



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 22, 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 . . .

Give to God!



The Gospel presents us with an interesting dilemma for our own reflection. Jesus commands us to give to God what belongs to God and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. In avoiding the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus provides some sane advice in an often insane world. We have to be wise and prudent to avoid moving away from our faith and always keep our focus on giving to God who has given us everything.

In our increasingly secular society, it often seems as though people live for nothing but themselves. In fact, that is how we as a people and culture are marketed: do this for yourself. You deserve it! You are self-made and can do anything that you desire. While the Church affirms that the individual is granted freedom, the Church teaches authentic freedom is a gift from God and calls us to return the gift in freedom and authenticity. Therefore, our response is mightily important. Either we can respond in slavery to sin or in true freedom.

The free response is to recognize that all of creation is pure gift. God has gifted creation and blessed it. God created humans in his own image and as we recognize that extraordinary gift, we must generously respond. We belong to God and therefore it is right to give back our very lives to the one who gave them to us. God asks only for our love. If we place our trust in God and listen to his commands, we will recognize that God is love and has shown us how to respond in love by reaching out to others in need, by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by faithfully following the commandments so that we might know the dignity of living as sons and daughters of a loving Father.

True love is given to us on the cross. Jesus holds nothing back in conquering sin and death. Are we willing to put our faith into action and live holy lives focused on God who has given so much?

God bless you!
Father Michael Kaluza



Let my prayer
rise up
like incense

before
You

Please pray for . . .

Richard Beach
Mary Jo Gregory
Eileen Effertz

Deacon Bob Raleigh
Bud Steen
Sara Meyer

Bob Koenig
David Clark
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.

29th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

October 22, 2023

Then repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to
God.





STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of October 15, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month \$8,344.00
 10/15/2023 Collection (Week 13) \$5,606.00
 Current Week Deficit (-) \$2,738.00
 Church Painting Collection \$285.00

Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass 168
 Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass 163
 Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass 124
 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

THINKING OF THE PRIESTHOOD?

2 DISCERNMENT RETREATS

Saturday, October 28, from 9:00am-7:00pm
 The Saint Paul Seminary Damascus House,
 1976 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul MN 55105
 For men who are pursuing or have completed a
 college degree.
 Register before Monday, October 23

November 3-5, 2023
 Christ The King Retreat Center
 621 South First Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313
 For catholic men 17-24 (High School Juniors
 To age 24) who do not have a college degree.
 \$100 Retreat Fee
 Includes all meals and 2 night's lodging
 Register before Friday, October 27
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CHURCH PAINTING

Collected as of 10/15/2023
\$349,910.64

Anticipate completion by Nov. 1st

Daily Masses
are held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.

Sunday Masses
are held in the Parish Hall.

Religious Education News!!

This coming Wednesday, October 25, is the opening night of class, along with a parent meeting. Everyone will meet down in the Church Hall at 6:30pm, and after the Catechists are introduced and released to their classrooms with their students, parents will stay behind for a brief meeting with Father and myself to discuss the year ahead, and field any questions or concerns you may have.

Here are the important upcoming dates that concerns Religious Education:

Oct. 25: First Night of Class/Parent Meeting

6:30pm *Grades K-2 Parents - You will receive specialized instructions via email/text

Grade 6 Parents still encouraged to attend, despite students being out of town.

Nov. 1: Students will attend All Saints Day Mass with their classes. Students will meet in classroom by 6:20pm.

Nov. 8: No Class-No school for Belle Plaine District

Nov. 9: Box of Joy packing - More info to come on this service project at the Parent Meeting

Nov. 26: St. Paul Cathedral Field Trip for Grs. 7 & 8 Required part of Confirmation Prep for candidates and families. Travel details forthcoming.



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.



Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School

2023 Marathon of Prayer

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Thank you to all supporters for a very successful Marathon.

All Soul's Day Remembrance Mass

November 2nd 6:30 pm

Prelude: Candle Procession & Remembrance

Sponsored By: Council of Catholic Women

Remembering All Souls

"IF TODAY WE ARE REMEMBERING THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF OURS WHO LIVED BEFORE US AND ARE NOW IN HEAVEN, THEY ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY WERE WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, THAT IS OUR HOPE, AND THIS HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT. IF WE LIVE OUR LIVES WITH THE LORD, HE WILL NEVER DISAPPOINT US."

Pope Francis

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Weekly Calendar with Readings	
Monday 23 October	<i>Romans 4:20-25 / Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 / Luke 12:13-21</i>
Tuesday 24 October	<i>Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21 / Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 / Luke 12:35-38</i> 1:30 pm Kingsway Mass † d. 6:30 pm Mass † Elizabeth Kvien 7:00 pm Small Group Leader Formation #5 in Roedel Hall
Wednesday 25 October	<i>Romans 6:12-18 / Psalms 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 / Luke 12:39-48</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Tim Randklev • Coffee & donuts after Mass
Thursday 26 October	<i>Romans 6:19-23 / Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 / Luke 12:49-53</i> 8:30 am Mass † d. Jim (Stubbie) Brown
Friday 27 October	<i>Romans 7:18-25 / Psalms 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 / Luke 12:54-59</i> 8:30 am † d.
Saturday 28 October	<i>Ephesians 2:19-22 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 / Luke 6:12-16</i> 4:15 pm Mass † d. Larry Buesgens Lector: Sarah Williams EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
Sunday 29 October	<i>Exodus 22:20-26 / Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 / Matthew 22:34-40 / First Thessalonians 1:5-10</i> 8:00 am Mass † For the Parish Lector: Dr. Tim Halloran EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz Ushers: Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Eric & Lisa May 10:00 am Mass † Liv.&d. Julia & Measel Miron Family Lector: Sheila Schmitz EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington Ushers: Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Kenzie, Berger, Mason Berger, Cole Chessen Greeters: Jean & Eric Johnson

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