

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.

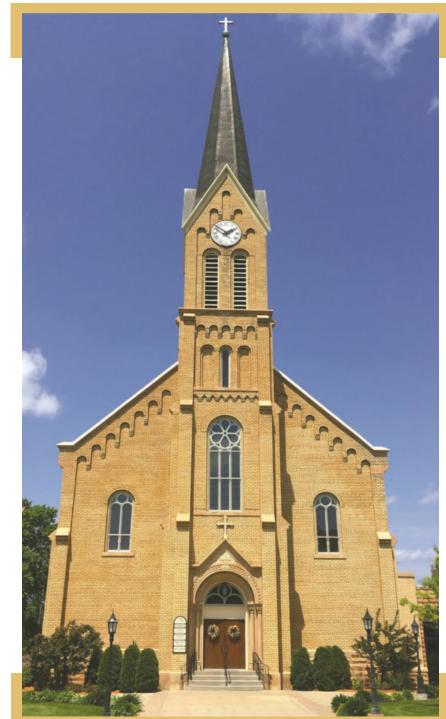
Sacrament of Marriage

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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

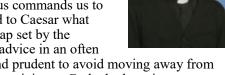
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Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

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



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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 <u>four weeks</u>. Please get the permission of the person you wish to add before calling or emailing.

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OCTOBER 22, 2023 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass Live stream views of Mass	163 124
Total Number of Registered Active Families	186

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*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 www.10000vocations.org



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.

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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.

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

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School 2023 Marathon of Prayer

Thank You

To our Matching Grant Donors:

\$1000
\$500
\$500
\$250
\$250
\$100
\$100

Thank you to all supporters for a very successful Marathon.

ULTIMATE **Order Your Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash Card through OLP** KWIN TRIP KWIN STAR For \$36 you can purchase a Kwik Trip Includes: Wash amenities vary by location

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- High Pressure Wash or soft Foam Wash
- Triple Shine Enhancer/Cleaner

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- Spot Free Rinse
- 95 second Super Dry

card preloaded with 5 "Ultimate Car Washes" (a \$50 value).

Complete this form. Return it to the Parish Office with your check (payable to OLP).

Place your order by Nov 1st. Pickup your cards Nov 8th.



Number of Cards



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Weekly Calendar with Readings		
Monday 23 October	Romans 4:20-25 / Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 / Luke 12:13-21	
Tuesday 24 October	Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21 / Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 / Luke 12:35-38 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	Romans 6:12-18 / Psalms 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 / Luke 12:39-48 8:30 am I Mass ⊕ d. Tim Randklev • Coffee & donuts after Mass	
Thursday 26 October	Romans 6:19-23 / Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 / Luke 12:49-53 8:30 am l Mass ⊕ d. Jim (Stubbie) Brown	
Friday 27 October	Romans 7:18-25 / Psalms 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 / Luke 12:54-59 8:30 am l 🕆 d.	
Saturday 28 October	 Ephesians 2:19-22 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 / Luke 6:12-16 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	Exodus 22:20-26 / Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 / Matthew 22:34-40 / First Thessalonians 1:5-10 8:00 am I 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 I 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	

