(-) \$3,461.70
Church Painting Collection . . . . .	\$435.00
Cemetery Fund Collection . . . . .	\$990.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass . . . . .	159
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass . . . . .	169
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass . . . . .	112
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



**In Christ We Live Forever**

Please remember in your prayers

**Christian Barlage**

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and loved ones, and pray for his eternal peace.



Stop by the Parish Office to schedule

*Mass Intentions*

2023 Openings



**School Registration**

2023-2024 School

PreK - 6 Grades

**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School**

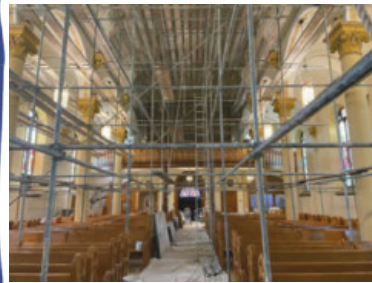
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Tuition assistance is available.



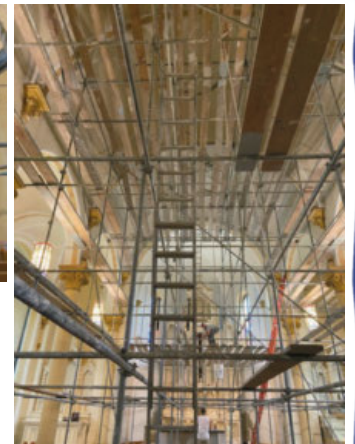
Church Painting collected as of 8/27/2023  
**\$344,275.64**



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



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

**Paul & Colleen DeGree**

Please make them feel at home in our parish community.



Supporting the **St. Joseph Business Guild**

FIRST ANNUAL

## SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

AT THE MINNESOTA HORSE & HUNT CLUB

2:30 PM | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Register as a parish team of (4) players, or sign up as an individual (\$175 per player), by **September 13<sup>th</sup>**, at [sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com)

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

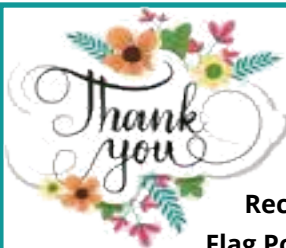
Alpha Women's Center is a non-denominational Christian ministry that operates a mobile medical clinic. Hillspring Church is a proud partner and host of our event. Flannel Fest raises funds to help us provide no-cost medical care and support to pregnant women in need.

### FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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



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September 17, 2023

11AM

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Join a Circle of Fellow Catholic Men to Share each other's Faith and enrich each other's lives through service and support of their local parish and local community.



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Fall FESTIVAL

SATURDAY



SEPTEMBER

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

200 EAST CHURCH ST, BELLE PLAINE, MN 56011

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online auction opens Sept. 2nd & closes Sept. 9th at 7:00 pm

<https://olpfall2023.ggo.bid>



Weekly Calendar with Readings



<p>Monday 4 September</p>	<p><i>First Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 / Luke 4:16-30</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor Day</li> </ul>	
<p>Tuesday 5 September</p>	<p><i>First Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 / Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Luke 4:31-37</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father out of office / Father Roger Hessian Presiding</li> <li>• First Day of School</li> </ul> <p>6:30 pm   Mass † d. Francis, Leona &amp; Robert Huber 7:00 pm   KC Meeting in Parish Hall</p>	
<p>Wednesday 6 September</p>	<p><i>Colossians 1:1-8 / Psalms 52:10, 11 / Luke 4:38-44</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father out of office / Father Roger Hessian Presiding</li> </ul> <p>8:30 am   Mass †</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee &amp; donuts after Mass</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday 7 September</p>	<p><i>Colossians 1:9-14 / Psalms 98:2-3, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 5:1-11</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father out of office / Father Roger Hessian Presiding</li> </ul> <p>8:30 am   Mass †</p>	
<p>Friday 8 September</p>	<p><i>Romans 8:28-30 / Psalms 13:6, 6 / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father out of office / Father Roger Hessian Presiding</li> </ul> <p>8:30 am   OLP School Children's Mass † d. Monsignor Patrick Hessian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00pm   Set up for Fall Festival</li> </ul>	
<p>Saturday 9 September</p>	<p><i>Isaiah 58:6-11 / Psalms 1:1-4, 6 / Matthew 25:31-40</i></p> <p>4:15 pm   Mass † For the Parish</p> <p><b>FALL FESTIVAL following Mass</b></p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Sue Schultz <b>EMHC:</b> Dan Flynn, Keith Heitkamp <b>Ushers:</b> Scott Williams, Chris Weldon, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams <b>Greeters:</b> Dann Flynn</p>	
<p>Sunday 10 September</p>	<p><i>Isaiah 58:6-11 / Psalms 1:1-4, 6 / Matthew 25:31-40</i></p> <p>8:00 am   Mass † d. Brent Meyer</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Sharon Schmitz <b>EMHC:</b> Janice Teal, Sharon Beach <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen <b>Greeters:</b> Eric and Lisa May</p> <p>10:00 am   Mass † d. Michael Fogarty</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Rick Morgan <b>EMHC:</b> Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen <b>Ushers:</b> Peter Feddersen, Johan Miller, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Shudy IV <b>Greeters:</b> Craig and Julie Otto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic United Financial Treats &amp; Fellowship following both Masses</li> <li>• 7:30 pm   Marriage Encounter in Roedel Hall</li> </ul>	

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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 Blessings to all: Gerald, Carman Meyer & family

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