



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 4, 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 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 . . .

Preach the Good News!

After curing Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus announces to his disciples that they must set out to preach the Good News of the Gospel. Ever since, the Church has vigilantly preached as Jesus taught. In proclaiming the Gospel, we touch people's hearts and enkindle that flame of faith to burn brightly. You and I have been touched by the grace of God to respond to the faith we share and we need to show through word and deed our faith in Jesus and belief that salvation is possible by making a worthy response to God's invitation.

At times it feels like God is far and distant, but even then our faith teaches us that God is actually near and close. When we go through periods of difficulty and darkness, we are reminded of Job, who endured so much during his life. While wealthy and successful, he proclaimed the goodness of God and during times of despair and suffering, he proclaimed God's love and mercy. Job helps us to make sense of the reality of life in a world that permits the existence of sin and evil. Despite the difficulties of this life, God wants us to know of his care and concern and reaches out to us requesting a response of faith. As we recognize the transient nature of life, we can agree that there is a purpose to living.

In making that response of faith we acknowledge our need for God to make the pilgrimage of life that ends with meeting God face to face. Jesus' ministry gives witness to the presence of God in the world and our participation as members of the Church allow us to confidently trust that God cares about our needs. Saint Francis is given credit for saying that we must preach always and use words when necessary. May our lives reflect that valuable insight in living our Christian lives as witnesses and disciples!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer Requests

Richard Beach
Mary Jo Gregory
Bud Steen

Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig
Sallie Raleigh

George Doheny
Matt Hennen
Tucker Duffy

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.



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

Our Lady of the Prairie's New Parishioners

WELCOME We're glad you're here

Steven Friezen

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



Calling All Irish Lassies & Lads!

If you are interested in participating in the **St. Patrick's Day Festivities** this year on **March 16th** please request the forms from our FaceBook Page (Belle Plaine St. Patrick's Day) or by emailing: bostpatrick@gmail.com



Please be aware that **Father Michael and Church Staff will never contact you via email or text asking for gift cards or money transfers.**

Contact the parish office if you receive a questionable communication and are in doubt.



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Rose Savage

Richard John Hayden

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

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
1/28/2024 Collection (Week 31)*	\$5,505.64
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,838.36
Maintenance Fund	\$1,397.00
Church Painting Collection	\$340.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, January 27 at 4:15pm	211
Sunday, January 28 at 8:00am	169
Sunday, January 28 at 10:00am	200
Live stream views of Mass	44
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.



Celebration of Baptism

Josie Jean Ohnsorg

Daughter of Kurt & Molly Ohnsorg
January 28, 2024

Mass Intentions

Weekend & Weekday
Openings in 2024

Stop by the Parish Office to schedule

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.

Weekends in Buffalo, MN.

Feb 9-11, 2024 and May 3-5, 2024

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



Council of Catholic Women

CCW Meeting

Tuesday, February 6
after 6:30pm Mass in Roedel Hall.

*All ladies of the parish are welcome
and encouraged to attend.*



January 12 - February 18, 2024

Grand Prize: \$20,000 cash or a NEW 2024 Chevy Trax
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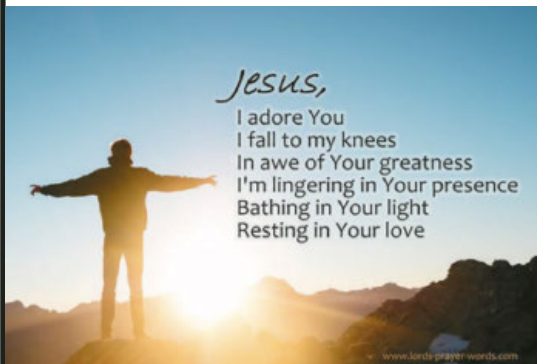
Every dollar raised stays with our school.

Get your \$10 ticket from a student or in the Parish Office.



Adoration Chapel News

- ◆ Spend time with our Lord anytime at your convenience
- ◆ Open 24 hours
- ◆ No length of time required
- ◆ Call the Parish Office for detailed information and to complete a one time registration.



Testimony and Gratitude for Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

Good morning, we are Joe and Karen Vandermark. Our family's journey with Catholic education began with our twins, Zach and Alex, who are proud alumni of Our Lady of the Prairie (OLP) and currently seniors at Chesterton Academy in Hopkins. Our younger sons, JD and Gabriel, are continuing this tradition as they are happily enrolled in second and first grade, respectively, at OLP.



When we first contemplated enrolling Zach and Alex at OLP, one of our primary concerns was the small class sizes. We feared that our socially active boys might find it challenging to adapt to a setting with fewer peers. However, our apprehensions were quickly dispelled. The unique

structure of multi-grade classes and school-wide interactions at OLP didn't limit their social growth; instead, it enriched it. Our boys didn't just make classmates; they made friends across different age groups, forming bonds that we see strengthening with each passing year.

One of the most remarkable aspects we've observed is the development of leadership skills from an early age. Activities like reading buddies and participating in Mass readings have not only bolstered their public speaking skills but also instilled a sense of responsibility and empathy. The older students naturally assume mentorship roles, guiding the younger ones, a beautiful cycle of learning and leadership that embodies the spirit of OLP.

At the heart of OLP's educational approach is the seamless integration of faith. It's not just a subject taught; it's a perspective that permeates every aspect of learning and interaction within the school. Our children are growing up recognizing God's presence in every facet of life, from the classroom to the playground. This holistic approach has given them a strong moral foundation and a deep sense of purpose.

In conclusion, our experience with OLP and Catholic education has been profoundly positive. It has provided our children with not just academic excellence but also invaluable life lessons in faith, leadership, and community. We are grateful for this nurturing environment that continues to shape our children into well-rounded, compassionate individuals.

If you have preschool or elementary school children, we invite you to check out our wonderful school here at OLP. Take a tour, meet our amazing teachers and staff, and talk to any of our school families to learn more. You'll be so glad you did.

Thank you and God bless.

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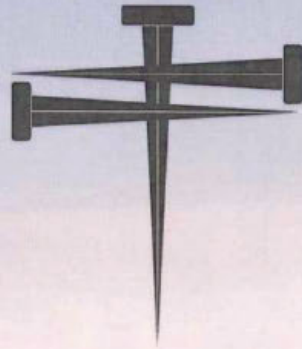
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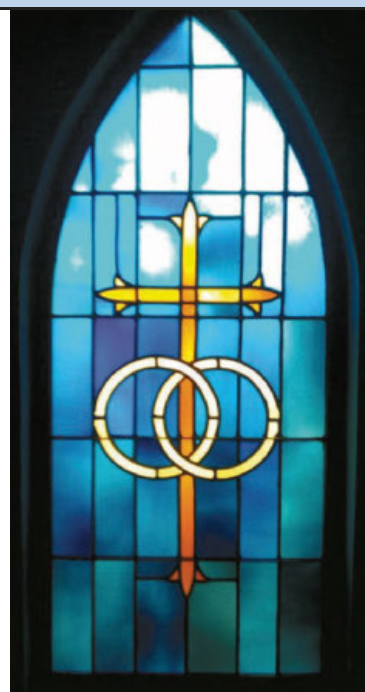
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Weekly Calendar with Readings	
Monday 5 February	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 6 February	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13 Father Kaluza out of office Fr. James Devorak presiding 6:30 pm Mass † d. Frank Hally CCW Meeting after Mass in Roedel Hall
Wednesday 7 February	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23 Father Kaluza out of office Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30 am Mass † CCW Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • Religious Ed Classes K-8
Thursday 8 February	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30 Father Kaluza out of office Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30 am Mass † d. Kelman Kvien
Friday 9 February	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37 Father Kaluza out of office Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30 am OLP Student Mass †
Saturday 10 February	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10 4:15 pm Mass † d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Vounteers (2) Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe Greeters: Dan Flynn
<i>World Marriage Day</i> Sunday 11 February	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 8:00 am Mass † For the Parish Lector: Sheila Hendricks EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Volunteers (2) Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Mark & Letitia Fogarty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Mass † d. Teresa Fritz Lector: Marriage Encounter Members (2) EMHC: Marriage Encounter Members (3) Ushers: Marriage Encounter Members (4) Servers: Marriage Encounter Members (3) Greeters: Marriage Encounter Members (2) Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home) 11:00 am KC Exemplification in Church & Roedel Hall



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