

March 31, 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

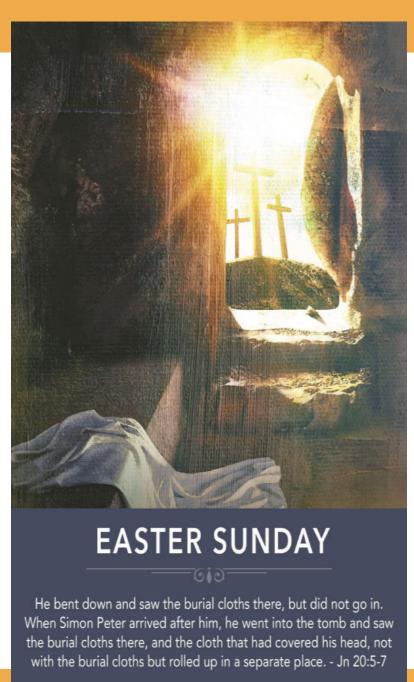
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

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. (Hoidays may have earlier deadlines)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Alleluia the tomb is vacant! The empty tomb changes everything! That the tomb is empty is God's way of telling us that we are loved. God's love emptied the tomb and rose from the dead. Our faith and hope is based in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Therefore, Easter is the holiest day of the year and completely changes



our lives - destined not for death, but rather for life eternal.

Easter faith is never still. The risen Lord is always active and calls us to actively follow him. The relationship among Jesus and his disciples is changed after the resurrection. They must be active in the proclamation of Easter and mature in the faith that Jesus has taught. Easter teaches us that to share in the supreme act of love we too must be willing to love as Jesus did. His self-gift is the model that we embrace to show our faith and our commitment as followers. In the fresh waters of Easter, the new fire of the Paschal candle, the newly blessed oils from the Chrism Mass, we are reminded of our calling to dispel the darkness of sin and demonstrate what it means to be loved by God and to be called sons and daughters. As heirs to the kingdom, we have been richly blessed and need to demonstrate our gratitude.

Special congratulations to those who received the sacraments this Easter: Joseph Burmeister, Joseph Burmeister Jr., Dakota Dressen, Stephanie Otto and Kim Schmillen! We are thrilled to recognize your full initiation into the faith! Thank you for your witness to the world!

The Easter story never grows old; it is a constant reminder of God's active presence in offering the gift of salvation. Like the first disciples, we are called to bear witness to the God who carries us through every kind of death to greater life! Let's make sure we tell the story for all to hear. Alleluia!

Happy Easter! 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

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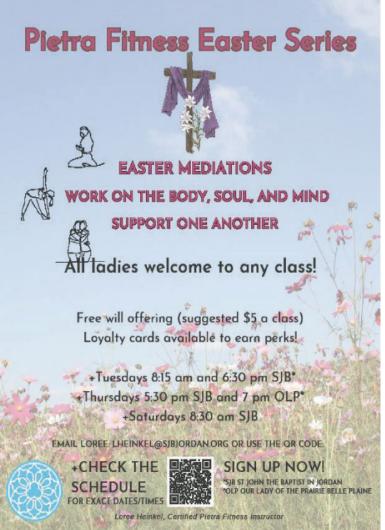
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- Pope Benedict XVI





STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of March 24, 2024

Collection and attendance totals were not available at time of publishing due to an early print deadline.

Total Registered Active Families 486 Total Registered Active Members 1,293

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.

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.

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





Prolife Across America Culture of

Love Celebration!

Learn how to have a simple 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

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Easter Season

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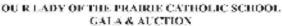


2024 Gala & Casino Night

https://ourladyoftheprairie.ejoinme.org/Gala2024

View Silent Auction Dinner Reservation Cash or Sponsorship Donations Purchase a Raffle Ticket







Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church & School 200 E. Church Street Belle Plaine, MN 56011 Phone: 952-873-6564 Email: Gala@olp.school

Dear Our Lady of the Prairie Parishioner,

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School will be holding its largest fundraising event of the year. The 24th Annual Casino Night Gala and Auction will take place on April 20, 2024 from 5:00-9:00 pm. Your presence at our event would greatly enhance our celebration. 100% of the proceeds from this evening go to Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School and students. The 2024 Gala goal is \$75,000. This in-person event is a wonderful opportunity for socializing, dinner, games, as well as online and live auctions.

As always, the evening will end with our raffle ticket drawing. Our raffle drawing has a grand prize of \$5,000! Second prize is \$3,000, third prize is \$2,000, and fourth prize is \$1,000! The tickets are \$100 and only 400 tickets will be sold! You may purchase one from a school family, the parish office, the event website below or the OLP students will be selling tickets following masses on the weekends leading up to our event. You must be 18 years or older to purchase a raffle ticket.

Sincerely,

The OLP School Gala & Auction Committee

Return Form to the Office or Visit the Event Website to BECOME A SPONSOR PURCHASE \$100 RAFFLE TICKET RSVP DINNER MONETARY DONATION SILENT OR LIVE AUCTION ITEMS TO VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT EMAIL GALA@OLP.SCHOOL	Event Website http://ourladyoftheprairie.ejoinme.org/Gala2024	Gash Sponsorship Levels details listed on the back \$5000 HIGH ROLLER \$2500 DIAMOND \$1000 PLATINUM \$500 GOLD \$250 SILVER

Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School is a non-profit

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Company and/or Family Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Please complete the front of this form to accompany your donation. Information provided will assist us in promoting your sponsorship and/or donation.
- Please include a business card or email your company's logo to gala@olp.school with the subject line "Gala Sponsor."
- All levels of sponsorship will be highlighted in all Gala communications before and during the event. Your business logo and/or family name will be featured on our website, event slideshow, social media postings, printed communications and acknowledged during the event's announcements.



High-Roller Sponsorship includes 10 complimentary dinner and drink tickets and \$100 of Casino Cash to use on games and raffles at the event.



Diamond Sponsorship includes 8 complimentary dinner and drink tickets and \$80 of Casino Cash to use on games and raffles at the event.







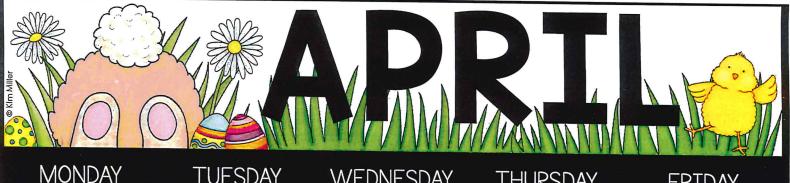
Platinum Sponsorship includes 6 complimentary dinner and drink tickets and \$60 of Casino Cash to use on games and raffles at the event.

4 complimentary dinner and drink tickets and \$40 of Casino Cash to use on games and raffles at the event.

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Dinner RSVP by April 10th Meal Served 5:00-7:00pm Games, Auction, Socializing 5:00-9:00pm Menu I'm all in Dine-in Pulled Pork or Beef Sandwich I fold Order Pickup Cheesy Potatoes Coleslaw Salad or Beans Guest Name: Various Desserts Guest Name: Complimentary Drink from Bar \$10 Casino Cash for Games Email: Phone: Number of Dinners x \$30 = Catered by Fatbellies BBQ Mandy's Bake Shop Mail/Return RSVP & Dinner Payment to the School Office or Neisen's Red Door & Corner Bar RSVP online using the website on the front The WineShop at Home-Jess Kurvers Checks payable to OLP Catholic School

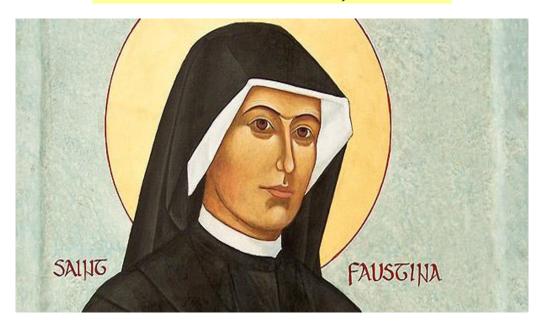


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Easter Monday	2	3 3 rd Quarter Report Cards due to office	4 Report Cards sent home	5 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6 Saint of the Month
8 Annunciation Solar Eclipse	q	IO Gala Classroom Projects Complete	 Tornado Drill	12 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6
15 NWEA Spring Testing through 4/26	16 Field Trip to Ralph & Carol Schlultz (Grades 4,5,6)	17 Teacher/Staff meeting 3:15 School Newsletter Due	18	q Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6
22 Earth Day	23	24 Ecumenical Lunch Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:15	25	26 Mr. Lopahs Mass Grades 4,5,6
29	30	April 13 – Gala Siler April 20 – Gala fo		

April 2024

5	28 8am For the Parish 9am Choir Practice in Church 10am d. Loy & Eldina Eyrich Treats & Fellowship after Masses (KC)	21 8amTeresa Witt 9-10am Choir Practice in Church 10am For the Parish KC Fundraiser for Disabilities after Masses Treats & Fellowship following Masses (CUF) 22	is fter Masses	7 8 Divine Mercy Sunday TI Bam d. Brent Meyer 9am Choir Practice in Church 10am d. Mike Fogarty Treats & Fellowship after Masses (CCW) 2-3:30 pm Divine Mercy Celebration, Adoration, Confessions Chanler	3 T Easter Sunday E Easter Sunday E Schultz P 10 am d. For the Parish N	SUNDAY
			15	ne Annunciation of the Lord	T Easter Monday Parish Office Closed No School	MONDAY
Notes:	30 Father Kaluza Out of Office Fr. Roger Hessian presiding 6:30pm d. Geraldine Higdon	23 3-9:00pm NET Retreat Gr. 7 & 8 (Religious Education) 6:30pm d. Sylvester Gerold	16 6:30pm Margaret Chaves 1:30pm Kingsway	9 1:30pm Kingsway 6:30pm d. Michael Fogarty	2 Father Kaluza Out of Office Fr. James Devorak presiding 6:30 pm d. Gloria Graham 7pm KC Meet in PH 7 pm CCW Meet in RH	TUESDAY
Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 A Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour *RH - Roedel Hall (Gathering Space) *PH - Parish Hall *ME - Marriage Encounter		24 8:30am liv. Cathy Budowski Coffee & donuts after Mass 12:00pm Eccumenical Lunch 2:15pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:15-7:00pm 1st Communion Retreat Religious Education Classes	17 8:30am d. Andy Buesgens Coffee & donuts after Mass 12N-2:00pm Deanery Mtg at OLP 3:15pm School Staff Meeting Religious Education	10 8:30am d. Tom Sick Coffee & donuts after Mass Religious Education Classes	3 Father Kaluza Out of Office Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30am d. Mike Fogarty Coffee & donuts after Mass Religious Education Classes	WEDNESDAY
lay 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Half Hour before mass each day ng Space)	2	25 8:30am d. Gloria Graham	18 8:30am d. Parents of Joe & Kristen LaJuenesse 2:00pm Staff Meeting	1 8:30am d. Carol Keonig 2:00pm Lutheran Home Mass	4 Father Kaluza Out of Office Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30am d. Dick Hayden 7:00pm Spring Concert	THURSDAY
ach day	3	26 8:30am d. Paul Zehnder	19 8:30am d. Teresa Fritz Setup for GALA/Casino in RH & PH	12 8:30am d. CCW Volunteers	5 Father Kaluza Out of Office Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30am liv. Florentina Faunillan	FRIDAY
	.4	27 4:15pm d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien 1:00pm Ancient Order of Hibernians Founders Day Celebration in PH then 4:15pm Mass Treats & Fellowship after Mass (KC)	20 4:15pm d. Lorraine Schultz GALA following Mass in PH & RH	13 4:15pm Kenneth O'Brien 2-4:00pm KC Regional Meeting in PH Treats & Fellowship after Mass (ME)	6 4:15pm For the Parish Treats & Fellowship after Mass (CCW)	SATURDAY

The Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7, 2024.



Our Lady of the Prairie Schedule

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 2 pm

Opening Hymn: "O Salutaris Hostia"

Sacrament of Confession: 2:10 pm −2:50 pm

A Rosary for Life: The Glorious Mysteries

Meditation Song

Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song: Directed by Colin Schultz – 3 pm

Benediction

"Tantum Ergo"

Divine Praises

Closing Hymn: "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

	MARCH 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY
	Weekly Calendar with Readings
Monday 1 April	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15 Easter Monday - No School / Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 2 April	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18 Father out of office - Fr. James Devorak presiding 6:30 pm Mass & d. Gloria Graham • 7:00 pm KC Meeting - PH • 7:00 pm CCW Meeting - RH
Wednesday 3 April	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 Father out of office - Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30 am I Mass & d. Mike Fogarty • Coffee & donuts after Mass • Religious Ed Classes
Thursday 4 April	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 Father out of office - Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30am Mass & d. Dick Hayden • 7:00 pm Spring Concert in Church
Friday 5 April	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14 Father out of office - Fr. James Devorak presiding 8:30 am OLP Student Mass
Saturday 6 April	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15 4:15 pm Mass ⊕ d. For the Parish Lector: Sue Schultz EMHC: Betty Weldon, Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn, Volunteer Ushers: Scott Williams, Chris Weldon, Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann Servers: Quinnlyn Gleason, Liam Gleason, MJ Kurvers Gift Bearers: Evan and Andrew Schmidt & Family Treats and Fellowship following Mass - hosted by CCW
Divine Mercy Sunday 7 April	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9- 15 8:00 am Mass & d. Brent Meyer Lector: Sheila Hendricks EMHC: Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Paul Guertin, John Edberg Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen Greeters: Bob & Dorene Smith Gift Bearers: Henry Hennen & Family • 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Mass & d. Mike Fogarty Lector: Sheila Schmitz EMHC: Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark, Mary Randklev Ushers: Johan Miller, Jeff Klein, Jim Gerres, Jim Covington Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Kenzie Berger Greeters: Pat & Sandy Schroers Gift Bearers: Cecilia Lindbom & Family Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Schroers (Kingsway) / Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home) Treats and Fellowship following Masses - hosted by CCW • 2:00-3:30 pm Divine Mercy Celebration: Adoration, Confessions, Chaplet



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