



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 31, 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



THE HOLY FAMILY

*May your family
have a blessed
New Year!*

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



The Holy Family is an ideal model for family life and also for Church life! Jesus, Mary and Joseph live in complete harmony with one another and Jesus is obedient to his earthly parents. Scripture understands obedience as the fundamental attitude toward God. God wills our very best and in order to achieve fullness of life, we must be open to living God's ways. We owe God our very lives and therefore everything, hence we must be obedient to the one who loved us into existence and will love us into eternity.

The sin of pride so often gets in the way and tells us to only obey our own wishes and desires. That is the problem with many modern philosophies infiltrating our culture. Individualism, Hedonism, Relativism, Consumerism, Subjectivism all teach that the individual may choose his or her own good. Therefore, an objective standard does not exist, which is completely opposed to the faith that we profess. There is objective reality and there are objective standards to measure faith, morals and ethics. And as Christians we must not be timid about reminding our culture and indeed all peoples around the world of what we profess to believe.

The Catholic Church is universal and is at home around the world in every era and culture. We can confidently rely on the consistent values of the Church to teach faith in Jesus Christ. Life in the Church is about learning what the Church teaches and seeking to practice what we preach. As we honor the Holy Family as our model, may we truly grow in wisdom and obedience!

Merry Christmas!

Father Michael Kaluza



TOTUS TUUS
**TOTALLY
YOURS**
July 13-20, 2024

Coming to Our Lady of the Prairie!

This year's theme is
The Apostles Creed
accompanied by
**The Glorious Mysteries
of the Rosary.**

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to helping young people strengthen and grow in the understanding of their faith in Jesus Christ. Mark your calendar, and watch for more information.



Richard Beach
Mary Jo Gregory
Bud Steen

Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig
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Sallie Raleigh



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 17, 2023

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
12/17/2023 Collection (Week 25)	\$6,221.55
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,122.45
Church Painting Collection	\$260.00
Attendance at Saturday 4:15pm Mass	228
Attendance at Sunday 8:00am Mass	180
Attendance at Sunday 10:00am Mass	169
Live stream views of Mass	8
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.

Legacy Tree Program

Be a part of the Legacy Tree Program at Our Lady of the Prairie. Take advantage of this opportunity to beautify the church property by purchasing a Legacy Tree in remembrance of your parents, grandparents and family. We will plant in the Spring of 2024. Stop in the parish office for details, or contact Pat Schroers at (952) 288-4801.

Be a part of Our Lady of the Prairie's history!

\$500 per tree (includes planting)

Choose from: Autumn Blaze Maple, Oak, or Basswood

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School
Belle Plaine, MN

REFERRAL PROGRAM

Refer a friend to our faith-based Pre-K through Grade 6 school and receive **\$1000 tuition credit for EVERY new family you refer to enroll!**

DETAILS:



- A ONE-TIME \$1000 TUITION CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH OLP FAMILY WHO REFERS A "NEW FAMILY" TO OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR THE 2024-26 SCHOOL YEAR.
- THE "NEW FAMILY" MUST COMPLETE ONE FULL YEAR (SEPTEMBER-MAY) AT OLP BEFORE THE TUITION CREDIT WILL BE APPLIED TO THE REFERRING FAMILY'S TAD'S ACCOUNT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2026-26 SCHOOL YEAR.
- A NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE SECURED A REFERRAL CREDIT.
- IF THE REFERRING FAMILY HAS MULTIPLE CHILDREN ENROLLED AT OLP, THE CREDIT WILL BE APPLIED TO THE YOUNGEST CHILD'S TUITION AGREEMENT.
- FAMILIES CAN REFER MORE THAN ONE "NEW FAMILY" AND RECEIVE ADDITIONAL \$1000 ONE-TIME TUITION CREDIT FOR EACH ADDITIONAL "NEW FAMILY" THAT ENROLLS.
- REFERRALS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE AND BEGIN UPON THE LAUNCH OF THIS PROGRAM.
- PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO PRINCIPAL'S DISCRETION AND TERMINATION AT ANY TIME.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Yet, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay and You the potter; we are all the work of your hands."

Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Feb 9-11, 2024** and **May 3-5, 2024** both in Buffalo, MN.

For more information: call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-234-7440, or visit them at twincitieswwme.org.



January 12 - February 18, 2024

Grand Prize: \$20,000 cash or a NEW 2024 Chevy Trax



**Our Lady of the Prairie's
New Parishioners**

WELCOME We're glad you're here

Richard Mantel
Hope Miller, Jonathan, and Lydia
Leon & Sara Vinkemeier, and Amanda

Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER
 Please remember in your prayers

Dean John Worm

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

 **Knights of Columbus**



Belle Plaine Council 1503

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, January 14, 2024
8am-12pm

Parish Hall

FREE WILL OFFERING

Proceeds go to Special Olympics 2026 USA Games

Knights of Columbus Volunteer Assignments:
 If you cannot commit to the designated time or are not listed, please contact a committee member. We hope to see all Knights and their families attend this fundraiser for a worthy cause. If you do not see your name feel free to show up and help out.

Committee: Jason Palo chuckles648@gmail.com
 (612) 716-4636 Cell

8:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 12:30	
Jim Covington	Kurt Aslakson	Al Bartolomei
David Fahey	Chris Fahey	Dave Brueggemeier
Dan Flynn	Terry Feddersen	Mike Buchanan
Jim Fogarty	Kent Blada	Troy Wermerskirchen
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Eric May	Greg O'Brien	
Jason Palo	Zak Heinkel	
John Walsh	Joe Lajeunesse	
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Ben Covington	Patrick Mulroy	
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Scott Renne	Michael Berger	
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Jeffrey Teal	Michael Schroers	
Pat Schatz	Bob Smith	
Chris Weldon	Chad McGowen	



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026**



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

8:30-9:00 CHILDREN'S MASS LED BY OLP SCHOOL.
COME CELEBRATE THE MASS WITH OUR STUDENTS.

9:00-9:20 KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATIONAL
MEETING IN KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM.
PARENTS ARE FREE TO LEAVE FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

9:30-12:30 KINDERGARTEN READY STUDENTS WILL SPEND
THE MORNING EXPLORING THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM
AND WILL RETURN TO PRESCHOOL FOLLOWING LUNCH OR
CAN BE PICKED UP BY PARENT

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OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 18

5:30-6:30PM

BRING YOUR PRESCHOOLER
MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED
FOLLOWED BY A CLASSROOM TOUR
MEET THE PRESCHOOL TEACHER &
EXPLORE THE ROOM







Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School

ATTENDEES GET
ENTERED IN A
DRAWING FOR A
COBORNS
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Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p><i>The Solemnity of Mary</i></p> <p>Monday 1 January</p>	<p>Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21</p> <p>6:30pm Mass † d. Jim & Mary Daly</p> <p>Lector: Marcia Makowski</p> <p>EMHC: Volunteer (3)</p> <p>Usher: Volunteer (4)</p> <p>Server: Volunteer (4)</p> <p>Servers: Cole Chessen, Volunteers (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed / No School - Christmas Break 	
<p>Tuesday 2 January</p>	<p>1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28</p> <p>6:30 pm I Mass † d. Bob Hafemann</p> <p>7:00 pm KC meeting in Parish Hall</p>	
<p>Wednesday 3 January</p>	<p>1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34</p> <p>8:30 am I Mass † d. Debbie Patronik</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • Religious Ed Classes resume 	
<p>Thursday 4 January</p>	<p>1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42</p> <p>8:30 am I Mass † Fr. Mark Steffl</p>	
<p>Friday 5 January</p>	<p>1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51</p> <p>8:30 am I OLP Children's Mass † Msgr. John Richter</p>	
<p>Saturday 6 January</p>	<p>1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38</p> <p>4:15 pm I Mass † For the Parish</p> <p>Lector: Sara Williams</p> <p>EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn</p> <p>Ushers: Scott Williams, Chris Weldon, Volunteers (2)</p> <p>Servers: Quinlynn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers</p> <p>Greeters: Dan Flynn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptisms: Jonathan Miller, Lydia Miller 	
<p><i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i></p> <p>Sunday 7 January</p>	<p>Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12</p> <p>8:00 am I Mass † d. Carl Gansen</p> <p>Lector: James Fogarty</p> <p>EMHC: Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz</p> <p>Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman Volunteers (2)</p> <p>Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal</p> <p>Greeters: Clarence & Lynn Doheny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Choir Practice <p>10:00 am I Mass † d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller</p> <p>Lector: Pat Schroers</p> <p>EMHC: Joe Vandermark, Paula Covington, Volunteer</p> <p>Ushers: Jim Covington, Ben Covington, Volunteers (2)</p> <p>Servers: Cole, Chessen, John Shudy IV, Volunteer</p> <p>Greeters: Craig & Julie Otto</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Moriarty (Kingsway) / Lisa Schatz (Lutheran Home)</p>	

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man. — *St. John Chrysostom*

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Solemnity of Mary New Years Day observed Parish Office Closed/No School 6:30 pm Mass d. Jim & Mary Daly	2 6:30pm d. Bob Hafemann 7:00 pm KC Meeting - RH	3 8:30am d. Debbie Patronik Coffee and Donuts after Mass 12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch - RH Religious Ed Classes	4 8:30am Fr. Mark Steffl	5 8:30am Msgr. John Richter	6 4:15 pm - For the Parish
7 The Epiphany of The Lord 8am d. Carl Gansen 9-10am Choir practice 10am d. Douglas (Spike) Mueller	8 The Baptism of The Lord	9 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 6:30pm CCW Volunteers	10 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 8:30am d. Bernie & Mary Saxe Coffee & donuts after Mass Religious Ed Classes	11 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 8:30am Fr. Joe Steinbeisser	12 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 8:30am Deacon Mike Daly 8:30am-12:30pm Kindergarten Round Up - Kdgn Room	13 4:15pm For the Parish
14 8am d. Brent Meyer 9-10am Choir practice 10am d. Lorraine Schultz KC Pancake Breakfast 8:00-12:00 Proceeds go to Special Olympics 7:00pm- ME Meeting - RH	15 MLK Day Parish Office Closed/No School	16 6:30pm d. Willmar Schuette 1:30pm Kingsway Mass	17 8:30am Coffee & donuts after Mass 2:00 pm Staff Meeting Religious Ed Classes	18 8:30am 5:30-6:30pm OLP PreK-6 School Open House - RH and PreSchool Room	19 8:30am	20 4:15pm d. Francis, Leona & Robert Huber
21 8am For the Parish 9-10am Choir practice 10am d. Dan Leonard CUF Treats and Fellowship following Masses	22 No School / Teacher Workshop	23 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 6:30pm d. Brian Meierbachtol	24 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 8:30am d. Gene & Mary McMahon Coffee & donuts after Mass 2:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:10 pm Teacher/Staff Mtg -RH Religious Ed Classes	25 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 8:30am	26 Father Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding 8:30am	27 4:15pm d. Lorraine Schultz
28 Catholic School Week 8am For the Parish 9-10am Choir practice 10am d. Loy & Eldina Eyrich 10:00 am - PreK-6th All school Sunday Mass Waffle Breakfast - Proceeds go to Wolf Ridge Trip 2024	29 Catholic School Week Mass of the Holy Spirit - Excel Energy Center Grs. 4-6 PreK-2nd grade - Bowling	30 Catholic School Week Skateville K-6 PreK - Beach Party 1:30pm Kingsway Mass 6:30pm d. Kathy Leanna 7:00pm Church Night Mtgs	31 Catholic School Week 8:30am Coffee & Donuts after Mass Wacky Relay Races Hot Cocoa/Popcorn & Reading with Buddies Religious Ed Classes	1 Catholic School Week 8:30am Gr.4-6 Science Fair presented to PreK-2nd grade students Tie Blanket Service Project PreK- 6th grades	2 Catholic School Week 8:30am Grandparents / Special Guest Day Talent Show Early Release at Noon Parent Pickup (no bus)	3 Catholic Schools Week 4:15pm liv&d. Delores Karnitz Family
4	5	Notes	Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space) *CGS - Caticesis of the Good Shepherd *TGA - The Great Adventure			
					*PH - Parish Hall *CI - Catechetical Institute	



A Note from the Principal . . .

Saint Anne November Saint of the Month

The Student Saint of the Month in Miss Schroer's kindergarten class is **Elyse Elliott**. **Elyse** demonstrates the love and humility shown by Saint Anne. She shows love to her classmates daily and is a good friend. She shows humility by letting others go first in line and taking turns. She is quick to forgive and has a positive attitude, even when things are difficult. She continues to try her best. **Elyse** is a wonderful example of what it means to strive to be a saint.

Two student saints of the month in Mrs. Hennen's 1st and 2nd grade class:

Paisley Scheff always thinks of her family. She draws loving pictures about them and writes caring stories expressing her care for them. She also draws kind pictures of friends in school. **Paisley** is quick to help others and cares for them. When someone is sad or hurt she is right there helping them and making sure they are taken care of. **Paisley** shows what it means to be a saint like St. Anne.

Charli Baltus works kindly with everyone. Whichever group she is in she gets along well and takes turns working together. Sometimes she has stepped back and let others go first, showing kindness to others like St. Anne. Also, **Charli** likes to draw her family and express love and care for her family like St. Anne.

Saint of the Month from Mr. Lopahs' Class is **Kenzie Berger**. **Kenzie** represented Saint Anne in a variety of ways. Saint Anne was the loving mother of Saint Mary, and like St. Anne, **Kenzie** is very kind, loving, and nurturing to all the students in class. She is never in a bad mood and always lends a helping hand to any student in need. When it comes to working with others **Kenzie** is always happy to partner with anyone and adds positivity to the task. Also, she is a very hard worker. Saint Anne worked very hard to be a good mother to Saint Mary, and **Kenzie** always gives the biggest effort to even the most challenging tasks. And like Saint Anne she is extremely dedicated to a life of Prayer and trust in God and is very reverent in the preparation for and participation in the Holy Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

In honor of Saint Faustina, OLP PreK-6th student body will continue to assemble at 2:15 pm on the fourth Wednesday (unless otherwise stated) of each month to sing the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**. All are welcome to join in this powerful prayer!

Service Projects

Each month OLP PreK-6th grade students focus on a special **Service Project**. October raked leaves in three yards; November brought items and packed boxes of Joy that were sent to children across the ocean who are less fortunate; December performed at Kingsway Home Christmas Program, "Walking Through the December Saints".

Mrs. Hendricks



Student Saints of the Month

A Word from Father Michael . . .

Advent begins a new church year! As with secular new year beginnings, it is a good time to resolve to make changes to improve our relationship with the Church and with God. We should ask ourselves if Jesus returns today, are we prepared to meet him? If not, what needs to change? If we need to make changes, we have the luxury of four weeks before Christmas to work on those changes so that we can be ready to celebrate the festive Christmas season! Therefore, Advent has a penitential tone to mark our need for penance as we prepare for Christ's coming.

Advent is also a joyful season of preparation. We enter that period of anticipation to remember Christ's birth and we are mindful that Jesus will come again. We are preparing for the great feast of the Incarnation (the word becoming flesh - Jesus birth is indeed truly miraculous)! Joy should permeate our being when we think of God's coming to earth! It is also a reminder of how precious we are in the sight of God and God's concern for our salvation. May our time of preparation allow us to make a response to God that we desire his company for all of eternity!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

Here's what's happening in the classroom . . .



We kicked off December with a nocturnal animal theme; students marbled a bat and created an owl stick puppet. Storytelling using puppets has been a big part of building language & literacy skills



this school year! Our Under the Sea theme was filled with some of our favorite Bible Stories including Noah's Ark, Jesus Walking on Water and Jonah & the Whale. Students created colorful jellyfish, dressed up with a crab headband and

inspected "real" seashells. We made a joyful noise during the Christmas Program singing "Happy Birthday Jesus", "Old Saint Lucy", "Thank You God" and performed "Jingle Bells" with real bells. Students exhibited polite manners this month participating in Mass and many special events; I am very proud of them. We will finish our Letter Pp - Prepare for Jesus Birthday themed week with a Christmas Celebration in our classroom. Students are invited to bring "1" Christmas themed item for Show & Tell Friday Dec. 22nd, we will have a special birthday cake snack and join in some reindeer games. It's sure to be a memorable morning! Wishing all a blessed and safe Christmas. We look forward to 2024.

Mrs. Ross



Hello Families,

The month of December is always so busy with Advent and Christmas projects that it just flies by! Our religion classes have had the main focus of Advent and what it means to prepare for Christmas. Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes help us prepare too! First grade is learning place value to 100 and then to 120. Second grade just finished adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers with regrouping and will start a short lesson on measurement.

In reading class the first grade is adding suffixes to base words. Second grade and first grade are learning about characters and their traits. Both groups are writing stories and illustrating them.

We continue to enjoy Mystery Science as we learn about seed dispersal and how seeds/plants survive. In Social Studies we are learning about land formations and reading a map.

Have a joyous Christmas break! Mrs. Hennen



The Kindergarteners are continuing to build on their letter names and sounds in Believe and Read. We are now building words on our pocket chart and blending the sounds to read the words. They are also being introduced to sight words and learning about sentences. In math, our unit is all about two-dimensional shapes. We are working on identifying shapes by their sides and corners. Kindergarten is also drawing and tracing shapes

and searching for shapes all around our classroom. One of our centers this month is the nativity scene. We have been reading books about the birth of Jesus and the students have enjoyed playing with the figures at this station. Our nativity set was crocheted by one of our OLP parishioners. It is so special to us. In Catechesis, we also have many Advent works. The Annunciation to Mary, the Nativity of the shepherds, the Visitation, and prophecies in Isaiah have been some of these works. The students have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of Jesus. God bless and Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Schroers



What a December! Our "older" students have been awesome leaders, hard workers, and wonderful examples of what we are trying to do here at OLP! From the Christmas Program where they had key roles and helped out wherever and whenever asked to participating in the All School Mass where they "fought" over roles such as cantor, ushers, and the like. The students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade have been very flexible and have thrived in this busy time of year.

In addition to the extra school fun we have also been working hard on fun class activities. We have taken a break from the regular Math lessons to work on Coding using cue Bots provided by the Lending Library through St. Thomas University. This has allowed our students to program their bot using a number of coding languages such as Block, Javascript, and Wonder. Their big project was to design an obstacle course and then program it to successfully complete it. And in Science students have partnered up to see which group can build the strongest toothpick bridge! This has involved investigation of common bridge designs and implementation of these designs using only flat toothpicks and glue.

Mr. Lopahs



JANUARY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

<p>1 God's Blessings in the New Year</p>	<p>2 School Resumes</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6 Student Saint of the month</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6 Kindergarten Roundup begins with 8:30am mass</p>
<p>15 MLK Day No School OLP Only</p>	<p>16 NWEA Testing through 1/26</p>	<p>17 School Newsletter Due</p>	<p>18 Preschool Open House 5:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p>19 End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6</p>
<p>22 Teacher Workshop No Students</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:15 2nd Quarter Grades Completed Teacher/Staff meeting 3:10</p>	<p>25 2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home</p>	<p>26 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6</p>
<p>29 Mass of the Holy Spirit -Grades 4-6 Bowling - PreK-2 Catholic Schools Week</p>	<p>30 Skateville K-6 Beach Party PreK Catholic Schools Week</p>	<p>31 Wacky Wednesday Catholic Schools Week</p>	<p>Notes: Saint Lucy <u>All School Mass, Sunday, January 28, 2024 @ 10:00AM</u> <u>Sunday, January 28 Waffle Breakfast - Kickoff Catholic Schools Week</u></p>	

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