



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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December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



The Bethlehem Candle (purple) represents Peace & Preparation

Advent Wreath Prayer: *Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.*

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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 . . .

Saint John the Baptist is a central figure of Advent and he proclaims a baptism of repentance. As we prepare for the advent of Christmas, we remember our need to seek forgiveness and be reconciled with God. The forgiveness of sins is God's great gift to us!

Repentance allows us to rid ourselves of the evil that has plagued our lives and hand it over to God.

We celebrated communal penance this past Wednesday. While it was good to have my brother priests and I absolve many sins, there were many from our parish not present. It is my hope that this Advent all parishioners of Our Lady of the Prairie will visit the sacrament of reconciliation. It's an opportunity for us to hand over our sins to God and receive his generous gift of mercy. There is nothing to fear and everything to gain. Reconciliation is a time of God showering many graces upon us!

If it has been a while since you have been to confession, perhaps you have forgotten how the sacrament works. Don't ever fear, the priest will always help. What we bring to the confessional remains here. Here is a little tip sheet so that will help the encounter so that it might be a beneficial experience and opportunity to experience the joy of repentance and the healing mercy of a loving God:

Reflection: Reflect sincerely on my life and how I have sinned against God and others.

Greeting: Greet the priest and tell him how long it has been since the last confession.

Confession: Freely confess sins to the priest.

Penance: The priest gives a penance to perform (generally a prayer).

Contrition: Pray an act of contrition (the priest will help, if you have forgotten).

Absolution: The priest prays a prayer of forgiveness as Christ forgives the sins.

Let's make good use of this extraordinary sacrament at our parish! And remember the Holy Day Mass on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



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	Don Morrison
Bob Koenig	Dave Buesgens
Matt Hennen	Eileen Effertz
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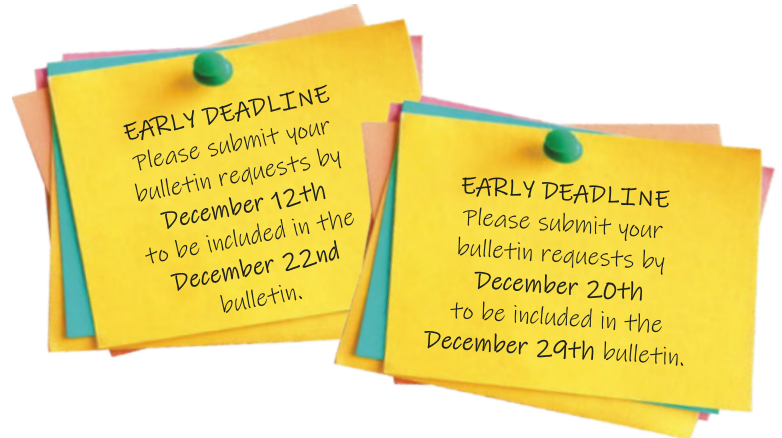
Blanket, Coat, & Sock Drive

Please help us keep our brothers and sisters warm this winter by donating your gently used or new blankets, coats, outerwear, boots, and socks.

Your donation will be given to Loaves and Fishes and some of the monetary donations will also be used to buy and make fleece blankets for the children at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Please drop off your donations **now through January 22nd** in the bin marked "Blankets Because We Care" or drop them off at our home: 1109 Rose Court, Jordan, MN. We are also willing to pick up donations, just call! (952) 457-9877.

Thank you for your generosity and may God Bless you!
Jason and Jennifer Schmit Family



Free Wine Tasting

Join the Council of Catholic Women
January 19th at 2:00 pm
in Roedel Hall

All women of the Parish are invited.

Please Make a reservation with
Maureen Daly: (952) 687-1501
Space is limited.

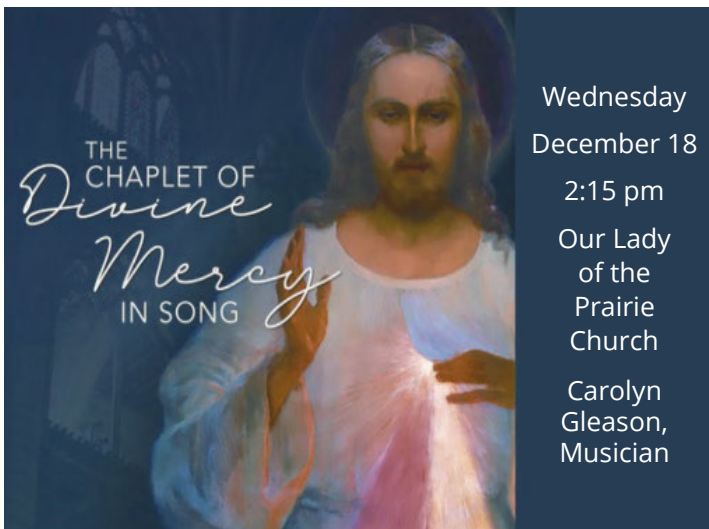


Celebration of Baptism

Kora Elizabeth Krautkremer

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Anthony & Michala Krautkremer

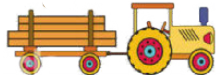
November 30, 2024



God's mercy sometimes touches the sinner at the last moment in a wondrous and mysterious way. Outwardly, it seems as if everything were lost, but it is not so. The soul, illumined by a ray of God's powerful final grace, turns to God in the last moment with such a power of love that, in an instant, it receives from God forgiveness of sin and punishment ... (St. Faustina's Diary, 1698).



This multigenerational play is based on a grandparent sharing the true story of Christmas. Come share in the joy of discovering the best gift ever, the birth of our Lord and Savior!



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.*



WINTER WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners:

If schools are **delayed, close early, or closed** due to snow or poor weather conditions, Church, Adoration and all meetings, events and activities scheduled for that day at the church will be cancelled (PREP, CCW, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter, etc.)

We will send an email blast to those of you on our weekly bulletin email list letting you know of closures.

If you are not on our email list and would like to be added, please call the office or email:
kpumper@ourladyoftheprairie.com



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	Deficit
11/24/2024	\$5,941.00	(-) \$2,403.00
Cemetery Fund	\$1,240.00	
12/01/2024	\$6,587.00	(-) \$1,757.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	Time	Count
Saturday, November 23	4:15 pm	210
Sunday, November 24	8:00 am	197
	10:00 am	198
Saturday, November 30	4:15 pm	202
Sunday, December 1	8:00 am	203
	10:00 am	226
Live Stream Views		13

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

Automatic Contributions

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 9 The Immaculate Conception

6:30 pm Mass (not a holy day of obligation)
6:30-8:00 pm Consecration Day -
to Jesus thru Mary in Roedel Hall

Tuesday, December 10

1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm Mass at OLP

Wednesday, December 11

8:30 am Mass
5:00-7:00 pm Women's Small Group in Conference Rm
6:20 pm Religious Education

Thursday, December 12

8:30 am Mass
6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conference Room

Friday, December 13

8:30 am Mass at OLP
2:00 pm Mass at The Lutheran Home

Saturday, December 14

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship after both Masses -
hosted by Marriage Encounter
11:00 am KC Exemplification in Church

Saturday, December 14, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteers
Lector: Charlotte Mulroy
EMHC: Charlotte Mulroy, Sarah Williams,
Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn
Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann,
Scott Williams, Chris Weldon
Servers: Eli Williams, Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 15, 8:00 am

Greeters: Bob & Doreen Smith
Lector: John Walsh
EMHC: Rita Halquist, John Watzl,
Sharon Schmitz, Volunteer
Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Volunteers (2)
Servers: Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 am *All School Mass*

Greeters: Craig & Julie Otto
1st Reader: Garrett Simons
Lectors: Responsorial Psalm: William Scheff
OLP 2nd Reader: Caleb Simons
Students Alleluia Acclamation: Geno Campos
Cantor: Jaxson Palo
EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Karen Vandermark,
Susan Cole, Hannah Wermerskirchen
OLP Students:
Ushers: JD Vandermark, Liam Gleason,
Gabriel Vandermark, Garrett Simons
Servers: OLP Students: Peter Hennen, MJ Kurvers
Gift Bearers: OLP Students: Mateo Campos, Brielle Jacobs,
Paisley Scheff, Kenan Otto
EMHC: Janice Teal (Kingsway), Lisa Schatz (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon **09** Dec 6:30 pm † Gerald Bigaouette
Tue **10** Dec 6:30 pm † d. Rev. Robert Valit
Wed **11** Dec 8:30 am † d. Carl Gansen
Thur **12** Dec 8:30 am † d. Jim (Stubby) Brown
Fri **13** Dec 8:30 am † d. Garman Elder
Sat **14** Dec 4:15 pm † For the Parish
Sun **15** Dec 8:00 am † d. Brent Meyer
10:00 am † CCW Volunteers

READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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CHRISTMAS SEASON



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