



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 4, 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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I AM
THE BREAD
OF LIFE.

JOHN 6:35



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Story of Hope

Christianity is a story of hope. The Bible is a story of hope telling humanity that throughout life God is always near and close. The readings this week remind us of God's desire to offer salvation. Cannot all of us relate to the grumbling of the Israelites in the desert? Like the Israelites, we never seem to be satisfied. We always want more. And we always seem to want something different. The story concludes with God hearing the desperate cries for assistance and providing for the needs of the Israelites. They are on a mission seeking to do the will of God and find the Promised Land. Throughout their journey they often wander astray. Yet God always provides leadership to bring the people he has chosen back to the right path. Sometimes our journey to heaven follows crooked ways, but just as the Israelites had Moses, we too have prophets to straighten our course.

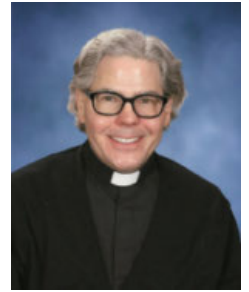
So often we look to Jesus only for the miraculous wonders that he can provide. The Gospel story recounts the desires of the crowd to receive those marvels. Jesus of course knows their hearts and true desires. He also knows that what he has to offer is much more than only temporary fulfillment. God found a way to be with us forever and always in the great gift of the Eucharist. That's why the Eucharist is our greatest treasure! Not only does it feed us, but also allows God's gentle presence to remain with us. We need not ever lose hope, because we can always rely on God's saving presence to deliver us from every ill. We surely will face many difficulties on this side of eternity, but we can depend on God's saving will. Jesus is indeed the wisdom of God incarnate offering meaning and hope to our existence!

Welcome Father Thomas Rayar, a native of India and serving as the pastor of Saint Margaret Mary in Golden Valley for a mission appeal for the Diocese of Ootacamund, India. This diocese was established in 1955 in the mountainous area of Tamil Nadu State in India by Pope Pius XII. It has a Catholic population of 85,000 which would be about 5% of the total population. There are 150 priests and 415 religious who serve in 70 parishes and 22 high schools. About two thirds of the faithful of the diocese are daily wage laborers and farmers earning very little.

Apart from people with different cultures, the diocese is endowed with different aboriginal tribes both in Nilgiris and Erode districts. These tribal people do not have opportunities for education. More than 38% of the population are illiterate. As there are no proper roads to the hilly tribal villages, we have established boarding schools in the small towns where the tribal children could have education. The fund will specifically be spent for the room and board, and educational expenses of these poor children. The amount we get from this appeal will be spent for the education of poor and seminarians preparing for priesthood.

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you for your sacrificial support to the mission and your prayers for evangelization of our global Church.


God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Bud Steen	Rajen Sidhu
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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.

Council of Catholic Women



CCW Meeting
 Tuesday, August 6
 after 6:30pm Mass in Roedel Hall.
All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Stewardship

ATTEND SERVE GIVE GROW

Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,873.00
7/28/2024 Collection (Week 3)*	\$6,134.00
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,739.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1,166.00

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MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 14 at 4:15 pm	176
Sunday, July 14 at 8:00 am	157
Sunday, July 14 at 10:00 am	179
Livestream views	27
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

IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers
Lynn Marie Skelly
 We extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends, and loved ones, and pray for her eternal peace.



Pronouncement of Intent to enter into the
Banns of Holy Matrimony
 Alyssa Neisen & Toney Weber
 August 16, 2024

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Monday, August 5

No Mass

Tuesday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

6:30 pm Mass
 7:00 pm KC Meeting in Roedel Hall
 7:00 pm CCW Meeting in Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 7

8:30 am Mass
 Coffee & donuts after Mass

Thursday, August 8

8:30 am Mass
 2:00 pm Lutheran Home Mass

Friday, August 9

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, August 10

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, August 11

8:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass
 ME Treats & Fellowship following Masses

Saturday, August 10, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
 Lector: Charlotte Mulroy
 EMHC: Charlotte Mulroy, Volunteer,
 Volunteer, Volunteer
 Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartman,
 Scott Williams, Chris Weldon
 Servers: MJ Kurvers, Elijah Williams
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, August 11, 8:00 am

Greeters: Mark & Leticia Fogarty
 Lector: Sheila Hendricks
 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, August 11, 10:00 a.m

Greeters: Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen
 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: Pat Schroers (Kingsway)
 Paul & Colleen DeGree (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 5 Aug		† No Mass
Tue 6 Aug	6:30 pm	† d. Parents of Joe & Kristen Lajuenesse
Wed 7 Aug	8:30 am	† d. Tim Randklev
Thur 8 Aug	8:30 am	† CCW Volunteers
Fri 9 Aug	8:30 am	† d. Suzanne Burmeister
Sat 10 Aug	4:15 pm	† d. Mary Jane & Donald O'Brien
Sun 11 Aug	8:00 am	† d. William Zehnder
	10:00 am	† For the Parish

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mk 9:2-10
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

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