



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

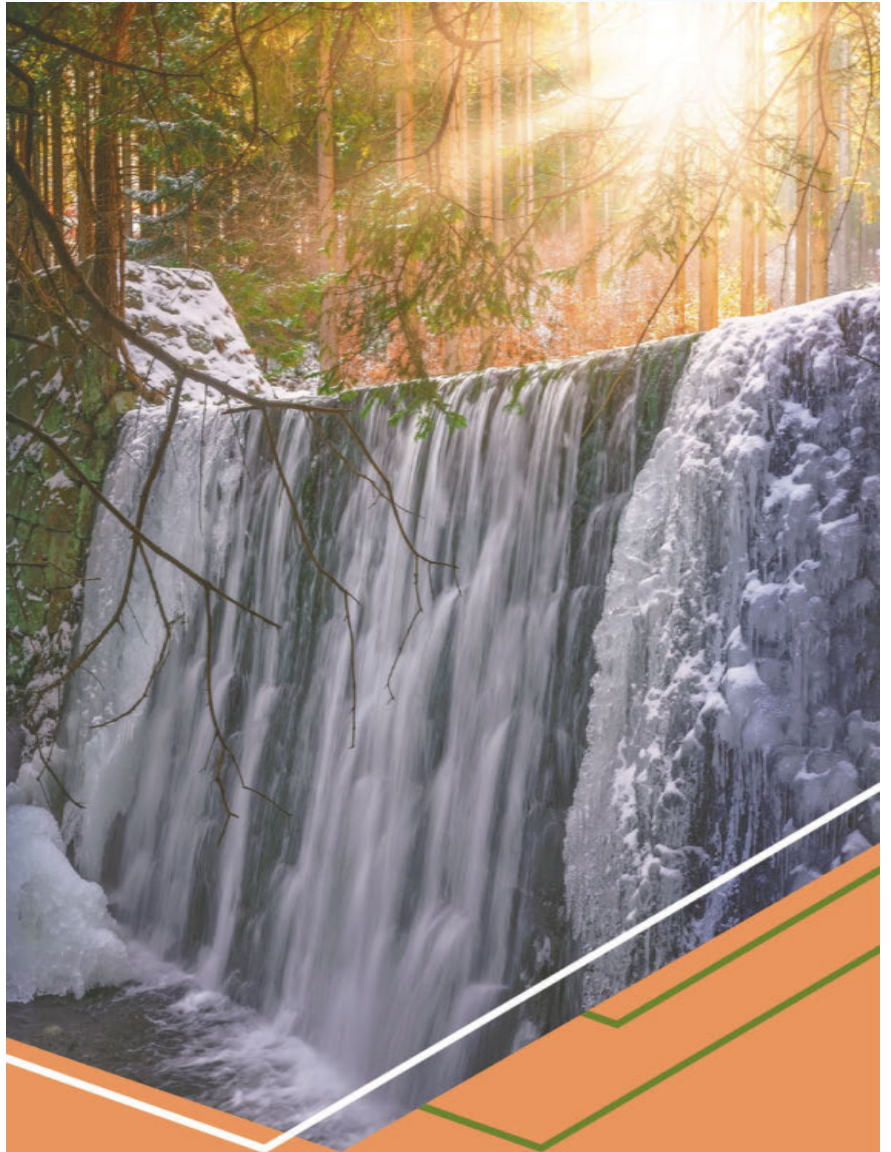
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January 12, 2025



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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 Lord's Baptism

The seven sacraments find their origin in Sacred Scripture, initiated by Jesus so that we would know of God's presence in the world and in our lives. The first and gateway to all of the other sacraments is baptism. Jesus, though he was God, chose to undergo baptism by John the Baptist. He did so not because he had any need of baptism. He was already fully divine, but he did so for our sake. What he established in the Jordan River has been continuously handed down through the centuries by the Church.

By presenting himself for baptism, Jesus inaugurates his public ministry. His quiet life in Nazareth has come to an end and the Gospels will vividly record the teaching, preaching, healing and pastoral work of the Lord. His baptism is for our sake, so that we can follow him unreservedly and whole-heartedly, even embracing all of the struggles and burdens entailed in the life of a Christian. Baptism makes us children of God and we are his sons and daughters who teach and act in his name with his authority.

In order to act powerfully in the world, we need help from heaven and that is shared with us at baptism so that we can bring the light and truth of the Gospel to all of Belle Plaine and the entire world. Alone we can accomplish very little, but with God all things are possible. Our Christian lives dispel the darkness of ignorance and error. In order to do so, we need to grow in holiness and wisdom. Holiness is achieved in our relationship with God – time for Mass, time for prayer, knowledge of the Scriptures, learning the Catechism. Wisdom is gained from allowing the grace of baptism to fill our hearts, souls and minds with all that is true, noble and good. It empowers us to speak up for justice in a broken world hurt by war, famine, abortion. It allows us to show the good of marriage and family life. It makes us caring and concerned people for establishing the order that God wills for the world. The Gospel is an all-encompassing embrace of God's powerful action in the world. We are prepared for this mission at our baptism and Jesus gives us the example.

What ultimately matters at our death, as we pass into the care of God, he will call us beloved. May our baptism strengthen us to achieve this extraordinary privilege!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Let my prayer
rise up
like incense
before
You

Psalms 141:2

Please pray for . . .

Bud Steen
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Deacon Bob Raleigh
Ron (Franny) Gerres
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Elmer Lambrecht
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Maureen Millard
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Louis Wawrzyniak
Betty Wolf
TC Fogarty
Eileen Effertz

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pancake Breakfast




Sunday, January 12
 8am - 12Noon
 Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee.
FREE WILL Offering



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	Deficit/Surplus
12/29/2024	\$17,448.50	(+) \$9,104.50
Maintenance Fund	\$2,355.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$2,338.00	
01/05/2025	\$5,746.45	(-) \$2,597.55

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 12/28	4:15 pm	187
Sunday, 12/29	8:00 am	154
	10:00 am	216
Livestreamed		46
Tuesday, 12/31	6:30 pm	152
Wednesday, 01/01	8:30 am	190
Livestreamed		32
Saturday, 01/05	4:15 pm	236
Sunday, 01/05	8:00 am	158
	10:00 am	162
Livestreamed		39

Total Registered Active Families 512
 Total Registered Active Members 1,301

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.



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.

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

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

Michael Savage Jake & Madi Hess
 Jo Ann Holonbek Joe & Judy Luskey



WELCOME We're glad you're here

Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.



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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



Calling all OLP School Alumni!

We are proud of our Catholic School and proud to call you an alumni of OLP. You are invited to join us in song during our kick off to Catholic Schools Week.

Sunday, January 26th

10 am Mass

We will have a brief music rehearsal at 9:30 am prior to Mass.

Please email cgleason@ourladyoftheprairie.com if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Wayne Francis Mattison

John Anthony Schilz

We extend our sincere sympathy to their families, friends, and loved ones, and we pray for their eternal peace.

Our Lady of the Prairie 1st Annual Sock Hop



Saturday, February 1, 2025 5:15 PM in Roedell Hall
Fundraiser for Totus Tuus featuring a Live Rock-n-Roll Band!
Admission: \$6 students \$12 adults *Tickets available Wednesday nights or at the Parish Office*

So, like Danny & the Juniors said back in '57...

If you don't like Rock-n-Roll
Think what you'll be missin'!
But if you like to Bop and Stroll
(or support our parish kids)
Please come and take a listen!

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Waffle Breakfast

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 26**

**FOLLOWING
8:00 & 10:00 MASS**

Free Will Offering

Proceeds fund
OLP Students trip
to Wolf Ridge
Environmental
Learning Center



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 13

No Mass

Tuesday, January 14

1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway

6:30 pm Mass at OLP

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 am Mass

12N Ecumenical Lunch

2:00 pm Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall

5:00-7:00 pm Women's Small Group in Conf Room

6:20 pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday, January 16

8:30 am Mass at OLP

2:00 pm Mass at The Lutheran Home

5:30-6:30 pm Preschool Open House

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

Friday, January 17

Teacher Workshop

No School (OLP Only)

Saturday, January 18

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, January 19

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

Treats & Fellowship in Roedel Hall -
Sponsored by Catholic United
Financial (after both Masses)

2:00-5:00 pm Wine Tasting in Roedel Hall
sponsored by CCW

Saturday, January 18, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteer

Lector: Charlotte Mulroy

EMHC: Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn
Volunteer

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

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

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 19, 8:00 am

Greeters: Eric & Lisa May

Lector: Marcia Makowski

EMHC: Susan Cole, Bob Fahey,
Janice Teal, Sharon Beach

Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman,
Volunteers (2)

Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 19, 10:00 am

Greeters: Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen

Lector: Rick Morgan

EMHC: Mary Randklev, Nora Wermerskirchen,
Karen Vandermark, Hannah Wermerskirchen

Ushers: Jim Covington, Jim Gerres,
Johan Miller, Jeff Klein

Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

EMHC: Mary Moriarty (Kingsway)
Ty Buesgens (The Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 13 Jan † No Mass

Tue 14 Jan 6:30 pm † d. Rev. Stephen J. Adrian

Wed 15 Jan 8:30 am † d. Tom Sick

Thur 16 Jan 8:30 am † d. Ambrose Kramer

Fri 17 Jan 8:30 am † d. Eleanor Kramer

Sat 18 Jan 4:15 pm † liv. & d. Delores Karnitz Family

Sun 19 Jan 8:00 am † d. Susan Flaschenriem

10:00 am † For the Parish

READINGS

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
200 E. CHURCH STREET BELLE PLAINE



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 16

5:30-6:30PM

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A COBORNS
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