



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

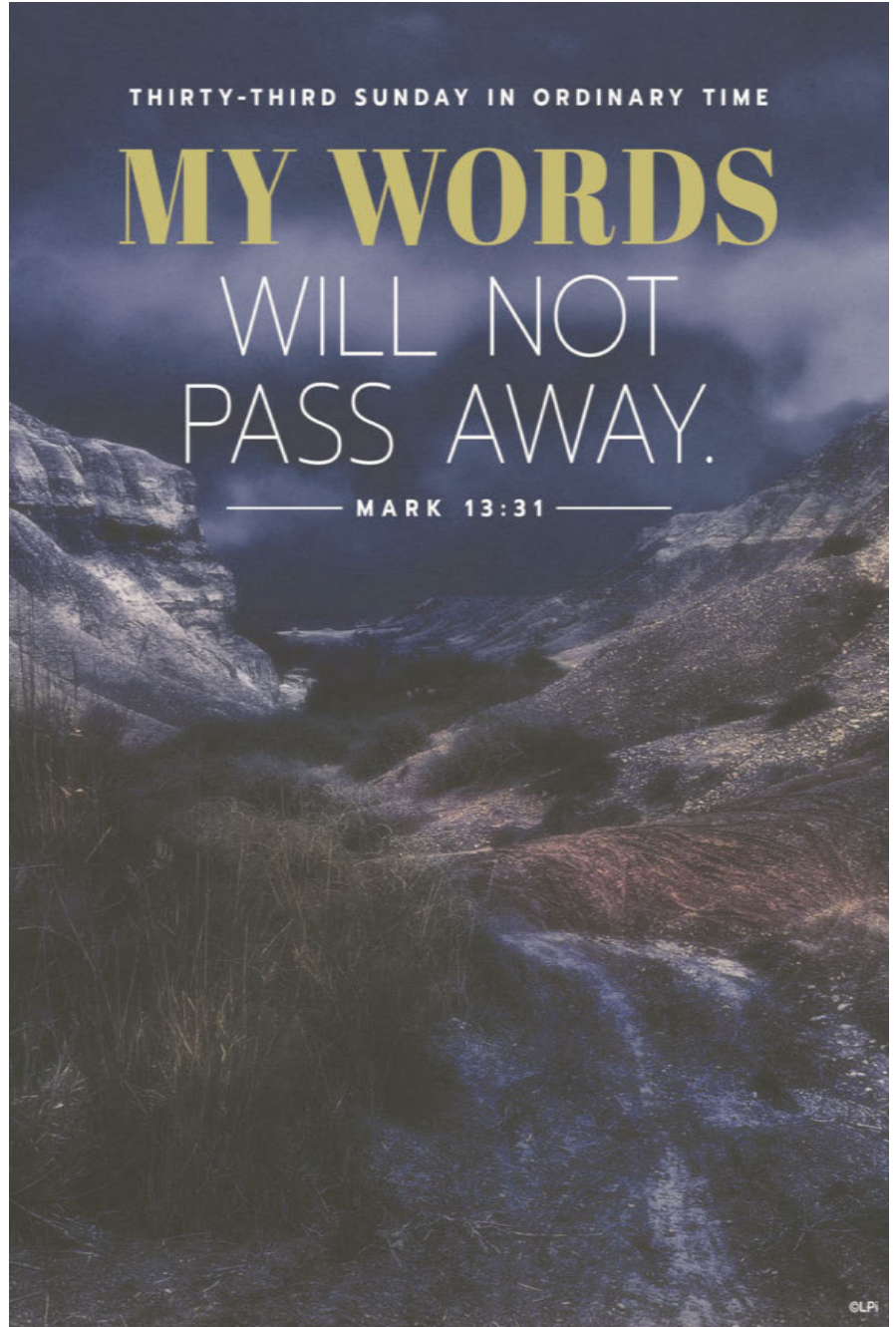
November 17, 2024

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MY WORDS

WILL NOT PASS AWAY.

— MARK 13:31 —



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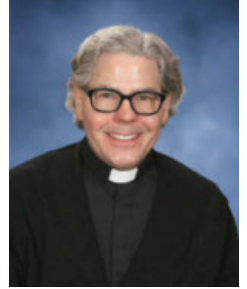
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EARLY DEADLINE

Please submit your bulletin requests by Wednesday, November 20th to be included in the December 1st bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Church year is coming to a close. Next weekend is Christ the King and then we celebrate a brand new liturgical year and our Sunday Gospel focus moves to Saint Luke. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. We have to close out this year. In doing so, we are reminded about the end times and the reality that the material world will come to an end. We do not live for the here and now; we live for what is to come!



As the readings remind us, the end is near. We hear more and more about the alarming images of the end of the world. Within the distress, there is reason for hope! That is because God's ultimate justice will prevail. There are persecutions and tribulations to endure in this life. The Gospel message is not always welcome in this world. However, we can take comfort in knowing Jesus assures us that he will gather his elect. We take comfort in the promise of Jesus. Our destiny is to be with Jesus and we know that he is at the right hand of the Father. May our lives be directed at obtaining beatitude in the Kingdom of Heaven!

Next Monday, November 25th we will gather at First Presbyterian for our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. I hope that you and your family will join us at 7 p.m. as we remember to give thanks to God for the abundance of blessings we realize each and every day and all throughout the year. We have several other local churches joining us, so please make sure to welcome our brothers and sisters of other denominations as they pray with us and offer their gratitude to God! See you there!

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.

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).

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

Mollie (Sparrman) Paige



WELCOME We're glad you're here



**Belle Plaine
 Police Department
 10th Annual Toy Drive**

The Belle Plaine Police Department will be accepting donations of brand new toys for children in need. All donated toys will be distributed to local children whose families are unable to purchase gifts this holiday season. This is an opportunity to help someone in need.

November 13 - December 23

Toy distribution to families will begin on Wednesday, December 11. Although we will collect toys until Monday, December 23, we ask that you donate before December 11, so families can have a good selection of toys to choose from.

- All toys should be new and unwrapped.
- Gifts are accepted for children up to 17 years of age.
- Realistic looking toy weapons and gifts with food will not be distributed.

While purchasing items for smaller children is a pretty simple task, donors often wonder what to get pre-teens. We recommend sporting equipment, board games, books, hand-held electronics and gift cards.

Drop off locations will be at the City of Belle Plaine, Hardware Hank, Coborn's, First National Bank, Cornerstone State Bank, Matt Saxe Chevrolet-Buick, **Our Lady of the Prairie Church**, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church and the Belle Plaine Police Department.

Feel free to contact Belle Plaine Police Department with any questions (952) 873-4307.

Families in need of toys can call the Belle Plaine Police Department Monday through Friday (7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) to make a reservation.



We are grateful for the outpouring of generosity and love from our parish family members for this year's successful **Box of Joy** project. With your support at each stage of this project; donation of postage, gift items, and prayer we packed 303 gift boxes!

Just imagine those smiles and excitement you helped create when our boxes arrive at their destinations!

May you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed and beautiful Christmas season!

Thank you for sharing the LOVE!

Thank you

Ginny Morgan

Mass Intentions

**Weekend & Weekday
 Openings in 2025**

Stop by the Parish Office to schedule .



**Retirement Fund
 for Religious**

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

Collection on December 7 & 8

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.**



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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

Join Us **11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
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For the Week of November 10, 2024

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

COLLECTIONS

Date	Amount
11/10/2024	\$7,453.00
	(-) \$891.00
Endowment Fund	\$335.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 9	
4:15 pm	207
Sunday, November 10	
8:00 am	150
10:00 am	180

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.

Welcome Booklets

If you are interested in a ministry offered by our Parish, please pick up a Welcome Booklet from the back of the church. Opportunities to serve and contact numbers are listed there.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 18

No Mass
 6:30-8:00pm Consecration to Jesus thru Mary in Roedel Hall
 School Apparel Order Forms Due

Tuesday, November 19

6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, November 20

8:30am Mass
 12:00pm Priest Deanery Meeting
 2:15pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:00-7:00pm Women's Small Group in Conference Rm
 6:20pm Religious Education

Thursday, November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Mass

Friday, November 22

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, November 23

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, November 24

8:00 am Mass
 9:00 am Choir Practice
 10:00 am Mass
 11am-2:00pm "The Feast" Dinner at Oak Crest Elementary School

Saturday, November 23, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteer
 Lector: Sarah Williams
 EMHC: Sarah Williams, Betty Weldon, Volunteer, Volunteer
 Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
 Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew "Gus" Saxe, Addy Saxe
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, November 24, 8:00 am

Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
 Lector: Marcia Makowski
 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 24, 10:00 am

Greeters: Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse
 Lector: Sheila Schmitz
 EMHC: Mary Randklev, Nora Wermerskirchen, Hannah Wermerskirchen, Volunteer
 Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
 Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers
 EMHC: Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 18 Nov † No Mass
 Tue 19 Nov 6:30 pm † d. Pat Fogarty
 Wed 20 Nov 8:30 am † d. Gene & Mary McMahon
 Thur 21 Nov 8:30 am † d. Carl Gansen
 Fri 22 Nov 8:30 am † d. Ernesto Faunillan
 Sat 23 Nov 4:15 pm † d. Lynn Skelly
 Sun 24 Nov 8:00 am † For the Parish
 10:00 am † For Women Contemplating Abortion

READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 17, 2024

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

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