



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 28, 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

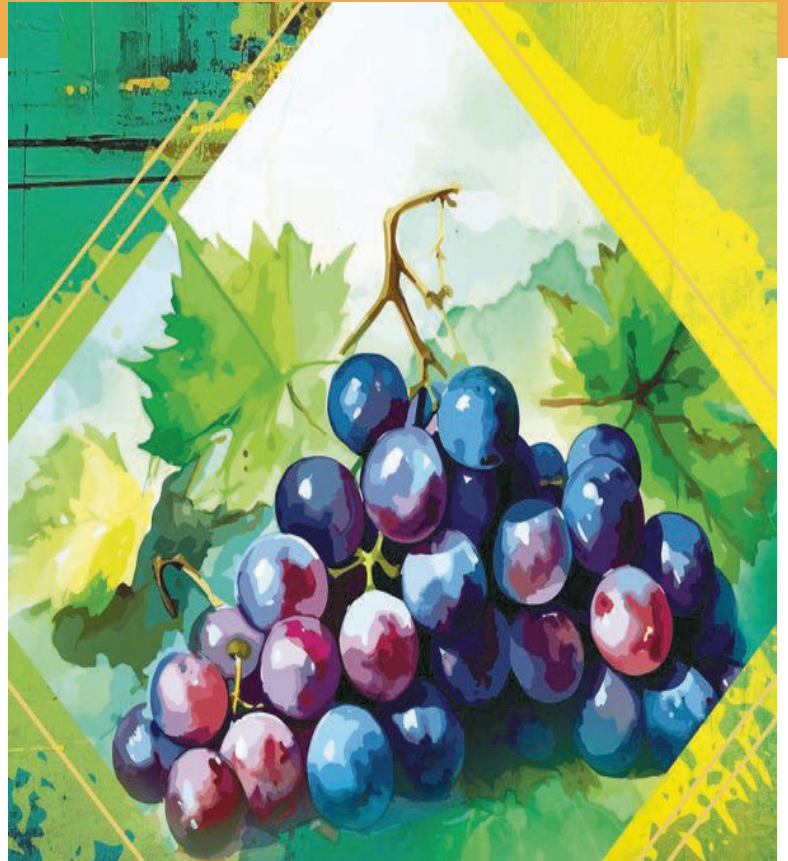
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

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. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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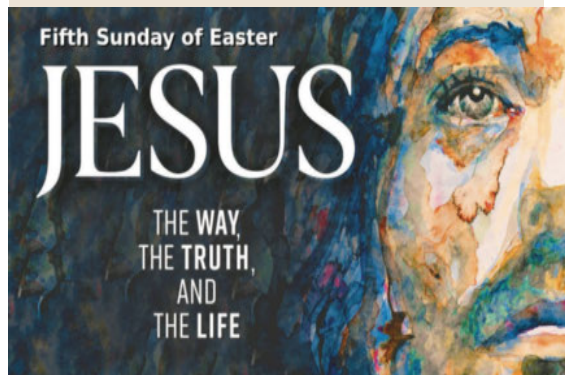
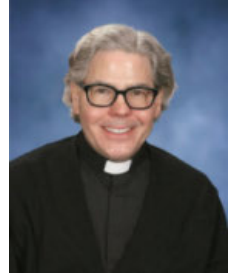
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Love makes the Church alive and authentic and that love of God is communicated to us through the great gift of the Eucharist. We remain in God through that wonderful sacrament and it allows us to love not as a sentiment or a feeling, but rather through our words and actions. Our lives are a great gift from God and we are to use them to be a gift to others. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. All that we have comes from that sacrament and we return to it to continue to be with God and in union with his Church.

Communion with God is a great gift to be appreciated. The Gospel proclaims that Jesus is the vine and his followers are the branches showing our connectedness (communion) with Jesus. We abide in God and God remains with us. This image symbolizes a loving relationship between Jesus and those he nurtures. The vine is the sign of our life and growth in the Body of Christ. We also remember that the vine depicts the Church as an assembly of people who are given life and grow together from the same source – Jesus Christ. The vine is a reminder that we also must bear fruit and blossom to reveal the life that we have been given in Christ.

Next weekend we celebrate First Communion! It takes preparation and knowledge to be ready to receive Jesus and we delight with our second graders as they ready themselves for this awesome sacrament. May we continue to rely on our communion with God and one another to reveal the love of God to all. Thank you all for making our parish great!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Bud Steen
Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig
Matt Hennen
Jean Ann Oglesby
Ethan Fahey
Gary Schmidt
David Gerrish

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.

rejoicing in the harvest
Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Rural Life

May 8th, 2024

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN - James B. Wolfe Alumni Hall

Catholic Rural Life (CRL) is dedicated to the vitality of the American countryside. To mark its 100th Anniversary, CRL will gather members, donors, chapters, and friends from around the country for an evening program.

Rejoicing in the Harvest is a celebratory event including Mass, a program featuring Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Monsignor James Shea, dinner, and social time together. The event will focus on celebrating and learning about the rich history as well as sharing plans about the future.

Keynote Speaker
Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Featured Speaker
Monsignor James Shea

Schedule of Events

- 1:15 PM - Presentation by Dr. James Nolan
- 2:15 PM - Presentation by Dr. Christopher Thompson
- 3:30 PM - Mass at University of St. Thomas Chapel
- 5:15 PM - Presentation by Cardinal Timothy Dolan
- 6:15 PM - Dinner
- 7:30 PM - Presentation by Monsignor James Shea
- 8:30 PM - Social time

Register Here!

For more information or to sign up, please contact Zach Wiese, CRL's Communications Manager, at (651) 444-8711 or zach@catholicrurallife.org




Stewardship

ATTEND SERVE GIVE GROW

Weekly Collection Goal for Month \$8,344.00
 4/21/2024 Collection (Week 43)* \$5,829.11
 Current Week Deficit (-) \$2,514.89

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 20 at 4:15 pm 300
 Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 am 201
 Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 am 206
 Livestream views 48
 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.

 **Knights of Columbus** **Tickets Available**

Council 1503 Spring Banquet

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

Saturday May 18, 2024

6pm Social in Roedel Hall

7pm Dinner in Parish Hall

Music by: Carolyn Gleason

Speaker: Pro-Life across America Representative

Congratulations!

Janis Buesgens, Administrative Assistant will retire May 23. You may still see her in the office occasionally as she has agreed to fill in when needed.

Welcome!

Bonnie Weber will job share the Administrative Assistant position with Anita Glisczinski. She comes to us with expertise in parish work. You may already know Bonnie, if not, please stop in the Parish Office to Introduce yourself and welcome her.

Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Le Center, MN

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Social at 5:30
Dinner 6:30

Tickets are \$20.00 each.

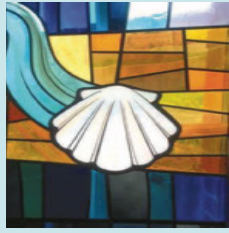
Please call or leave a message at 952-426-5016 by May 8 if you are interested in attending.

CLERGY Appreciation Dinner



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Please give to the **Catholic Services Appeal.**
 Share your blessings with those around you.

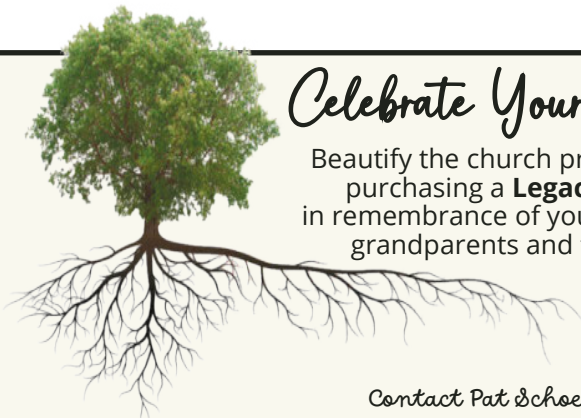


Celebration of Baptism

Amelia Rae Hartman

Daughter of
Tyler & Courtney Hartman

April 21, 2024



Celebrate Your Roots

Beautify the church property by purchasing a **Legacy Tree** in remembrance of your parents, grandparents and family.

\$500 per tree
(includes planting).

Contact Pat Schoers at
(952) 288-4801
or the Parish Office for details.



Mass Intentions

Weekend & Weekday
Openings in 2024

Stop by the Parish Office to schedule.



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Accepted Items:

Clothing

Coats

Shoes

Linens

Accessories

(purses, belts, etc)



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DRIVE!**

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email jlstuhr@yahoo.com



FRIDAY, MAY 10

3-5PM

SATURDAY, MAY 11

10AM-12PM & 4-6PM


SUNDAY, MAY 12

12-2PM



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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
BELLE PLAINE


*TRUCK LOCATED IN THE BACK
PARKING LOT OFF STATE STREET*



In Christ We Live Forever
Please remember in your prayers

Gemma Hessian

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



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION!

2024-2025
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TOTUS TUUS
TOTALLY YOURS

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to helping young people strengthen and grow in the understanding of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of the Prairie will be hosting Totus Tuus during the week of **July 13-20, 2024.**

Grades 1-6
9AM-2PM

Grades 7-12
6:30PM-8:15PM

We are looking for two homes for our missionaries to stay at during the week. We are also looking for help with serving meals that week as well.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact:
Mr. Simons, Director of Religious Education
msimons@olp.church or (952) 873-6564

Registration Forms, with further details will be sent home with the Religious Education and school students.

Thank you for your consideration in lending a hand, and for your prayerful support as all of the details of this wonderful opportunity for our parish youth come together.



Catholic Financial Council has been hosting a Matching Grant program for the last sixteen years. This program has raised **\$46,140** for Catholic Education at Our Lady of the Prairie.

Last month there was Ham and Turkey Bingo at the Vet's club. It was a great event, raising the highest amount to date. A check for **\$4,000** was presented at the school Mass on Friday, April 19 to go towards Catholic Education.

Thank you!

to everyone who participated in the fundraiser.

A special thank you to **Catholic United Financial** for your continuous support for Catholic Education.



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners
Jesse & Jillian Omtvedt
Maxwell, Shane, Elijah
Please make them feel at home in our parish community.

**Congratulations Savern Guertin!
2024 Lay Women Volunteer**





MAY



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Notes:

Saint of the Month: Saint Sharbel
 May 4-5 First Communion
 May 10-12 Stuff the Truck
 May 12 - Happy Mother's Day
 May 26 - The Most Holy Trinity

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2

3
 Mr. Lopahs Mass
 Grades 4,5,6
 Birthday Mass
 Saint of the
 Month

6
 Groves Reading
 Coach
 Teacher
 Appreciation Week

7
 Children's
 Museum Field
 Trip (PreK-2)
 Sea Life Field
 Trip (Grades 4-
 6)

8

9
 Ascension of the
 Lord
 Last Library Day

10
 Mr. Lopahs Mass
 Grades 4,5,6
 Mary May
 Crowning

13
 Our Lady of
 Fatima
 Groves Reading
 Coach

14
 Public Library
 Visit
 Grades 4-6 - 1:00
 Prek_2 - 1:45

15
 Divine Mercy
 Chaplet 2:15
 Teacher/Staff
 meeting
 School Newsletter
 Due

16
 Rad Zoo (PreK-
 6)

17
 Mr. Lopahs Mass
 Grades 4,5,6
 Saint of the
 Month

20
 Report Cards
 Due to office

21
 Candy Store Field
 Trip (PreK-6)
 Field Day -
 (PreK-6)

22
 6th grade Valley
 Fair Trip
 Preschool
 Graduation
 Report Cards sent
 home

23
 6th grade
 graduation
 mass/Early
 release

24
 Teacher
 Checkout
 Have a Blessed /
 Safe Summer

27

28

29

30

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 29

Tuesday, April 30

Fr. Kaluza Out of Office / Fr. Hessian presiding
6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, May 1

Fr. Kaluza Out of Office / Fr. Hessian presiding
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Coffee & Donuts after Mass
6:30 pm Last Night Religious Ed Classes
Ice Cream Social

Thursday, May 2

Fr. Kaluza Out of Office / Fr. Hessian presiding
8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Pietra Fitness in Roedel Hall

Friday, May 3

Fr. Kaluza Out of Office-Fr. Hessian presiding
8:30 am OLP Student Mass

Saturday, May 4

4:15 pm Mass (also livestreamed on YouTube)
Treats & Fellowship after Mass
- hosted by CCW
First Communion Weekend

Sunday, May 5

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice in Church
10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship after Masses
- hosted by CCW
First Communion Weekend

Saturday, May 4, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Allen & Sharon Schmitz
Ushers: Scott Williams, Chris Weldon, Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann
Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams
Lector: Sarah Williams
EMHC: Betty Weldon, Volunteers (3)
Gift Bearers: Landon Wadsley & Family

Sunday, May 5, 8:00 am

Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Paul Guertin, John Edberg
Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen
Lector: James Fogarty
EMHC: Bob Fahey, Janice Teal, Sharon Beach
Gift Bearers: Carter Chard & Family

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 a.m

Greeters: Rick & Ginny Morgan
Ushers: Johan Miller, Jeff Klein, Jim Gerres, Jim Covington
Servers: Mason Berger, Cole Chesson, Emmett Strauss
Lector: Mary Randklev
EMHC: Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark, Mary Randklev
Gift Bearers: Miller Linzmeier & Family
EMHC: Pat Schroers (Kingsway)
Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 29 Apr		† No Mass
Tue 30 Apr	6:30 pm	† d. Geraldine Higdon
Wed 1 May	8:30 am	† d. Dick Hayden
Thur 2 May	8:30 am	† liv. Shirley Fogarty & d. Mike Fogarty
Fri 3 May	8:30 am	† liv. Florentina Faunillan
Sat 4 May	4:15 pm	† liv. & d. Michael & Shirley Fogarty Family
Sun 5 May	8:00 am	† For the Parish
	10:00 am	† d. Parents of Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse

READINGS

For the Week of April 28, 2024

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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