



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 21, 2024

### 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](mailto: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 . . .

Jesus announces in the Gospel: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." At the dawn of a new year and early in the season of ordinary time, we are faced with the challenge of the Gospel – to repent and believe. These commands of the Lord are not only meant for times when even secular society tells us to be in church, for example Christmas and Easter, but for each and every day of our lives. And these commands are challenging, because so often and so easily we can move away from God and the Church. Yet, this is how Jesus inaugurates the Church and begins his ministry by calling disciples.

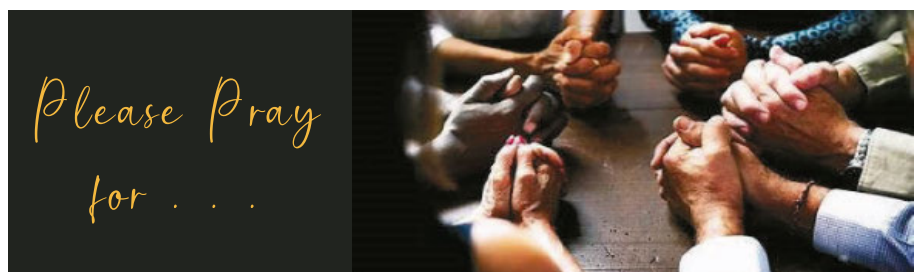
We are called by God and God awaits our response to his invitation. The readings this week help us to focus on what matters most and that might help us to make a conscious response to the summons of Jesus.

In the first reading we are reminded of God's generous mercy. Being moved by the repentance of the people of Nineveh, God relented of his punishment, because the people changed their evil ways. As members of the Church, we too must be willing to change our ways and direct our focus as to what it means to be disciples – even willing to leave all to follow Jesus. When we announce this with our words and actions, we demonstrate our own commitment to be ever present to the Lord.

In order to assist us with this task, Psalm 25 reminds us that we need heavenly guidance. The Church helps us with her teaching magisterium to be authentic disciples and to follow Jesus. When we listen carefully to the instruction of the Church, we educate ourselves in the ways of truth and righteousness. Often these lessons are in conflict with the ways of world and when that becomes apparent, we must speak out. As disciples, we must work to educate the world of God's ways so that we might truly repent and believe in the Gospel.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Richard Beach  
Mary Jo Gregory  
Bud Steen

Sara Meyer  
Bob Koenig  
Merlin Bartels

Dick Hayden  
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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.





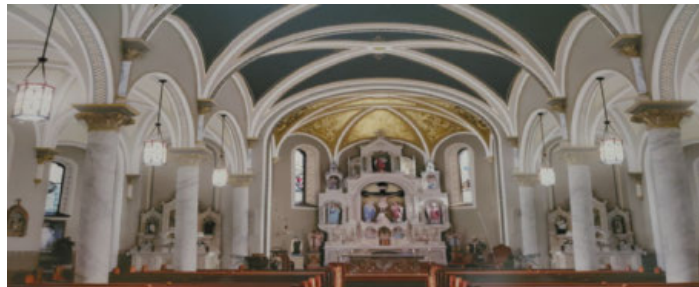
**Calling all OLP School Alumni!**

We are proud of our Catholic School and proud to call you an alumni of OLP. You are invited to join us in song during our kick off to Catholic Schools Week.

**Sunday, January 28th  
10 am Mass**

We will have a brief music rehearsal at 9:30 am prior to Mass.

Please email [cgleason@ourladyoftheprairie.com](mailto:cgleason@ourladyoftheprairie.com) if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!



**STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Collection Goal for Month . . . . .	\$8,344.00
1/7/2024 Collection (Week 28) . . . . .	\$6,231.01
Current Week Deficit . . . . .	(-) \$2,352.99
Church Painting Collection . . . . .	\$240.00
1/14/2024 Collection (Week 29) . . . . .	\$6,408.93
Current Week Deficit . . . . .	(-) \$1,935.07
Church Painting Collection . . . . .	\$120.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, January 6 at 4:15pm . . . . .	245
Sunday, January 7 at 8:00am . . . . .	168
Sunday, January 8 at 10:00am . . . . .	181
Live stream views of Mass . . . . .	21
Saturday, January 13 at 4:15pm . . . . .	175
Sunday, January 14 at 8:00am . . . . .	120
Sunday, January 14 at 10:00am . . . . .	not recorded
Live stream views of Mass . . . . .	30
Total Registered Active Families . . . . .	486
Total 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.


**Testimony and Gratitude for  
Our Lady of the Prairie  
Catholic School**

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School has provided a solid educational foundation filled with faith for our children. The small class sizes have been the biggest perk. Our children have received fantastic 1:1 guidance from their teachers and have been able to adjust their education level in subjects with ease. Students at OLP participate in several activities that encourage growth in public speaking and performance. Graduates from OLP tend to be confident and we see that in our children as well. The school feels like a second family to us and we are grateful for the friendships we have gained. We highly encourage you to consider OLP!



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- Michael and Carolyn Gleason



**Legacy Tree Program**


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.

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

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**For more information:** call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-234-7440, or visit them at [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org).

Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday <b>22</b> January</p>	<p>2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Workshop in Roedel Hall / No School</li> </ul> <p><i>United States Bishops have designated January 22 as</i> <b>Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b></p>	
<p>Tuesday <b>23</b> January</p>	<p>2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35</p> <p>Father Kaluza out of office - Father James Devorak presiding 6:30 pm I Mass † d. 6:30pm I Mass † d. Brian Meierbachtol</p>	
<p>Wednesday <b>24</b> January</p>	<p>2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20</p> <p>Father Kaluza out of office - Father James Devorak presiding 8:30 am I Mass † d. Gene &amp; Mary McMahon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee &amp; donuts after Mass</li> <li>• 2:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday <b>25</b> January</p>	<p>Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18</p> <p>Father Kaluza out of office - Father James Devorak presiding 8:30 am I Mass † d. Dean Worm</p>	
<p>Friday <b>26</b> January</p>	<p>2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34</p> <p>Father Kaluza out of office - Father James Devorak presiding 8:30 am I OLP Student's Mass † d. Dorothy Dohmen</p>	
<p>Saturday <b>27</b> January</p>	<p>2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41</p> <p>4:15 pm I Mass † d. Lorraine Schultz</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Sarah Williams <b>EMHC:</b> Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Vounteers (2) <b>Servers:</b> Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers <b>Greeters:</b> Dan Flynn</p>	
<p><i>Catholic Schools Week Kick-off</i></p> <p>Sunday <b>28</b> January</p>	<p>Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28</p> <p>8:00 am I Mass † For the Parish</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Sharon Beach <b>EMHC:</b> Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen <b>Greeters:</b> Dr. Tim &amp; Sue Halloran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Choir Practice</li> </ul> <p>10:00 am I Mass † d. Loy &amp; Eldina Eyrich</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> OLP Student <b>EMHC:</b> Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer <b>Ushers:</b> OLP Students <b>Servers:</b> OLP Students <b>Greeters:</b> OLP Students</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Carmen Meyer (Kingsway) / Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waffle &amp; Ham Breakfast in Parish Hall after both Masses - <i>free will donation proceeds go to Wolf Ridge Trip</i></li> </ul>	 <p>Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community</p> <p>January 28 - February 3</p> <p><i>All School Mass</i></p>



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Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

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Sunday, January 28, 2024

8am - 12Noon

Parish Hall



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**Catholic Schools Week**  
January 28 - February 3  
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