



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 5, 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 . . .

Authentic Leadership is Serving God

In our day and age, power seems to lure and entice people. It seems to be a birthright of self-promotion. The powerful receive privileges and have access to places and privileges hidden from all the rest. The workings of the world and honors bestowed by humans are quite foreign to the ways of God.

For the Christian, leadership has an entirely different meaning. It does not allow for personal pleasure and delight, but rather seeks to serve humbly. Jesus is our model and his example differs from leaders of his time as well as our own. Humility is really the opposite of power and the humble are really the ones that will allow us to have union with God.

Jesus is really trying to help us to understand that what really matters is how we understand ourselves in relation to God. We must acknowledge our created status before the status of the uncreated God. Yet it is God himself who allows us to be transformed into a new creation that allows us to be even more than creatures – sons and daughters of God. All of this privilege is due to the saving act of Jesus in the world. Jesus helps us to understand that we are defined not by our own accomplishments or power, but rather by how we are with God and with one another. It all comes back to humility.

Humility is a frequent Gospel theme and the hierarchy adopted by the Church. Our Holy Father is referred to by the title: “Servant of the Servants of God.” Therefore, to exercise authentic leadership, we must be willing to humbly serve.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



31st
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

National Vocation Awareness Week
November 5-11

Richard Beach
Mary Jo Gregory
Eileen Effertz

Deacon Bob Raleigh
Bud Steen
Sara Meyer

Bob Koenig
Merlin Bartels
Special Intention

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 29, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
10/29/2023 Collection (Week 15)	\$5,135.20
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,208.80
Church Painting Collection	\$260.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1,130.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	186
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	148
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	144
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.



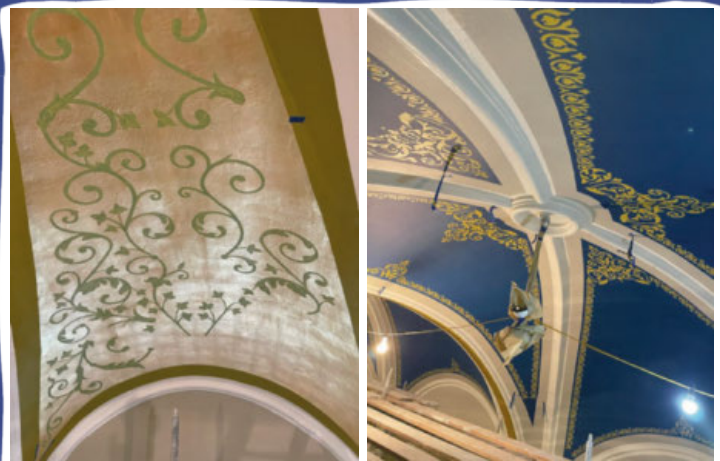
Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School
Marathon of Prayer
Thank You

We are so grateful to everyone who supported our marathon. **We doubled our goal and raised \$12,035!** The support and encouragement from our Parish family and friends is greatly appreciated.

To celebrate the students' hard work we had Norm the Magician come to our school on Monday, October 30, also students received one hour of extra recess!

Special thanks to the matching donors:

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CHURCH PAINTING

Collected as of 10/29/2023
\$350,540.64

Daily Masses

are held in the Roedel Hall gathering space.

Sunday & Holy Day Masses

are held in the Parish Hall.

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Sunday, November 19
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Testimony and Gratitude for Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

Our family loves OLP because of the faith-based education. The sense of community/family among the OLP students. We love that the younger kids truly look up to the older kids in school and that the older children help and acknowledge the little children. We love the smaller class sizes, more one on one attention for each of the children. We love how excited the children are to go to school to see their friends and teachers. The children want to learn about their faith and excel in academics. We love that leadership is encouraged especially during mass. The teachers and staff are there because they have a passion for teaching and learning, and they help encourage the love of education. Just being in the building for a short period of time, you can feel how much the students are there to support one another. We really enjoy truly knowing all the children and parents at OLP school.



- The Scheff Family



Families & Individuals Sharing Hope
A PARTNER NETWORK

OLP is a valued FISH Partner, and we thank you for your attention to needs in our area which have been submitted to the network.

View them and see how you can help at:
<https://www.fishpartnernetwork.org/needs-from-helpnow/>



Just a reminder that there is no class this Wednesday evening, November 8, 2023, for Grades K-8, but all students are welcome to assist on Thursday evening, November 9, with the Box of Joy project!

On another note, you know how the Lord delights in each of us? Isn't it nice that we have a group of folks at OLP that are doing all they can to help the kiddos learn not only this, but what they need to do as they grow to spend eternity with Him in heaven? Please keep these amazing and selfless Catechists in your prayers through the year as they promote the spirit of all the good things you have going on in your parish.

- Grades K-2: Maureen Daly (Zuleima Ochoa, Ashley Buck, Samantha Schroers assistants)
- Grade 3: Michele Koepp
- Grade 4: Sarah Williams
- Grade 5: Julie Tuchtenhagen
- Grade 6: Shelly Williams
- Grade 7: Kristen Strauss
- Grade 8: Sara Williams & Amy Endres
- Subs: Jason Palo & Pat Schroers

November

- 8 No Class - No school for Belle Plaine District
- 9 "Box of Joy" packing service project
- 15 Class for K-8: *Safe Environment Lessons*
- 22 No Class - Thanksgiving break
- 26 St. Paul Cathedral Field Trip for Grs. 7 & 8. Required part of Confirmation Prep for candidates and families. Travel details forthcoming.
- 29 **Class for K-8**
 - Kindergarten 4:00 pm
 - Grades 1-2 6:00 pm
 - Grades 3-8 6:30 pm



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2023 Belle Plaine Community Thanksgiving Worship

*Monday, November 20
7:00 p.m.*



**Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic Church and School**
200 East Church Street
Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 6 November</p>	<p><i>Romans 11:29-36 / Psalms 69:30-31, 33-34, 36-37 / Luke 14:12-14</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 7 November</p>	<p><i>Romans 12:5-16 / Psalms 131:1, 2, 3 / Luke 14:15-24</i> Father Kaluza out of office / Father Hessian Presiding 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Charles Morgan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm - KC Meeting in PH • 7:00 pm - CCW Meeting in RH
<p>Wednesday 8 November</p>	<p><i>Romans 13:8-10 / Psalms 112:1-2, 4-5, 9 / Luke 14:25-33</i> Father Kaluza out of office / Father Hessian Presiding 8:30 am I Mass † liv. & d. Hottinger Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • No School - Teacher Workshop • No Religious Education Classes
<p>Thursday 9 November</p>	<p><i>Genesis 28:11-18 / Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8, 11 / Luke 19:1-10 / First Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17</i> Father Kaluza out of office / Father Hessian Presiding 8:30 am I Mass † d. Carl Gansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 pm - Marriage Prep in RH • Religious Education Box of Joy Service Project
<p>Friday 10 November</p>	<p><i>Romans 15:14-21 / Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 / Luke 16:1-8</i> Father Kaluza out of office / Father Hessian Presiding 8:30 am I OLP School Children's Mass † d. Donald Guertin</p>
<p>Saturday 11 November</p>	<p><i>Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 / Luke 16:9-15</i> Father Kaluza out of office / Father Hessian Presiding 4:15 pm I KC Memorial Mass † d. Gary McCue (Vietnam Vet)</p> <p>Lector: KC Members EMHC: KC Members Ushers: KC Members Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Greeters: KC Members</p> 
<p>Sunday 12 November</p>	<p><i>Wisdom 6:12-16 / Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / Matthew 25:1-13 / First Thessalonians 4:13-17</i> 8:00 am I Mass † For the Parish</p> <p>Lector: Sharon Schmitz EMHC: Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: David Fogarty, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal Greeters: Bob & Doreen Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am - Choir Practice <p>10:00 am I Mass † d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien</p> <p>Lector: Sandy Schroers EMHC: Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark, Volunteer Ushers: Peter Feddersen, Johan Miller, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Shudy IV Greeters: Craig & Julie Otto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic United Financial Treats and Fellowship following Masses. • 7:00 PM - Marriage Encounter Meeting in RH

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