



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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March 16, 2025



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. [Matthew 17:1-3](#)

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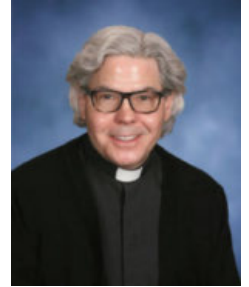
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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Lent has only just begun and already we might find ourselves discouraged from growing in virtue and holiness, but we still have an abundance of time in this holy season to experience continuous conversion. This is a special time set aside by the church to deepen our relationship with God and recommit to following his ways. Our acts of penance and charity are meant to aid our discipleship.



The scripture readings provide encouragement and reassurance this weekend. The Transfiguration is a great account of Jesus' divinity. It is the reminder that not only did he come in human flesh and lived a human life here on earth, but all the while his divinity was meant to bring salvation to humanity. That comforts us in our desire to be reconciled with God. Jesus allows his chosen to have a glimpse of divinity to reinforce their confidence to carry on the work that Jesus hands on to them. That reminder of the power given to the Church helps us to stay near and close to the church so that we can receive all the graces and benefits it offers.

In the presence of his closest disciples, Jesus reveals his divinity as the culmination of reaching the peak of the mountain. The Father speaks "Listen to my Son." Especially during the holy season of Lent we should be ever mindful to listen to Jesus speaking to us. Jesus wants to lead, guide and direct us so that we too may have a glimpse of the beauty of his divinity. In our prayer we should talk to God, but also make time to listen to what Jesus might be saying to us. Spending time adoring Jesus in adoration is a good opportunity to distance ourselves from the distractions of life and allow the voice of Jesus to penetrate our whole being. We might be afraid of what Jesus has to say – stay near and close, follow in my ways – but these messages only help us to grow in holiness. Never fear taking time to pray and making sure that God also gets the opportunity to speak.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer Requests

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).

Bud Steen	Elmer Lambrecht	Megan Chard
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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.



Knights of Columbus



Lenten Fish Dinners

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church
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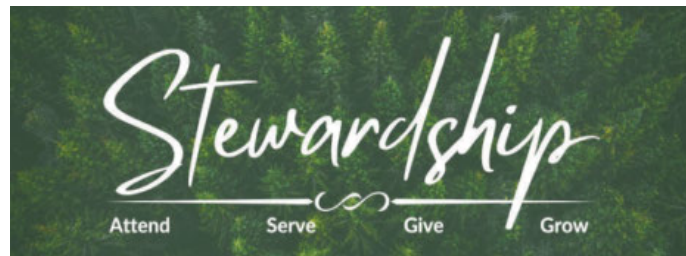
March
21, 28

April
4, 11

Free will donation.
Proceeds will go towards the Special Olympics.

— Menu —	
Salad	
Dinner Roll	
Baked Fish	(breaded & unbreaded)
Au-Gratin Potatoes	
Dessert	
Coffee	

Serving: 4:30 - 6:30 pm | Take out available



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	Deficit/Surplus
03/09/2025	\$6,759.00	(-) \$1,585
Rice Bowl	\$2,253.00	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 3/08	4:15 pm	214
Sunday, 3/09	8:00 am	128
	10:00 am	225
Livestreamed		30

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.



Fun with Wine
The Council of Catholic Women invites all women to celebrate

Laetare Sunday
Which derives its name from Isaiah 66:10, the opening antiphon for the day.

"Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all who love her; Rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her."

March 30th, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
in Roedel Hall
RSVP to Maureen Daly: (952) 687-1501



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new Parishioners

Cathy Pass
Cindy Kappahn

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



Free Bus Ride to St. Paul 

Monday, March 17th, 2025

7:45am Bus pick-up at Our Lady of the Prairie church parking lot.

8:15am Bus Pick-up at St. Mary's Church parking lot in Shakopee

9:30am St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul
12:00pm St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown St. Paul
2:30pm Departure

Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Shamrock Division



Jessenland Irish BINGO

Sunday, March 16th, 2025
2:00 pm

Scenic Escape Barn
25628 337th Lane,
Henderson, MN 56044

\$15 at the Door - 15 Games of BINGO



Cash Prizes
Raffle and Silent Auction
Lunch to Follow



Proceeds go to the 501c3 non-profit group Friends of Jessenland in support of the Jessenland Historical and Cultural Center.



Our Lady of the Prairie Council of Catholic Women

Flower Fund Donations

EASTER SEASON

Excess donations will be used for altar flowers during other times of the year.



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Drop in the flower donation box inside Roedel Hall,
or at the front desk in the Parish Office..



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Archbishop Bernard Hebda



Educate in Faith



Help those in Need



Strengthen in Faith



Protect Life

Please Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

March 19, 2025

6:30 pm

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.



[CRS Rice Bowl](#) is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to bring **Lent to life**.

Your donation to CRS Rice Bowl helps provide lifesaving support to more than 200 million people in more than 120 countries. But did you know your support also helps your local diocese?

Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports Catholic Relief Services programming around the world.

Pick up a rice bowl from the back of the church for your family!



Visit the [CRS Rice Bowl website](#)



A Christian nonprofit medical clinic in the Twin Cities metro area empowering women to choose life by providing physical, spiritual, and emotional support.

We will be collecting baby items for **Alpha Women's Center** during the season of Lent. **Items can be placed in the wooden cradle in the back of church.**

Highest needs:

- diapers (newborn, 6 and 7)
- Pull-Ups - all sizes (no adult diapers)
- baby wipes
- baby shampoo, lotion, diaper cream
- Phillips Avent bottles
- bottle brushes
- baby thermometer
- baby nail clippers
- Dreft laundry detergent
- gift cards (Cub, Wal-Mart, gas)
- baby boy clothing--newborn to 3 months (onesies, socks, outfits, sleepers)
- baby girl clothing--newborn to 3 months (onesies, socks, outfits, sleepers)
- boy or girl (neutral) clothing- newborn to 6 mos (onesies, socks, hats, outfits, sleepers)
- baby blankets
- swaddles
- burp cloths
- pacifiers
- wash cloths
- hooded towels
- bunting bag or fleece suit for winter
- baby books/toys



Other needs in addition to highest level needs :

- rear-facing convertible infant car seat (new only)
- bedding--crib size or pack-n-play size
- diaper bag
- nursing pillow
- baby monitor
- baby bathtub
- book: "What To Expect the First Year"

Personal care items for Blessing Bags for moms:

- travel size lotion
- fuzzy socks
- facial sheet masks
- lip balm/Chapstick
- travel size hand sanitizer

- travel size tissue packs
- gift cards for coffee or lunch, \$5-\$10
- new nail polish
- hair accessories
- journal or small craft/coloring item

Donation items **NOT** accepted:

- bumpers for cribs
- used equipment
- used baby clothing or blankets
- wooden cribs or large furniture items

Please keep this list and watch future bulletins for more info.

Thank you and God bless you for helping moms and their babies!



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

following 8:30 am Mass
and
at 6:30 pm

March 21, 28
April 4, 11

Good Friday (April 18) at 3:00 pm



Thank you for your amazing support of our Catholic school.

The final amount raised by your purchase of Catholic United Financial Raffle Tickets is **\$21,010.**

Every time we are able to match or exceed our

fundraiser goals, it is because of YOU!

Prize drawing ceremony is on March 27th.

Good Luck! Let's hope we have a winner from OLP!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

8:30 am Mass
2:15pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song
6:20pm Religious Education (Gr. 3-8) arrive with families for Communal Penance
6:30 pm Communal Penance

Thursday, March 20

8:30 am Mass
2:00 pm Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall
6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Rm

Friday, March 21

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Stations of the Cross
4:30-6:30 pm Lenten Fish Dinner in Parish Hall - hosted by Knights of Columbus
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 22, 4:15 pm

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

Sunday, March 23, 8:00 am

Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
Lector: Ken Skluzacek
EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, John Watzl, Sharon Beach
Ushers: Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers: Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am

Greeters: Pat & Sandy Schroers
Lector: Rick Morgan
EMHC: Mary Randklev, Nora Wermerskirchen, Paula Covington, Jim Covington
Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen
Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
EMHC: Pat Schroers (Kingsway)
Georgine Gansen (The Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	17	Mar		†	No Mass
Tue	18	Mar	6:30 pm	†	d. Art & Ella Bigaouette
Wed	19	Mar	8:30 am	†	d. Irene Castor
Thu	20	Mar	8:30 am	†	d. Tim Randklev
Fri	21	Mar	8:30 am	†	liv. Rory Kehoe
Sat	22	Mar	4:15 pm	†	d. Richard & Suzanne Burmeister
Sun	23	Mar	8:00 am	†	For the Parish
			10:00 am	†	liv. & d. LaJeunesse & Shannon Families

READINGS

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 2Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ 7 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

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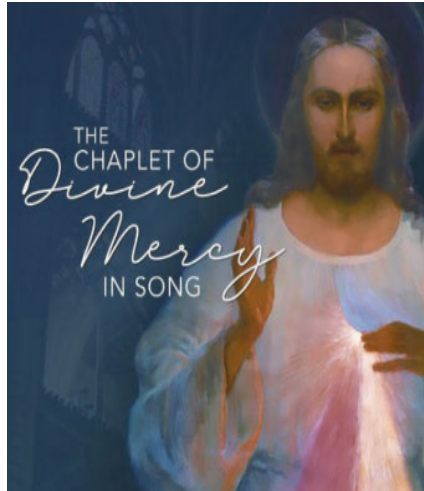
* Wash amenities may vary by location

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Cards _____

SAVE \$14!



Wednesday
March 19
2:15 pm
Our Lady
of the
Prairie Church
Carolyn Gleason,
Musician

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 .

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