



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

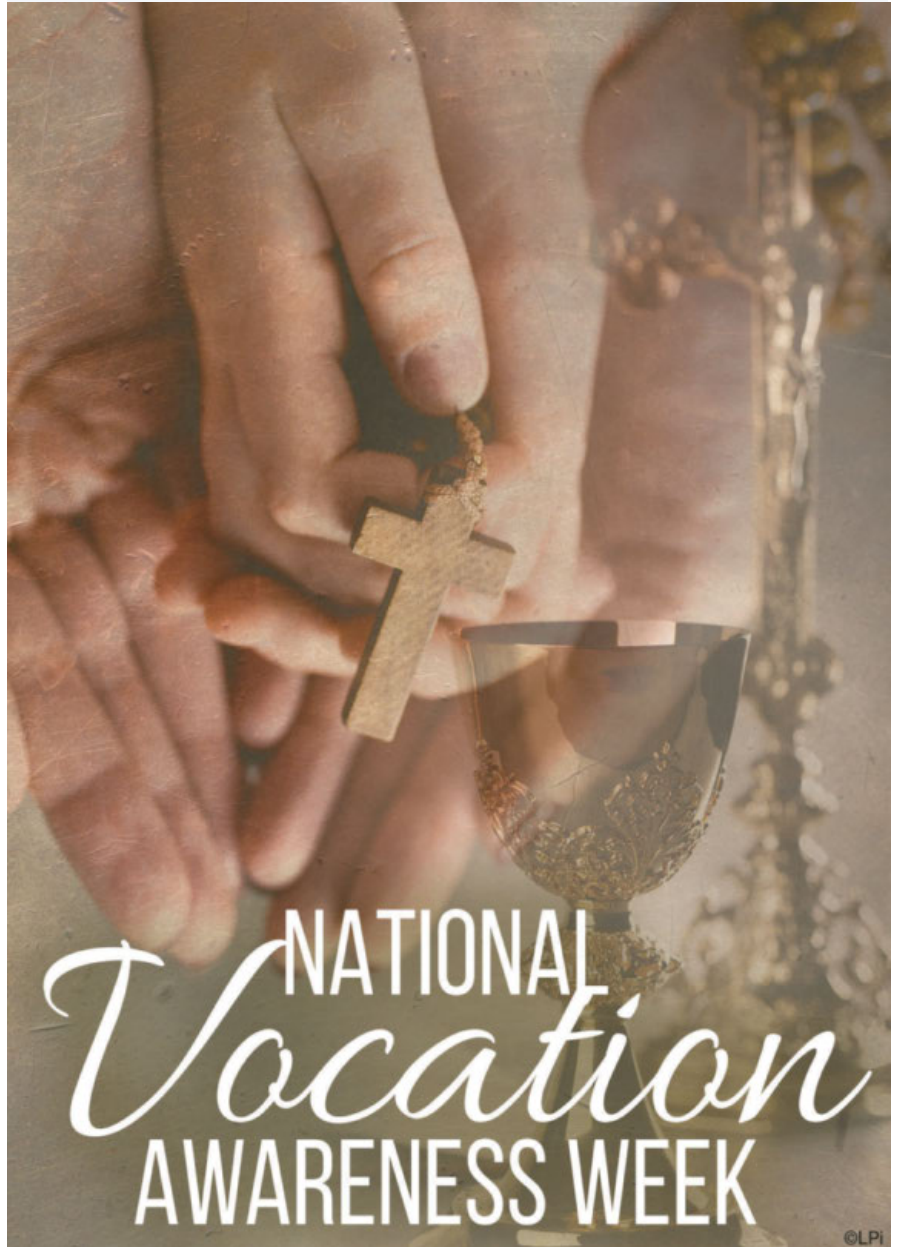
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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

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November 3, 2024



An annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Natalie (Covington) Ruiz
Jordan Ruiz
David May
Dylan May
Sean Alander
Alex Vandermark

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 . . .

The readings this week get at the heart of the matter: to love God above all else! In making God the priority of our lives, everything falls properly into place. This is the core of the first reading and the Gospel. The response that Jesus offers is that when aware of this, we are not far from God's kingdom.

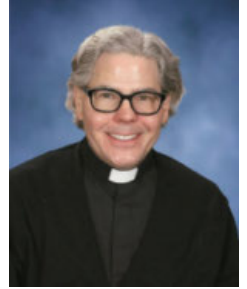
That's where we all want to end up. To acquire that intimate knowledge and longing for God, should be the main focus of our lives. All that we say and do should reflect that desire. Of course, we must be able to live our lives in this world by working, providing for physical needs of food and shelter and caring for those around us. This reflects our desire to love God and neighbor. May we always show this priority in our daily lives!

It is election season in our great land and we are blessed with the opportunity to exercise our right to participate in the governing process of our nation. Our Catholic faith instructs us to bring our faith to the public square and actively practice our faith. May we be a bright beacon of hope with our vote to show that God is the priority of our lives and may our vote reflect loving God above all else.

We are inspired to think and act by the supernatural virtues of faith, hope and love acquired at baptism. Our Church has teachings and instruction regarding faith and morals and the priorities of our vote. May we keep these Christian values in mind as we exercise our duty to vote with a formed conscience: the right to life and the dignity of the human person, the intrinsically evil act of abortion, threats to our basic religious freedoms, the nature of marriage and family, the dignity of work and the rights of workers, the option for the poor and vulnerable, good stewardship of creation, care for immigrants, war and terrorism. Much is expected of us, because we are the beneficiaries of many blessings. All that we do must be directed toward truth, goodness and beauty!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



Saturday, November 9 at 4:15 pm

Knights of Columbus®

4th Degree Honor Guard

Memorial Mass

Honoring Deceased KC Members from Past 10 Years



PRAYER LIST

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.

Bud Steen	Rajen Sidhu
Bob Koenig	Don Morrison
Matt Hennen	Dave Buesgens
Cara Miller	Chuck Kroells
Deacon Bob Raleigh	Eileen Effertz
Ron (Franny) Gerres	Elmer Lambrecht
Mona Bentfield	



Advancing the Dignity of Christians in the Holy Land

Please visit our display at your parish
Saturday & Sunday
November 2nd and 3rd, 2024
 After each Mass

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

When Blest Art visits they will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art.

They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Christians, we are all called to bear the burdens of others who are in need. These words resonate with us today as the entire world garbles with many silent and active wars including the war on our families and our traditional Catholic morals on marriage and many other things.

While no country or community has been spared, it is truly the most vulnerable communities which have borne the brunt of this calamity. This is especially so of the Christians community in the Holy land. Since Hamas attacks of October 7th, 2024, Shaped up to be the worst year for the Holy Land Christians in a decades. Priests of all denominations say they've been stalked, spat on and beaten during their walks to church. This has made life worse for Christians in the birthplace of Christianity. Many Christians feel squeezed between a rock and a hard Place.

None of this would have ever been imagined 50 years ago where Christians where the majority in Jerusalem. For centuries, our community has suffered from wars and disasters leading to a rapid decline of our numbers to a mere few thousands. Then came these attacks and delt severe blow to the livelihood of the Christians who made their living from olive wood carvings and catering to our religious pilgrims from all the world.

However, the continues anti-Christian pressure and economic difficulties due to violence and the lack of tourism may be the final straw leading to Christian extinction from the Holy Land. For the very first time in History their will be no one to protect our Church, our history, and our holy sites.

Therefore, today we are asking those who are more fortunate and blessed to help in any way possible. Our carvings make beautiful gifts for all occasions. Include yourself, your Church, for your wonderful Priest and even for someone you don't like at all.

We accept all payment, cash, credit, checks and post-dated payments. So please stop by if you find it in your heart that you can help our families. Let us remember the words of Jesus: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Sorry for my accent, I know it is different and it may be difficult to understand, but I hope you get the message that my people in the Holy Land ask me to deliver to you. The Christian Families in the Holy Land loves you and they will keep you in their prayer, also, keep them in your prayer and please pray with us for peace on earth.

Thank you and God Bless you and God Bless America. We Love You,

Ambassador for the Church of Jerusalem



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Richard Joseph Burmeister

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

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

Todd and Becky VonBank

WELCOME

We're glad you're here



**Retirement Fund
 for Religious**

**Please give to those who
 have given a lifetime.**

Collection on December 7 & 8



“For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. (Luke, 1, 48-49)

She remained in perfect humility. She not only listened to God, but she embodied the Word of God. We must follow the example of the Virgin Mary; we must embody the Word in ourselves from true humility, to bear much fruit.

This is what Consecration is about. It is giving oneself to God from a contrite and humbled heart; recognizing that He is Everything and I am nothing. That the Virgin Mary has been chosen by God to be my spiritual mother. It is the need to recognize my misery, but at the same time its smallness in the midst of God’s infinite Mercy. It is a call to go to Jesus with empty hands of myself because there is very little that I can give Him. It is the desire to imitate His mother who has given everything to Him through the Fiat (Yes), to God.

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to love and imitate our Mother from Heaven from humility, and thus, allow ourselves to be transformed into the image of God, to bear fruits that last, fruits for eternal life; like her who:

- She was always humbly listening attentively and fulfilling the will of God.
- She meditated in her heart on the events and words that occurred on God’s part in her life (Lk 2:19).
- She was ready to fulfill what God asked of her, each time.
- She agreed to embody the Word not only in her womb, but also in her life, because she always did what God asked of her.
- She changed her plans to wisely follow the best: God’s plans.

In the end, Mary accepts God’s revelation and his plan for her, and with a whole and clean heart, she responds in the most sublime and Christian way that no one can surpass: **Mary said: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word”.** Teach us mother how to say: Yes, to God.

33-Day Preparation | Starts Today, November 3, 2024, with the introduction of the 33-Day Preparation, delivery of the “33 Days to Morning Glory”; book, and supper. From 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

To Register: There is a registration list on the desk at the entrance of Roedel Hall or just come and decide at the end of the day, if you want to join us. Thank you!

Inviting all men and women to participate.



STEWARDSHIP

For the Week of October 27, 2024

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

COLLECTIONS

Date	Week	Amount
10/27/2024	17	\$5,424.00
	Deficit (weekly)	(-) \$2,920.00
Maintenance Fund		\$2,210.00

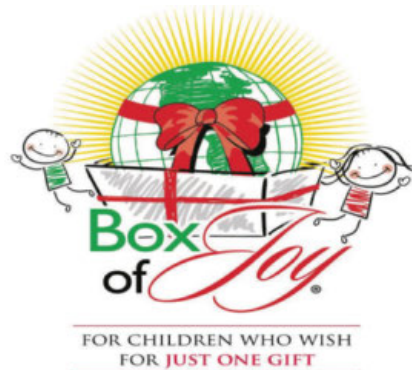
MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday October 26	
4:15 pm	196
Sunday, October 27	
8:00 am	173
10:00 am	173

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.



Our parish will be participating in the holiday **Box of Joy** project during the upcoming seasons of Thanksgiving & Joy!

The **Box of Joy** project is a fun and simple activity for the whole family. It teaches the lesson of loving our neighbor as God has loved and blessed us.

Gift ideas, Drop off, and packing information along with scheduled dates & times are available to you at the Box of Joy display by the Roedel Hall entrance.

Ginny Morgan/Maureen Daly will be at the display following Masses.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 4

No Mass

Tuesday, November 5 Election Day

Fr. Kaluza out of office 11/5-11/8

1:00 -2:30 pm Box of Joy -OLP Students pack in Roedel Hall
 6:30 pm Mass - Fr. Roger Hessian presiding
 7:00 pm KC Meeting in Parish Hall
 7:00 pm CCW Meeting in Roedel Hall

Wednesday, November 6

8:30 am Mass - Fr. Roger Hessian presiding
 1 -2:30 pm Box of Joy - OLP students pack in Roedel Hall
 5:00-7 pm Women's Small Group in Conference Rm
 6:20 pm Religious Education Advent Confession

Thursday, November 7

8:30 am Mass - Fr. Roger Hessian presiding
 6:30-8:00pm Box of Joy -Parishioner's pack in Roedel Hall
 6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conference Room

Friday, November 8

8:30 am Mass - Fr. Roger Hessian presiding
 6:30-8pm Box of Joy - Marriage Encounter & KC's pack in Roedel Hall

Saturday, November 9

4:15 pm KC Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 10

8:00 am Mass
 9:00 am Choir Practice
 10:00 am Mass
 Treats & Fellowship in Roedel Hall following Sunday Masses only - hosted by Marriage Encounter

Saturday, November 9, 4:15 pm KC Memorial Mass

Greeters: KC Members (2)
 Lector: Joe Vandermark
 EMHC: Bob Fahey, Rick Morgan, Keith Heitkamp, Mike Buchanan
 Ushers: Troy Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen, Caleb Wermerskirchen, KC Member (1)
 Servers: Ian Saxe, Emmett Strauss, JD Vandermark
 Gift Bearers: KC Members

Sunday, November 10, 8:00 am

Greeters: Bob & Dorene Smith
 Lector: James Fogarty
 EMHC: Janice Teal, Sharon Beach, Sheila Hendricks, Volunteer
 Ushers: Tim Murphy, Tim Halloran, Allen Schmitz, Volunteer
 Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, November 10, 10:00 am

Greeters: Al & Dorothy Bartolomei
 Lector: Sandy Schroers
 EMHC: Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Edsel Faunillan, Volunteer
 Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
 Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers
 EMHC: Janice Teal (Kingsway), Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 4 Nov † No Mass
 Tue 5 Nov 6:30 pm † d. Rev. Fred Meyer
 Wed 6 Nov 8:30 am † d. Jerry & Alice McCarthy
 Thur 7 Nov 8:30 am † d. Gary Halloran
 Fri 8 Nov 8:30 am † d. Garman Elder
 Sat 9 Nov 4:15 pm † For the Parish
 Sun 10 Nov 8:00 am † d. Carl Gansen
 10:00 am † d. James & Marie Christensen

READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 3, 2024

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-2

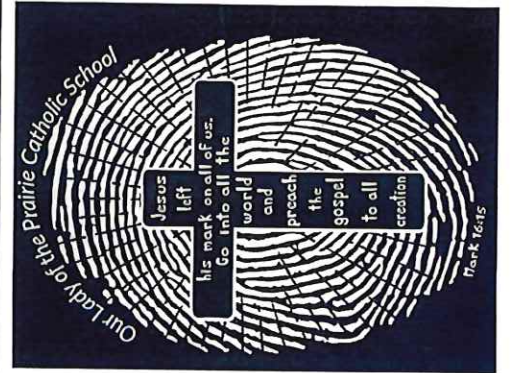
Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School Apparel Orders

Due to the office by November 18 *cash or check payable to OLP

LOGO ITEMS



Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School



ITEM #1



ITEM #2



ITEM #3



ITEM #4



ITEM #5



ITEM #6



ITEM #7



ITEM #8



ITEM #9



ITEM #10



ITEM #11



ITEM #12



ITEM #13



ITEM #14



ITEM #15



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School Apparel Orders

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ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
1	Pom-Pom Beanie Hat-Navy <i>One size fits most</i>	\$15										
2	Knit Hat-Navy <i>One size fits most</i>	\$15										
3	YOUTH Fleece Full Zip Jacket with embroidered school logo <i>Sport-Tek 100% Polyester</i>	\$40					NA	NA	NA	NA		
4	MENS Fleece Full Zip Jacket with embroidered school logo <i>Sport-Tek 100% Polyester</i>	\$50										
5	WOMENS Fleece Full Zip Jacket with embroidered school logo <i>Sport-Tek 100% Polyester</i>	\$50										
6	NAVY-Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt with embroidered logo <i>50/50 Cotton/Poly blend-Men's Sizing</i>	\$40	NA									
7	GRAY-Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt with embroidered logo <i>50/50 cotton/poly blend-Men's sizing</i>	\$40	NA									
8	NAVY- ¼ Zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt with embroidered logo <i>50/50 Cotton/Poly Blend</i>	\$40	NA									
9	VINTAGE HEATHER NAVY- ¼ Zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt with embroidered logo <i>50/50 Cotton/Poly Blend</i>	\$40	NA									
10	GRAY- ¼ Zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt with embroidered logo <i>50/50 Cotton/Poly Blend</i>	\$40	NA									
11	YOUTH-Tshirt Jesus Left His Mark <i>Sport-Tek 100% Polyester</i>	\$15	NA					NA	NA	NA		
12	WOMEN'S -Tshirt Jesus Left His Mark <i>Sport-Tek 100% Polyester</i>	\$20										
13	MEN'S -Tshirt Jesus Left His Mark <i>Sport-Tek 100% Polyester</i>	\$20										
14	WOMEN'S - V-Neck Long Sleeve Shirt Jesus Left His Mark <i>90/10 Cotton/Poly Blend</i>	\$25										
15	MEN'S Long Sleeve Shirt Jesus Left His Mark <i>Sport-Tek 100% Polyester</i>	\$25										
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE												

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