



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.

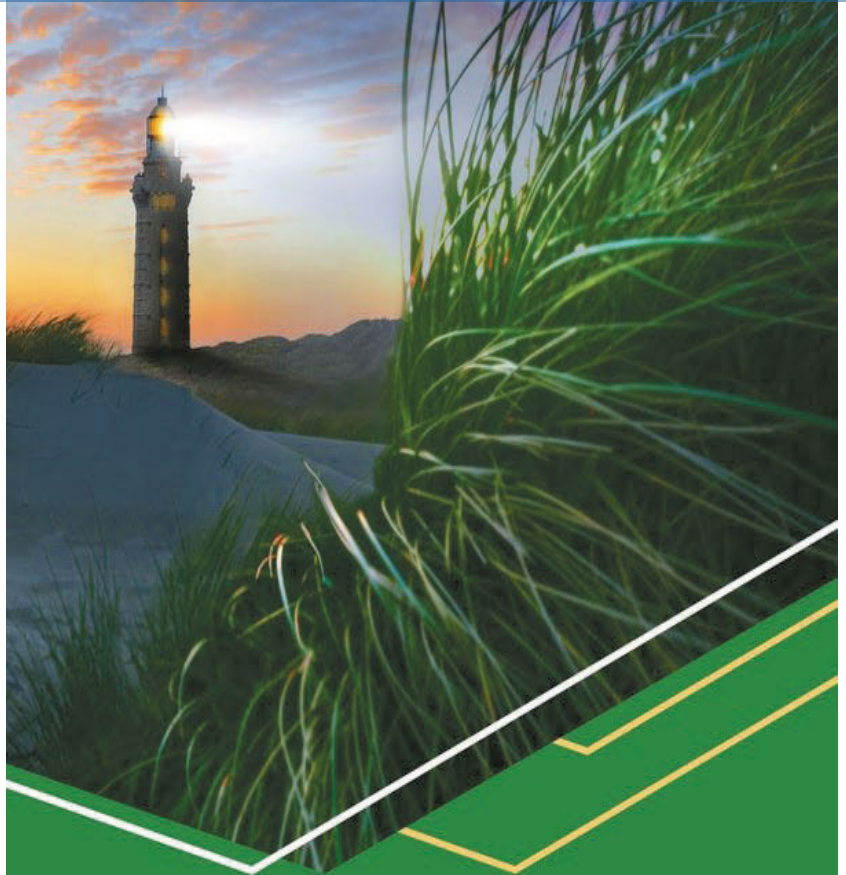
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

September 15, 2024



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Thank you to all for your participation in our annual fall festival. It was a good time to gather and celebrate as a community. Much effort and planning was spent to make this year a really extraordinary event! The theme in our readings this weekend reminds us that faith must be demonstrated in our actions and relationships. We show our faith when we fully participate. We have much to celebrate and our relationships with one another are meaningful examples of how we live our faith.



Saint James reiterates the same message. We must show a deeper understanding of Jesus rather than just as a passive acquaintance. We proclaim the Gospel by our manner of life and live in love and generosity. Life offers plenty of opportunity to confirm our Christianity. That's the challenge that Saint James poses to us.

That's also the message of the Gospel - Jesus is the Christ, the one who came into the world to reconcile us to the Father. That means we must follow him all the way to Calvary. Along the way we will encounter opportunities to carry the cross, but we also live in the joy of being disciples! We find our way to eternal life through self-denial, focusing on others and living in the gratitude of personal knowledge of Jesus. Let's make it obvious that we know who He is!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Natalie (Covington) Ruiz

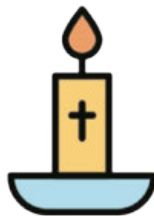
Jordan Ruiz

David May

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For all military members & their families.

If your family has an enlisted service member, please contact Ginny Morgan: (701) 212-3109 (leave a message).



PRAYER LIST

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Mary Pat Murphy

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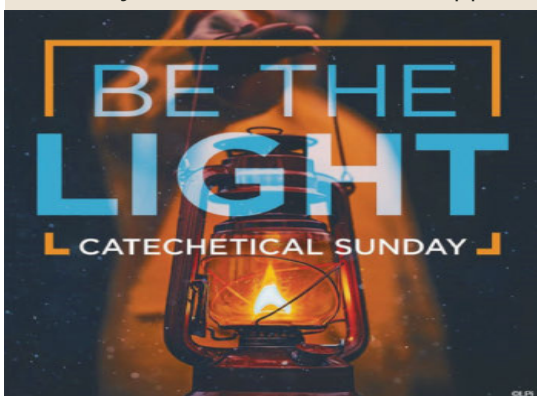
Mike Duffy

Chuck Kroells

David Clark

Eileen Effertz

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 am Private Visitation
- 2:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:20 pm Religious Ed Families
- 8:00 pm Closing/Departure

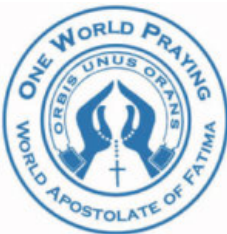
The mission of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is to bring the message of Fatima - the Peace Plan from Heaven - to a world in need. Our Lord told Sister Lucia, the oldest of the three seers at Fatima, that he had entrusted the peace of the world to the Immaculate Heart.

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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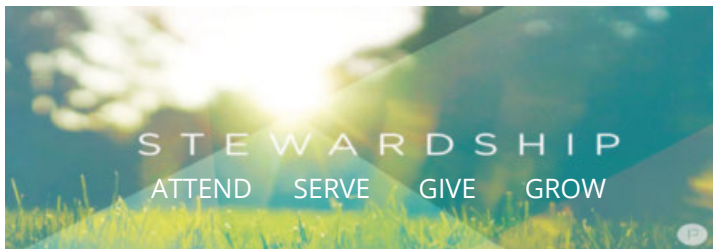
Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima for our Nation

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.



Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,873.00
9/8/2024 Collection (Week 10)*	\$5,342.35
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,530.65

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 7 at 4:15 pm	258
Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 am	157
Sunday, September 8 at 10:00 am	144
Livestream views	23

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

Thank you to all who volunteered their time, donated an auction item, and attended the fall festival. We are amazed at how generous people of our parish are. It was a great time of fellowship and we thank you for making it a successful event.
- Fall Festival Committee

Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Winners

\$3,000	Marilyn Murphy
\$1,500	Wilma Bartels
\$1,500	Alex Johns
\$1,000	Sarah Williams
\$500	Jody Herrmann
\$500	Robert & Emily Kramm
\$250	Paul Turmes
\$250	Ben Gregory



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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, Oct. 5th
4:00-7:00 pm
OLP Parish Hall
Free Will Offering



New Date

Our Lady of the Prairie's
New Parishioners



WELCOME We're glad
you're here

Brendan & Sara Galvin
Quinn and Henry

*Please make them feel at home in
their new parish community.*

How can we, as Catholics, vote in good conscience?

Please read "A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters"
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 16

No Mass

Tuesday, September 17

6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 am Mass
Coffee & donuts after Mass
3:00 pm School Staff Meeting
6:20 pm Confirmation Meeting -
8th Grade parents & students

Thursday, September 19

8:30 am Mass

Friday, September 20

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, September 21

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, September 22

8:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship following Mass -
hosted by Catholic United Financial
10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship following Mass -
hosted by Catholic United Financial
11:00 am Knights of Columbus Exemplification

Saturday, September 21, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy
Lector: Charlotte Mulroy
EMHC: Charlotte Mulroy, Keith Heitkamp,
Volunteers (2)
Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartman, Scott Williams,
Chris Weldon
Servers: MJ Kurvers, Elijah Williams
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 22, 8:00 am

Greeters: Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector: Marcia Makowski
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, September 22, 10:00 am

Greeters: Al & Dorothy Bartolomei
Lector: Rick Morgan
EMHC: Nora Wermerskirchen, Terry Feddersen,
Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark
Ushers: Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein,
Johan Miller
Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
EMHC: Mike Buchanan (Kingsway)
Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon **16** Sept † No Mass
Tue **17** Sept 6:30 pm † liv. & d. Members of Mike
McMahon Family
Wed **18** Sept 8:30 am † liv. & d. Art & Alvina
Johnson
Thur **19** Sept 8:30 am † d. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan
Fri **20** Sept 8:30 am † d. Carole Fogarty
Sat **21** Sept 4:15 pm † d. Lorence & Ethel Boehne
Sun **22** Sept 8:00 am † For the Parish
10:00 am † liv. Florentina Faunillan

READINGS

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-
10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11
-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/
Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-
50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

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