



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 18, 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

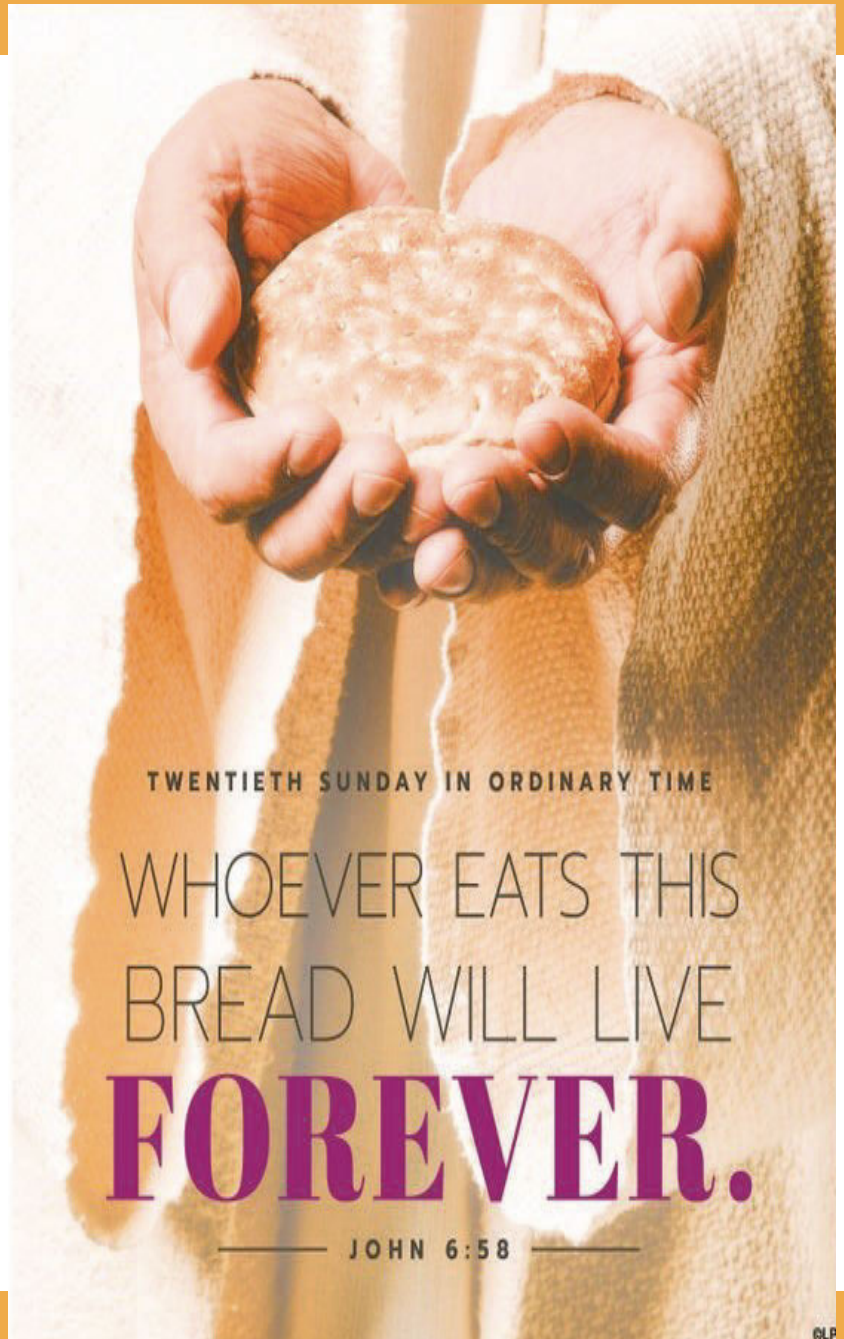
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

#### 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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER EATS THIS  
BREAD WILL LIVE  
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— JOHN 6:58 —

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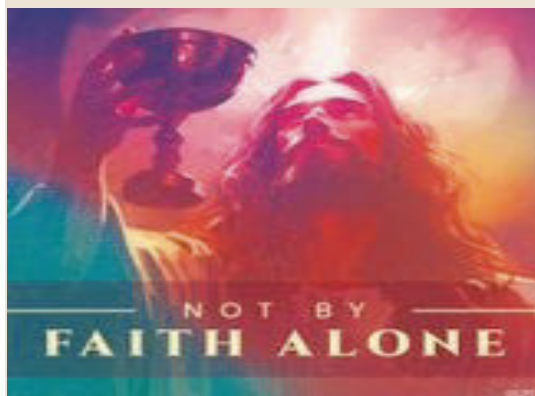
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### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ashley Simons, Matt Offerdahl, Loni Scheff, Danielle Campos, Kim Baltus

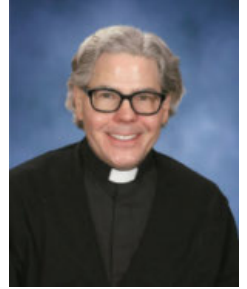
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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Gospel this weekend concludes the three week "Bread of Life" discourse from the sixth chapter of Saint John's Gospel. Jesus has promised to always be present and remain with us. We remember the promise that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and those who eat the bread of life will have eternal life. We say Amen to confirm our hope in that great promise!



We receive eternal life already when we consume the living bread of Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist. This is the purpose of why we come to church every Sunday: to gather as God's people, to remember and ratify God's covenant of love and life for us, and to receive his life within us as we are nourished by the gift of Jesus himself! Today and each Sunday, we celebrate this mystery which has been handed down from Christ through the ages until today. Within the Mass and the life of the Church, our Catholic faith celebrates and lives Christ yesterday, today and forever.

Thank you for all that you do for our parish. I am truly grateful to be your pastor and I recognize all of the good things going on here with Our Lady's help! Our first reading speaks about God's generosity and how God can never be outdone in generosity. Generosity is an attribute of God and one that human flourishing desires. It is better to give than receive and all that we have is gift and part of living is making our lives a gift to others. We are preparing for a great school year for our school and religious education programs. We need to always continue to learn about our faith and the more we learn the more we realize how rich and deep is our faith! Because we feed on the Eucharist, we desire to learn more and more so that we can be sharers of that learning. May we be continuous learners so that we can feed our minds and bodies with knowledge of God to grow in wisdom and holiness!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

|             |             |               |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Bud Steen   | Ethan Fahey | Irene Castor  |
| Sara Meyer  | Cara Miller | Mike Duffy    |
| Bob Koenig  | Rajen Sidhu | Chuck Kroells |
| Matt Hennen | Betty Wolf  |               |

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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| 8/11/2024 Collection (Week 5)* .....   | \$5,692.00     |
| Current Week Deficit .....             | (-) \$3,181.00 |

### MASS ATTENDANCE

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Saturday, August 11 at 4:15 pm .....   | 200   |
| Sunday, August 11 at 8:00 am .....     | 154   |
| Sunday, August 11 at 10:00 am .....    | 170   |
| Livestream views .....                 | 17    |
| 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.

Thank you



A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated in the recent and very successful Birthright of Mankato collection! They received many useful baby items, including some beautiful handmade quilts. Birthright is grateful! If anyone would like to make a monetary

donation, please phone them at 507-387-7818 and your phone call will be returned.

God bless you for your generosity!



### Celebration of Baptism

Benson Thomas Schmidt

Son of  
Ryan & Christine Schmidt

August 11, 2024

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, August 19

No Mass

### Tuesday, August 20

Fr. Kaluza out of office  
Fr. Roger Hessian presiding

6:30 pm Mass

### Wednesday, August 21

Fr. Kaluza out of office  
Fr. Roger Hessian presiding

8:30 am Mass

Coffee & donuts after Mass

### Thursday, August 22

Fr. Kaluza out of office  
Fr. Roger Hessian presiding

8:30 am Mass

### Friday, August 23

Fr. Kaluza out of office  
Fr. Roger Hessian presiding

8:30 am Mass

### Saturday, August 24

4:15 pm Mass

### Sunday, August 25

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

### Saturday, August 24, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy

Lector: Sue Schultz

EMHC: Sue Schultz, Keith Heitkamp,  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartman,  
Scott Williams, Chris Weldon

Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

### Sunday, August 25, 8:00 am

Greeters: Clarence & Lynn Doheny

Lector: Ken Skluzacek

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 25, 10:00 am

Greeters: Rick & Ginny Morgan

Lector: Rick Morgan

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

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

Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

EMHC: Carman Meyer (Kingsway)  
Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 19 Aug † No Mass

Tue 20 Aug 6:30 pm † d. Carl Gansen

Wed 21 Aug 8:30 am † d. Bob Johnson

Thur 22 Aug 8:30 pm † d. Gary McCue

Fri 23 Aug 8:30 am † liv. & d. Members of Lori  
Power & Family

Sat 24 Aug 4:15 pm † For the Parish

Sun 25 Aug 8:00 am † liv. & d. Felix Klehr Family

10:00 am † liv. Michael Rand

## READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

**Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/  
Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-  
36ab/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-  
16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-  
14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn  
1:45-51

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