



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 2, 2024

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 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

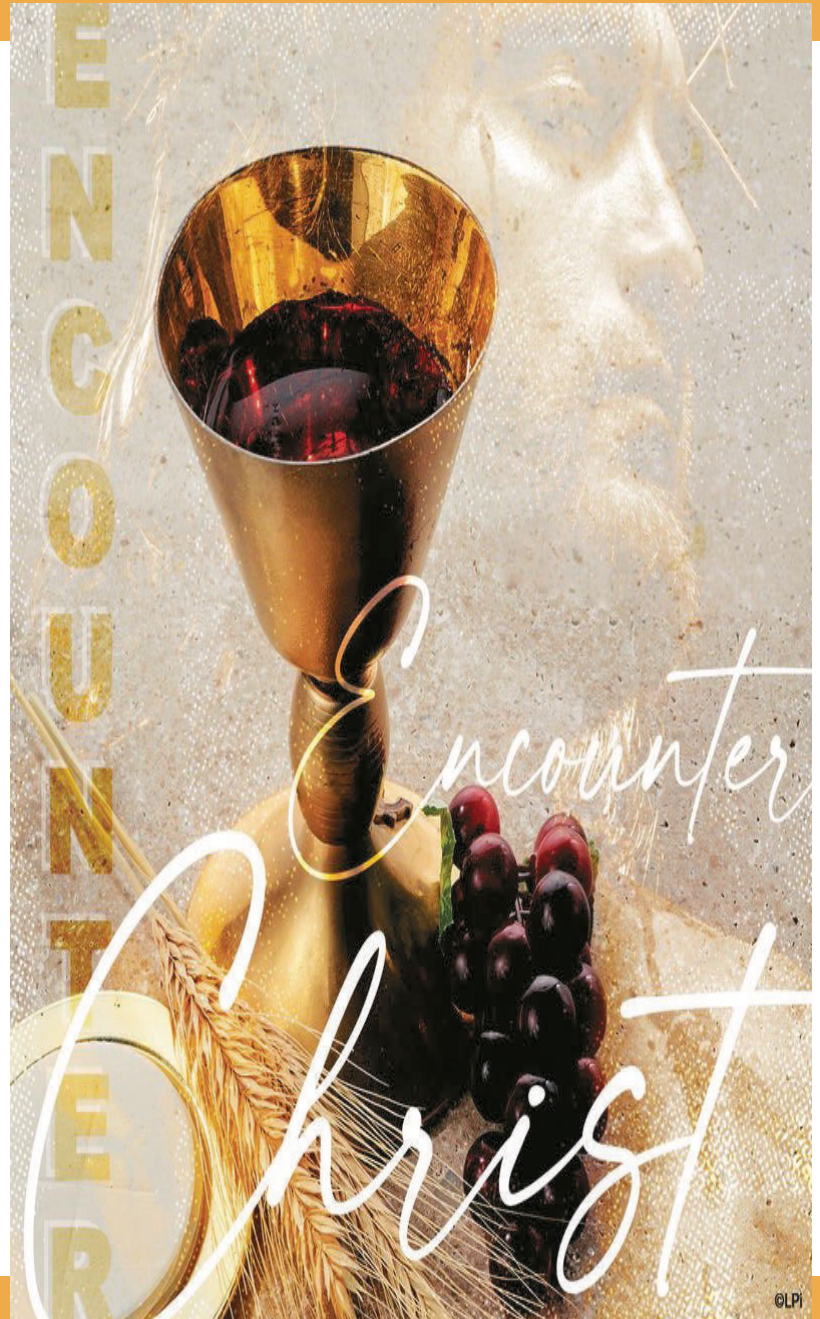
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

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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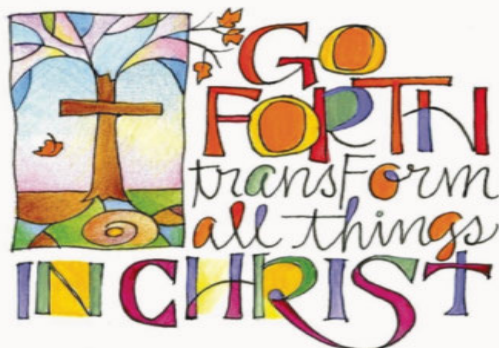
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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

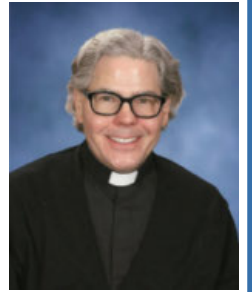
Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Faith! This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi – the very body and blood of Christ that is shed on our behalf and we receive the life-giving presence of Christ! What a gift to celebrate that God would live among us, sacrifice himself for our sins and feed us with his own body and blood so that we might share his life. When we receive this awesome gift, we are reminded of God’s unconditional love for us and that we have truly been incorporated into the family of God.

The readings remind us that blood suggests death and life – vitality, health and vigor. Without blood, one perishes. In giving blood, one gives life. The blood of Jesus is shed on the cross in expiation for our transgressions and from that blood the Church is born to nourish the world with the presence of Christ in the Eucharist! It is truly a treasure to safeguard!

The Church continues the tradition of Jesus at the Last Supper of taking bread, blessing, breaking and sharing so that we might always remember what Jesus left us – himself. He is always near and never far. The Eucharist nourishes us to keep us in communion with God and one another and fortifies us on our Christian pilgrimage through life. When we celebrate Mass or worship the Blessed Sacrament in adoration, we are reminded of the once and for all sacrifice on Calvary, the Institution of the Eucharist, the gift of Priesthood and of our status as sons and daughters of God. May we be ever grateful for this awesome gift!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



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If you know of someone you would like added to the prayer list, please notify the bulletin editor or Parish Office. Obtain the permission of the person you wish to add before calling or emailing. Names will remain on the list for four weeks.



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For the Week of May 26, 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.

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TOTUS TUUS



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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High School



6th Grade



Preschool Graduates





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Join the Belle Plaine Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of the Prairie

Tuesday June 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm

for a **Mass of Thanksgiving** in appreciation of
Fr. Derek Gilde, ordained as a priest on May 25, 2024.

A small reception will follow mass.

The Belle Plaine Knights supported Derek through his schooling.



Growing up as a Lutheran in a faithful church community inspired him to “follow Jesus no matter where the road leads” and begin to consider becoming a pastor, said Deacon Gilde, a native of River Falls, Wisconsin.

“During a period of wrestling, I began to hear the Lord confirm to me an invitation instead to tend to the corporeal needs of human brokenness in the world, so I followed the path of social work,” he said.

In his years of public service, his faith and understanding of God’s presence in the world became more fully alive, Deacon Gilde said.

“These years were equally beautiful but also met with struggles in the reshaping of who I am and the capacity to see God’s providence in the messiness of my own life and those around me,” he said. “It was especially the people who suffered most but clung to God’s word and overcame that inspired me to not give up my study of Scripture and theological wrestling.”

One circumstance after another — including meeting a pastor who introduced him to the writings of St. Augustine and C.S. Lewis — piqued his interest in the Catholic faith, Deacon Gilde told the “Practicing Catholic” radio show in the days leading up to his ordination. After reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church and speaking with Catholics, he converted and later joined the seminary.

Despite his winding road toward the priesthood, Deacon Gilde said he is confident that it was providentially ordered by God. “I could sense his leadership (in) many moments of my life. You just have to follow when he calls,” Deacon Gilde told “Practicing Catholic.”

Deacon Gilde, 44, is in a class of 12 other priestly ordinands for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the largest class since 15 were ordained in 2005.

“I am grateful and excited to be part of a large class,” he said. “For me, it has been incredibly inspiring to look to other men who are walking alongside me and delight in the diversity of gifts, edifying qualities, and different expertise and insights from a variety of life experiences.”

Inspiring examples of priestly life for him include Bishop Michael Izen, who, in his several assignments as a priest, led “the community in Stillwater with such great faithfulness and genuineness of heart;” Father Jake Anderson, who serves at St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Newman Center in Minneapolis, for his “incredibly deep and evangelical preaching;” and Father Andrew Jaspers, who ministers in the Apostolate of Catholic Health Care Professionals and as a chaplain at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, for “helping me learn to pray more deeply and teaching me more clearly what a vision of priesthood might look like.”

Looking ahead to ministry as a priest, Deacon Gilde said he is enthused about witnessing and being part of what God is doing in the lives of the faithful, especially in a parish setting.

“I truly cannot narrow it down to one thing,” Deacon Gilde said. “But one of the greatest spiritual realities I have yet to experience and joyfully anticipate is calling upon the Holy Spirit to offer Mass” and imparting God’s grace through confession, confirmation and anointing the ill and dying, he said.

“But even when that day comes, the words of Psalm 139:6 will remain: ‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high I cannot attain it.’”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 3

No Mass

Tuesday, June 4

1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm KC Meeting - Parish Hall

Wednesday, June 5

8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Ecumenical Lunch

Thursday, June 6

8:30 am Mass

Friday, June 7

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, June 8

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, June 9

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

Saturday, June 8, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
Lector: Sue Schultz
EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, 2 Volunteers
Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Volunteer
Servers: Eli Williams, MJ Kurvers, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers:

Sunday, June 9, 8:00 am

Greeters: Tom & Pam Cates
Lector: Sheila Hendricks
EMHC: Janice Teal, Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Volunteer
Ushers: Tim Murphy, Tim Halloran, Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller
Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, Volunteer
Gift Bearers:

Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m

Greeters: Pat & Sandy Schroers
Lector: Sheila Schmitz
EMHC: Edsel Faunillan, Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan
Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen
Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger
Gift Bearers:
EMHC: Mike Buchanan - Kingsway
Ty Buesgens - Lutheran Home

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 3 June	†	No Mass
Tue 4 June	6:30 pm	† d. David Zellman
Wed 5 June	8:30 am	† d. Carl Gansen
Thur 6 June	8:30 am	† d. Bryan Timm
Fri 7 June	8:30 am	† d. Felix & Steven Klehr
Sat 8 June	4:15 pm	† d. Mary Jane & Donald O'Brien
Sun 9 June	8:00 am	† d. Tom Deutsch
	10:00 am	† For the Parish

READINGS

For the Week of June 2, 2024

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

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