



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 by noon on Monday for the following Sunday. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

October 6, 2024



"It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life."

Pope St. John Paul II



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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



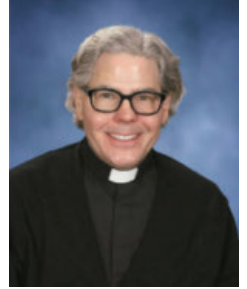
Natalie (Covington) Ruiz
Jordan Ruiz
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Dylan May
Sean Alander

and for all military members & their families.

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

This weekend our readings speak to us about the divine beauty in marriage. God created the natural institution of marriage to be a foundational building block of society. Already at the dawn of creation when humans came about, God intended that husband and wife should join together in the holy sacrament of marriage. It is the fitting place for the procreation and rearing of children.



The blessings of a happy home and stable marriage are essential to the natural ordering of society. The Genesis story is very compelling because we learn that God is invested in marriage as a part of his own creation. God creates us to live in community with him and one another.

Jesus reiterates the original intention of God in creation by refusing to enter the disputes and traps set for him by the Pharisees. Jesus clearly intends that the commitment of marriage shows the equality of man and woman. They both have a vested interest in the institution of marriage and they both are called to the same fidelity so that the two really become one flesh!

This week I will be away on retreat – praying for you, our parish and school. I also am grateful for the prayers that you offer for me. I look forward to returning for Mass next weekend! May we always demonstrate our commitment to live as God created!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

October is Respect Life Month.

Please pray this prayer daily, that all come to respect the gift of life:

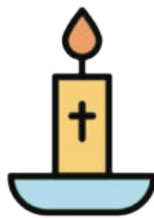
Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image- as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.



PRAYER LIST

Bud Steen	Rajen Sidhu
Sara Meyer	Don Morrison
Bob Koenig	Cindy Gregory
Matt Hennen	Chuck Kroells
Mary Pat Murphy	Dave Buesgens
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.



Celebration of Baptism

Valerie Grace Fogarty
 Daughter of
 James & Jessica Fogarty
 September 29, 2024



Weekly Collection Goal for Month	\$8,873.00
9/29/2024 Collection (Week 13)*	\$5,695.25
Current Week Deficit	(-) \$3,177.75
Maintenance Fund	\$955.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 28 at 4:15 pm	171
Sunday, September 29 at 8:00 am	170
Sunday, September 29 at 10:00 am	151
Livestream views	N/A
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.

Southwest Deanery
 Council of Catholic Women's

Mission Event

Thursday, October 10

St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center
 215 Main St. E.
 New Prague, MN

Speaker: Sister Stephanie
 School Sisters of Notre Dame

"Are women of hope, committed to bringing Jesus' message of love and unity to the world."

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Questions: Mary (507) 744-5154
 email: mary.wick@sswaints.org

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"When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold your son'. Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother'. And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." (John 19: 26-27).

John is representing you and me. John took her to his own home (to his heart). The last gift Jesus gave before giving every drop of His Sacred Blood was His mother. Why? What does it mean?

We joyfully invite you to consecrate to Jesus through the Virgin Mary for the Solemnity of the Virgin Mary in the mystery of the Immaculate Conception this December!

What do I need to do?

Spend 20-40 minutes a day for 33 days with daily readings, reflections, and prayers. These prayers may be said at any time throughout the day, either individually or in community/family.

Come to the Church every Monday for about 90 minutes to talk, share and/or listen to others in small groups what we have learned and/or experienced during the week in our daily readings, reflections, and prayers.

When? Starts Sunday, November 3, 2024, in the Church from 4:30pm to 6:00pm with the introduction of the 33-Day Preparation, delivery of the "33 Days to Morning Glory" book; provided by the Church. Supper will be served.

Monday | We will meet every Monday starting on November 11th at the Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Day 34 | Consecration Day | Monday, December 9, 2024
Immaculate Conception, December 8 falls this year on one of the Advent Sundays so, the Solemnity date will be transferred to the following Monday (December 9).

To Register: There is a registration list on the desk at the entrance of the Roedel Hall or please contact Leticia Fogarty. Leticia.fogarty@gmail.com or by calling/texting 612-708-1491



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 7

No Mass

Tuesday, October 8

Father Kaluza out of office -
Father Roger Hessian presiding

Wednesday, October 9

Father Kaluza out of office -
Father Roger Hessian presiding

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

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

6:20 pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday, October 10

Father Kaluza out of office -
Father Roger Hessian presiding

8:30 am Mass

6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conference Room

Friday, October 11

Father Kaluza out of office -
Father Roger Hessian presiding

Saturday, October 12

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, October 13

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship following Sunday
Masses in Roedel Hall - sponsored by
Marriage Encounter

7:00 pm Marriage Encounter meeting in Roedel Hall

Saturday, October 12, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteers (2)

Lector: Charlotte Mulroy

EMHC: Charlotte Mulroy, Dan Flynn,
Volunteers (2)

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

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

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 13, 8:00 am

Greeters: Allen & Sharon Schmitz

Lector: Sheila Hendricks

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, October 13, 10:00 am

Greeters: Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse

Lector: Sandy Schroers

EMHC: Mary Randklev, Nora Wermerskirchen,
Hannah Wermerskirchen, Volunteer

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

Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

EMHC: Janice Teal (Kingsway)
Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 07 Oct † No Mass

Tue 08 Oct 6:30 pm † liv. & d. Dan Murphy Family

Wed 09 Oct 8:30 am † d. Jim Halloran

Thur 10 Oct 8:30 am † d. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan

Fri 11 Oct 8:30 am † d. Kathy Kaluza

Sat 12 Oct 4:15 pm † d. Mary Jane & Donald
O'Brien

Sun 13 Oct 8:00 am † d. Christine Zehnder

10:00 am † For the Parish

READINGS

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9
-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk
10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk
10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

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