



# 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.

#### 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

September 22, 2024



"Of all his virtues, Christ specifically commends one to us, *humility*.  
'Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart.'"

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

True wisdom comes from our relationship with God. The book of Wisdom reminds us to cultivate all that is good and true. What is good and true is from God which allows our relationship with God to flourish. Foolishness leads us away from God and toward all that is not of God, and leads to the death of body and spirit.



In the Gospel it is recorded that greed and envy plagued even Jesus' apostles. They don't hear him announce for the second time that he will be betrayed and die. Rather what they are concerned about is their own greatness.

Greatness in the eyes of God is rooted in wise-living and we see the example of Jesus taking the child in his arms. Each person is created in God's own image and likeness and God sees the greatness in each of us. It's not just the wealthy and powerful, but rather Jesus' life is about service to others. It leads him to Calvary, but that's not the end of the story. Death on Calvary hill and burial in the tomb culminate in resurrection and ascension! Life is far greater than death and we have that wonderful example in Jesus!

Thank you for coming to Mass! Thank you for participating in the life and liturgy of our parish and school! I will continually thank you and always be appreciative. Let us use our talents and resources to properly administer what God has bestowed up on us and reveal our desire to be great in the eyes of God!

God bless you,  
Father Michael Kaluza

While our bulletin is always perfect each week, some churches publish accidentally funny material. Acquaintances have sent me the following funny blunders:

- ◆ The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- ◆ The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.
- ◆ Ladies, don't forget the garage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ◆ Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

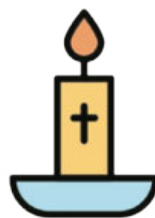
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Natalie (Covington) Ruiz  
Jordan Ruiz  
David May  
Dillan May

and for all military members & their families.

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



## 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	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

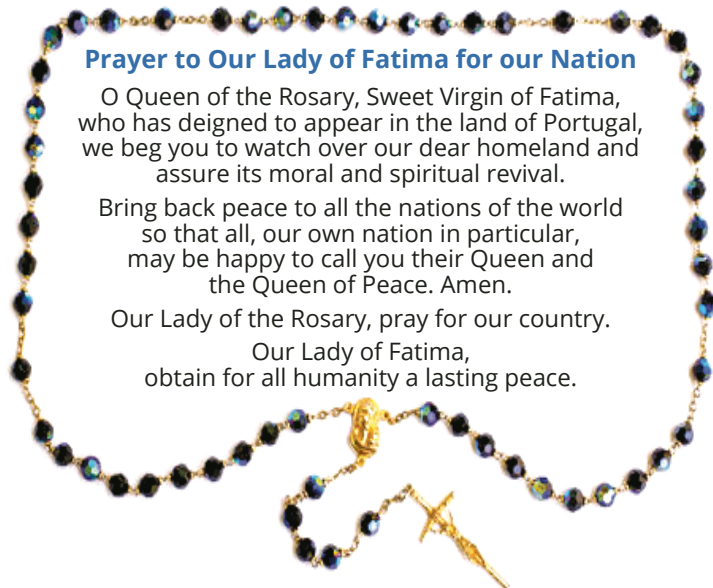
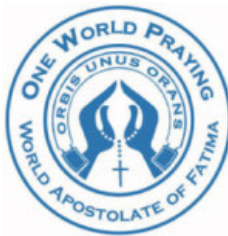
The mission of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is to bring the message of Fatima - the Peace Plan from Heaven - to a world in need. Our Lord told Sister Lucia, the oldest of the three seers at Fatima, that he had entrusted the peace of the world to the Immaculate Heart.

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
9/15/2024 Collection (Week 10)*	\$6,254.91
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$2,618.09

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 14 at 4:15 pm	186
Sunday, September 15 at 8:00 am	150
Sunday, September 15 at 10:00 am	175
Livestream views	24

Total Registered Active Families	486
Total Registered Active Members	1,293

\*Collection week includes envelopes and loose total for that weekend collection.

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**Our Lady of the Prairie's  
New Parishioners**

# WELCOME

We're glad you're here

**Nick & Karie Reishus**  
and Anders

**James & Christine Oak**  
Claire, Bennett, Sophie, and Wesley

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

Southwest Deanery  
Council of Catholic Women's

## Mission Event

Thursday, October 10

St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center  
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**Speaker:** Sister Stephanie  
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Our Lady of the Prairie  
Catholic School

## 2024 Marathon of Prayer

**September 27 through October 15**

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

Our Marathon of Prayer is quickly approaching. We are very excited to participate in the prayers and walking to support our school and pray for all of those who have requested our prayers. All families, Preschool through 6th grade are invited to participate. The proceeds from the Marathon play an instrumental portion of our annual budget. It helps supply core and supplemental curriculum along with helping with the overall budget to run the school. We are grateful for everyone who supports our school.

**We are seeking to match funds raised at levels of \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000.**

Students will be walking a total of 20 laps over a two day period and will be praying a specific prayer for each lap.


1. Prayers of thanksgiving to God
2. Prayer for Catholic Schools
3. Sick & dying
4. Souls in purgatory
5. The hungry/homeless
6. Priest, deacon, and sisters vocations
7. Prayers for matching donation sponsors
8. Prayers of blessings from God
9. Prayer for Students
10. Rosary
11. An end to abortion
12. Cancer survivors & sufferers
13. The imprisoned and lonely
14. Local, national and global leaders
15. Those who have fallen away from their faith
16. Prayer for teachers
17. Beatitudes
18. Prayer for parents
19. Prayer for grandparents
20. Rosary

# Lead, they'll follow.



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# PRIESTHOOD *Sunday*



September 29

Heavenly Father, pour out Your grace on the priests You have made. Let them remember that in performing their tasks, they are never alone. Strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help them to serve their parishioners.

*We Appreciate Father Kaluza!*



## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Feast Day: Sept. 27

**LET US LOVE GOD,**  
*my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.*

—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE**



The Seven Sisters is a group of women committed to making a weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament to pray specifically for our pastor, Father Michael. We have one group of "sisters". Each has chosen a specific day of the week to make a Holy Hour for our pastor. We are part of a worldwide apostolate based out of the Archdiocese of

St. Paul, Minneapolis. Our year officially begins in June with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, but you may join at any time. To learn more about joining Seven Sisters in our parish, contact Ginny Morgan at: [vmorganginnylou@gmail.com](mailto:vmorganginnylou@gmail.com), or (701) 212-3109.



**IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER**

Please remember in your prayers

**Irene Isabell Castor**

We extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends, and loved ones, and pray for her eternal peace.

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PTA Fundraiser**

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# **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Saturday, Oct. 5th**

**4:00-7:00 pm**

**OLP Parish Hall**

**Free Will Offering**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, September 23

No Mass

### Tuesday, September 24

1:30 pm Kingsway

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Church Night Meetings

### Wednesday, September 25

8am - 8 pm Our Lady of Fatima Statue

8:30 am Mass - OLP Students  
Coffee & donuts after Mass

2:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00-7:00 pm Women's Small Group in Conference Rm

6:20 pm RE Families meet in Church

### Thursday, September 26

8:30 am Mass

### Friday, September 27

8:30 am Mass

### Saturday, September 28

4:15 pm Mass

### Sunday, September 29 Priesthood Sunday

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

### Saturday, September 28, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz

Lector: Sue Schultz

EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz,  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher,  
Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz

Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew "Gus" Saxe, Addy Saxe

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

### Sunday, September 29, 8:00 am

Greeters: Bob & Dorene Smith

Lector: Sharon Beach

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 29, 10:00 am

Greeters: Pat & Sandy Schroers

Lector: Sheila Schmitz

EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington,  
Edsel Faunillan, Volunteer

Ushers: Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen,  
Caleb Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen

Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 23 Sept † No Mass

Tue 24 Sept 6:30 pm † d. Gary McCue

Wed 25 Sept 8:30 am † liv. & d. Andrew Guertin  
Family

Thur 26 Sept 8:30 am † d. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan

Fri 27 Sept 8:30 am † d. Teresa Fritz

Sat 28 Sept 4:15 pm † For the Parish

Sun 29 Sept 8:00 am † d. Brent Meyer  
10:00 am † liv. Joseph Rand

## READINGS

### Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—  
4:3/Mk 9:30-37

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/  
Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,  
163/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk  
9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and  
17/Lk 9:43b-45

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