



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 26, 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 . . .

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Every church year concludes with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which highlights a central truth within our deposit of faith: Jesus Christ is the universal king and judge of all. Our readings this week focus on the kingship of Jesus and our need to recognize that royalty in our lives. It is a kingship that offers salvation for those who acknowledge his might and majesty.

The Kingship of Jesus looks very different from our earthly knowledge of sovereigns. Jesus brings us a new understanding of what it means to have the majesty of belonging to God's family. Jesus is the shepherd who cares for his sheep as we hear about in the first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel. He rescues us from our slavery to sin and cares for us his abundant pastures. The Gospel exhorts us how we live out that royal dignity by participating in the corporeal works of mercy. We are also told that it is a measure considered at our judgment.

As we close out the church year, we also consider that next week we begin a brand new liturgical year. It is a time to make resolutions, grow in holiness and desire to make changes in our lives. May we resolve to stay close to the Church so that we can discover the beauty of truth and goodness! When we are close to the Church, we are close to heaven! And heaven is the destiny for those who acknowledge Jesus as Lord and King!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



Let my prayer
rise up
like incense

before
You

Please pray for . . .

Richard Beach
Mary Jo Gregory
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

Contributions for the Week of November 19, 2023 are unavailable due to an early printing deadline.

For the Week of November 12, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
11/12/2023 Collection (Week 20)	\$6,346.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$1,998.00
Church Painting Collection	\$235.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	219
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	140
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	183
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

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In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Connie Stuewe

We extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends, and loved ones, and pray for her eternal peace.

Stop by the Parish Office to schedule

Mass Intentions

Weekday Openings in 2023

**Weekend & Weekday
Openings in 2024**





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Religious Education

November

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

29 Class for K-8

- Kindergarten 4:00 pm
- Grades 1-2 6:00 pm
- Grades 3-8 6:30 pm



December

6 Class for K-8 *Communal Penance Service*

13 Class for K-8

20 Class for K-8

27 No Class - Christmas break



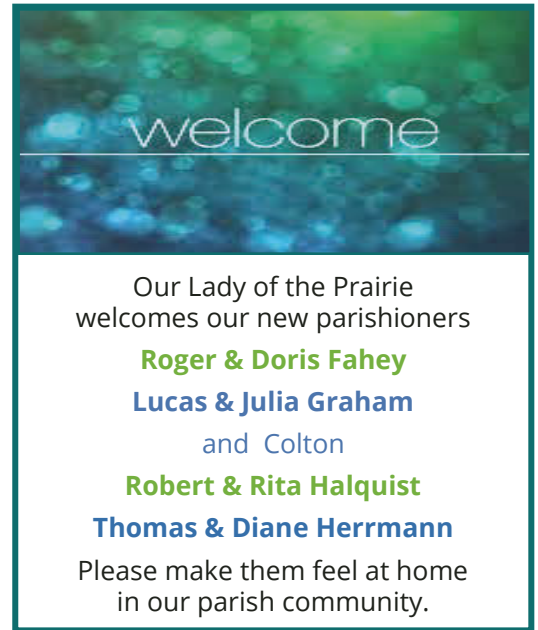
WINTER WEATHER CHURCH POLICY

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: kpumper@ourladyoftheprairie.com



welcome

Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

Roger & Doris Fahey
Lucas & Julia Graham
and Colton

Robert & Rita Halquist
Thomas & Diane Herrmann

Please make them feel at home in our parish community.



Belle Plaine Police Department 9th Annual Toy Drive

The Belle Plaine Police Department will be accepting donations of brand new toys for children in need. All donated toys will be distributed to local children whose families are unable to purchase gifts this holiday season. This is an opportunity to help someone in need.

November 14 - December 22

Toy distribution to families will begin on Wednesday, December 13. Although we will collect toys until Friday, December 22, we ask that you donate before December 12, 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 will not be distributed.

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.

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.

December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
26 8am 9-10am Choir practice 10am	27	28 6:30pm	29 8:30am	30 8:30am	1 8:30am Savena Cuetin	2 9:00 am Decorate PH and Church for Christmas 4:15pm d. Red & Cornelia Weidon	
3 1st Sunday of Advent 8am For the Parish 9-10am Choir practice in church 10am d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller	4	5 6:30pm 7pm KC meeting in PH	6 St. Nicolas Day 8:30am d. Shirley McCarthy Coffee & donuts after Mass 12:00pm Eoumencial Lunch - RH 6:30 pm Communal Penance No Religious Ed. Classes K-8	7 8:30am d. Margaret Breeggemann	8 8:30am Invld. Cuetin Family	9 4:15pm d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien 10:30 am Carl Cansan Funeral Wedding Banns- Huber/Williams	
10 8am Invld. Kenneth & Ursula Smith 9-10am Choir practice 10am For the Parish 10am Blyse McCann Confirmation Catholic United Financial Treats & Fellowship after masses 7pm ME meeting off campus	11	12 1:30 pm - Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Rev. Stephen L. O'Carra	13 8:30am d. Jerry & Ailoe McCarthy Coffee & donuts after Mass Religious Ed. Classes K-8	14 8:30am d. Tom Fiohe (27a) 3:00 pm Marriage Prep in RH	15 8:30am d. Brent Meyer	16 4:15pm d. Jeanette Cerres ME Treats & Fellowship after Mass Veda Sloan Johanson Baptism Wedding Banns -Huber/Williams	
17 8am For the Parish 9-10am Choir practice 10am CCW Volunteers/ All School Mass ME Treats & Fellowship after masses	18	19 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Beth Tiede (27a) 7:00pm OLP PreK-8 Christmas Program following Mass	20 8:30am d. Michael Fogarty Coffee & donuts after Mass OLP Christmas Performance at Kingsway (PreK-8) Religious Ed. Classes K-8	21 8:30am d. Kevin Schmitt 2:00 pm Mass at Lutheran Home	22 8:30am d. Francis, Leona & Robert Huber	23 4:15pm d. Teresa Fritz Wedding Banns - Huber/Williams	
24 Christmas Eve 8am d. Susan Falley 9-10am Choir practice 10am For the Parish 4:15pm Inv.& d. Gerald & Helen Buegens Family	25 Christmas Day 8:00 am d. Cy Coetti 10:00 am Inv.&d. Dan Murphy Fam.	26 No School/Christmas Break Parish Office Closed 5pm Wedding Rehearsal Kelly Huber & Anthony Williams 6:30pm	27 No School/Christmas Break 8:30 am d. Dan, Sheila & Colleen Murphy 4:00 pm Wedding Kelly Huber & Anthony Williams No Religious Ed Classes K-8	28 No School/Christmas Break 8:30am	29 No School/Christmas Break 8:30am d. Teresa Witt	30 4:15pm For the Parish	
31 8am d. Jeff O'Brien 9-10am Choir practice 10am d. Michael Fogarty	1 New Years Day Parish Office Closed 6:30pm Mass	Notes					
<p>Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space) *PH - Parish Hall *CGS - Caticesis of the Good Shepherd</p>							

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DECEMBER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Notes:

Saint of the Month: Saint Nicholas

ALL SCHOOL MASS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 10:00AM

Mr. Lopahs Mass
Grades 4,5,6
Student Saint of
the Month

4	5	6	7	8 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6
11	12	13	14	15 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6
18	19 Staff Christmas Party 3:30 PreK-6 Christmas Program beginning with 6:30PM mass	20 Service Project Kingsway Christmas Performance Teacher/Staff meeting 3:10 School Newsletter Due Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:15pm	21	22 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6 The Birth of Jesus Christ Puppet Show 2:00pm
25 Blessed Christmas Day	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 27 November	<i>Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 / Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 / Luke 21:1-4</i>
Tuesday 28 November	<i>Daniel 2:31-45 / Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 / Luke 21:5-11</i> 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Jake & Irene Balk • 6:30 pm - Church Night Meetings in Roedel Hall
Wednesday 29 November	<i>Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 / Luke 21:12-19</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Bill Saxe • Coffee & donuts after Mass • 3:10 pm - Teacher/Staff Meeting • Religious Ed Classes
Thursday 30 November	<i>Romans 10:9-18 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 / Matthew 4:18-22</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Phyllis Muecke • PreK-6 Grade School Trip to Old Log Theater • 5:00 pm - Marriage Prep in RH
Friday 1 December	<i>Daniel 7:2-14 / Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 / Luke 21:29-33</i> 8:30 am I OLP Children's Mass † Savern Guertin • Student Saints of the Month announced
Saturday 2 December	<i>Daniel 7:15-27 / Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 / Luke 21:34-36</i> • 9:00 am - Decorate for Advent & Christmas 4:15 pm I Mass † d. Red & Cornelia Weldon Lector: Charlotte Mulroy EMHC: Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
Sunday 3 December	<i>Isaiah 63:16-17, 19 / Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Mark 13:33-37 / First Corinthians 1:3-9</i> 8:00 am I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Janice Teal EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Tom & Pam Cates • 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am I Mass † d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller Lector: Sheila Schmitz EMHC: Joe Vandermark, Paula Covington, Volunteer Ushers: Peter Feddersen, Johan Miller, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, John Shudy IV Greeters: Pat & Sandy Schroers Eucharistic Minister - Kingsway: Sue Halloran Eucharistic Minister - Lutheran Home: Mary Moriarty

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