



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 24, 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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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

### God's Generosity

The parable of the landowner reminds us of God's generosity. As God is our creator, we owe him everything. All we have comes from him. In showing our love to God, we must become generous, just as God is all-giving. It could never be possible to outdo God in generosity, but we can attempt to learn generosity from the teachings of Jesus and the activity of God.

God has called us to act as his trustees. We care for his creation and we use the gifts and talents that God has granted to us. Therefore, we must be accountable to him. We must be attentive to what has been given to us and use it to provide some kind of return. We must act for his ends and not just our own. In order to assist us, we need to grow in the virtues. Developing those good attributes allows us to become generous and use what God has given to us for his glory. When we are generous, we also demonstrate our appreciation.

I am grateful for all of the good work that so many people do to make things happen in our parish! You make our parish and school extraordinary. Thank you for coming to Mass! Thank you for participating in the life and liturgy of our parish and school! I will continually thank you and be always appreciative. Let us use our talents and resources to properly administer what God has bestowed upon us.

God bless you,  
Father Michael Kaluza



While our bulletin is always perfect each week, some churches publish some accidentally funny material. Acquaintances have sent me the following funny blunders:

- ◆ *The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.*
- ◆ *The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'*
- ◆ *Ladies, don't forget the garage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*
- ◆ *Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.*



*Please pray for...*

Richard Beach  
Mary Jo Gregory  
Eileen Effertz  
Bob Koenig

Deacon Bob Raleigh  
Bud Steen  
Sara Meyer

David Clark  
Nicole Koepp  
Merlin Bartels

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.



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**





**STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

For the Week of September 17, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
9/17/2023 Collection (Week 11)	\$4,730.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,614.00
Church Painting Collection	\$150.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	163
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	132
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	185
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.



**IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER**

Please remember in your prayers  
**Carl Gansen**

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

**In Christ We Live Forever**

Please remember in your prayers

**Lorraine Schultz**

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







**CHURCH PAINTING**

Collected as of 09/17/2023  
**\$346,820.64**

Anticipate completion by Nov. 1st

**Daily Masses**  
are held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.


**Sunday Masses**  
are held in the Parish Hall.



One of the \$500 winners in the Fall Festival Raffle was

**Wayne Mattison**

(Incorrectly listed as Duane & Judy Madison in last weeks bulletin).



Alpha Women's Center's

## FLANNEL FEST 23

hillspring church, 200 E 280th st, new prague

SEPTEMBER 30, 5-9 PM

<p><b>ABOUT ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER</b></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><b>FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Music</li> <li>• Food Truck</li> <li>• Temporary tattoos</li> <li>• Outdoor games</li> <li>• Petting zoo</li> <li>• Hayride</li> <li>• Pumpkin launch</li> <li>• Silent auction</li> </ul>
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**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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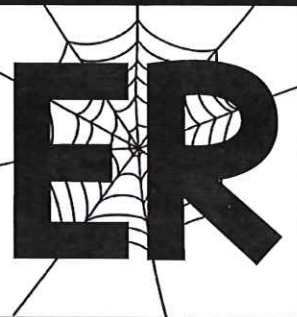
# October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8am d. Douglas (Spike)Mueller 10am d. Kathy Kaluza Registration for Religious Education before and after masses	2 5:00am - Grs.5-6 Students to Wolf Ridge	3 6:30pm Father at Retreat - Father Hessian Presiding 7:00 pm KC Meeting in PH 7:00 pm Small Group Leader Formation #3 in RH	4 8:30am d. Brent Meyer (AOD) Father at Retreat-Father Hessian Presiding Coffee & Donuts after Mass	5 8:30am d. Mary Farrell Father at Retreat-Father Hessian Presiding 7:00 pm - CCW Mtg in RH	6 8:30am d. Teresa Fritz Not a student mass due to field trip to the Cathedral Father at Retreat - Father Hessian Presiding	7 4:15pm Liv.&d. Members of Dan Murphy Family 2:30 pm Miranda Flannery & Travis Yockey Wedding at St. Brendan's in Green Isle
8 8am For the Parish 10am d. Michael Fogarty Catholic United Financial Treats & Fellowship after 8 & 10 masses 7:00pm ME Meeting in RH	9 5:00am - Grs.5-6 Students to Wolf Ridge	10 1:30 pm - Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Kathy Kaluza 7pm Small Group Leader Formation #4 - RH Grs.5-6 Students at Wolf Ridge	11 8:30am d. Frank Gliczinski Coffee & donuts after Mass 12:00 Noon Ecumenical Lunch 6:00 pm Grs 5-6 Students return from Wolf Ridge	12 8:30am	13 8:30am d. Carl Gansen Student Saint of the Month Mass (Sept)	14 4:15pm For the Parish
15 8am d. Paul Tupek 10am d. Christine Zehnder	16	17 6:30pm 7:00pm Small Group Leader Formation #5-RH	18 8:30am d. Michael Fogarty Coffee & donuts after Mass 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	19 8:30am d. Francis, Leona, & Robert Huber 2:00 pm - Mass at Lutheran Home SCHOOL - MEA BREAK NO	20 8:30am CCW Volunteers NO SCHOOL - MEA BREAK	21 4:15pm For the Parish
22 8am d. Susan Fahey 10am d. Jeanette Gerres ME Sponsored Treats and Fellowship after 8&10 Masses	23	24 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm 7:00 pm Small Group Leader Formation #6-RH	25 8:30am d. Tim Randklev Coffee & donuts after Mass Religious Education begins: Gr. 3-8 at 6:30-7:30 pm K-2 time TBD	26 8:30am d Jim (Stubbie) Brown	27 8:30am OLP Student Rake-a-thon am Student's Halloween Carnival pm	28 4:15pm d. Larry Buesgens
29 8am For the Parish 10am Liv.&d. Julia & Measel Miron Family	30	31 6:30pm 7:00 pm Small Group Leader Formation #7-RH	1 Solemnity of All Saints 8:30am for the Deceased Members of Parish Coffee & Donuts after Mass 6:30 pm	2 8:30am For the Faithful Departed 6:30 pm OLP Remembrance Mass CCW will provide light refreshments after 6:30 Mass - PH	3 8:30am d. Francis, Leona & Robert Huber Student Saint of the Month Mass (Oct)	4 9:00 am - Church Cleaning 4:15pm d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller
5	6	Notes	Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space) *CGS - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *TGA - The Great Adventure			
*PH - Parish Hall *CI - Catechetical Institute						





# OCTOBER



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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Turn in  
Marathon  
Pledges

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Children's Rosary  
Pilgrimage -  
Cathedral of St  
Paul

9

Wolf Ridge

10

Wolf Ridge

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Wolf Ridge  
No Music  
Turn in  
Marathon  
Pledges

12

Fire Drill  
2:00

13

Andy Mass  
Picture Day  
September Student  
Saint of the Month  
mass

16

School  
Marathon

17

School  
Marathon

18

School News Due  
School  
Marathon  
Turn in Marathon  
Pledges

19

No School

20

No School

23

24

25

Teacher/ Staff  
meeting 3:10

26

27

Andy Mass  
Rake-a-Thon  
Halloween Carnival

30

31

Notes:  
Saint of the Month: Saint Isaac de  
Brebeuf

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday <b>25</b> September	<i>Ezra 1:1-6 / Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 / Luke 8:16-18</i>
Tuesday <b>26</b> September	<i>Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20 / Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 / Luke 8:19-21</i> 1:30 pm - Kingsway Mass 6:30 pm I Mass † <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 pm I Small Group Leader Formation #1 in Roedel Hall (after Mass)</li> <li>7:00 pm I Church Night Meetings in Classrooms (after Mass)</li> </ul>
Wednesday <b>27</b> September	<i>Ezra 9:5-9 / Tobit 13:2, 3-4, 6, 7-8, 6 / Luke 9:1-6</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Teresa Fritz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee &amp; donuts after Mass</li> </ul>
Thursday <b>28</b> September	<i>Haggai 1:1-8 / Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9 / Luke 9:7-9</i> 8:30 am I Mass † Deacon Bob Raleigh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 pm I PTA Meeting in Roedel Hall</li> </ul>
Friday <b>29</b> September	<i>Revelation 12:7-12 / Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5 / John 1:47-51</i> 8:30 am I OLP School Children's Mass † d. Richard Peltier
Saturday <b>30</b> September	<i>Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15 / Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12, 13 / Luke 9:43-45</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † For the Parish <b>Lector:</b> Sue Schultz <b>EMHC:</b> Dan Flynn, Keith Heitkamp <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams <b>Greeters:</b> Sharon and Allen Schmitz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00-7:00 pm I Spaghetti Supper Vet's Club - PTA School Fundraiser/sponsored by Catholic United Financial</li> <li>Registration for Religious Education before and after Mass</li> </ul>
Sunday <b>1</b> October	<i>Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 21:28-32 / Philippians 2:1-11</i> 8:00 am I Mass † liv & d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller <b>Lector:</b> Janice Teal <b>EMHC:</b> Janice Teal, Sharon Beach <b>Ushers:</b> Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> David Fogarty, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal <b>Greeters:</b> Clarence and Lynn Doheny 10:00 am I Mass † d. Kathy Kaluza <b>Lector:</b> Joe Vandermark <b>EMHC:</b> Paula Covington, Jim Covington <b>Ushers:</b> Peter Feddersen, Johan Miller, Volunteer, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Shudy IV <b>Greeters:</b> Pat and Sandy Schroers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration for Religious Education before and after Masses</li> </ul>

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