



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 5, 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

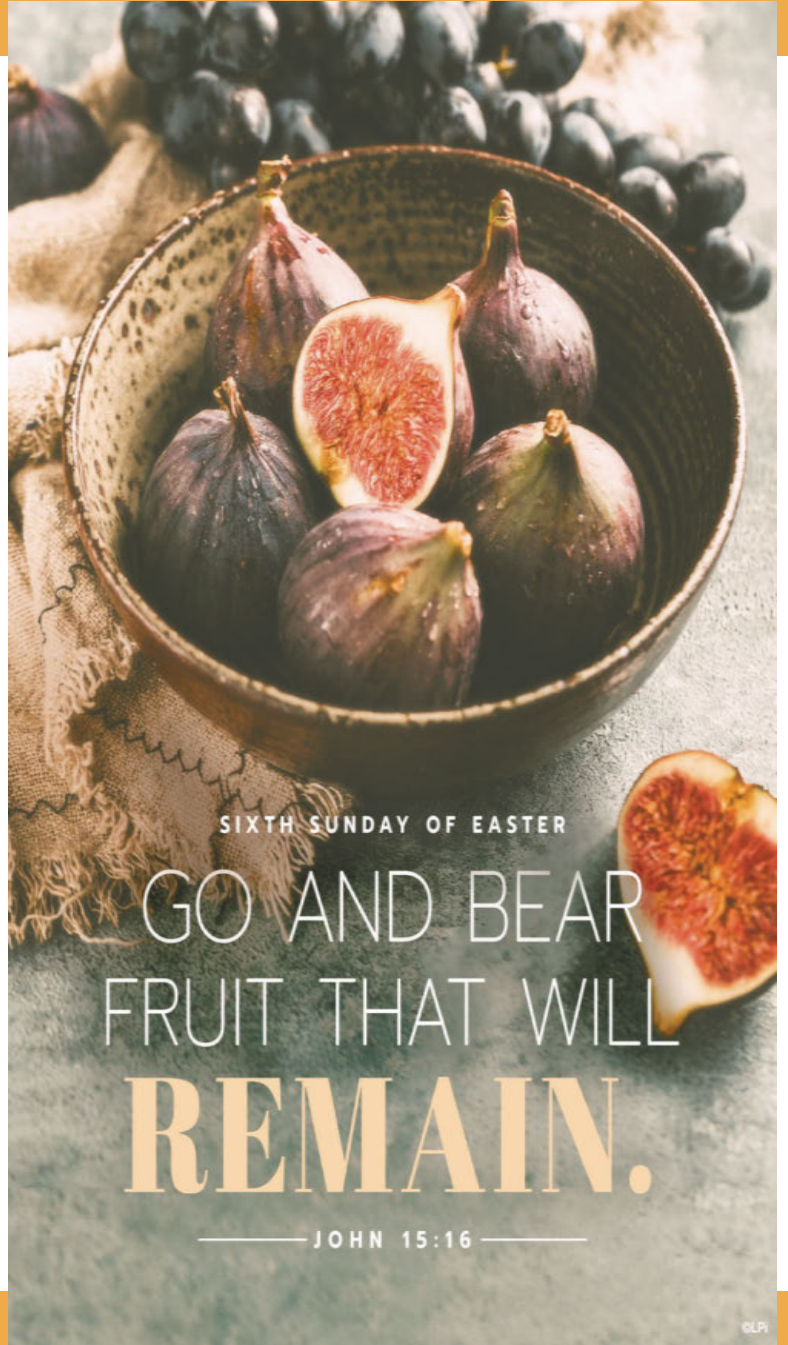
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GO AND BEAR
FRUIT THAT WILL
REMAIN.

— JOHN 15:16 —

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Dan Neisen, Maria Tracy, Jerome Flaherty, Joe Vandermark, Jim Koepp

May Crowning

May 7
6:30 pm
Mass

May 10
8:30 am
Mass

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Joy of First Communion

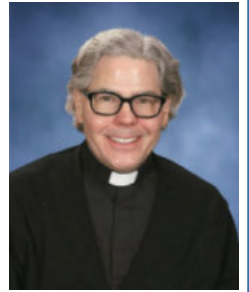
Congratulations to all of our First Communicants! Experiencing communion with God brings great joy and this day should be a joyful reminder of God's love and desire for us to receive him and grow in holiness!

Saint John tells of Jesus speaking to his disciples. In the discourse, Jesus shares his joy with the disciples, because that is his mission given to him by the Father. His will is to do the will of the Father and having done that fully completes the joy that Jesus was to experience in not only speaking about the Father's will, but also giving the disciples an example. Jesus' joy is only complete when he shares that mission with those who choose to follow him.

In choosing to follow Jesus, we also must submit to the example of Jesus and accept his ways as our own. In doing so, we also experience joy and are able to be elevated from simple creatures of the creator to true friends of Jesus and therefore friends of God. That's great cause for celebration and rejoicing because we are truly joyful when we can be friends of God, because God has chosen us and offered redemption through Jesus Christ! The victory over the grave is the joy of Easter!

Jesus also gives two commands in this Gospel passage: First to love one another, which means truly desiring what is best for the other. Speaking and living the Gospel message is pure delight. Proclaiming that God is love and in love we have been created to love in return. The second command is to bear fruit that will remain. As a community we must be willing to make God a priority and reveal that with all that we say and do. We must commit ourselves to building up God's kingdom and producing real fruit that cultivates more believers through education and worship

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Bud Steen
Sara Meyer
Bob Koenig
Matt Hennen
Jean Ann Oglesby
Ethan Fahey
Gary Schmidt
Rajen Sidhu

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.

A mother's love through every stage ♥

HAPPY Mother's DAY

Sunday, May 12

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Stewardship

ATTEND SERVE GIVE GROW

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
4/28/2024 Collection (Week 44)*	\$6,190.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,154.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1,251.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 27 at 4:15 pm	300
Sunday, April 28 at 8:00 am	196
Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 am	205
Livestream views	52

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.

2024
TOTUSTUUS



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.

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Giving is Faith in Action

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

Reminder

Parish Office summer hours begin May 24, 2024. Closed Memorial Day, and every Friday.

Summer Hours are:
Mon - Thurs
8:00am - 3:00pm

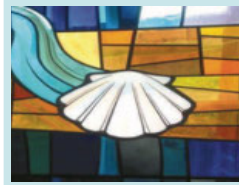


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Council 1503

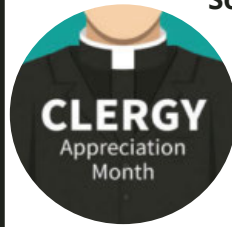
SPRING BANQUET

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 Rep.



Celebration of Baptism
Bennett Windsor Schroers
Son of Michael and Samantha Schroers
April 27, 2024



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.



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Clothing

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Linens

Accessories

(purses, belts, etc)



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FRIDAY, MAY 10

3-5PM

SATURDAY, MAY 11

10AM-12PM & 4-6PM

SUNDAY, MAY 12

12-2PM



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BELLE PLAINE

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

Totus Tuus 5 Essential Elements

(Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ.

1. Proclamation of the Gospel – to arouse faith
2. Apologetics – examination of the reasons for our beliefs
3. Christian Witness – an experience of Christian living
4. Celebration of the Sacraments – especially Holy Eucharist and Confession
5. Active Witness of the Missionary Nature of the Catholic Church

Our Lady of the Prairie
July 13-20, 2024

Cost:
\$35

Contact:
Mark Simons (DRE)
msimons@ourladyoftheprairie.com

Grade School Program

For Catholic Children going into 1st through 6th grades. The program strives to:

- Help students be clear and consistent in their faith
- Show the children that the humble yet courageous seeking of all believers is to be based upon the Word of God

[Grade School Program meets 9:00am - 2:30pm]

Junior and Senior High School Students

For Catholic youth going into 7th through 12th grades, and includes instruction, large and small group discussions, quiet meditation, skits, subject related activities, and prayer and fellowship

Jr/Sr High Program meets 6:30pm - 8:15pm

Teachers for Totus Tuus Program

College age students, two men and two women. (Generally one of the men is a seminarian.)



2024 Summer
Faith Formation Program



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totustuus@archspm.org

Find videos and more details at archspm.org/totustuus

Totus Tuus Summer Faith Formation Program Registration

Parents' Name _____
 Mailing _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____ Parish _____

Approval to use my child's (children's) photo on the web, bulletin or other publications Yes No

In case of emergency contact:

1. _____ contact name _____ relationship to child _____ phone number _____
 2. _____ contact name _____ relationship to child _____ phone number _____

Please indicate t-shirt size using Y (youth) or A (adult) along with Sm., Med., Lg., XL

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Going into Grade _____
 List allergies and/or other medical condition (s) _____ T-Shirt size _____
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We need families to host the team throughout the week by providing meals and/or lodging.

Yes, I am willing to provide: a meal lodging

We need parent volunteers available to help with supervision and serve beverages during breaks.

Yes, I am able to help with: Snack Break (9-45 a.m.) Lunch (Noon) Recess

Classroom assistance (must be high school or older): Yes No

Weekday(s) available: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

JR./SR. High Dinner

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Mail this registration form with payment to:

Our Lady of the Prairie
 200 E Church St
 Belle Plaine, MN 56011



Totus Tuus 2024 Curriculum

THEME: The Apostles Creed
 ROSARY: Glorious Mysteries

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM:

7TH-12TH GRADE

Class Schedule:
 (See opposite side for start/end times.)

SUNDAY

Be Open-Kerygmatic Proclamation of the Gospel

MONDAY

Rules or Relationship

TUESDAY

Encountering Jesus (Confession & Adoration)

WEDNESDAY

I Believe: A Lived Creed

THURSDAY

Evening Social

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:

1ST-6TH GRADE

Class Schedule:
 (See opposite side for start/end times.)

MONDAY

- #1: The Resurrection
- #2: I Believe in God
- #3: The Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth
- #4: And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord

TUESDAY

- #1: The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
- #2: Who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary
- #3: Suffered Under Pontius Pilot, was Crucified, Died and was Buried
- #4: On the Third Day He Rose Again from the Dead

WEDNESDAY

- #1: The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- #2: He Ascended into Heaven and is Seated at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty
- #3: I Believe in the Holy Spirit
- #4: The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints

THURSDAY

- #1: The Assumption of Mary
- #2: The Forgiveness of Sins
- #3: The Resurrection of the Body
- #4: And Life Everlasting, Amen

FRIDAY

- #1: The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth
- #2: Our Mission to Serve: Stewardship and Vocations

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." (JOHN 14:6)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 6

Tuesday, May 7

6:30 pm Mass - May Crowning (Faith Formation)
 7:00 pm KC Meeting - PH
 7:00 pm CCU Meeting - Roedel Hall

Wednesday, May 8

8:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Coffee & Donuts after Mass

Thursday, May 9

Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am Mass
 7:00pm Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul
 7:00 pm Pietra Fitness in Roedel Hall
 7:00pm Kitchen Meeting in PH

Friday, May 10

8:30 am OLP Student Mass - May Crowning
 2-4:00 p Archdiocese - Photography

Saturday, May 11

4:15 pm Mass (also livestreamed on YouTube)
 Treats & Fellowship after Mass
 - hosted by Marriage Encounter
 Baptism: Sierra Rose Roberts

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am Mass
 9:00 am Choir Practice in Church
 10:00 am Mass
 Treats & Fellowship after Masses
 - hosted by Marriage Encounter

Saturday, May 11, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy
 Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher,
 Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
 Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe
 Lector: Charlotte Mulroy
 EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz,
 Sarah Williams, Volunteer
 Gift Bearers: Audrey Buck & Family

Sunday, May 12, 8:00 am

Greeters: Eric & Lisa May
 Ushers: Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy,
 Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller
 Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty,
 Jeffrey Teal
 Lector: Sharon Schmitz
 EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Georgine Gansen,
 Sharon Schmitz
 Gift Bearers: Alissa Rupp & Family

Sunday, May 12, 10:00 a.m

Greeters: Terry & Karen Feddersen
 Ushers: Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen, Caleb
 Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen
 Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo,
 Hannah Wermerskerchin
 Lector: Sheila Schmitz
 EMHC: Edsel Faunillan, Jim Covington,
 Nora Wermerskirchen, Rick Morgan
 Gift Bearers: Connor Wagner & Family
 EMHC: Carmen Meyer (Kingsway)
 Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 6 May		† No Mass
Tue 7 May	6:30 pm	† d. Jean Hartman
Wed 8 May	8:30 am	† d. Marie Stumpf
Thur 9 May	8:30 am	† liv & d. Thomas & Yovonne Miron
Fri 10 May	8:30 am	† d. Sylvester & Apollonia Gerold
Sat 11 May	4:15 pm	† CCW Volunteers
Sun 12 May	8:00 am	† d Lorraine Schultz
	10:00 am	† For the Parish

READINGS

For the Week of May 5, 2024

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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