



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 8, 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 . . .



The Privilege to be a Worker in the Lord's Vineyard.

How lucky we are to be Catholic! The Mass readings remind us that above all it is a pure privilege to work in the vineyard of the Lord. At this time of year, we think about the harvest and the plantings that are collected for our benefit to tide us over for the winter.

Jesus tells us to bear fruit – good spiritual fruit that will last. We may pause to reflect on our own service to God and neighbor. As workers in the vineyard that God has finely prepared are we able to offer back to God a bountiful produce and good works? Will we find ourselves ready for the Lord's return? That is the challenge of our lives.

A prominent preparation is prayer and time with the Lord. It is pure luxury to be afforded a relationship with God and any relationship needs time and attention. I hope that we can make time and work on our relationship with God through prayer. It is the start to any profitable endeavor and the beginning of something wonderful! Prayer is also a good way to begin and end each day. Moreover, Mass is the best of all possible prayers.

Through our baptism in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been made God's chosen people. God delights in sharing good gifts with us, do we generously respond to God's example? To live the Christian life is difficult, but it remains possible if we but first acknowledge God as the example that we desire to imitate.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that if we focus on what really matters, the good, true, honorable, pure and just, we will find the peace of God. That's the secret to knowing when it is ripe to pick. I look forward to our parish communally producing fruit that will be abundant and last! All of us are needed for a really good harvest.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

Legacy Tree Program

Our Lady of the Prairie will be offering the opportunity to be a part of our history long into the future by purchasing a Legacy Tree in remembrance of your loved ones. More details to come.



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.



STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of September 1, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
10/01/2023 Collection (Week 12)	\$5,792.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,552.00
Church Painting Collection	\$2,360.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	139
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	141
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	130
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.

A BIG THANK YOU

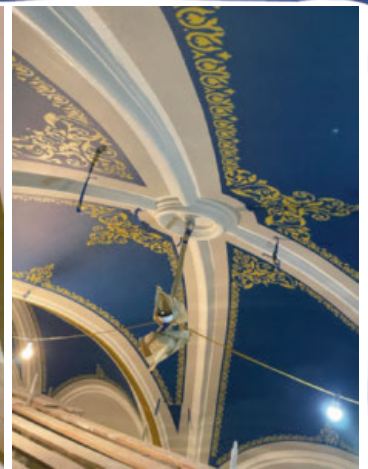
to Eve Hennen and the PTA for hosting our delicious Spaghetti Dinner and Catholic United Financial for sponsoring this event. We raised \$1557.00!! WAY TO GO!!



Stop by the Parish Office to schedule

Mass Intentions

Weekday Openings in 2023
Weekend & Weekday Openings in 2024



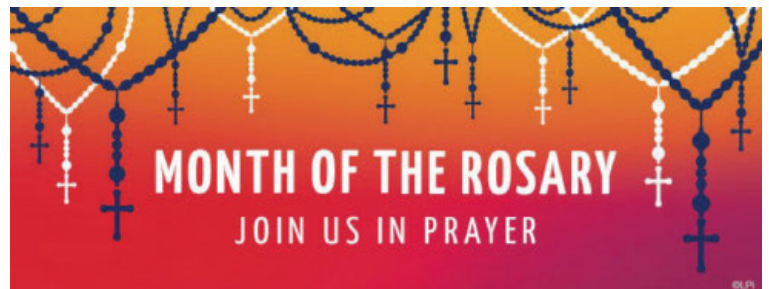
CHURCH PAINTING

Collected as of 10/01/2023
\$349,625.64

Anticipate completion by Nov. 1st

Daily Masses are held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.

Sunday Masses are held in the Parish Hall.



October

Respect Life Month & Month of the Rosary

Please offer your daily Rosary for the intention "That the life of every person from conception to natural death will be in our laws and cherished in our hearts."



Memorare

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of Virgins my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.



GIVE CHRISTMAS JOY!

Our parish will be participating in the holiday "Box of Joy" project during the upcoming seasons of Thanksgiving & Joy!

A Box of Joy is a Christmas **shoe box**, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items by our parish families. Each gift represents Christ's love and may be the only Christmas gift children in developing countries are blessed to receive.

The box of Joy project is a fun and simple activity for the whole family. It teaches the lesson of loving our neighbor as God has loved and blessed us.

Let's make this a very Merry Christmas for some children!

Gift ideas, drop off information, packing information along with scheduled dates and times are available to you at the **Box of Joy display** by Roedel Hall entry.

Ginny Morgan will be at the display following Mass to answer your questions.



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Catherine Ann Schmidt

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



Student registration is taking place now for Wednesday evening classes starting on October 25. See the parish website for a registration form, or visit the parish office.



Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School

2023 Marathon of Prayer

September 29 through October 18

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Our Marathon of Prayer is quickly approaching. We are very excited to participate in the prayers and walking to support our school and pray for all of those who have requested our prayers. All families, Preschool through 6th grade are invited to participate. The proceeds from the Marathon play an instrumental portion of our annual budget. It helps supply core and supplemental curriculum along with helping with the overall budget to run the school. We are grateful for everyone who supports our school. We have 4 Matching Grant Donors:

Bob Fritz Trucking, Inc. - \$1000

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Students will be walking a total of 20 laps over a three day period and will be praying a specific prayer for each lap.

1. Prayers of thanksgiving to God
2. Prayer for Catholic Schools
3. Sick & dying
4. Souls in purgatory
5. The hungry/homeless
6. Priest and deacon vocations
7. Rosary
8. Prayers of blessings from God
9. Prayer for Students
10. Local, national and global leaders
11. Abortion
12. Cancer survivors & sufferers
13. The imprisoned and lonely
14. Rosary
15. Those fallen away from their faith
16. Prayer for teachers
17. Beatitudes
18. Prayer for parents
19. Prayer for grandparents
20. Rosary



**All Parish Members are welcome to the Southwest Deanery
Council of Catholic Women Mission Event**

Thursday, October 19th, 2023

St. John's the Baptist Church

210 Broadway St. N.

Jordan, MN.

Speaker Father Greg Gallagher O.M.I.

Tekakwitha Indian Mission White Earth Reservation In Northern MN.

Doors open at 5:15pm

Admission is School supplies, educational games, and cards

Food provided

Chances to win many beautiful items

Questions: Call Mary 507-744-5154 or email at: Mary.Wick@swsaints.org

PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women was established by a pastoral letter and with the leadership of Archbishop John Gregory Murray in 1933 to help carry out his apostolic work in the local church; and

Whereas,

The successors of Archbishop John Gregory Murray have continued to provide sponsorship and leadership support to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women; and

Whereas,

With open encouragement from Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, clergy continue to support the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and its gospel-valued programs of educating women in spiritual, leadership and service roles to their families, parishes, communities and poor of the world; and

Whereas,

To express deep appreciation for the spiritually enriching service provided by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and all supportive priests, deacons, nuns and brothers; therefore be it

Resolved,

That the Board of Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hereby designates the month of October as the ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION MONTH; and

Resolved,

That the Board of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women encourages each affiliate organization to manifest its appreciation to clergy publicly.

Doreen Hogan

Doreen Hogan, President
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women



PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

This year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three, marks the one hundred seventy-third anniversary of the establishment of this local church; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has been a vital organization in the Catholic life of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis since March 25, 1933, when the Council was formed by Archbishop John Gregory Murray; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women continues to encourage affiliates to work closely with their respective parishes in meeting spiritual and human needs by creating a spirit of unity through prayer, enrichment and service in fulfilling the Mission of Christ; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis wishes to recognize the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's immeasurable contributions to the progress and welfare of families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world, and the organization's invaluable assistance as we seek to implement the insights of our Archdiocesan Synod, therefore be it

Resolved,

That October 8, 2023, is hereby designated as Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Bernard A. Hebda', is positioned above the printed name of the Archbishop.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 9 October	<p><i>Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11 / Psalms 2:2, 3, 4, 5, 8 / Luke 10:25-37</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 a.m. Grades 5 & 6 students leave for Wolf Ridge OLP Student Prayer Marathon
Tuesday 10 October	<p><i>Jonah 3:1-10 / Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 / Luke 10:38-42</i></p> <p>1:30 pm Kingsway Mass ☩</p> <p>6:30 pm Mass ☩ d. Kathy Kaluza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 pm Small Group Leader Formation #4 in Roedell Hall Grades 5 & 6 students at Wolf Ridge OLP Student Prayer Marathon
Wednesday 11 October	<p><i>Jonah 4:1-11 / Psalms 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 / Luke 11:1-4</i></p> <p>8:30 am Mass ☩ d. Frank Glisczinski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee & donuts after Mass 12:00 noon Ecumenical Lunch in Roedell Hall 6:00 pm Grades 5 & 6 students return from Wolf Ridge OLP Student Prayer Marathon
Thursday 12 October	<p><i>Malachi 3:13-20 / Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 / Luke 11:5-13</i></p> <p>8:30 am Mass ☩ d. Deacon Ritter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OLP Student Prayer Marathon
Friday 13 October	<p><i>Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / Psalms 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9 / Luke 11:15-26</i></p> <p>8:30 am OLP Children's Mass ☩ d. Carl Gansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Saints of the Month for September announced OLP Student Prayer Marathon
Saturday 14 October	<p><i>Joel 4:12-21 / Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Luke 11:27-28</i></p> <p>4:15 pm Mass ☩ For the Parish</p> <p>Lector: Charlotte Mulroy EMHC: Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers Greeters: Brad & Sue Schultz</p>
Sunday 15 October	<p><i>Isaiah 25:6-10 / Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 / Matthew 22:1-14 / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20</i></p> <p>8:00 am Mass ☩ d. Paul Tupek</p> <p>Lector: John Walsh EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: David Fogarty, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal Greeters: Tom & Pam Cates</p> <p>10:00 am Mass ☩ d. Christine Zehnder</p> <p>Lector: Rick Morgan EMHC: Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark Ushers: Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo Greeters: Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse</p>

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