



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 12, 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 . . .



Preparation for Discipleship

As we near the end of the liturgical year, we are offered readings that focus on the end times – something for which all of us need to prepare. And that is the basic message “to be prepared.” In preparation for the end times, God has offered many graces in many ways. We always look first to Scripture, as it is God’s own word written through human instruments.

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us something about growing in virtue and learning wisdom, not only because of its own beauty, but because it allows us to notice the goodness of God in the world of creation. You and I are witnesses to God’s magnificence and respond to God reaching out to us as his own beloved. We are always waiting to gain more graces to allow us to do more good.

The Gospel tells us that God will answer our call if only we know him. Jesus Christ is the Bridegroom of the Church and we need to ever draw near to the Church for our own salvation and the salvation of all. When we meet our own end on earth, we want to be found ready for heaven.

Our parish is under the patronage of the Blessed Mother and we can depend on her to always lead us to Jesus and do glorious things to spread the love of God throughout Belle Plaine.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



Richard Beach
Mary Jo Gregory
Eileen Effertz

Bud Steen
Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig

Merlin Bartels
Special Intention
Mary Pat Murphy

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 November 5, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
11/05/2023 Collection (Week 19)	\$5,767.00
Current Week Deficit	(-)\$2,577.00
Church Painting	\$150.00
All Saints' Day	\$957.00
All Souls' Day	\$491.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	143
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	125
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	175
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 welcomes our new parishioners

Josh & Angela Roberts
Holden and Maverick

Ryan & Cara McCann
Elise and Eva

Jerry & Lora Kelzer

Please make them feel at home in our parish community.



Celebration of Baptism

Maverick Roberts
son of
Josh & Angela Roberts
October 29, 2023



WINTER WEATHER CHURCH POLICY



For the safety of our parishioners:

If schools are **delayed, close early, or closed** due to snow or poor weather conditions, Church, Adoration and all meetings, events and activities scheduled for that day at the church will be cancelled (PREP, CCW, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter, etc.)

We will send an email blast to those of you on our weekly bulletin email list letting you know of closures.

If you are not on our email list and would like to be added, please call the office or email:
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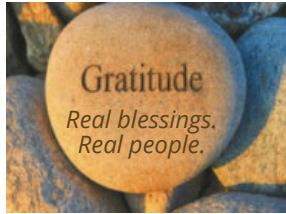
GRACIOUSLY FUNDED BY MOODY ENTERPRISE
An event for community members to come together and show gratitude for each other and celebrate our wonderful community. Activities, open gym, arts & crafts and a warm meal will be served.

Sunday, November 19
Join Us **11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
Oak Crest Elementary
- Free Will Donation -
Free will donation goes towards scholarships for our youth!

Interested in meal delivery? Call - (952) 649-2499

Testimony and Gratitude for Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

It takes a village to raise your children. Especially in a world and culture that bombards them with temptations at each turn. OLP is our village when it comes to fostering the growth and faith of our children. There are few things more powerful than to have other people praying over your kids and pouring God's truth into them when you are away. Walking through the hallway hearing the teachers pray with the children, coming to children's mass and watching the kids partake fully in their faith. OLP offers us great peace and comfort in knowing that our kids are building a closer relationship with Jesus every day.



The Simons Family



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FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org



Religious Education

November

15 Class for K-8: *Safe Environment Lessons*

- K-2 in the Atrium
- Kindergarten: 4:00-5:30 PM in the Atrium
- Grades 1&2: 6:00-7:30 PM in the Atrium
- Grades 3-8 6:30-7:30 PM, with Grade 7 finally meeting in their official classroom, the Parish Hall.

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



Catechists

Grades K-2: Maureen Daly (Zuleima Ochoa, Ashley Buck, Samantha Schroers assistants)

Grade 3: Michele Koepf

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



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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

Monday 13 November	<i>Wisdom 1:1-7 / Psalms 139:1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 / Luke 17:1-6</i>
Tuesday 14 November	<i>Wisdom 2:23-3:9 / Psalms 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 / Luke 17:7-10</i> 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm I Mass † <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00-7:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences • 7:00 pm - Small Group Planning Day #1 in Roedel Hall • 7:00 pm - Liturgy Planning
Wednesday 15 November	<i>Wisdom 6:2-11 / Psalms 82:3-4, 6-7 / Luke 17:11-19</i> 8:30 am I Mass † liv. & d. Eldrid & Wilmay Karnitz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • 2:00 pm - Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall • Religious Education classes K-8 Safe Environment Lessons
Thursday 16 November	<i>Wisdom 7:22-8:1 / Psalms 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 / Luke 17:20-25</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Pat Fogarty 2:00 pm I Mass at Lutheran Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OLP School Picture Retake Day • 3:00-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday 17 November	<i>Luke 17:26-37 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5</i> 8:30 am I OLP School Children's Mass † d. Eldina Eyrich
Saturday 18 November	<i>Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 / Luke 18:1-8</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Dan Flynn, Keith Heitkamp Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe Greeters: Brad & Sue Schultz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCW Treats and Fellowship following Mass
Sunday 19 November	<i>Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Matthew 25:14-30 / First Thessalonians 5:1-6</i> 8:00 am I Mass † d. Jeanette Gerres Lector: Marcia Makowski EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Clarence & Lynn Doheny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am I Mass † d. Colleen Murphy McCreight Lector: Rick Morgan EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan Ushers: Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Cole Chessen Greeters: Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCW Treats & Fellowship after Masses • 11:00 am-2:00 pm "The Feast" Community Dinner at Oak Crest Elementary

Bulletin Announcements

If you 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.



Belle Plaine Police Department

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Terry M. Stier ~ Chief of Police

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Belle Plaine Police Department Toy Drive

PRESS RELEASE

November 12, 2023

Tis the season of giving, and once again the Belle Plaine Police Department is sponsoring the 9th annual toy drive that gives brand new toys to children in need. From November 14th until December 22nd, the Belle Plaine Police Department will be accepting donations for the Belle Plaine Police Department Toy Drive. All donated toys will be distributed to local children who are far less fortunate.

Last year, the generous Belle Plaine community donated over 1,000 toys. The officers had a wonderful time giving back to the community last year, and hope this year will be just as successful. Unfortunately, some families will be unable to purchase gifts for their children this holiday season. This is an opportunity to help someone in need.

Collection will kick off on Tuesday November 14th. We will start distributing toys to families on Wednesday, December 13th. Although we will collect toys until Friday, December 22nd, we ask that you donate before December 12th, so families can have a good selection of toys to choose from. All toys should be new and unwrapped. Gifts are accepted for children up to 17 years of age. Realistic looking toy weapons and gifts with food, if donated, will not be distributed.

Families in need of toys can call the Belle Plaine Police Department Monday through Friday (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) to make a reservation.

While purchasing items for smaller children is a pretty simple task, donors often wonder what to get pre-teens. We recommend sporting equipment, board games, books, hand-held electronics and gift cards.

Drop off locations will be at the City of Belle Plaine, Hardware Hank, Coborn's, First National Bank, Cornerstone State Bank, Matt Saxe Chevrolet-Buick, Our Lady of the Prairie Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church and the Belle Plaine Police Department.

Feel free to contact Belle Plaine Police Department with any questions (952) 873-4307.

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