



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 7, 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

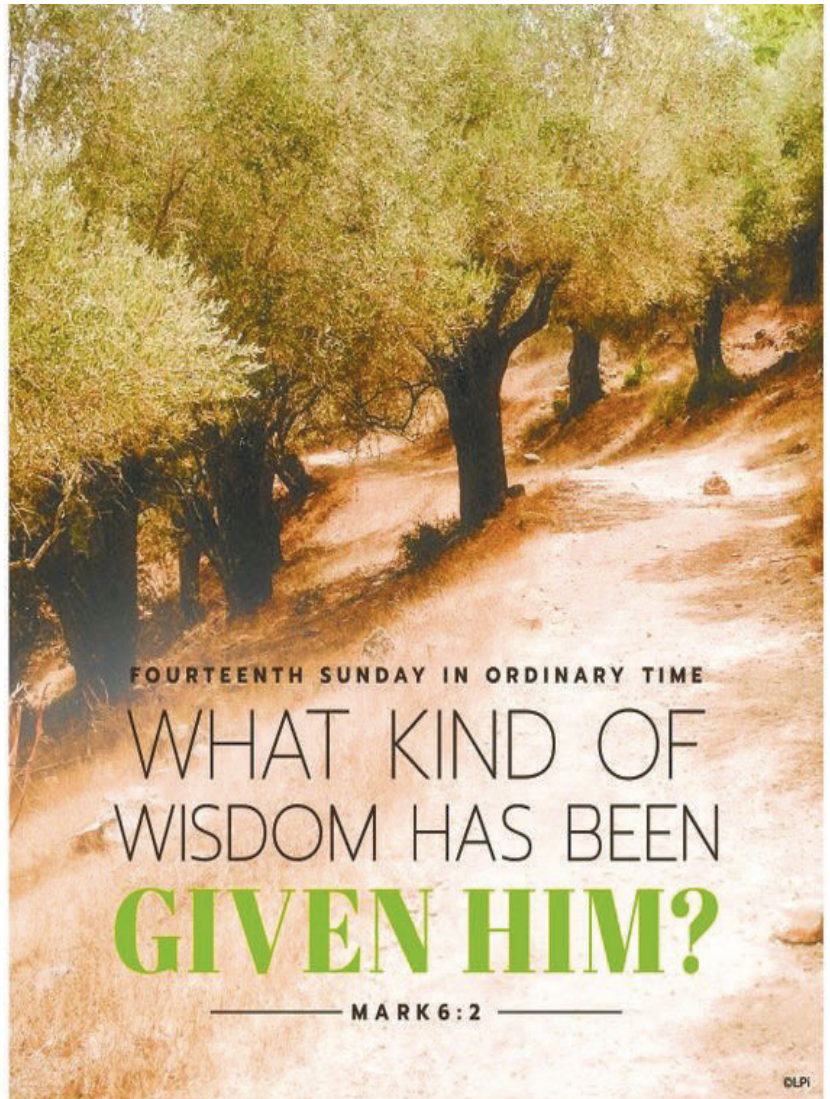
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

#### Bulletin Announcements

If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: [bulletineditor@olp.church](mailto: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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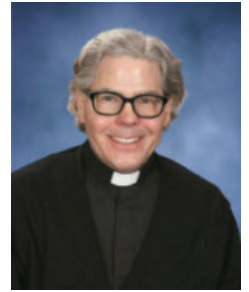
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### FINANCE COUNCIL

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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



This weekend's readings speak to our human hardness of heart in response to God's prophetic messengers. Jesus tells us that he is a prophet in the Gospel passage. He was surely familiar with the long history of Israel's rejection of prophets and their message. It gives us some comfort that, even Jesus had trouble spreading the Good News. In our own day and age the Gospel continues to be rejected and ridiculed. Or even worse, watered-down so that it is barely recognizable.

Yet filled with great zeal for God's message, we continue to proclaim it in and out of season. The prophet Ezekiel was trained as a priest and prepared the Israelite captives in Babylon for the destruction of Jerusalem. Ezekiel knew it would be a tough message to deliver, but nevertheless he continued to persevere. We too must soften our hearts and embrace the good news that Jesus Christ has come to save us from our sins and offer us redemption through his suffering and death.

May we be ever joyful for the difficulties that we endure in repeating the Gospel as we are not the first, nor will we be the last to experience struggle. But the evidence is convincing and when we fully embrace the Christian message, we experience the peace of Christ in the gift of faith with the freedom of God's sons and daughters!

God bless you and God bless America,

Father Michael Kaluza

**WELCOME  
PARISHIONERS & GUESTS**

We're happy to  
have you with us today!



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.



*Pronouncement of Intent to enter into the*  
**Banns of Holy Matrimony**

Elizabeth Johnson & Andrew Hunsader

July 27, 2024

**STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

For the Week of June 30, 2024

Collection and attendance totals were not available at the time of publishing due to an early print deadline.

# 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.

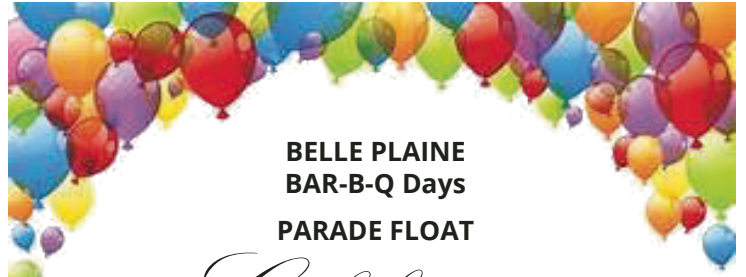
Birthright has been very busy with many clients! Currently, they are in urgent need of the following:

- 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!**



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**PARADE FLOAT**

# Celebrating

**Our Lady of the Prairie's  
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**Come help build our float!**

**(More information to come.)**



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

If you are interested in helping out, please contact:

Mr. Simons, Director of Religious Education

[msimons@olp.church](mailto:msimons@olp.church) or (952) 873-6564

Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office.

**Last week to sign up.  
Don't miss out!**



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952-873-6564

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, July 8

No Mass

### Tuesday, July 9

1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway

6:30 pm Mass

### Wednesday, July 10

8:30 am Mass

### Thursday, July 11

8:30 am Mass

2:00 pm Mass at Lutheran Home

### Friday, July 12

8:30 am Mass

### Saturday, July 13

4:15 pm Mass

Totus Tuus Leaders Arrive

### Sunday, July 14

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

### Saturday, July 13, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy

Lector: Sue Schultz

EMHC: Sue Schultz, Betty Weldon, Volunteers (2)

Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartman, Chris Weldon, Volunteer

Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

### Sunday, July 14, 8:00 am

Greeters: Clarence & Lynn Doheny

Lector: Sharon Schmitz

EMHC: Rita Halquist, Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey

Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, John Edberg, Paul Guertin

Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

### Sunday, July 14, 10:00 a.m

Greeters: Craig & Julie Otto

Lector: Mary Randklev

EMHC: Nora Wermerskirchen, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark

Ushers: Jim Gerres, Jim Covington, Jeff Klein, Johan Miller

Servers: Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

EMHC: Mike Buchanan (Kingsway)  
Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 8 July		† No Mass
Tue 9 July	6:30 pm	† d. Bernice W. & Bernette B.
Wed 10 July	8:30 am	† liv. CCW Volunteers
Thur 11 July	8:30 am	† liv. & d. Edmund & Elizabeth Belland Family
Fri 12 July	8:30 am	† d. N.K. & Dorothy Larson
Sat 13 July	4:15 pm	† For the Parish
Sun 14 July	8:00 am	† d. Brent Meyer
	10:00 am	† liv. Florentina Faunillan

## READINGS

### Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

**Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

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