



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 17, 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

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

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



Thank you to everyone who participated or helped with our annual fall festival! It was a wonderful time of fraternity and fellowship! We are a blessed community!

The Church seeks to bring about the healing and peace that are needed in our world. The message for us today is pretty clear and very necessary.

The message we have to hear and preach is one of forgiveness. It is not easy to even forgive once, but Jesus tells us that we should be prepared to forgive as often as is necessary. If we are to survive any relationship, be it on an individual basis or even at a communal level, we must be prepared to forgive those who wrong us. There can be no limit to our forgiveness, even when it seems most difficult to do. Saying sorry or asking for forgiveness is not a sign of weakness, but rather it shows a willingness to make right what has gone wrong.

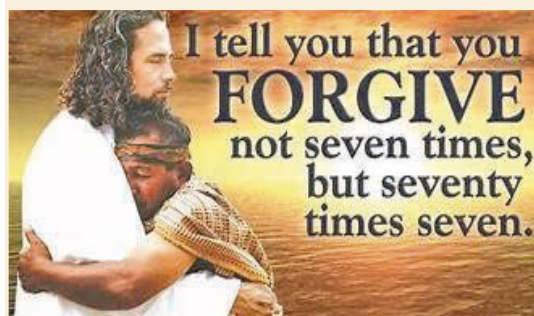
Forgiveness and mercy will never become old topics for the church, but the church will always find fresh and new ways of preaching about reconciliation. Knowing mercy is experiencing God's goodness in our lives. On earth we are plagued by sin, but through the church we can be restored by grace to live as sons and daughters of a living and loving Father.

As we become healers in our families and parish, we can unite where division has set in so that we can move together in unison with one another. As a parish we have to move together to make great things happen.

Those who believe in Jesus are to be ambassadors of forgiveness in the world, and messengers of reconciliation. Ultimately we recognize that forgiveness is a gift from God as Alexander Pope is quoted in his famous comment that "To err is human, to forgive divine". Let us always remember that God's mercy has been bestowed upon us and we are to show mercy to all we encounter. May we be healers and reconcilers in our parish and world.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



*Please pray for...*

Richard Beach  
Carl Gansen  
Mary Jo Gregory  
Eileen Effertz

Bob Koenig  
Deacon Bob Raleigh  
Bud Steen

Sara Meyer  
David Clark  
Nicole Koeppe

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 10, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month . . . . . \$8,344.00  
 9/10/2023 Collection (Week 10) . . . . . \$5,552.11  
 Current Week Deficit . . . . . (-) \$2,791.89  
 Church Painting Collection . . . . . \$200.00

Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass . . . . . 220  
 Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass . . . . . 111  
 Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass . . . . . 122  
 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.



Church Painting collected as of 09/10/2023  
**\$346,670.64**

**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.



**Maintenance Update**

The church elevator to the parish hall is being repaired now. We anticipate completion of the project soon. The part needed to complete the project is manufactured in Texas. When it arrives in Minnesota, All City Elevator will install it. There are a few other updates that will be completed also to bring it up to code. We have had a busy summer:

- New HVAC (heating/ventilation/air conditioning) for the church.
- Sealing the parking lot.
- Church painting.
- And now, elevator repairs

Thank you for your patience,  
 Pat Schroers, Facilities Mgr.



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**      **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

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.

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

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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.

*Thank you*

Thank you to all who volunteered their time, donated an auction item, and attended the fall festival. We are amazed at how generous people of our parish are. It was a great time of fellowship and we thank you for making it a successful event.  
Fall Festival Committee

**OLP Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Winners**

- \$3,000 Matt Lenz
- \$1,500 Steve Eischens
- \$1,500 Chris Johnson
- \$1,000 John Bigaouette
- \$500 Duane & Judy Madison, Jordan
- \$500 Kenny Neisen
- \$250 Nick Schouviller
- \$250 Tom Gardner, Montgomery



**Casserole & Salad Luncheon**  
Redeemer Lutheran Church

(Rural Henderson)

Saturday, Sept. 23

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Free Will Offering

Country Store with many baked and canned items for purchase.



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School  
PTA Fundraiser

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, Sept. 30th

4:00-7:00 pm

Belle Plaine Vet's Club

Free Will Offering



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**Weekly Calendar with Readings**

<p>Monday <b>18</b> September</p>	<p><i>First Timothy 2:1-8 / Psalms 28:2, 7, 8-9 / Luke 7:1-10</i></p>
<p>Tuesday <b>19</b> September</p>	<p><i>First Timothy 3:1-13 / Psalms 101:1-2, 2-3, 5, 6 / Luke 7:11-17</i> 6:30 pm I Mass ☩  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 pm I Small Group Leader Formation #1 in Roedel Hall</li> </ul> </p>
<p>Wednesday <b>20</b> September</p>	<p><i>Wisdom 3:1-9 / Psalms 125:1-5 / Luke 9:23-26</i> 8:30 am I Mass ☩ d. Michael Fogarty  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee &amp; donuts after Mass</li> <li>2:00pm I Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall</li> <li>7:00 pm I Marriage Prep in Conference Room</li> </ul> </p>
<p>Thursday <b>21</b> September</p>	<p><i>Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 / Matthew 9:9-13</i> 8:30 am I Mass ☩ CCW Volunteers  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 pm I PTA Meeting in Roedel Hall</li> </ul> </p>
<p>Friday <b>22</b> September</p>	<p><i>First Timothy 6:2-12 / Psalms 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 / Luke 8:1-3</i> 8:30 am I OLP School Children's Mass ☩ d. Mary Farrell</p>
<p>Saturday <b>23</b> September</p>	<p><i>Galatians 2:19-20 / Psalms 127:1-5 / Matthew 16:24-27</i> 4:15 pm I Mass ☩ For the Parish  <b>Lector:</b> Charlotte Mulroy  <b>EMHC:</b> Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams  <b>Ushers:</b> Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer, Volunteer  <b>Servers:</b> Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers  <b>Greeters:</b> Patrick &amp; Charlotte Mulroy  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treats and Fellowship after Mass - sponsored by OLP PTA</li> </ul> </p>
<p>Sunday <b>24</b> September</p>	<p><i>Isaiah 55:6-9 / Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 / Matthew 20:1-16 / Philippians 1:20-24, 27</i> 8:00 am I Mass ☩ liv &amp; d. Members of the Art &amp; Alvina Johnson Family  <b>Lector:</b> Sharon Beach  <b>EMHC:</b> Susan Cole, Bob Fahey  <b>Ushers:</b> John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Volunteer, Volunteer  <b>Servers:</b> Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen  <b>Greeters:</b> Bob and Dorene Smith  10:00 am I Mass ☩ d. Kevin, Marilyn &amp; Jeff O'Brien  <b>Lector:</b> Sheila Schmitz  <b>EMHC:</b> Joe Vandermark, Volunteer  <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer, Volunteer  <b>Servers:</b> Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo  <b>Greeters:</b> Al and Dorothy Bartolomei  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treats &amp; Fellowship following both Masses - sponsored by OLP PTA</li> </ul> </p>

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