



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

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

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November 10, 2024

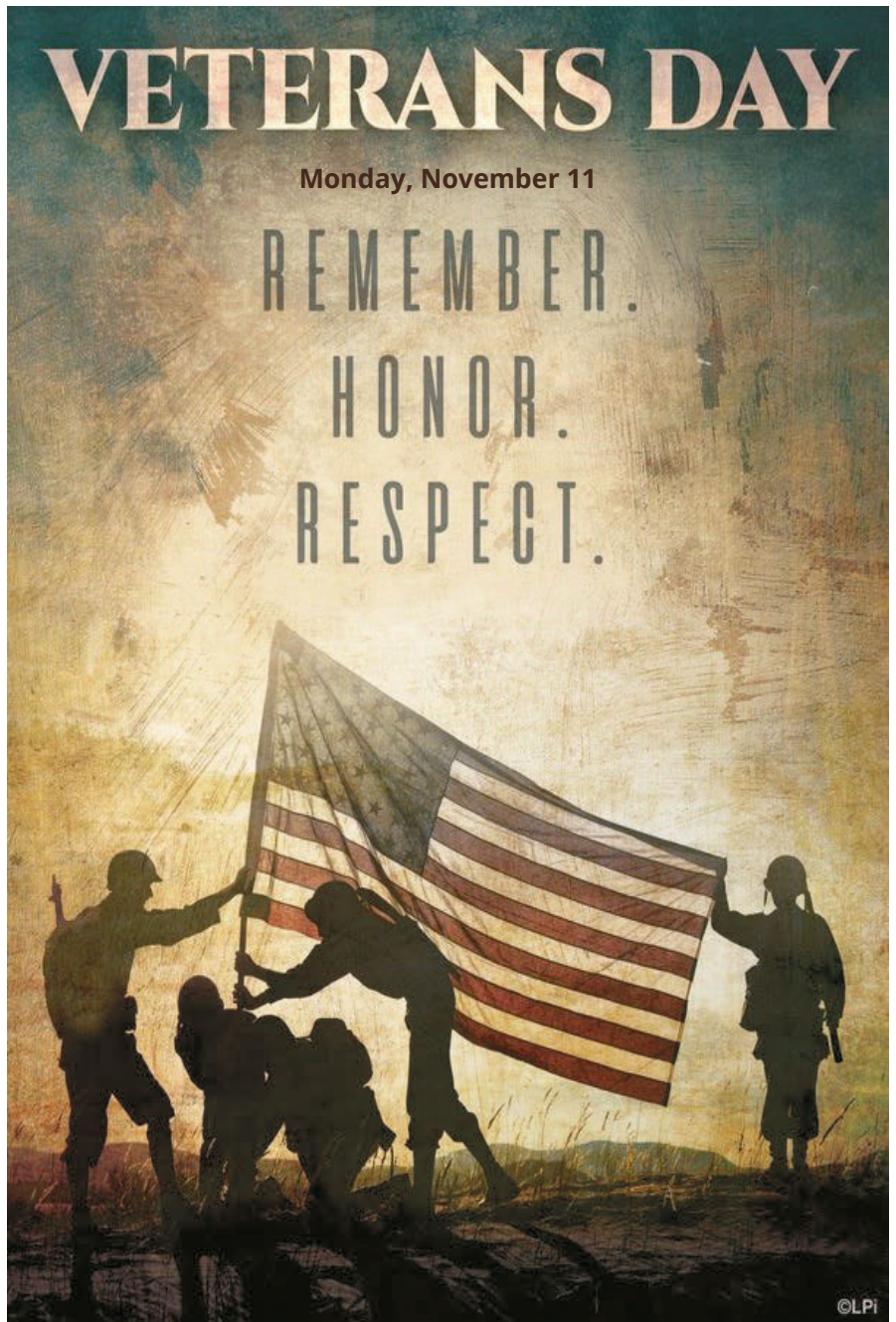
VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11

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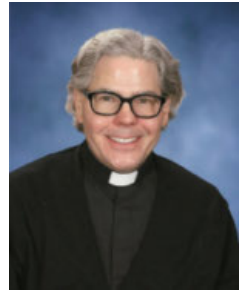
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EARLY DEADLINE

Please submit your bulletin requests by Thursday, November 14 to be included in the November 24th bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Gospel this weekend is about rich people and poor people. But Jesus really surprises all people! His teaching tells of rich people who are not very rich at all in what matters most and a poor widow who is rich in self-giving. The rich are not condemned for being rich, but for lacking in making a gift of themselves. The poor widow is exalted not for being poor, but for giving all that she has! That is the way of discipleship to give all to God, because God has given all to us!



The widow is a model for the radical demands of discipleship in her not holding back even the little that she has. Jesus held back nothing and offered all and in following him, He calls us to imitate his example. The abusive scribes in the story have everything (power, status, position, money) and end up losing everything. The widow has very little but ends up gaining all! So it must be with those who follow Jesus, we give our all and gain everything – eternal life!

The Gospel challenges our perspective and contrasts the scribes' insincere and self-serving behavior with the widow's honest and self-giving action. That should be what we want to achieve as well. It is not just about the here and now; it is about the future to come! We live for something greater than we currently experience and the end of our church year is a reminder to keep our focus on what really matters. Our relationship with God is the greatest treasure we could possess and that treasure is of great value! May we not fear giving all we have to God as He has richly blessed us!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

Prepare your heart for the Lord . . .



ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE
Wednesday, December 4
6:30 PM

Several visiting pastors will hear confessions.




PRAYER LIST

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

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.

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

Scott and Dana Tucker



WELCOME We're glad you're here

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).




ADORATION CHAPEL

- ◆ Spend time with our Lord anytime at your convenience
- ◆ Accessible 24 Hours
- ◆ No length of time required
- ◆ Call the Parish Office for detailed information and to complete a quick one time registration.


"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



A Prayer for Our Veterans

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with
brave men and women
who are willing to defend our freedom.
May Your protection and grace
surround them each day.
Let Your healing hand be upon those
who suffer wounds and injuries.
May those who have made the
ultimate sacrifice rest forever in
Your Holy Presence.
Comfort the families who mourn
and are left to remember
the precious lives of their loved ones.
Help us to honor and support them.
Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made
on behalf of the American people by our
sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers,
fathers, and friends.
Amen




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Collection on December 7 & 8

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Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

An Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by Belle Plaine area congregations will be hosted by First Presbyterian on

Monday, November 25th at 7:00 pm.

Refreshments will be served by First Presbyterian Church.

The Thanksgiving Worship is also intended to remember the needs of others. In this regard, people are encouraged to bring two kinds of offerings with them to the church.

One is an offering of nonperishable food items to be donated to a local food shelf. Food shelves in our area have made it known that the need is great, and so a generous response would be welcome.

The second offering goes the local "Good Samaritan Fund," that provides help for transient people in our area. And is supported by participating churches.

The community is welcomed and invited to attend.



EAT, GATHER & BE GRATEFUL

THE FEAST

A BELLE PLAINE COMMUNITY EVENT

GRACIOUSLY FUNDED BY MOODY ENTERPRISE

An event for community members to come together and show gratitude for each other and celebrate our wonderful community. Activities, open gym, arts & crafts and a warm meal will be served.

Sunday, November 24

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Oak Crest Elementary

- Free Will Donation -

Free will donation goes towards scholarships for our youth!

Interested in meal delivery? Call - (952) 649-2499



VIKINGS GAME WILL BE ON!!



For the Week of November 3, 2024

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

COLLECTIONS

| Date | | Amount |
|------------|------------------|--------------|
| 11/01/2024 | All Saint's Day | \$1,145.00 |
| 11/02/2024 | All Soul's Day | \$836.00 |
| 11/03/2024 | Week 18 | \$8,208.00 |
| | Deficit (weekly) | (-) \$136.00 |

MASS ATTENDANCE

| Friday, November 1 | | All Saint's Day |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| 8:30 am | | 216 |
| 6:30 pm | | 142 |
| Saturday, November 2 | | All Soul's Day |
| 4:15 pm | | 315 |
| Sunday, November 3 | | |
| 8:00 am | | 198 |
| 10:00 am | | No count available |

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

Automatic Contributions

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 11 Veteran's Day

No Mass
 1:00 - 3:00pm All School Assembly in Roedel Hall
 6:30-8:00pm Consecration to Jesus thru Mary in Roedel Hall

Tuesday, November 12

1:30pm Mass at Kingsway
 6:30 pm Mass
 7:00pm CCW Meeting in Roedel Hall
 7:00pm Liturgy Planning

Wednesday, November 13

8:30pm Mass
 1:00pm Office Staff Meeting
 5:00-7:00pm Women's Small Group in Conference Room
 6:20pm Religious Education

Thursday, November 14

8:30 am Mass
 2:00pm Mass at Lutheran Home
 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group in Conference Room

Friday, November 15

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, November 16

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, November 17

8:00 am Mass
 9:00 am Choir Practice
 10:00 am Mass
 Treats & Fellowship in Roedel Hall following Sunday Masses - hosted by Catholic United Financial

Saturday, November 16, 4:15 pm KC Memorial Mass

Greeters: Patrick & Charlotte Mulroy
 Lector: Sue Schultz
 EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Volunteer, Volunteer
 Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartman, Scott Williams, Chris Weldon
 Servers: Elijah Willams, Volunteer
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, November 17, 8:00 am

Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
 Lector: Sharon Schmitz
 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, November 17, 10:00 am

Greeters: Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen
 Lector: Rick Morgan
 EMHC: Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark
 Ushers: Jim Gerres, Jim Covington, Jeff Klein, Johan Miller
 Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers
 EMHC: Mary Moriarty (Kingsway) Lisa Schatz (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon **11** Nov † No Mass
 Tue **12** Nov 6:30 pm † d. Rev. Fred C. Meyer
 Wed **13** Nov 8:30 am † CCW Volunteers
 Thur **14** Nov 8:30 am † d. Jeron Pint
 Fri **15** Nov 8:30 am † d. Brent Meyer
 Sat **16** Nov 4:15 pm † d. Colleen Murphy McCreight
 Sun **17** Nov 8:00 am † For the Parish
 10:00 am † d. For the Souls in Purgatory

READINGS

Readings for the week of November 10, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

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