



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 10, 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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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Going into Debt

This week in the second reading, Saint Paul tells the early Christians in Rome to avoid getting into debt. It appears to be sensible advice for all people at all times, though mortgages and student loans are often difficult to avoid for many people. But Saint Paul makes an exception, the debt of mutual love. He encourages the Christians in Rome to love each other, for that way they fulfill the law. Here Saint Paul picks up and reiterates one of the great innovations of Jesus's teaching -- to love God and to love our neighbor as oneself. That is what we must continually learn and practice in our attempt to build up the kingdom of God at Our Lady of the Prairie.

Saint Matthew assures us in the gospel that when we gather in the Lord's name, God is present among us. This is also some practical advice and motivation for us to grow our bonds with one another as a community.

One very practical way for us to begin to grow in mutual love is to spend time with one another. I am hoping that our social events will become a hallmark of our community. When we invest our time with one another, we grow in appreciation for the many gifts and talents each of us bring to the community! Our annual fall festival is a great reminder of our love for one another and our parish! It is always a great event for us to celebrate our mutual affection for one another and help us to create that wonderful debt of mutual love!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Love God, Love Neighbors

Ann Woelfel
Cindy Coughlen
Angela Hennen
Merlin Bartels
Loree Heinkel
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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 September 3, 2023

Collection totals were not available at time of publishing.

Total Number of Registered Active Families 486



Total Number of Registered Active Members 1,293

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.

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DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

VISIT www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

CHURCH: Church of the Epiphany
Phone: (763) 755-1020
ADDRESS: 1900 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433
VENERATION BEGINS: 1:00 PM TIME OF MASS: 7:00 PM
VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM



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
 Website: school.ourladyoftheprairie.com
 Phone: (952) 873-6564 *Tuition assistance is available.*



Church Painting collected as of 08/27/2023
\$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.



Sunday, September 10



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

Peter & Kim Schmillen

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 20TH

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

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- Food Truck
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- Petting zoo
- Hayride
- Pumpkin launch
- Silent auction



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September 17, 2023

11AM

O.L.P CATHOLIC CHURCH (PARISH Hall)

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.

Announcing

Director of Religious Education

The passion with which Fr. Kaluza offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is what first attracted my family to Our Lady of the Prairie. The sheer beauty of the church itself, too, in all of its ornate glory, also speaks inspiring volumes as to the dedication of the Belle Plaine faithful, both past and present. These are just the initial things that prompted me to submit an application to become the next Director of Religious Education for your parish.

Hello! My name is **Mark Simons**, and when Mrs. Hendricks called me at home in Norwood last week with the exciting news that Father was extending the opportunity to join the staff here, my wife, Michelle, and my four kids, Joe, Victoria, Jessica, and Tony, were all thrilled at the prospect of spending more time in such a devout and zealous parish. With a decade of experience running an RE Program at the Church of St. Pius X, in Glencoe, and another handful of years spent as a Catechist, there is much to look forward to in discovering what makes the faith-filled wheels go round at Our Lady of the Prairie, and in working alongside all of you in keeping them spinning as efficiently and effectively as possible, to help carry everyone to where the good Lord is calling us. So, here's to the road ahead and to all of the people we are blessed to share it with. Can I get an, "AMEN!!!"?

We are hoping to start registration for K-8 classes come mid-late September, with Wednesday night classes hopefully starting up in late October.

Weekly Calendar with Readings	
Monday 11 September	<i>Colossians 1:24-2:3 / Psalms 62:6-7, 9 / Luke 6:6-11</i>
Tuesday 12 September	<i>Colossians 2:6-15 / Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11 / Luke 6:12-19</i> 1:30 pm I Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Mabel and Adam Michrot
Wednesday 13 September	<i>Colossians 3:1-11 / Psalms 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13 / Luke 6:20-26</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Frank Glisczinski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee & donuts after Mass
Thursday 14 September	<i>Numbers 21:4-9 / Psalms 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 / John 3:13-17 / Philippians 2:6-11</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Carole Fogarty 2:00 pm I Mass † at The Lutheran Home
Friday 15 September	<i>Hebrews 5:7-9 / Psalms 31:2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 / John 19:25-27</i> 8:30 am I OLP School Children's Mass † d. Donald Guertin
Saturday 16 September	<i>First Timothy 1:15-17 / Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7 / Luke 6:43-49</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † d. Donald and Mary Jane O'Brien I Missionary Preaching Lector: Sarah Williams EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe Greeters: Brad and Sue Schultz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up for small group leader training after Mass
Sunday 17 September	<i>Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Matthew 18:21-35 / Romans 14:7-9</i> 8:00 am I Mass † For the Parish I Missionary Preaching Lector: Marcia Makowski EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: David Fogarty, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal Greeters: Mark & Leticia Fogarty 10:00 am I Mass † d. Jeanette Gerres I Missionary Preaching Lector: Pat Schroers EMHC: Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark Ushers: Jim Covington, Ben Covington, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Cole Chessen Greeters: Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up for small group leader training after both Masses 11:00 am I KC Exemplification in Parish Hall

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