



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10, 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.

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.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Advent is a time of preparation and making ourselves ready. There is much to do before we can be ready for the Christmas season. Fortunately, we have the luxury of time during Advent to declutter our lives of all that is unnecessary to be ready for what is truly necessary: The Christ Child!



This weekend our readings focus on the good news of Advent! The prophet Isaiah offers great hope and consolation. He informs the Israelites that the exile has come to an end! The chosen can return to their homeland and God continues to comfort and be with his beloved!

The psalm proclaims the kindness of God in offering the gift of salvation. Saint Peter reminds us to be at peace, because God remains ever faithful to his promises! Saint Mark introduces us to Saint John the Baptist who always points the way to the Lord. We should heed his proclamation to receive the gifts promised! Our Advent journey continues to unfold the mysteries of this season of tranquility.

In making our preparations for the coming feast of Christmas may we always find ourselves recognizing the comfort God offers us and ready to make a response of faith!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza

Second Sunday of Advent



Prepare the way of the Lord!



Pronouncement of Intent to enter into the

Banns of Holy Matrimony

Anthony Williams & Kelly Huber

December 27, 2023



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
For the Week of December 3, 2023**

Weekly Collection Goal for Month \$8,344.00
 12/03/2023 Collection (Week 23) \$9,219.20
 Current Week Surplus (+) \$875.20
 Church Painting Collection \$215.00
 Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass 173
 Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass 171
 Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass 208
 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.



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers
Carl Gansen
Walter Krant
Edgar Witt

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



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Stop by the Parish Office to schedule
Mass Intentions
 Weekday Openings in 2023
 Weekend & Weekday
 Openings in 2024



Celebration of Baptism

Claire Pearl Skelley

daughter of

Kade Skelley & Sophia Tupy

December 2, 2023

**WALKING THROUGH THE
 DECEMBER SAINTS**

A Christmas Musical

Presented by
 Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School
 PreK - 6th Grade



Tuesday, December 19, 2023
 Beginning with Mass at 6:30 pm

*Receive beauty, truth, and goodness
 in your Advent season. All are welcome!*

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

New Members

Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

Barb Bigaouette

Colleen Morrison

Lynn Feddersen

James & Mary Albrecht

Please make them feel at home in their new 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.

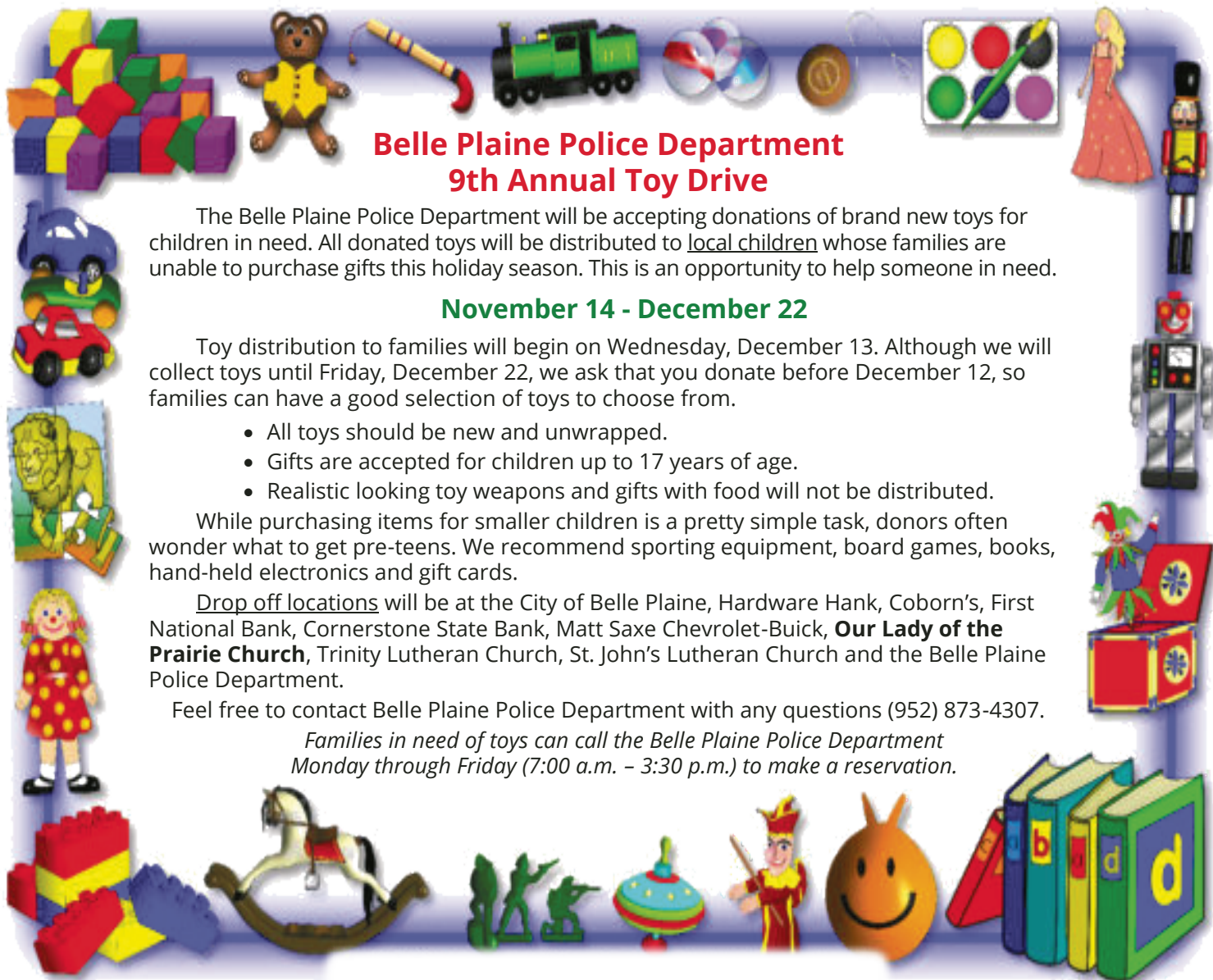
- All toys should be new and unwrapped.
- Gifts are accepted for children up to 17 years of age.
- Realistic looking toy weapons and gifts with food will not be distributed.

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.



Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 11 December</p>	<p><i>Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 12 December</p>	<p><i>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47</i> 1:30 pm I Mass at Kingsway † 6:30 pm I Mass † d. Rev. Jeffrey Huard</p>
<p>Wednesday 13 December</p>	<p><i>Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Jerry & Alice McCarthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • 2:00 pm - Staff Meeting • Religious Education Classes K-8
<p>Thursday 14 December</p>	<p><i>Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15</i> 8:30 am I Mass † d. Tom Piche</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00pm - Marriage Prep in Roedel Hall
<p>Friday 15 December</p>	<p><i>Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19</i> 8:30 am I OLP Children's Mass † d. Brent Meyer</p>
<p>Saturday 16 December</p>	<p><i>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13</i> 4:15 pm I Mass † d. Jeanette Gerres</p> <p>Lector: Sarah Williams EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Volunteer, Volunteer Servers: Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers Greeters: Brad & Sue Schultz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism: Veda Joan Johanson daughter of Taylor & Erin Johanson • ME Treats and Fellowship following Mass • Catholic United Financial Cookie Order Pick Up in Roedel Hall
<p><i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>Sunday 17 December</p> 	<p><i>Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28</i> 8:00 am I Mass † the Parish</p> <p>Lector: John Walsh EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Vounteer, Volunteer Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Eric & Lisa May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am - Choir Practice <p>10:00 am I All School Sunday Mass † CCW Volunteers</p> <p>Lector: OLP Student EMHC: Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark, Volunteer Ushers: OLP Student, OLP Student, OLP Student, OLP Student Servers: OLP Student, OLP Student, OLP Student Greeters: Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse Eucharistic Minister - Kingsway: Mike Buchanan Eucharistic Minister - Lutheran Home: Ty Buesgens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ME Treats and Fellowship following Masses • Catholic United Financial Cookie Order Pick Up in Roedel Hall



All School Mass

Our Lady of the Prairie
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CHRISTMAS SEASON



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