



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 18, 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 . . .

Lent is that holy season that reminds us that we need to journey into the desert and face temptation just as Jesus did and showed us how. We know how the story ends with the glory of Easter and the end of the reign of sin and death, yet we have not reached the conclusion. It is never too late to begin anew; it is never too late to turn back to God. If we make good use of this holy season, we will arrive prepared to encounter our redeeming savior who restores all things as God intended.



Let us make good use of these 40 days and follow the prescription of the Church: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When we pray we communicate with God and through that we are changed. When we fast, we make room for God and abstain from the evilness that surrounds us in the wickedness of the world that has strayed from God's design. When we give alms, we share the love that God willed in desiring the good of others. Jesus' time in the desert was all about prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These remedies help us to grow in holiness and seek the restoration that awaits us in the joy of Easter!

Many years ago, when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis taught a simple way to pray using your fingers. This is his teaching:

The thumb, which is "the finger nearest to us", helps us think of and pray for those who are closest to us; "these are the people that come most easily to mind"; praying for our loved ones "is a pleasant duty". The index finger reminds us to pray for those who instruct and guide others, so "those who teach and care for others". "Teachers, professors, doctors and priests" fit into this category. The middle finger is the longest and reminds us of our "leaders", the people "who hold the fate of our country in their hands and influence public opinion ...They need God's guidance." The fourth finger is the ring finger. "This is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will tell you." It is there to remind you to pray for the weak, for those who face trying situations and for the sick, "who need "our prayers day and night". Finally, the small finger reminds us that "we must feel little before God and our neighbours" and that we should pray for ourselves: "Once you have prayed for everyone else, you will be able to better understand what your needs are, looking at them from the right perspective".

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Richard Beach
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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.



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STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
2/11/2024 Collection (Week 33)*	\$5502.75
Current Week Deficit (-)	\$2,841.25
Church Painting Collection	\$210.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, February 10 at 4:15 pm	245
Sunday, February 11 at 8:00 am	130
Sunday, February 11 at 10:00 am	184
Live stream views of Mass	42
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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in Roedel Hall at OLP



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Our Lady of the Prairie's New Parishioners

WELCOME We're glad you're here

Tyler & Megan Howell
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 Face Book Page (Belle Plaine St. Patrick's Day) or by emailing: bostpatrick@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Weekend & Weekday
Openings in 2024

Stop by the Parish Office to schedule



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Francis "Fritz" Lambrecht

Charles Edward "Ed" Townsend

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



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.



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Adoration
at WILL

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.



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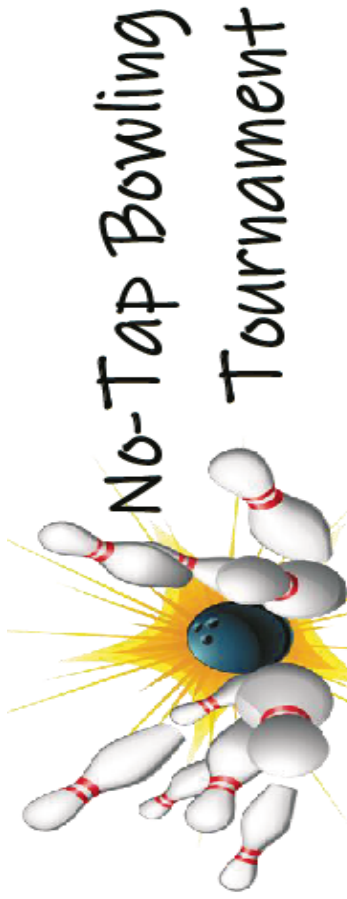
- Archbishop Bernard Hebda

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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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 9th

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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MASS OF ANOINTING

Saturday

Feb. 24th

at 11:00 am.

All are invited to attend Mass
and receive the special
blessings of this Sacrament.

A fabulous brunch will be
provided by: Council of
Catholic Women

in the Parish Hall
following Mass.



FRIDAYS IN MARCH

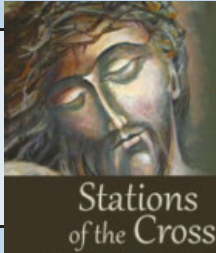
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4:30 - 6:30 PM

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PARISH HALL

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Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 19 February</p>	<p>Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 President's Day Parish Office Closed - No School</p>	
<p>Tuesday 20 February</p>	<p>Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm Mass † d. Renee Hillstrom</p>	
<p>Wednesday 21 February</p>	<p>Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32 8:30 am I Mass † d. Mike Fogarty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • 3:10pm School/Staff Meeting • Religious Ed Classes • 7:30-9:00pm Concert Practice 	
<p>Thursday 22 February</p>	<p>1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 8:30 am Mass † Liv. & d. John & Theresa Koenig Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm Small Group Synod (Fitness) in Roedel Hall with Loree Heinkel 	
<p>Friday 23 February</p>	<p>Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OLP School in session (no bussing) <p>8:30 am I OLP Student Mass † d. Carl Gansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Stations of the Cross • 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross 	
<p>Saturday 24 February</p>	<p>Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48 9:00-11:00 am Religious Ed. 1st Reconciliation Retreat for Grade 2 11:00 am Anointing Mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunch following hosted by CCW <p>4:15 pm Mass † d. Lorraine Schultz Lector: Charlotte Mulroy EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Vounteers (2)</p>	
<p>Sunday 25 February</p>	<p>Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 8:00 am Mass † For the Parish Lector: Ken Skluzacek EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller, Volunteers (2) Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Clarence & Lynn Doheny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Choir Practice <p>10:00 am Mass † d. Marcel & Clara Miron Lector: Pat Schroers EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan Ushers: Peter Feddersen, Jim Gerres, Volunteers (2) Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Volunteer Greeters: Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Meyer (Kingsway) /Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)</p>	

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