



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 10, 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 . . .

Laetare Sunday

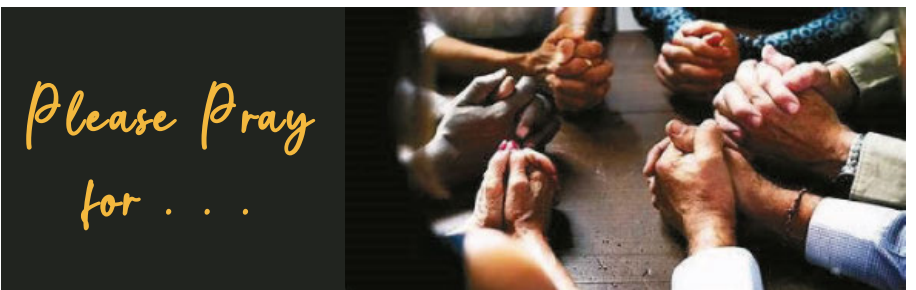
This Sunday we read one of the most famous and often quoted passages from the Gospels: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). This quote is not only for football games, but rather for all people in all places in all times. That is the heart of the Gospel – God's abundant and generous love in the gift of Jesus.

We rejoice this Sunday as we reach the half-way point of Lent – a season of grace that readies us for the celebration of the Easter season. It is a good time to review our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Have we been generous in preparing for Easter? It is never too late and we still have weeks to go. This might be the time that we need to encounter the mercy of God in the celebration of reconciliation and renew our commitment to the recommended disciplines.

As we pray, we recall the great gift of Jesus to the world and grow in our encounter with his living presence in our lives. We remember that prayer is a two-way conversation between ourselves and God, so we must also listen. As we fast, we long more worthily for his presence. In our hunger, we desire to be satisfied with an ever-more awareness of God working in our lives. And as we share our treasure, we realize how blessed we have been. It is in giving that we receive and giving alms helps us to understand that God is creator and giver. We partake in the goodness of God as we serve others.

Nicodemus visits Jesus in the darkness of night and Jesus tells him that the Son of Man must be lifted up to be a light to the world. In offering all that he has and making his life a gift to the world, he shows us the way to the eternal life. Has the light of Jesus illuminated the path that we choose to walk so that we might be ready for life in eternity?

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Richard Beach
Bud Steen
Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig

George Doheny
Matt Hennen
Tucker Duffy
Florence Moriarty

Jean Ann Oglesby
Special Intention
Bob Johnson
Gary Schmidt

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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3/3/2024 Collection (Week 36)*	\$8,078.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$266.00
Church Painting & Renovations	\$620.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, March 2 at 4:15 pm	222
Sunday, March 3 at 8:00 am	203
Sunday, March 3 at 10:00 am	182
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.

Adoration Chapel

- ◆ 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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2:00 pm

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*Pronouncement of Intent
to enter into the*

Banns of Holy Matrimony

Kristen Strauss & Richard Mantel
March 19, 2024

**THE IRISH MASS CELEBRATING
THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK**

MARCH 16th AT NOON

**Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic Church**

Belle Plaine St Patrick's Day
Saturday March 16th, 2024

Free Event
Live Irish Music and Dance

Wild Colonial Bhoys Rince na Chroi Irish Dancers

2:00 - 4:00 PM
Belle Plaine Vet's Club
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The **Belle Plaine Knights Of Columbus** welcomed the sisters from **Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus** on Friday March 1st. We want to thank everyone who attended the Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, we have 3 more on the schedule.

Giving is Faith in Action

"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



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Easter Season

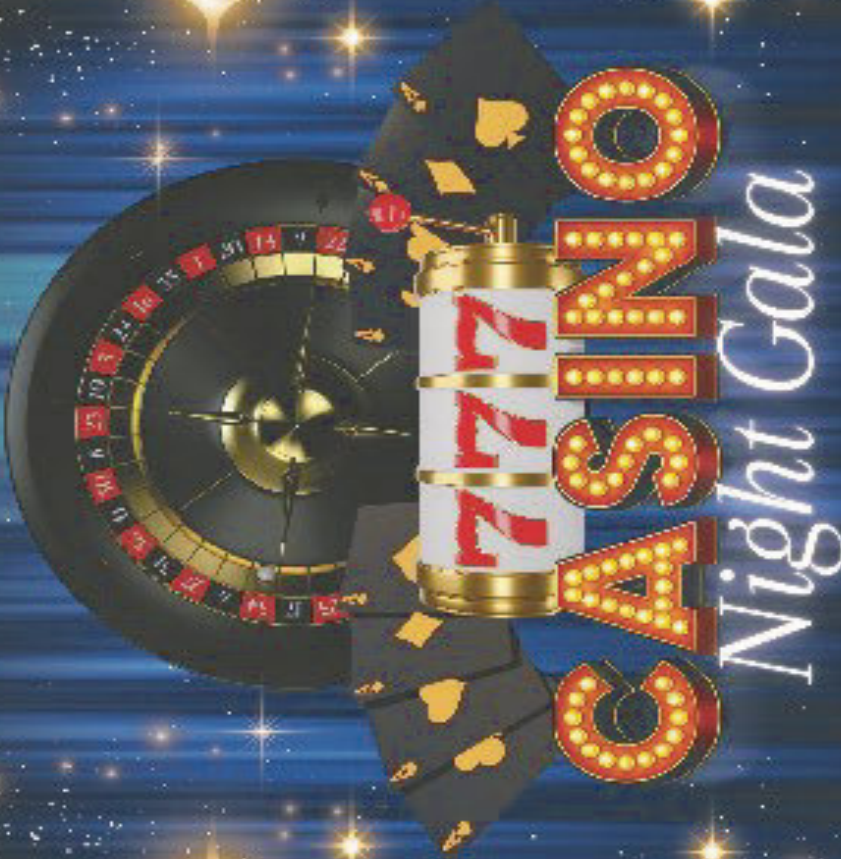
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FRIDAYS IN MARCH




1, 8, 15, 22

4:30 - 6:30 PM

**OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL**

Free will donation

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 11 March	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54	
Tuesday 12 March	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 1:30 pm Kingsway Mass † d. Rev. Robert Schwartz 6:30 pm Mass † d. William Zehnder	
Wednesday 13 March	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30 8:30 am I Mass † d. Pauline Holcomb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • Religious Ed Classes • 7:30-8:30 pm Concert Practice 	
Thursday 14 March	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 8:30 am Mass † d. Patrick Bigaouette 2:00 pm Lutheran Home Mass † d. Rev. Robert Schwartz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm Small Group Synod (Pietra Fitness) with Loree Heinkel 	
Friday 15 March	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 8:30 am I OLP Student Mass † d. Apollonia Gerold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Stations of the Cross • 4:30-6:30 pm KC Lenten Fish Dinner - Parish Hall • 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross 	
Saturday 16 March	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53 12:00 Noon <i>Irish Mass</i> † d. liv. & d. Leo Sullivan Family 4:15 pm Mass † d. For the Parish Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn, Volunteer, Volunteer Ushers: Scott Williams, Chris Weldon, Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartman Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Gift Bearers: Easley Duklet and Family Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treats and Fellowship following Mass - sponsored by Catholic United Financial 	
 Sunday 17 March	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 8:00 am Mass † d. Brent Meyer Lector: Marcia Makowski EMHC: Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Paul Guertin, John Edberg Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Gift Bearers: Landon Wadsley and Family Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Mass † d. Jeff O'Brien Lector: Rick Morgan EMHC: Edsel Faunillan, Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark, Mary Randklev Ushers: Johan Miller, Jeff Klein, Jim Gerres, Jim Covington Servers: Mason Berger, Cole Chessen, Emmett Strauss Greeters: Craig & Julie Otto Gift Bearers: Kylie Lindquist and Family Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Teal (Kingsway) / Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treats and Fellowship following both Masses - sponsored by Catholic United Financial 	

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