



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17, 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. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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### FINANCE COUNCIL

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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

New Life!

Our faith is all about new life! Jesus tells us in the Gospel that unless a grain of wheat dies, it is unable to produce fruit. His message is that through death we all have the possibility of new and everlasting life! Our faith is built upon this premise that all of us through the passion and resurrection of Jesus are able to live forever and always in heaven with God! Jesus has made that possible for us and we are fortunate to have been given this gift of faith!

However, arrival at the glory of the resurrection means that passion must first come. Life on this side of the fullness of eternity offers its share of difficulties, struggles and suffering. However, these woes help us to realize our dependence upon God and allow us to share in the passion of Jesus who gave everything for our salvation! As we make our way through life, we can embrace the good and the challenging in order to always give God thanks and praise.

Our Lenten observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving also help us to rejoice in the glory of Easter! They help us to recognize our need for God and allow us to grow closer to God. As we realize the gift of our own life and that in giving our life away, we actually gain life. That is the example that Jesus set and that is the message of the Gospel! We are getting ever closer to Easter and awaiting the arrival of the new life of spring!

God bless you,  
Father Michael Kaluza



### Matt & Missy Fahey

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



Prayer Requests

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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- Pope benedict XVI



Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
3/10/2024 Collection (Week 37)*	\$6,546.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$1,798.00
Church Painting & Renovations	\$275.00
Cemetery Fund	\$950.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, March 9 at 4:15 pm	269
Sunday, March 10 at 8:00 am	144
Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 am	222
Live stream views of Mass	45
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.

**Our Lady of the Prairie  
Council of Catholic Women  
Flower Fund Donations  
Easter Season**

Excess donations will be used for altar flowers during other times of the year.



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**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.



**Prolife Across America  
Culture of Love Celebration!**  
Learn how to have a simple a conversation with someone who is not pro-life.

April 18, 2024

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. / Dinner at 6:30

Banquets of Minnesota (6310 Hwy. 65 NE, Fridley, MN)

**Keynote:** Scott Klusendorf, apologist  
President of Life Training Institute, where he trains pro-life advocates to make a persuasive case for life in public .

Please register at [prolifeacrossamerica.org/love](http://prolifeacrossamerica.org/love)

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**CASINO**  
Night Gala

SAVE THE DATE  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**

DINNER, DRINKS, GAMES, SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION



*Spring is right around the corner!*

DON'T MISS OUT on your chance 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.

Only \$500 per tree (includes planting)

Choose from: Autumn Blaze Maple, Oak, or Basswood.

Be a part of Our Lady of the Prairie's History!

*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

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

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.

**Please Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today.**



## LENTEN FISH BAKE



- Baked Cod  
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- Scallop Potatoes
- Dinner Roll
- Cake
- Coffee
- Milk



**FRIDAYS IN MARCH**  
**1, 8, 15, 22**  
**4:30 - 6:30 PM**  
**OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Visit the Parish Office to submit

*Mass Intentions*

**Early Bulletin Deadlines**

Please submit your articles to [bulletineditor@dolp.church](mailto:bulletineditor@dolp.church) by the following dates:

Bulletin	Deadline
Palm Sunday	Friday, 3/15
Easter Sunday	Thursday, 3/21

Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday <b>18</b> March</p>	<p>Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11</p>
<p>Tuesday <b>19</b> March</p>	<p>2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a 2:00 pm Wedding Kristen Strauss &amp; Richard Mantel 6:30 pm Mass † d. Bonita Rolf</p>
<p>Wednesday <b>20</b> March</p>	<p>Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42 8:30 am I Mass † d. Mike Fogarty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee &amp; donuts after Mass</li> <li>• 2:15 Divine Mercy Chaplet</li> <li>• Religious Ed Classes - Way of the Cross</li> <li>• 7:30-8:30 pm Concert Practice</li> </ul>
	
<p>Thursday <b>21</b> March</p>	<p>Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59 8:30 am Mass † d. Mary Farrell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 pm Small Group Synod (Fitness) in Roedel Hall with Loree Heinkel</li> </ul>
<p>Friday <b>22</b> March</p>	<p>Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42 8:30 am I OLP Student Mass † d. Parents of Joe &amp; Kristen Lajeunesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Stations of the Cross</li> <li>• 4:30-6:30 pm KC Lenten Fish Dinner - Parish Hall</li> <li>• 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross</li> </ul>
	
<p>Saturday <b>23</b> March</p>	<p>Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 4:15 pm Mass † d. Susan Fahey</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Charlotte Mulroy, Sarah Williams <b>EMHC:</b> Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams <b>Ushers:</b> Keith Hartman, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz <b>Servers:</b> Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe <b>Greeters:</b> Dan Flynn <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Emmett Zwick &amp; Family</p> <p>Treats &amp; Fellowship after Mass - sponsored by Knights of Columbus</p>
<p><i>Palm</i> SUNDAY</p> <p>Sunday <b>24</b> March</p>	<p>Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39 8:00 am Mass † For the Parish</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Sharon Beach, Janice Teal <b>EMHC:</b> Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal <b>Ushers:</b> Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Ray Soller, Volunteer <b>Servers:</b> Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal <b>Greeters:</b> Eric &amp; Lisa May <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Lily Fogarty &amp; Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Choir Practice</li> </ul> <p>10:00 am Mass † d. Andy Buesgens</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Pat Schroers, Mary Randklev <b>EMHC:</b> Paula Covington, Nora Wermerskirchen, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan <b>Ushers:</b> Peter Feddersen, Caleb Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen <b>Servers:</b> Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Hannah Wermerskirchen <b>Greeters:</b> Jim Covington/Mike Buchanan <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Patrick Otto &amp; Family <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Carman Meyer (Kingsway) / Georgene Gansen (Lutheran Home)</p> <p>Treats and Fellowship after both Masses - sponsored by Knights of Columbus</p>
	

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