



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

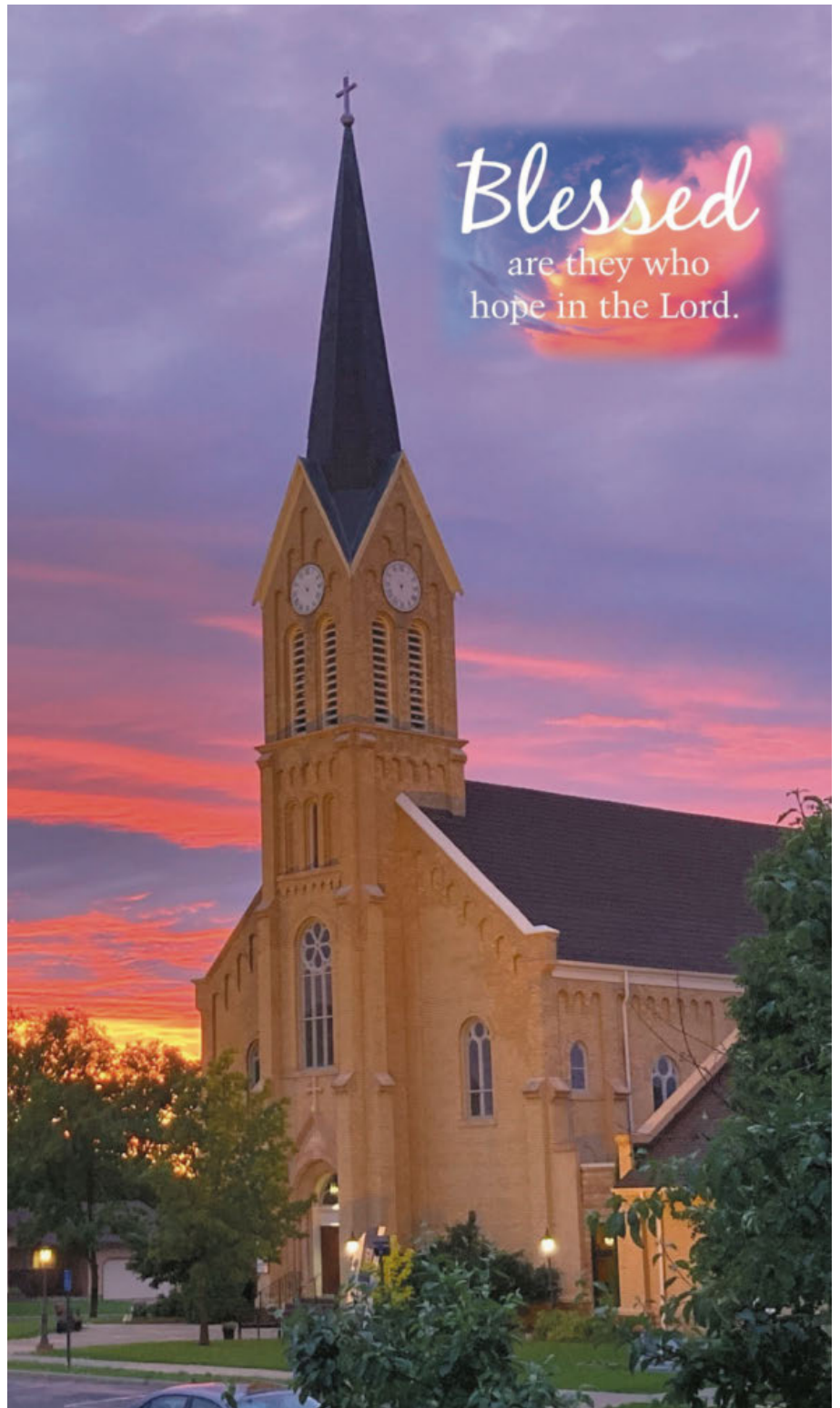
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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

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February 16, 2025



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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 Beatitudes

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have great reason to trust and our readings assist us by offering a vivid description of how it all becomes real. It is our actions that demonstrate if we can put into practice what we have been told and learned by the God's teaching.

The Beatitudes are among the most well-known passages of the Gospel. We hear Saint Luke's account this weekend reminding us of how we are to live our Christian lives to achieve blessedness or happiness which is at the core of our very being. We live in a world which so often seems to reward the rich, the aggressive, the bold; those who seek to take advantage of others and care about no one except themselves. However, Jesus teaches the beatitudes to remind us about what is supposed to be important in our lives. Above all else, God is the primary focus of the Christian. In Saint Luke's account we are also given the maledictions if we fail to practice the Beatitudes. The woes are the failures to listen and act upon the words of Jesus.

Saint Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that Jesus lived completely dependent upon the grace of God. He made a self-offering that was an act of love and brought him past death to the glory of the resurrection! As his sons and daughters that is also our great hope. The victory of eternal life is possible. We do not hope in vain.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



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



Prayer Requests

Bud Steen
Bob Koenig
Matt Hennen
Deacon Bob Raleigh
Ron (Franny) Gerres
Mona Bentfield
Rajen Sidhu
Chad Feltmann
Elmer Lambrecht
Lisa Pobuda
Cheri Brennhofner
Maureen Millard
Mike Duffy
Louis Wawrzyniak

Betty Wolf
TC Fogarty
Megan Chard
Don Morrison
Chuck Kroells
Annette Mann

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.



On Sale NOW thru Mar 2

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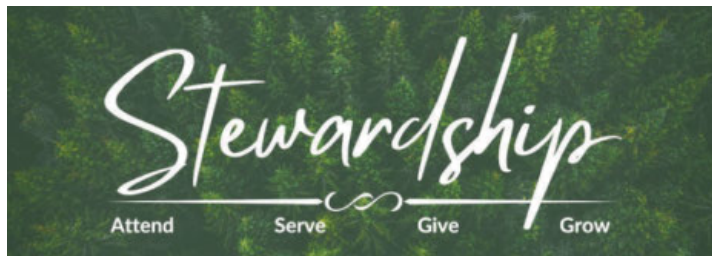
Every Dollar Sold Stays At Our Lady of the Prairie School!

GREETERS NEEDED



If you have a desire to create an environment where people arriving for Mass feel wanted and comfortable, this ministry might be a good fit for you! Hospitality ministers enjoy a scheduled rotation and are asked to arrive 30 minutes before Mass.

If you are interested, please email Joan Brueggemeier joanmbrue@gmail.com



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	Deficit/Surplus
02/09/2025	\$ 7,386.00	(-) \$ 958.00

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 2/8	4:15 pm	172
Sunday, 2/9	8:00 am	167
	10:00 am	163
Livestreamed		

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.

Knights of Columbus

Lenten Fish Dinners

<p>Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church 200 East Church St. Belle Plaine, MN</p> <p><u>March</u> 21, 28</p> <p><u>April</u> 4, 11</p> <p>Free will donation.</p> <p>Proceeds will go towards the Special Olympics.</p>	<p>— Menu —</p> <p>Salad</p> <p>Dinner Roll</p> <p>Baked Fish (breaded & unbreaded)</p> <p>Au-Gratin Potatoes</p> <p>Dessert</p> <p>Coffee</p>
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Serving: 4:30 - 6:30 pm | Take out available

Archdiocesan Council of CATHOLIC WOMEN

Leadership Day

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30 Registration/Refreshments
11:45 Closing Mass

Purse Drawing and vendors -bring cash!

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
2055 Bohland Ave
St. Paul, MN

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register online: www.archspm.org/accwlead2025

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Ladies, you are invited to the 10th annual WINE: Catholic Women's Conference at St. Bartholomew in Wayzata, "Laboring Joyfully~A Decade in the Vineyard," on **Saturday, March 1, 2025.**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. with Mass, the conference includes inspirational talks, faith-filled entertainment, opportunities for confession, adoration, shopping, and prayer with a prayer team, along with tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, more shopping, CHOCOLATE, and a fun raffle.

An optional fantastic evening, "Gathering in the Vineyard," on **Friday, February 28**, will bring together women passionate about living out the New Evangelization. (Space is limited.)

Invite a friend or three and register today at **Early Bird pricing ends Feb. 12, 2025.** Special pricing for religious, consecrated women, and students. For more information, visit **CatholicVineyard.com.**



Reminder

The Parish Office will be closed on Presidents' Day **Monday, February 17th.**



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new Parishioners.

Pat & Mary Anderly

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



Celebration of Baptism

Joseph James Heinz

Son of
Nick & Amber Heinz

February 8, 2025

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER REQUEST

Submit prayer request to Divine Mercy Prayer Requests box located in the back of church and/or parish office. Prayer requests will be read aloud during OLP School's monthly Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Series of horizontal dashed lines for writing prayer requests.



Divine Mercy Chaplet
Led by OLP Students and Staff
Join us in the church at 2:15pm

February 19
March 19
April 16
May 21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 17 Presidents' Day

Parish Office Closed/No School

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

8:30 am Mass
2:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song
5:00-7:00 pm Women's Small Group in Conf Rm
6:20 pm Religious Education
1st Reconciliation Retreat

Thursday, February 20

8:30 am Mass
9:00am-3:30 pm Parish Staff Formation Day at Pax Christi church in Eden Prairie
6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Rm

Friday, February 21

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, February 22

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, February 23

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship following Masses hosted by Knights of Columbus



Saturday, February 22, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteers
Lector: Sue Schultz
EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Joe Shimota, Volunteer (1)
Ushers: Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Scott Williams, Chris Weldon
Servers: Eli Williams, Volunteer (1)
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, February 23, 8:00 am

Greeters: Eric & Lisa May
Lector: Ken Skluzacek
EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, John Watzl, Volunteer (1)
Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Volunteers (2)
Servers: Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, February 23, 10:00 am

Greeters: Terry & Karen Feddersen
Lector: Sandy Schroers
EMHC: Nora Wermerskirchen, Hannah Wermerskirchen, Mary Randklev, Karen Vandermark
Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen
Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
EMHC: Pat Schroers (Kingsway)
Georgine Gansen (The Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	17	Feb	†	No Mass
Tue	18	Feb	6:30 pm	† d. John A. Schilz III
Wed	19	Feb	8:30 am	† d. Mr. & Mrs. Ed Seeberger
Thu	20	Feb	8:30 am	† d. Irene Castor
Fri	21	Feb	8:30 am	† d. Brent Meyer
Sat	22	Feb	4:15 pm	† d. Bob Johnson
Sun	23		8:00 am	† d. Susan Flaschenriem
			10:00 am	† d. For the Parish

READINGS

Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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 Blessings to all:
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