



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 3, 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 always gives us that great luxury of time to renew ourselves prior to the arrival of Easter. It is an opportunity to be challenged and grow in ways of holiness. Our preparation during this time determines the outcome we experience in the Easter season.



The readings also lend themselves well to a renewal of our relationship with God and the sacred place of worship. The first reading offers the commandments of God and they are all about being in relationship. The commandments are given to us from God out of love for our happiness and well-being. God realizes better than we do what we need to be most fully satisfied. We also hear God reminding us that he is our God and has a special relationship with us. God is personal and desires to personally be our God! God creates our community and fills it with life and goodness. It is all about relationship and with relationship comes belonging and being a part of the life of God and the life of the community.

The Gospel is the cleansing of the Temple and it needs to be pure as it is the dwelling place of God. The church is a place for us to meet God and remain in relationship with him who loved us into existence and will love us into eternity. We can always come to church to find God waiting for us and in the church, we find the community of believers. As God's chosen ones we take part in the mission of the Messiah and remain united to Jesus who is our head!

May this time of Lent be a great renewal for our personal and communal relationships with God and one another always seeking to do God's will!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Gary and Sandy Kroells

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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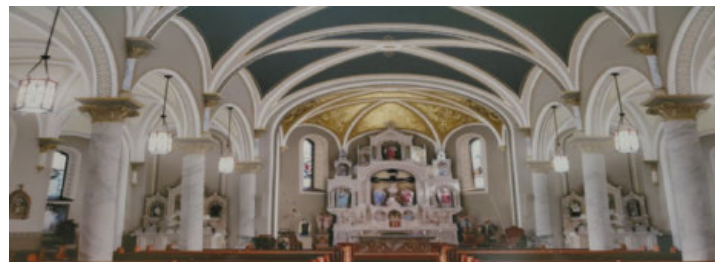
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2/25/2024 Collection (Week 35)*	\$6,090.75
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,253.25
Church Painting & Renovations	\$1,390.00
Cemetery Fund	\$950.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, February 24 at 4:15 pm	230
Sunday, February 25 at 8:00 am	163
Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 am	203
Live stream views of Mass	23
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.

**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
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Pronouncement of Intent to enter into the
Banns of Holy Matrimony
Kristen Strauss & Richard Mantel
March 19, 2024



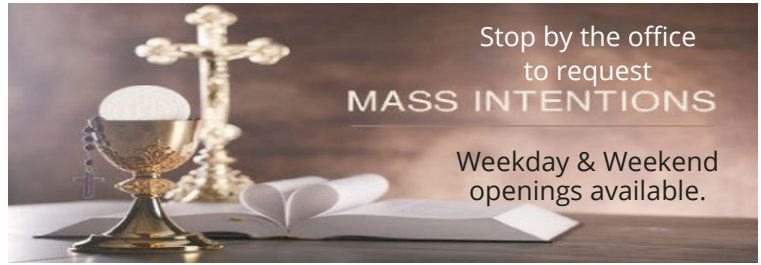
The Southwest Deanery
Council of Catholic Women

Spiritual Day March 9

Most Holy Redeemer in Montgomery

Registration begins at 8:00 followed by confessions, Rosary, Mass, brunch, speaker and a silent auction. The cost is \$10.00.

Please **RSVP** to Janice Teal at 952-873-2998



Stop by the office
to request
MASS INTENTIONS

Weekday & Weekend
openings available.



Jessenland Irish BINGO

Sunday, March 17th, 2024
2:00 pm

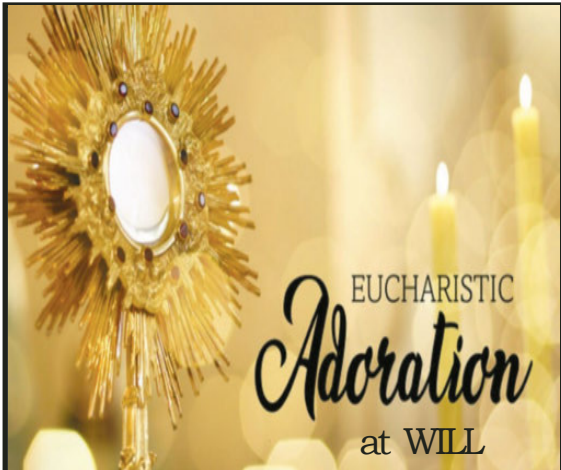


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Lunch to Follow

Proceeds go to the 501c3 non-profit group **Friends of Jessenland**
in support of the **Jessenland Historical & Cultural Center.**



EUCCHARISTIC 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.



JESUS,
I adore You
I fall to my knees
In awe of Your greatness
I'm lingering in Your presence
Bathing in Your light
Resting in Your love



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- Archbishop Bernard Hebda

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**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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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!

"This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1000."



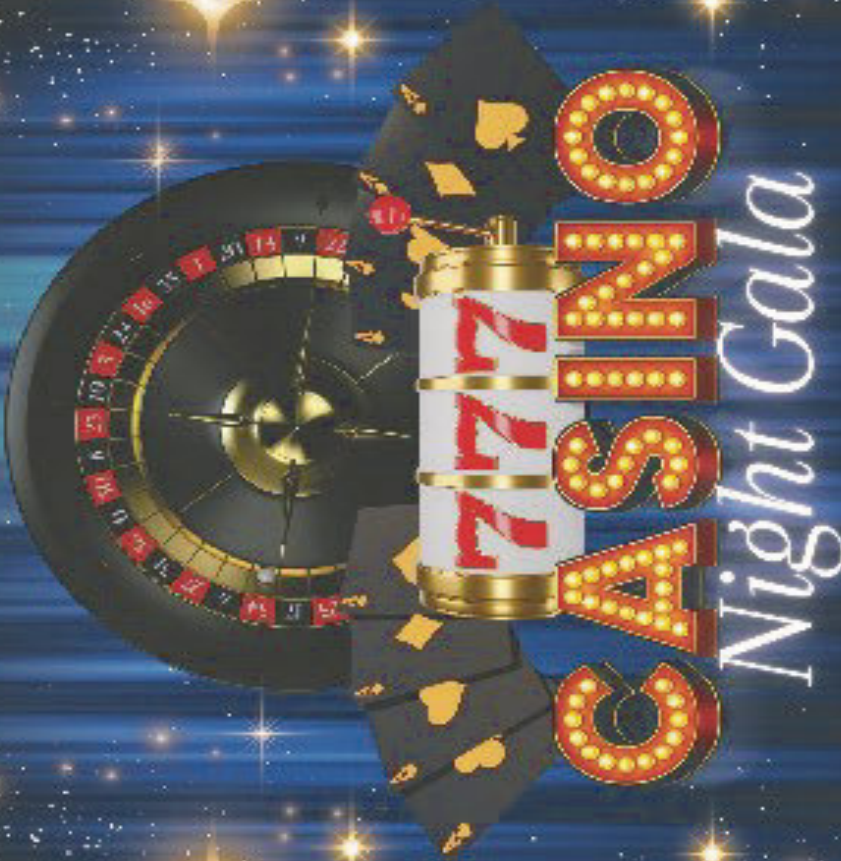
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1, 8, 15, 22

4:30 - 6:30 PM

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PARISH HALL**

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Friday, March 8th

10:30 am

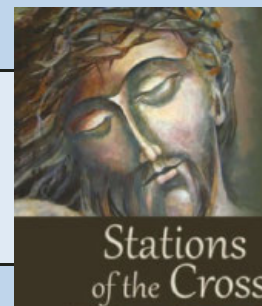
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Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 4 March	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday 5 March	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 6:30 pm Mass † d. Clifford Beach
Wednesday 6 March	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 8:30 am I Mass † d. Agnes Orthaus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • Religious Ed Classes • 7:30-8:30 pm Concert Practice
Thursday 7 March	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 8:30 am Mass † CCW Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm Small Group Synod (Fitness) in Roedel Hall with Loree Heinkel
Friday 8 March	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34 8:30 am I OLP Student Mass † d. Art & Ella Berger <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 9 March	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 4:15 pm Mass † d. Mary Farrell Lector: Sarah Williams EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams, Volunteer Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz Servers: Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers Greeters: Dan Flynn Treats & Fellowship following Mass - sponsored by Marriage Encounter
Sunday 10 March	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 8:00 am Mass † For the Parish Lector: James Fogarty EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal Ushers: Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Ray Soller, Volunteer 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 Mass † d. Kevin, Marilyn, & Jeff O'Brien Lector: Sandy Schroers EMHC: Paula Covington, Nora Wermerskirchen, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan Ushers: Peter Feddersen, Caleb Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen, Volunteer Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Kenzie Berger Greeters: Terry & Karen Feddersen Treats and Fellowship following both Masses - sponsored by Marriage Encounter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism after 10:00 am Mass: Everson James Sonnenberg Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Schroers (Kingsway) / Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)



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