



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 11, 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 . . .

Touched by God

In today's Gospel story, Jesus cleanses a leper with the words, "Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). The faith of this leper moves God to give him the outward cleanliness he sought. This healing would allow him to re-enter Jewish society, from which he had been cast out.

Jesus says he came that "they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He didn't just come to cleanse the outside, like the Pharisees, who "cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish" (Luke 11:39). He came to renew all of us, outside and in.

We need your help to meet the many needs of those around you. Jesus says that, "As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be made clean for you" (Luke 11:41). Jesus says there is a connection between almsgiving and the true cleanness of life which the Jews sought. Small wonder: Almsgiving requires sacrifice. It requires the same spirit of sacrifice that we need to take up our personal cross valiantly.

This weekend we also begin the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal. I am asking for your support of this very important foundation work as it funds many collective ministries in the Archdiocese. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal benefits collective ministries that cannot be funded on their own or by any one parish and need support from all of us. I wholeheartedly support this Appeal and I will be making my own personal pledge to it. I am calling on each family in our parish to also participate.

May we continue the good work of proclaiming that Christian joy and building the Kingdom of God!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Let my prayer

rise up

like incense

before  
You

Please pray for . . .

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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**CLEAN.**  
MARK 1:41





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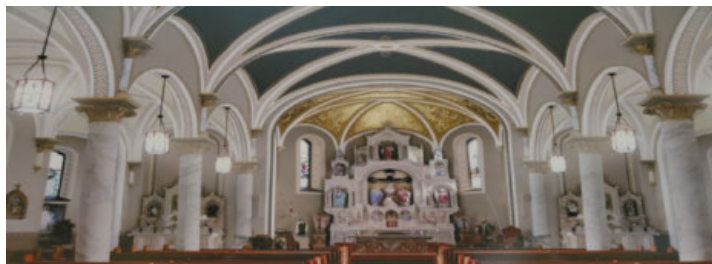
**Legacy Tree Program**

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.

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



**STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
2/04/2024 Collection (Week 32)*	\$9,673.10
Current Week Surplus	(+) \$1,329.10
Church Painting Collection	\$315.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, February 3 at 4:15 pm	210
Sunday, February 4 at 8:00 am	164
Sunday, February 4 at 10:00 am	193
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.

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**Anointing Mass**  
Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m.  
*Anointing of the Sick*  
Brunch will be served following Mass.

**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 Face Book Page (Belle Plaine St. Patrick's Day) or by emailing: [bostpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:bostpatrick@gmail.com)

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



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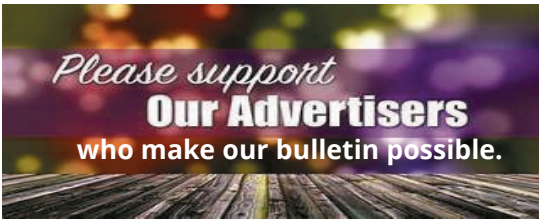


January 12 - February 18, 2024

Grand Prize: \$20,000 cash or a NEW 2024 Chevy Trax plus many more prizes!

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.



Giving is Faith in Action



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*"I ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal and sharing your blessings with those around you. Just as Christ's love for us is unwavering, your generosity will demonstrate that our Giving is Faith in Action."*

- Archbishop Bernard Hebda

Your 2024 Catholic Services Appeal gift will transform countless lives by bringing Jesus to others through the education and outreach of ministries throughout the Archdiocese.



Educate in Faith Help Those in Need Strengthen in Faith Protect Life

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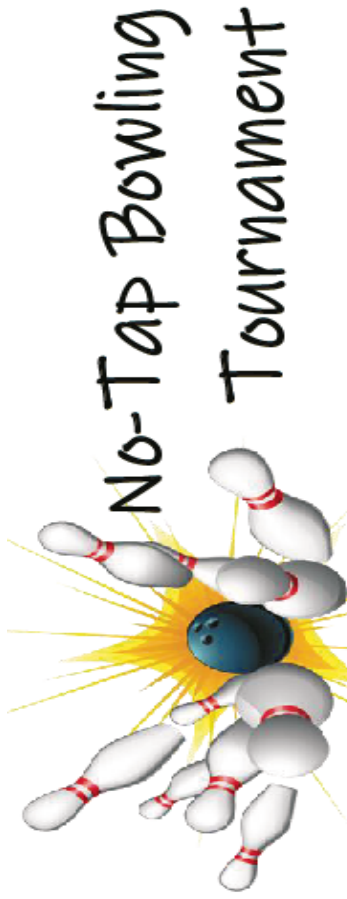
**FRIDAYS IN MARCH**

**1, 8, 15, 22**

**4:30 - 6:30 PM**

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CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH HALL**

Free will donation



**Sunday, March 3**

**Prairie Grille & Bowl**

**Belle Plaine**

Shifts offered at

11am, 2pm, and 5pm.

5 bowlers per team.

Up to 8 teams per shift.

Registration begins ½ hour prior to shift.

Text 952.367.6844 to pre-register your team!

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**Ham & Poultry Bingo!**

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Belle Plaine Vet's Club**

The Vet's Club will be serving

Burgers & Fries/Onion Rings 5:00-8:00PM

**Bingo will start at 6:00PM!**

50/50 and Raffles during the whole event!

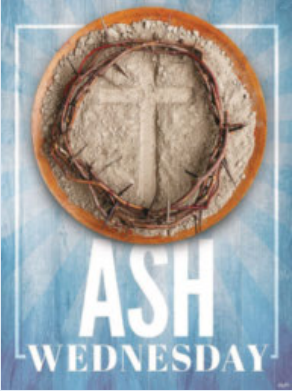




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Weekly Calendar with Readings		
Monday 12 February	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30-7:30pm OLP School Mardi Gras Party</li> </ul>	
Tuesday 13 February	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decorate Church for Lent</li> </ul> 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm Mass † d. Carol Knoblen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 pm Liturgy Planning</li> </ul>	
Ash Wednesday 14 February	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 8:30 am I Mass † Betty Beaudry <b>Lector, Ushers, &amp; Servers:</b> OLP Students <b>EMHC:</b> Sheila Hendricks, Maureen Daley, Volunteer (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee &amp; donuts after Mass</li> <li>2:00 Lutheran Home (ashes only)</li> <li>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</li> </ul> 6:30 pm I Mass † <b>Lector: Volunteer (1)</b> <b>EMHC:</b> Keith Heitkamp, Volunteers (3) <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers (4) <b>Servers:</b> Cole Chessen, Volunteers (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious Ed Classes attend 6:30 pm Mass</li> </ul>	
Thursday 15 February	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 8:30 am Mass † d. Mike Fogarty 2:00 pm Mass at Lutheran Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 pm Small Group Synod (Fitness) in Roedel Hall with Loree Heinkel</li> </ul>	
Friday 16 February	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OLP School in session (no bussing)</li> </ul> 8:30 am I OLP Student Mass † d. Brent Meyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Stations of the Cross</li> <li>6:30 pm Stations of the Cross</li> </ul>	
Saturday 17 February	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:00-4:00pm KC District Meeting in Parish Hall</li> </ul> 4:15 pm I Mass † d. Lorraine Schultz <b>Lector:</b> Sarah Williams <b>EMHC:</b> Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn <b>Ushers:</b> Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Vounteers (2) <b>Servers:</b> Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers <b>Greeters:</b> Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy	
Sunday 18 February	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 8:00 am Mass † For the Parish <b>Lector:</b> John Walsh <b>EMHC:</b> Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Sharon Schmitz <b>Ushers:</b> Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Volunteers (2) <b>Servers:</b> Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal <b>Greeters:</b> Bob & Dorene Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Choir Practice</li> </ul> 10:00 am Mass † d. Kevin, Marilyn, and Jeff O'Brien <b>Lector:</b> Rick Morgan <b>EMHC:</b> Karen Vandermark, Joe Vandermark, Volunteer <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Covington, Ben Covington, Volunteers (2) <b>Servers:</b> Cole Chessen, John Shudy IV, Volunteer <b>Greeters:</b> Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Janice Teal (Kingsway) /Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast for KC families (only) after 10:00 am Mass in Parish Hall &amp; Roedel Hall</li> </ul>	

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