



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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.

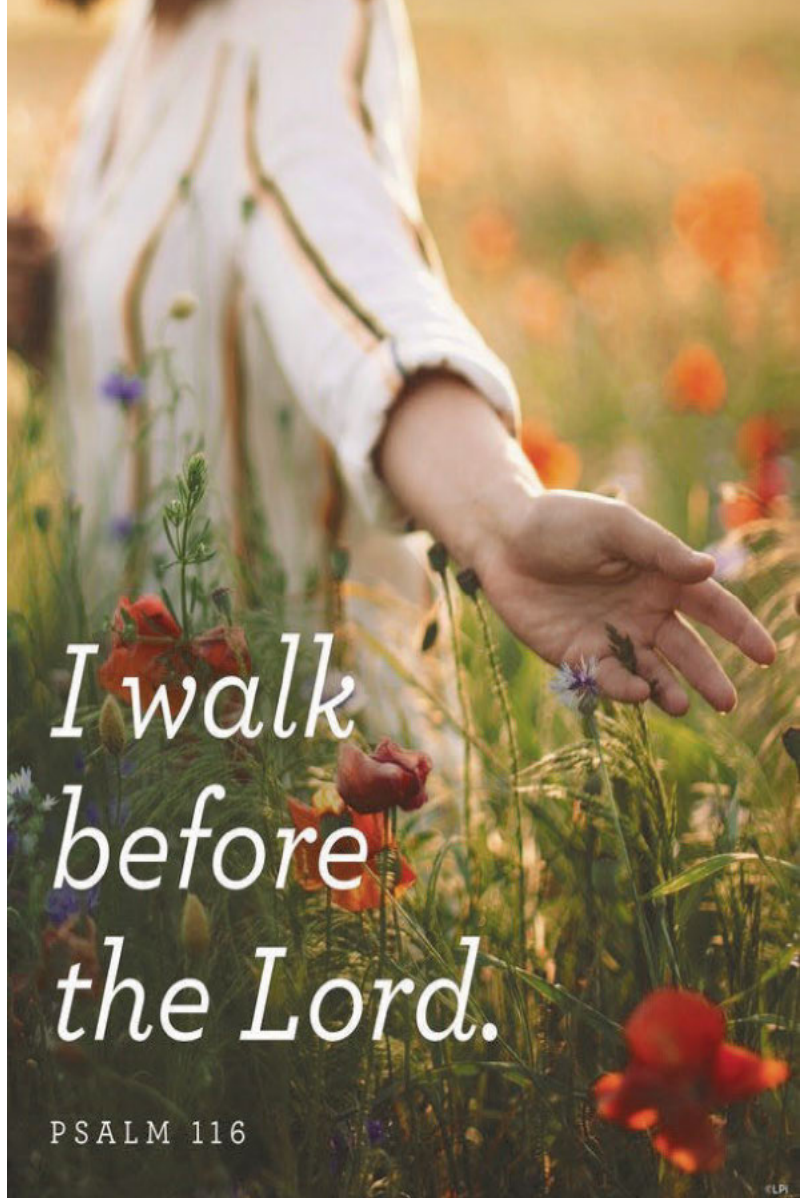
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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September 8, 2024



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

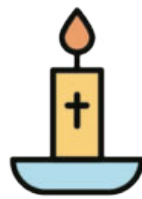
One thing that I will always remember about my grandmother is that she liked to tell it like it is. She did come down with Alzheimer's disease and that caused her to often repeat many of the same stories. She wasn't bashful about her story growing up during the depression in northeast Minneapolis. She has fond memories of attending grade school at Saint Boniface and high school at Saint Anthony. She remembered the hard times. She remembered growing into her sister's clothes; she remembered sharing the one pair of skates in her family; she remembered her own mother feeding hungry strangers who were riding the rails at their kitchen table. She was never ashamed of her own stories and freely shared them with anyone who would listen – sales clerks at the mall; people next to her on the plane; having coffee at church. I recall waiting with her in line at the grocery store when she would tell others about how she remembered her mother giving her 25¢ to put on the account at the meat market. Many of her fondest memories were in the church. Since the church was just across the street from her home, the activities of the church were the activities that kept her family busy. The church provided that place of creating happy memories and witnessing God's presence. They were the memories of her life. They were the memories that continued to give her life. She loved to share her stories and she would tell them to people who were interested in hearing them and even those who weren't.

I think there is a similar enthusiasm that my grandmother shared with those in the Gospel. They witnessed Jesus healing the man and restoring his hearing and speech. The man was condemned to a life of isolation, but Jesus performs a miracle. Jesus literally gives this man life. The man is restored to wholeness. He is once again able to participate in society. He experiences the salvation of God in his life. This truly is the Gospel that we too are called to share with our own lives. The Gospel is the good news that God loves creation. God is also the one who restores creation to wholeness, because God can forgive sin. Jesus puts into practice exactly what we hear in the first reading – a message of hope and transformation.

As we celebrate our annual parish fall festival this weekend, may we remind ourselves and tell others that Our Lady of the Prairie is a community of the Gospel sharing that message with all. Let us enjoy the company of one another and celebrate with enthusiasm!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



PRAYER LIST

Bud Steen	Rajen Sidhu
Sara Meyer	Betty Wolf
Bob Koenig	Mike Duffy
Matt Hennen	Chuck Kroells
Mary Pat Murphy	David Clark
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.



International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima

Coming to Our Lady of the Prairie!



Wednesday, September 25

- 8:00 am Rosary
- 8:30 am Mass
- Break Coffee & donuts
- 9:30 am Presentation
- 10:00 Private Visitation
- 6:20 pm Religious Ed Families
- 8:00 pm Closing

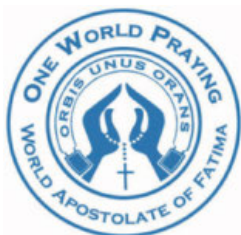
The mission of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is to bring the message of Fatima—the Peace Plan from Heaven—to a world in need. Our Lord told Sister Lucia, the oldest of the three seers at Fatima, that he had entrusted the peace of the world to the Immaculate Heart.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has visited more than 100 countries, bringing Mary's powerful message of salvation and hope to millions. Countless favors and graces have been reported wherever the Virgin Statue has traveled.

We hope you will come and experience the blessings of Our Lady during this special statue visitation.

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Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima for our Nation

O Queen of the Rosary, Sweet Virgin of Fatima, who has deigned to appear in the land of Portugal, we beg you to watch over our dear homeland and assure its moral and spiritual revival.

Bring back peace to all the nations of the world so that all, our own nation in particular, may be happy to call you their Queen and the Queen of Peace. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for our country.

Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for all humanity a lasting peace.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

For the Week of September 1, 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.

Grandparents' Day

Sunday, September 8



Saints Joachim & Anne

Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
and
Grandparents of Jesus

Pray for Us!

Grandparents,
Thank you for rooting our family in faith.
Blessed be God,
who is faithful through all generations.

Coordinator of Faith Formation Position Opening

The **Church of the Guardian Angels** in Chaska is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry to lead faith formation grades 1-10 for a small, but growing program.

Please consult our parish website, www.gachaska.org (under About Us → Employment), for a more complete summary, a job description, and application instructions. Thank you!

**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School
PTA Fundraiser**

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, Sept. 28th

4:00-7:00 pm

OLP Parish Hall

Free Will Offering



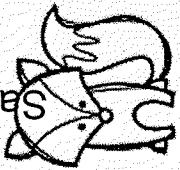
September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8am For the Parish 10am liv. Joseph & Mary Breeggemann	2 Labor Day Parish Office closed No School	3 School Begins 6:30pm d. Emmett & Helen McCue Father out of Office Fr. Roger Hessian Presiding 7:00pm KC Mtg in PH	4 8:30am liv. Jerry & Irene Kirsch Coffee & donuts after Mass Father out of Office Fr. Roger Hessian Presiding	5 8:30am liv. & d. Members of Steve Anderson Family Father out of Office Fr. Roger Hessian Presiding	6 8:30am d. Paul & Pat Keup Father out of Office Fr. Roger Hessian Presiding All Grades participating in Mass	7 4:15pm d. Jeanette Gloege 5-9:00 pm Fall Festival
8 8am d. Carl Gansen 10am For the Parish	9	10 1:30pm Kingsway Mass 6:30pm d. Don Guertin	11 8:30am d. Msgr. Patrick Hessian Coffee & donuts after Mass 12 N Ecumenical Lunch 6:20 pm Catechist Enrichment Evening	12 8:30am d. N.K. & Dorothy Larson 2:00 pm Lutheran Home Mass	13 8:30am d. Lorraine Schultz	14 4:15pm For the Parish
15 8am CCW Volunteers 10am d. Lorraine Schultz	16	17 6:30pm liv. & d. Members of Mike McMahon Family	18 8:30am liv. & d. Art & Alvina Johnson Coffee & donuts after Mass 3:00 pm School Staff Meeting 6:20 pm Confirmation Meeting (8th grade & parents)	19 8:30am d. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan	20 8:30am d. Carole Fogarty	21 4:15pm d. Lorence & Ethel Boehne
22 8am For the Parish 10am liv. Florentina Faunillan Treats & Fellowship following Masses hosted by Catholic United Financial KC Exemplification after 10 am Mass	23	24 1:30pm Kingsway 6:30pm d. Gary McCue Church Night Meetings	25 8:00am-8:00pm Fatima Statue 8:30am liv. & d. Andrew Guertin Family Coffee & donuts after Mass 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 2:15pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm Accreditation Meeting 6:20pm Rel.Ed. Families Meeting Church	26 8:30am d. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan	27 8:30am d. Teresa Fritz September Birthday's Celebration	28 4:15pm For the Parish School Spaghetti Dinner (Setup 3:00 - 8:00 pm) PH
29 8am d. Brent Meyer 10am liv. Joseph Rand	30	1 1:30 pm Kingsway 6:30pm d. Kathy Kaluza 7:00pm KC Meeting - PH 7:00pm CCW - RH	2 8:30am d. Emmett & Helen McCue Coffee and Donuts after Mass	3 8:30am d. Mark Robeck	4 8:30am d. Brent Meyer	5 4:15 pm liv. & d. Leo Sullivan Family
6 8am d. Ryan Laabs 10am For the Parish	7	Notes Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space) *PH - Parish Hall *CGS - Caticesis of the Good Shepherd *CI - Catechetical Institute *TGA - The Great Adventure				

SEPTEMBER

OUR CLASSROOM schedule



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	NOTES	
1	2 Labor Day	3 First Day of School	6 Teacher Mass	5 First Library Day		7 Fall Festival	Saint of the Month – Saint Anthony of Padua 	
8 Grandparent's Day	9	10	13 5 th -6 th grade mass	12		14		
15	16 NWEA Testing through October 4	17	20 2 nd -3 rd grade mass	19		21		
22	23 Field Trips: Cedar Lake Regional Park (5 th -6 th grade) Ferguson's Apple Orchard PreK-2nd	24	27 5 th -6 th grade mass Aug/Sept Birthday mass Our Lady of Fatima Statue Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:15 Accreditation meeting	26		28 Spaghetti Dinner/ Marathon Kickoff Parish Hall		
29	30	"The life of the body is the soul. The life of the soul is Christ." Saint Anthony of Padua						

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 9

No Mass

Tuesday, September 10

1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 am Mass
Coffee & donuts after Mass
12:00 Noon Ecumenical Lunch
6:20 pm Catechist Enrichment Evening

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, September 14

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, September 15 Catechetical Sunday

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

Saturday, September 14, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteers (2)
Lector: Sarah William
EMHC: Sarah Williams, Betty Weldon, Volunteers (2)
Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew Saxe, Addy Saxe
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 15, 8:00 am

Greeters: Eric & Lisa May
Lector: Sharon Schmitz
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, September 15, 10:00 am

Greeters: Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan
Lector: Sandy Schroers
EMHC: Mary Randklev, Edsel Faunillan, Paula Covington, Rick Morgan
Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen, Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington
Servers: Hannah Wermerskirchen, Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
EMHC: Pat Schroers (Kingsway)
Paul & Colleen DeGree (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 9 Sept † No Mass
Tue 10 Sept 6:30 pm † d. Don Guertin
Wed 11 Sept 8:30 am † d. Monsignor Patrick Hessian
Thur 12 Sept 8:30 am † d. N.K. & Dorothy Larson
Fri 13 Sept 8:30 am † d. Lorraine Schultz
Sat 14 Sept 4:15 pm † For the Parish
Sun 15 Sept 8:00 am † CCW Volunteers
10:00 am † d. Lorraine Schultz

READINGS

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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