



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 15, 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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28TH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son."

- Matthew 22:15-2

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Ready for the Feast!

The parable that Jesus tells encourages us to be prepared for the Kingdom of God! The Mass readings allow us reflect on our own preparation. Do we choose to respond to the invitation offered? How do we prepare to encounter the living presence of God? Is that our motivation for going to Mass each week?

God has finely prepared a rich banquet and invites us to share in the feast. It is a complete gift offered to us! In order accept the wonderful present, we must ready ourselves for the banquet. Just as when we plan to attend a fancy function, be it a wedding, play, opera, tea with the queen, we need to find the appropriate attire, bring along the correct host gift and ready ourselves for what will occur. That is what the parable tells us as well.

God's presence is ever in our lives; how do we honor that presence of God and return the love that has been shared with us? There are so many questions to ask, but more importantly is the investment we make in that relationship that God offers. Let us make sure to be ready for that heavenly feast!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



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."



Let my prayer
rise up
like incense
before
You
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 October 8, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month \$8,344.00
 10/08/2023 Collection (Week 12) \$4,789.00
 Current Week Deficit (-)\$3,555.00
 Church Painting Collection \$315.00
 Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass 115
 Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass 145
 Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass 133
 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.



St. Kateri Tekawitha

MISSION EVENT

Southwest Deanery
 Council of Catholic Women

Thursday, October 19th

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,
 Northern MN

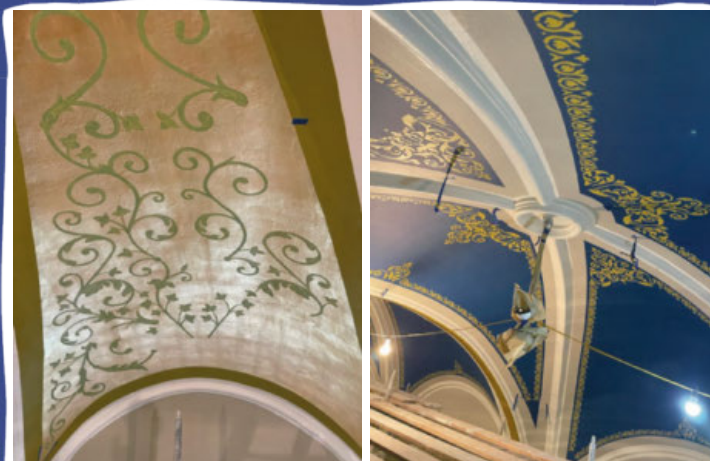
Admission:
 school supplies, educational games, & cards

Food provided

Chances to win many beautiful items

All Parish Members are Welcome.

Questions: Mary (507) 744-5154
 Mary.Wick@swsaints.org



CHURCH PAINTING

Collected as of 10/08/2023
\$349,940.64

Anticipate completion by Nov. 1st

Daily Masses

are held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.

Sunday Masses

are held in the Parish Hall.

5th Grade Catechist Needed



As we all stand in the very center of Autumn, with the colors rustling in the trees lulling us into a peace of soul where the Holy Ghost can go about His quiet work within us, may we all be open to those precious Divine promptings and inspirations. Through the course of any reflections you happen to find yourself immersed in over the next few days, perhaps you will consider stepping forward

to become a Catechist in our Religious Education Program. If you feel you are being called, please contact me at your convenience. We could also use some substitute teachers as well! Aside from that, here are the important details for the upcoming year . . .

October 25, 2023 First Class
 November 1, 2023 Students will Attend All Saints Day Mass

Class Times: Kindergarten 4:00-5:30 PM
 Grades 1 & 2 6:00-7:30 PM
 Grades 3-8 6:30-7:30 PM

Thank you all for your prayerful support of our Catechists, students, and program. We will try to make you proud of what you have here in this blessed parish. Our Lady of the Prairie, pray for us!

Mark Simons, Director, Religious Education
 msimons@ourladyoftheprairie.com



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

September 29 through October 18

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Our Marathon of Prayer will soon be here. We are excited to participate in support of our school and pray for those who have requested our prayers. All families, Preschool through 6th grade are invited to participate. The proceeds from the Marathon are an instrumental portion of our annual budget to run the school, including core and supplemental curriculum. We are grateful for everyone who supports our school.

Our Matching Grant Donors are:

Bob Fritz Trucking, Inc.	\$1000
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Kolden Funeral Home	\$100

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

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Place your order by Nov 1st, 2023. Pick up the cards in the office after Nov 8th, 2023.

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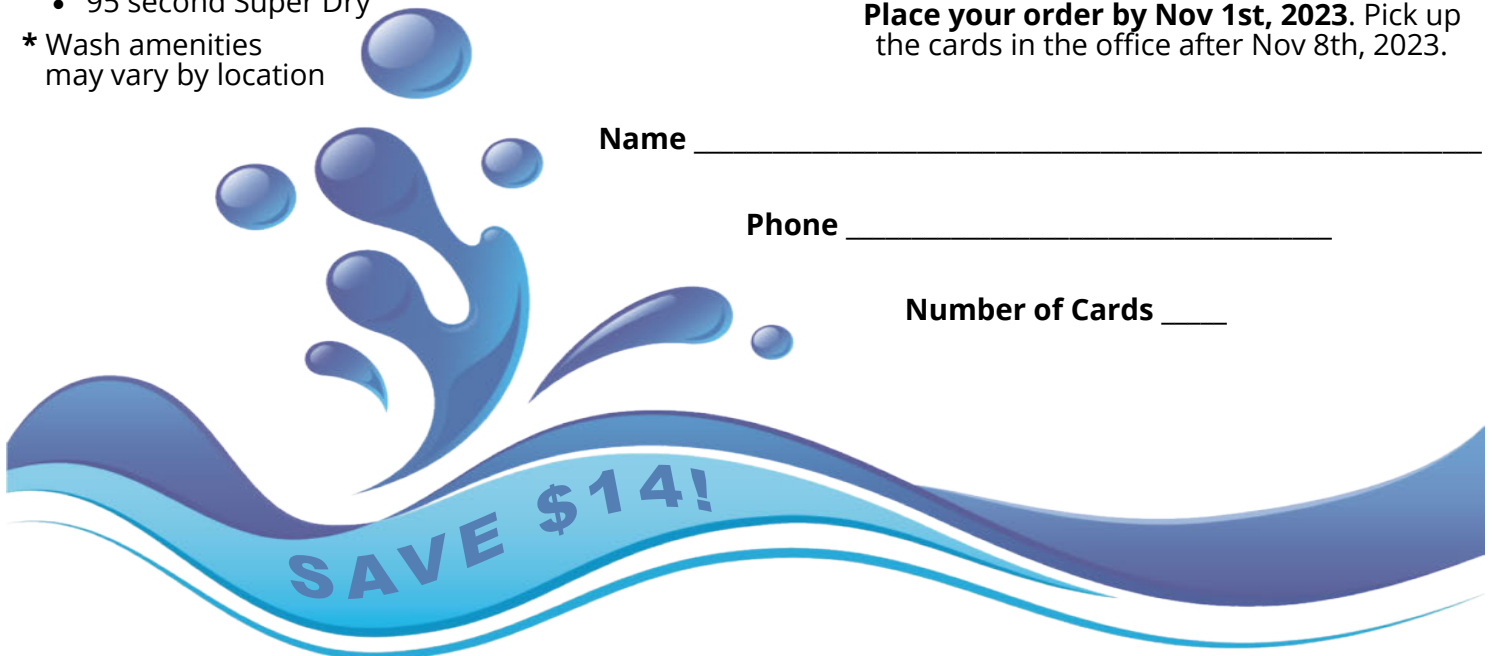
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Number of Cards _____





APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS MISSION

The St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is again Sponsoring our Appalachia Christmas and Papal Footprints (Shoe Box) Missions.

Thank you to: **Terminal Transport Inc., 2982 Cleveland Ave., Roseville, MN 55113**

for donating the semi and driver to deliver the donations to Kentucky for the past 50 years.

Here are some gift suggestions for shoe boxes, but these items can also be sent separately in one big box. **NEW ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE.**

Dolls, balls, stuffed animals, small musical instruments, slinky, play-doh, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, school supplies, notebooks, paints, barrettes, hair ties, headbands, shoes, socks, underwear, bag or purse, bracelets, some sunglasses, lip balm, mirror, watch, flip-flops, sweatshirt, sweat pants, nightgown or pajamas, puzzles, books, flashlight, deodorant, hat, scarf, mittens, sewing kit, picture frame, playing cards, small blanket, blocks, stickers, kitchen items for cooking

and baking, stickers, tennis balls, comb, brush, toothbrush, a washcloth, small cars and trucks, interactive toys (please include extra batteries), hacky sack, nail clipper, small tools, games, cosmetics, wallets, jewelry, slippers, batteries

Try to include:

- a wow item
- a personal care item
- a useful item
- a fun item

then add a personalized note and a religious item if you'd like.

OTHER NEEDS THAT MAY NOT FIT IN A SHOE BOX

Towels, laundry soap, large t-shirts and sweatshirts, blankets and bedding, hunting clothes, coats and shoes for kids, wrapping paper, craft kits, ornaments, all toiletries (please put lotion and shampoo in a ziploc bag to prevent spills.)

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE

Canned goods or food items, no used or damaged items; no scary or war-related items such as toy guns or knives.

- Please label each shoe box with the appropriate age group and whether it's for a male or female.
- All shoe boxes must be packed into a larger box that is taped shut and labeled with the name and city of the receiving parish (see other side for parishes). Please use sturdy boxes.
- If you are sending gifts other than shoe boxes, please pack them in bigger, sealed boxes labeled with the name and city of the receiving parish (see other side for parishes).
- Please make sure boxes are packed to capacity and ready to put on the truck when you arrive at the drop off address below.
- The semi should arrive in Kentucky on Monday, November 6, 2023.

While shoe boxes are a great way to serve the people of the Appalachia Christmas Mission, you can personalize your donations by calling one of the contacts listed below and asking for specific parish needs. When you pass on those needs to your friends, family, and fellow parishioners, these Kentucky parishes have the chance to receive much more than shoe boxes. Make sure to box and label the requested items so they arrive at the correct parish. See boxing and labeling information, as well as the drop off address and dates on the reverse side. **Do not send money in the boxes. Make checks out to the parishes listed below and mail them directly.**

Delivery dates are Saturday, October 21 through Thursday, November 2, 2023.

DELIVER DONATIONS TO 4386 260TH STREET EAST, RANDOLPH

From US Hwy. 52 to Hampton/47 exit. Turn right on 47 through Hampton, continue for 3 miles to 260th St. and turn left. Turn at the fourth driveway on the right hand side, look for APPALACHIA SIGN.

If coming from Farmington, take MN 50 to Hampton, turn right at stop onto Northfield Blvd. to 260th St. and turn left. Turn at the fourth driveway on the right hand side, look for APPALACHIA SIGN.

God Bless you and your families,
Olive Hupf, Appalachia Resource Person
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606-464-8695

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147 Bryan St.
Pikeville, KY
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Fr. Rob Adams,
Pastor

606-437-6117

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 16 October	<i>Rom 1:1-7 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Lk 11:29-32</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OLP Student Prayer Marathon
Tuesday 17 October	<i>Rom 1:16-25 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Lk 11:37-41</i> 1:30 pm Kingsway Mass ☩ d. Donald Guertin 6:30 pm Mass ☩ d. Kathy Kaluza 7:00 pm Small Group Leader Formation #5 in Roedel Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OLP Student Prayer Marathon
Wednesday 18 October	<i>2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 / Lk 10:1-9</i> 8:30 am Mass ☩ d. Michael Fogarty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • OLP Student Prayer Marathon • 2:00 pm OLP Church Staff Meeting
Thursday 19 October	<i>Rom 3:21-30 / Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54</i> 8:30 am Mass ☩ d. Francis, Leona, & Robert Huber 2:00 pm Mass ☩ at Lutheran Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School (MEA) • 5:15 pm SW Deanery CCW Mission Event at St. John's the Baptist, Jordan, MN
Friday 20 October	<i>Rom 4:1-8 / Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 / Lk 12:1-7</i> 8:30 am ☩ d. CCW Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School (MEA)
Saturday 21 October	<i>Rom 4:13, 16-18 / Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 / Lk 12:8-12</i> 4:15 pm Mass ☩ For the Parish Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Dan Flynn, Keith Heitkamp Ushers: Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy
Sunday 22 October	<i>Is 45:1, 4-6 / Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b) / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-2</i> 8:00 am Mass ☩ d. Susan Fahey Lector: Ken Skluzacek EMHC: Janice Teal, Sharon Beach Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran 10:00 am Mass ☩ d. Jeanette Gerres Lector: Pat Schroers EMHC: Joe Vandermark, Volunteer Ushers: Peter Feddersen, Johan Miller, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Shudy IV Greeters: Rick & Ginny Morgan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treats & Fellowship after both Masses (sponsored by Marriage Encounter)

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If your group would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday's bulletin.

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