



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 14, 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 . . .

Come and See

Following the preparation season of Advent and the celebratory season of Christmas, we return once again to ordinary time. It is in the ordinariness of our lives that we must find opportunities to feel God's presence and make an effort to be in relationship with him. Most of our life is spent in ordinary time and that's where we need the constant encouragement to fully experience and participate in our faith!

This weekend we hear Jesus' invitation to come and see. What an extraordinary privilege for us to be offered an opportunity to be with God's own Son, who is like us in all things but sin. And that we might be able to be near and close to a God who desires to be near and close to us. Jesus presence in the world brings the light of Christ and the hope of Christians to the brokenness of our lives. We have a need for Jesus and he knows it. God never forces himself on anyone, but rather allows us to have access to him through Jesus. That's the grace of the Holy Spirit working in our lives to place us in communion with the Father, Son and Spirit!

The sacraments are initiated by Christ to aid our Christian journey. It is only when we see with the eyes of faith do we realize all the marvels that God works on our behalf and in our lives. The first reading is a reminder that God is calling to us and seeks our assent of faith. We need to be open and ready to listen to God speaking in the depths of our hearts and filling us with graces to proclaim good news.

At Our Lady of the Prairie, we have been blessed and when invited we respond! Thank you for all that you do for our parish and school! I am your grateful pastor.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Richard Beach
Mary Jo Gregory
Bud Steen

Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig
Merlin Bartels

Dick Hayden
Sallie Raleigh
George Doheny

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

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
12/31/2023 Collection (Week 27)	\$5,320.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,024.00
Church Painting Collection	\$130.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 370.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$269.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, December 30 at 4:15pm	237
Sunday, December 31 at 8:00am	159
Sunday, December 31 at 10:00am	177
Live stream views of Mass	34
Monday, January 1 6:30pm Mass	110
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.

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

Testimony and Gratitude for Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School



What better way to learn about Jesus Christ than at a Catholic institution like Our Lady of the Prairie.

At OLP all of the staff at the school are friendly. We love the small class sizes and the one on one attention the kids get with their teachers. It's a blessing to have this wonderful school in our community.

There is no doubt the kids learn about our Lord. The teachers are passionate about their jobs and about the Catholic faith.

Thank you all for all you do for our children.
Jason, Tonya Palo

Our Lady of the Prairie's New Parishioners



WELCOME We're glad you're here

TC and Carol Fogarty
Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

Stop by the Parish Office to schedule
Mass Intentions

Weekend & Weekday
Openings in 2024




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.



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Legacy Tree Program

Take 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!



Families & Individuals Sharing Hope
A PARTNER NETWORK

OLP is a valued FISH Partner, and we thank you for your attention to needs in our area which have been submitted to the network.

View them and see how you can help at:

FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org



**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 2024-25 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.



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 to come.




This month, Pope Francis asks us to join him in prayer **for the gift of diversity in the Church.**

We pray to the Holy Spirit that we will recognize the diverse abilities given by Him to all Christians, empowering them to represent Christ and be a channel of God's goodness for all people.

SCAM ALERT!

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.

Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 15 January</p>	<p>1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22 Martin Luther King Day Parish Office Closed No School (OLP only)</p>
<p>Tuesday 16 January</p>	<p>1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 1:30 pm I Mass † d. Rev. Martin A. Beckman 6:30pm I Mass † Willmar Schuette</p>
<p>Wednesday 17 January</p>	<p>1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6+ 8:30 am I Mass † d. Mike Fogarty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • Religious Ed Classes K-8 </p>
<p>Thursday 18 January</p>	<p>1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12 8:30 am I Mass † d. Rev. Martin A. Beckman 2:00 pm I Mass at The Lutheran Home † <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 - 7:30 pm I PTA Meeting in Art Room • 6:30-7:30 pm I Preschool Open House in Roedel Hall & Preschool Classroom </p>
<p>Friday 19 January</p>	<p>1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 8:30 am I OLP Children's Mass † d. Rev. Martin A. Beckman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester  </p>
<p>Saturday 20 January</p>	<p>2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 4:15 pm I Mass † d. Francis, Leona, & Robert Huber Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn Ushers: Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteers (2) Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy</p>
<p>Sunday 21 January</p>	<p>Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 8:00 am I Mass † For the Parish Lector: Marcia Makowski EMHC: Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz Ushers: Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Volunteers (2) Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal Greeters: Tom & Pam Cates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am I Mass † d. Dan Leonard Lector: Joe Vandermark EMHC: Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark Ushers: Johan Miller, Jeff Klein, Volunteers (2) Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Volunteer Greeters: Al & Dorothy Bartolomei Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Teal (Kingsway) / Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - sponsored by Catholic United Financial </p>

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Thursday, January 18

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Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

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Sunday, January 28, 2024

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