



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 16, 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

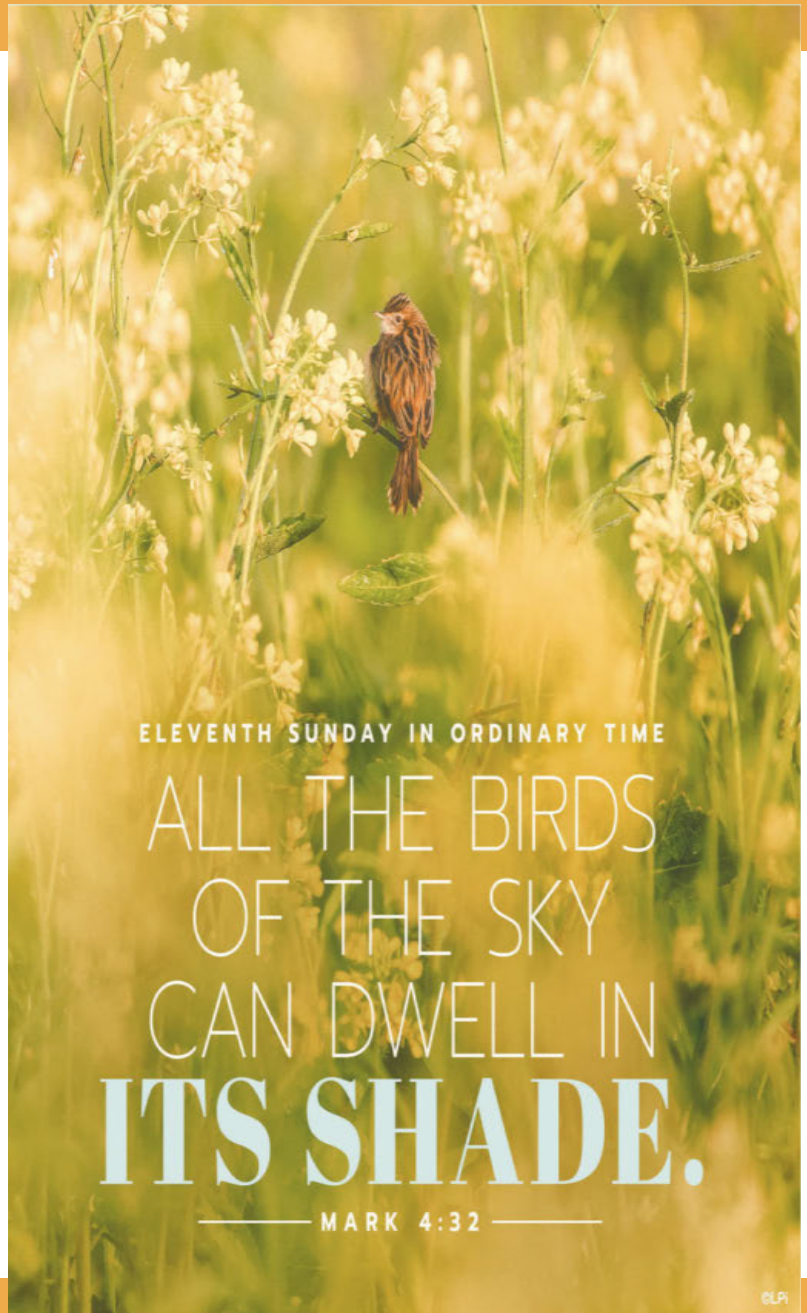
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

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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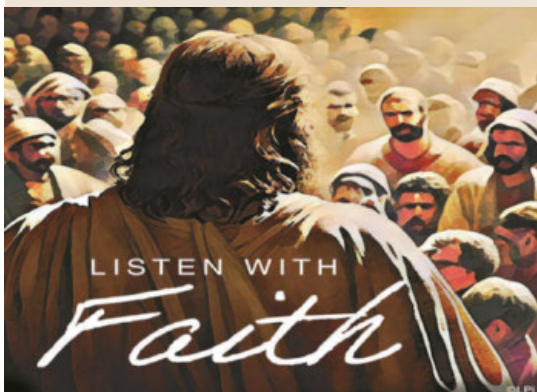
Mike Buchanan, Dan Flynn, Ginny Morgan, Allen Schmitz, Ty Buesgens, Renee Schultz, Leticia Fogarty, Cindy Berger, Joan Brueggemeier, Sandy Schroers, Bob Smith, Tim Murphy

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ashley Simons, Matt Offerdahl, Loni Scheff, Jason Palo, Kim Baltus

FINANCE COUNCIL

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



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Happy Father's Day Weekend! We celebrate the goodness that Father's bring to lives of their families. May we take time to honor and recognize our fathers this weekend!

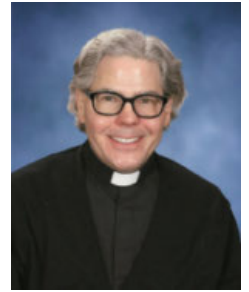
The longest church season is Ordinary Time. It is in the ordinariness of life that we find God active in our lives and in our world. Jesus' parables allow us to understand how we participate in the life of God and cooperate in the work of redemption. We are challenged to manifest the Kingdom of God. It takes effort and cooperation to build God's Kingdom, but he remains near and close to help us in our need.

Saint Paul reminds us in our second reading about the virtue of courage that comes to us from God at baptism. The Holy Spirit gives us the virtue to assist us with our Christian lives in a world that so often runs counter to our vision of allowing God's love to shine on all that is done. The grace that God offers us allows us to please God as Saint Paul says and also assists us to always choose good and avoid evil.

The psalm is a hymn of thanksgiving acknowledging the many gifts that come from God. At all times we should constantly give thanks for God's marvelous accomplishments in the work of creation and the intervention in our lives. We are indebted to God's goodness and because of his mercy, we are grateful for salvation and eternal life! Our faith increases when we become more and more thankful for all that we have and all that we are! That's how we give glory to God and remain his faithful people!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Bud Steen	Rajen Sidhu
Sara Meyer	Betty Wolf
Bob Koenig	Lynn Skelly
Matt Hennen	Irene Castor
Ethan Fahey	Mike Duffy
Cara Miller	

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Call for Nominations

Will you consider serving our pastor and your fellow parishioners?

Nominate your candidates

on the ballot provided in pews June 8 & 9. No nominations will be accepted after June 16, 2024.

Elect your candidates

on the voting ballot available on June 29 & 30.

Outgoing Council Members having completed their term are:

Tim Murphy, Leticia Fogarty, Cindy Berger, Sandy Schroers
(Not eligible for nomination/election)



Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,344.00
6/09/2024 Collection (Week 51)*	\$6,145.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,199.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, June 8 at 4:15 pm	174
Sunday, June 9 at 8:00 am	165
Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 am	189
Livestream views	25
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.

Birthright of Mankato



OLP will be collecting baby items mid-June thru mid-July.

Please place donated NEW items in the wooden cradle in the back of church.

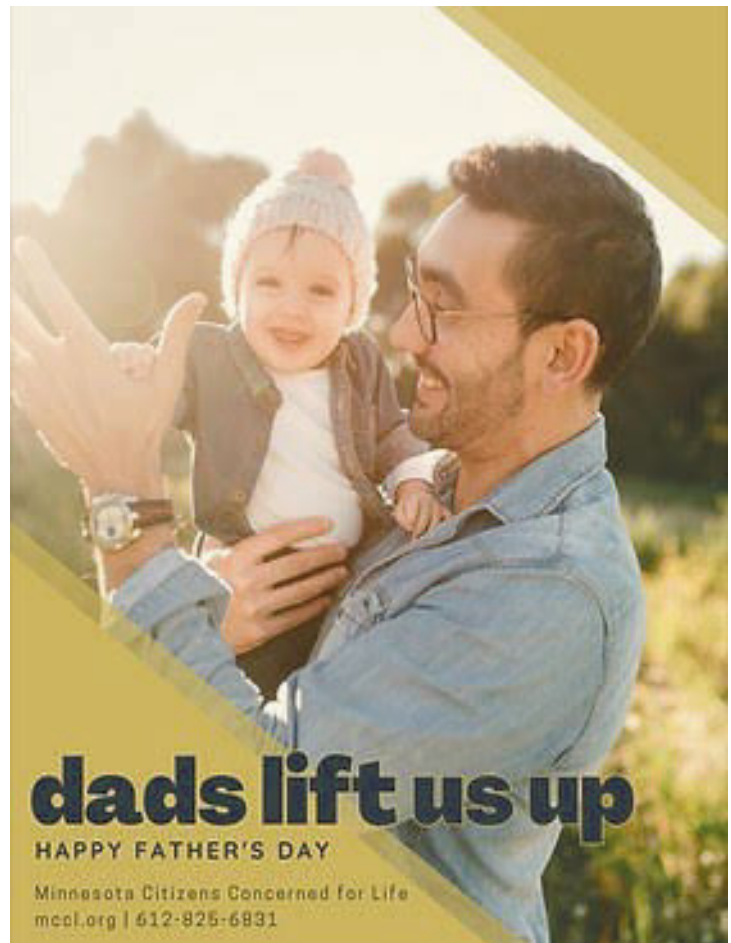
Birthright has been very busy with many clients! Currently, they are in urgent need of the following:

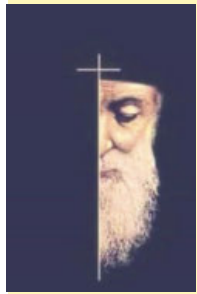
- onesies
- preemie diapers
- size 5 diapers
- Receiving blankets
- baby girl pants size 0-3 months
- baby wipes (prefer fragrance free/sensitive skin)
- baby sleepers size 0-3 months and size 6-9 mos
- Fitted sheets for Pack 'N Plays
- Baby quilts or fleece blankets
- Hooded bath towels (a big need for these)
- diaper cream, baby lotion, baby wash & shampoo
- Winter clothing (pants outfits, heavier sleepers) size 3-6 mos.
- Summer clothing (lighter sleepers) size 3-6 mos
- Jackets/coats 18 months to size 2T
- Baby board books, infant rattles or teethers, washcloth sets



If you would like to make a monetary donation, phone Birthright of Mankato at (507) 387-7818.

Thank you for helping little ones and their moms!





Student Saints of the Month

"The kingdom of God is not a goal but a journey that you can realize in yourself by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- St. Sharbel



May Student Saint of the Month in Mrs. Hennen's 1st and 2nd grade class is **Geno Campos**. **Geno's** attributes are much like that of St. Sharbel. **Geno** is humble in all he does. He works carefully in completing assignments, is neat in his work, answers adults respectfully, is friendly to his peers, and is modest-never bragging about how good he is and what he knows. **Geno** comes to school with the most enthusiasm and enters the room joyfully! He has a positive attitude that brings joy to the classroom. **Geno** understands what the Eucharist is and can't wait to receive Jesus next year. He also has a great understanding of the Mass and knows how to be silent and reverent at the right moments.
~ Mrs. Hennen



The Student Saint of the Month, from Mr. Lopahs' 4th, 5th, and 6th grade class is **M.J. Kurvers** Saint Sharbel was a wonderful example of true obedience to God. He did this through faithfully observing all the rules and living a life of sacrifice. **M.J.** looks at this example and works very hard to live the model life set by Saint Sharbel. For example, this student has a deep reverence for the Eucharist and is extremely devoted when it comes to attending and serving at Mass. Also, like Saint Sharbel, **M.J.** has a deep love for the Church. Saint Sharbel was truly a holy servant which is very hard to do. Even so **MJ** strives to be like Saint Sharbel and all the saints by devoting his time, attention, and goals to Christ. ~ Mr. Lopahs

The Lord has blessed us in many ways. May we keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open to the blessings poured out each day. Remember to give thanks to God for the blessings received each day.

God Bless! Have a wonderful, safe summer.
Mrs. Hendricks, Principal

Reminder

The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, June 18**. Staff will be attending an Insurance Seminar.



ADMISSION IS OPEN REGISTER TODAY!

2024-2025

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school.ourladyoftheprairie.com

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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.

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

Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office.

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.





ARCHDIOCESAN Rural Life Sunday 2024

PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday, June 23, 2024 • 1:30 p.m. Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Joseph Williams

Hosted on the Fr. Michael Miller Farm: "A Taste of Heaven"
(Formerly the Carlton and Mary Jane Miller Farm)

Address: 12890 70th Street West New Prague, MN 56071

Host parishes: Churches of St. Patrick *(Cedar Lake Twp.)*
and St. Catherine *(Spring Lake Twp.)*

Activities and Entertainment:

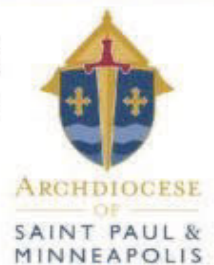
- Lunch following Mass *(free will offering gratefully accepted).*
- Children's activities and games, petting zoo, Polka and Old Time music after Mass.
- Very limited seating available, please bring your own lawn chairs.
- Outdoor restrooms and hand washing stations available.
- Handicapped parking available *(gravel area).*
- In case of rain, the celebration will be held inside the pole shed at the farm.



Directions:

The farm is on Rice Cty. Rd. #2 (also 70th St. W.), 4 miles west of MN. Hwy. 19 out of Lonsdale / It is 3 miles east of MN. Hwy. 13 on Le Sueur Cty. Rd. #28 (also 320th St.) between New Prague and Montgomery / Cty. Rds. #2 and #28 (& 70th St. W. and 320th St.) are the same road. (The farm is right between New Prague, Montgomery, Lonsdale, and Heidelberg.)
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Please watch for signs!



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OR CALL SHEILA HENDRICKS (PRINCIPAL)
952-873-6564**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 17

No Mass

Tuesday, June 18

Office Closed
- staff attending Insurance Seminar

1:30 pm Kingsway Mass

6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, June 19

8:30 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts after Mass

Thursday, June 20

8:30 am Mass

Friday, June 21

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, June 22

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, June 23

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

Saturday, June 22, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy

Lector: Charlotte Mulroy

EMHC: Charlotte Mulroy, Sue Schultz, Volunteer, Volunteer

Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz

Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, June 23, 8:00 am

Greeters: Eric & Lisa May

Lector: Ken Skluzacek

EMHC: Janice Teal, Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Volunteer

Ushers: Tim Murphy, Tim Halloran, Allen Schmitz, Ray Soller

Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, June 23, 10:00 a.m

Greeters: Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse

Lector: Sandy Schroers

EMHC: Mary Randklev, Edsel Faunillan, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan

Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen

Servers: Hannah Wermerskirchen, Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

EMHC: Janice Teal (Kingsway)
Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 17 June		† No Mass
Tue 18 June	6:30 pm	† d. Miss Baker
Wed 19 June	8:30 am	† d. Richard Beach
Thur 20 June	8:30 am	† d. James Kolter
Fri 21 June	8:30 am	† d. Brent Meyer
Sat 22 June	4:15 pm	† d. Lorraine Schultz
Sun 23 June	8:00 am	† d. For the Parish
	10:00 am	† liv. Florentina Faunillan

READINGS

For the Week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

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