



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 7, 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

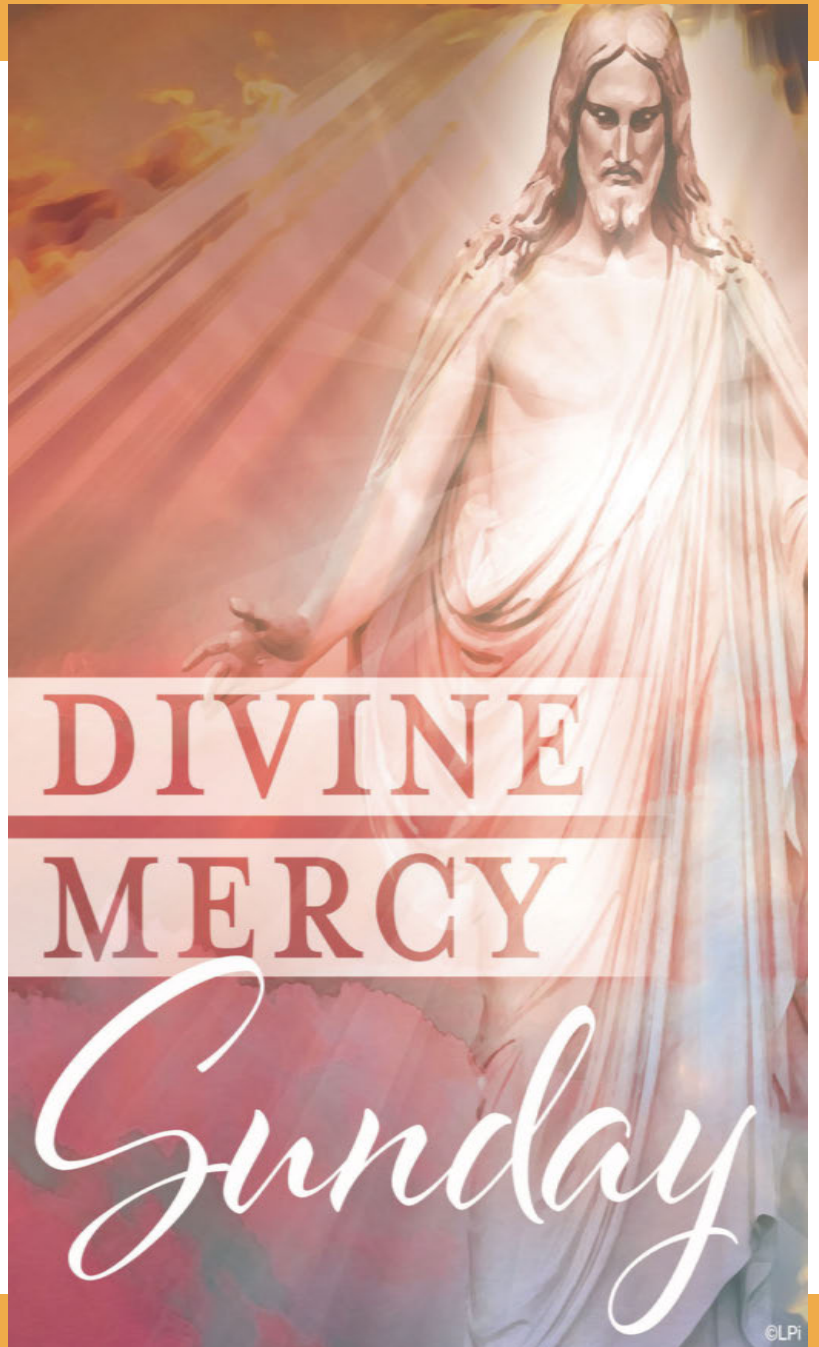
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

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



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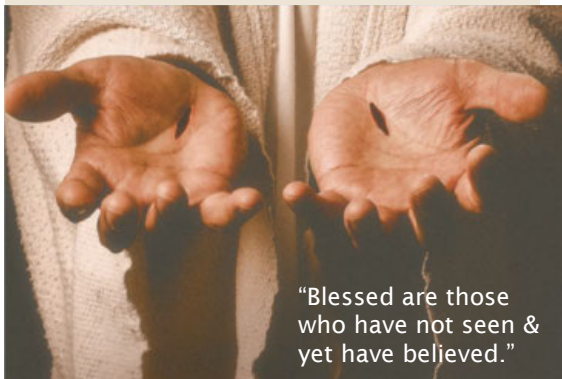
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“Blessed are those who have not seen & yet have believed.”

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Divine Mercy Sunday

We mark the Eighth Day of Easter with the great privilege of celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday! Since the year 2000 the Church has officially recognized the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Scriptures offer many ways for us to enter into the mystery of God’s great gift to us who find ourselves in great need of mercy.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us of that the disciples built a community sharing life together. Their model continues to be the ultimate example for Christian communities. In sharing a common life, they continued the mission instituted by our Lord. Prayer is at the heart of any Christian community and growing closer to God and one another through prayer allows each member to feel connected and remain committed. They also bear witness to caring for the needs of others as a sign of what it means to be Christian.

The Gospel shows Jesus giving power to his disciples to continue to carry on the mission and speaks of God’s mercy in the forgiveness of sins. Jesus gave Thomas all that he needed to believe and that is the gift of the risen Christ! May we too come to practice our faith as active Christians because we have been given all that we need to truly practice what has been handed on to us!

Divine Mercy Sunday recognized the abundant mercy of God offered to us through Christ. Our faith is built upon the resurrection of Jesus and that is indeed a miracle of mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday is a reminder that the love of God is much stronger than the bonds of sin and death.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza




Please pray for . . .

Richard Beach
Bud Steen
Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig

George Doheny
Matt Hennen
Tucker Duffy
Florence Moriarty

Jean Ann Oglesby
Special Intention
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.



Reasons To **Celebrate Your Roots**
Purchase a **Legacy Tree** in remembrance of your parents, grandparents and family.

Earth Day + **ARBOR DAY**
- APRIL 22 -

\$500 includes planting. *Contact the Parish Office.*



In Christ We Live Forever
Please remember in your prayers

Robert (Bob) Johnson
We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and loved ones, and pray for his eternal peace.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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+CHECK THE SCHEDULE FOR EXACT DATES/TIMES



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Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
3/31/2024 Collection (Week 40)*	\$12,231.70
Current Week Surplus	(+) \$3,887.70
Maintenance Fund	\$1,160.00
Seminarian Fund	\$1,046.00
Holy Land Collection	\$1,164.00
Irish Mass March 16	\$1,492.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm	221
Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm	222
Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 pm	170
Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 am	337
Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am	390
Live stream views of Mass	61
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.



Giving is Faith in Action

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

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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 prolifecrossamerica.org/love



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Saturday April 27th.

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The Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday



This Sunday, 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 - 3 pm*
Directed by Colin Schultz
- *Benediction*
"Tantum Ergo"
Divine Praises
- *Closing Hymn: "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"*



**Knights of
Columbus**

Fund Raising Program to
Aid People with Intellectual Disabilities
Saturday & Sunday
April 20 & 21

Tootsie Roll

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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 SCHOOL
GALA & AUCTION



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic
Church & School
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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

<p>Return Form to the Office or Visit the Event Website to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> BECOME A SPONSOR <input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE \$100 RAFFLE TICKET <input type="checkbox"/> RSVP DINNER <input type="checkbox"/> MONETARY DONATION <input type="checkbox"/> SILENT OR LIVE AUCTION ITEMS <input type="checkbox"/> TO VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT EMAIL GALA@OLP.SCHOOL 	<p>Event Website http://ourladyoftheprairie.ejoinme.org/Gala2024</p> 	<p>Cash Sponsorship Levels details listed on the back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> \$5000 HIGH ROLLER <input type="checkbox"/> \$2500 DIAMOND <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 PLATINUM <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 GOLD <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 SILVER
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Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School is a non-profit 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID# 41-6027712).

Donor Information: (please print) *We Request ALL donations be received by April 10**

Donating Family/Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like my donation to be anonymous _____ I would like a receipt _____

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OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GALA & AUCTION



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.



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Silver Sponsorship includes 2 complimentary dinner and drink tickets and \$20 of Casino Cash to use on games and raffles at the event.

Dinner RSVP by April 10th

Meal Served 5:00-7:00pm Games, Auction, Socializing 5:00-9:00pm

Menu

Pulled Pork or Beef Sandwich
Cheesy Potatoes
Coleslaw Salad or Beans
Various Desserts
Complimentary Drink from Bar
\$10 Casino Cash for Games

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I'm all in Dine-in
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Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Dinners _____ x \$30 = _____

Mail/Return RSVP & Dinner Payment to the School Office or
RSVP online using the website on the front

*Checks payable to OLP Catholic School



Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 8 April</p>	<p>Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 <i>ANNUNCIATION of the Lord</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 9 April</p>	<p>Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm Mass † d. Michael Fogarty</p>
<p>Wednesday 10 April</p>	<p>Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21 8:30 am Mass † d. Tom Sick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & donuts after Mass • Religious Ed Classes </p>
<p>Thursday 11 April</p>	<p>Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36 8:30am Mass † d. Carol Koenig 2:00 pm Mass at The Lutheran Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm Pietra Fitness in Roedel Hall </p>
<p>Friday 12 April</p>	<p>Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 8:30 am Mass † d. CCW Volunteers</p>
<p>Saturday 13 April</p>	<p>Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 4:15 pm Mass † d. Kenneth O'Brien Lector: Charlotte Mulroy EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams, Volunteer Ushers: Keith Hartman, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz Servers: Andrew Schmidt, Evan Schmidt, Elijah Williams Greeters: Pat & Charlotte Mulroy Gift Bearers: Brandon Brzezinski & family Treats and Fellowship following Mass - hosted by Marriage Encounter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:00-4:00 pm KC Regional Meeting in Parish Hall </p>
<p>Sunday 14 April</p>	<p>Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 8:00 am Mass † d. Andy Buesgens Lector: John Walsh EMHC: Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey Ushers: Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal Greeters: Bob & Doreen Smith Gift Bearers: Michael Murphy & famiy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Mass † d. For the Parish Lector: Sandy Schroers EMHC: Paula Covington, Nora Wermerskirchen, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan Ushers: Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen, Caleb Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen Servers: Mason Berger, Cole Chessen, Emmett Strauss Greeters: Pat & Sandy Schroers Gift Bearers: JD Vandermark & family Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Teal (Kingsway) / Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home) Treats and Fellowship following Masses - hosted by Marriage Encounter</p>

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