



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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April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

HOLY WEEK



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Jordan Ruiz
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Dylan May
Sean Alander
Alex Vandermark
Levi Lane (Marines)

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 . . .

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today begins Holy Week and we solemnly enter into the holiest days of the year as Lent comes to a close and the Pascal Triduum begins. In Saint Luke's passion narrative, the centurion proclaims: "This man was innocent beyond a doubt." The handing over an innocent man on account of our sins reminds us of God's extraordinary love for us and will that we should seek salvation. Jesus is the obedient servant described by Isaiah in the first reading. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises to redeem humanity and bring us back into full communion with God who created us in love to always live with him.

In Luke's moving Gospel story, the palm of triumph and the cross of the Passion are not a contradiction. The heart of the mystery proclaimed during Holy Week is Jesus gave himself up voluntarily to the Passion; he was not crushed by forces greater than himself. He freely faced crucifixion and in death was triumphant. His Resurrection is victory over death and sin and his innocence has redeemed wayward humanity.

I look forward to seeing you at Holy Week liturgies. We make extra time during Holy Week to be present for worship and take part in the sacred rituals of our faith. Please join us for Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 9 p.m. The Good Friday Liturgy will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Our Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8 p.m. and this year we welcome new members to our faith and to our parish! Easter Sunday Masses are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter is perpetually celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday! On Divine Mercy Sunday we will offer adoration and rosary recitation at 2 p.m. with confession available. At 3 p.m. the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung! I hope that everyone will take part in this joyous celebration!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen	Elmer Lambrecht	Don Morrison
Matt Hennen	Lisa Pobuda	Chuck Kroells
Deacon Bob Raleigh	Cheri Brennhofer	Annette Mann
Ron (Franny) Gerres	Maureen Millard	Gary Stephens
Mona Bentfield	Mike Duffy	Donna LaBossiere
Laurie Fogarty	Louis Wawrzyniak	Gary Kroells
Lisa Korba	Betty Wolf	Kent Blada
Chad Feltmann	TC Fogarty	Jean Dockter
Dan Lehman	Megan Chard	

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 at least four weeks.

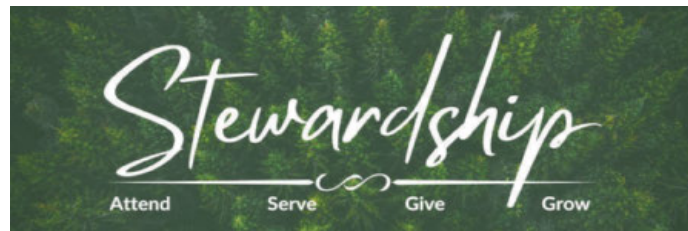


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The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is an annual campaign to empower local ministries to educate in faith, help those in need, strengthen in faith, and protect life.

Please Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today.



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	Deficit/Surplus
April 6	\$10,177.00	(+) \$1,833.00


ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 5	4:15 pm	211
Sunday, April 6	8:00 am	171
	10:00 am	230
Livestreamed		45

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.



Reminder

The Parish Office will be closed
April 17, 18, and 21.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 14 Apr		† No Mass
Tue 15 Apr	6:30 pm	† d. Rev. Thomas P. Fitzpatrick
Wed 16 Apr	8:30 am	† d. Bob Bigaouette
Thu 17 Apr		† Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 18 Apr		† Good Friday Liturgy
Sat 19 Apr	4:15 pm	† d. Teresa Witt
Sun 20 Apr	8:00 am	† d. For the Parish
	10:00 am	† d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien

READINGS

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12



Open House

In honor of
Father Roger Hessian's
 90th Birthday

Sunday, May 4th, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Roedel Hall
 Cookies & Coffee
 Entertainment by the Shudy Family
 All parishioners are invited. *No gifts please.*





Our Lady of the Prairie
Council of Catholic Women

Flower Fund Donations

EASTER SEASON

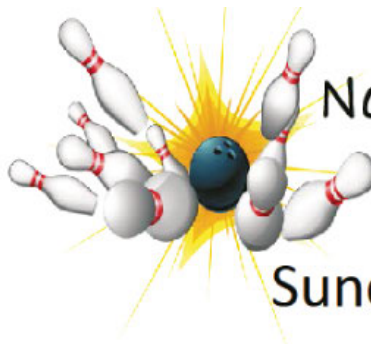
*Excess donations will be used for altar flowers
during other times of the year.*



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



**No-Tap Bowling
Tournament**

Sunday, April 13

Prairie Grille & Bowl

Belle Plaine

Team entry: \$125
Includes 3 games of bowling and shoe rental for up to 5 people.
Payment required at time of pre-registration!
Door Prizes & Raffles throughout event!

Shifts offered at

11am, 2pm, and 5pm.

5 bowlers per team.

Up to 8 teams per shift.

Registration begins ½ hour prior to shift.

Text 952.367.6844 to pre-register your team!

Proceeds to support OLP School.



Confirmation

Cathedral of St. Paul

Thursday, April 3, 2025





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

[God bless you for helping moms and their babies!](#)

Are you proud of your Irish heritage?

Do you seek brotherhood, faith, and service in the community?

The **Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) - Shamrock Division** of Scott County welcomes Catholic men of Irish descent to join our ranks. As the oldest and largest Irish Catholic fraternal organization in America, we are dedicated to promoting our faith, heritage, and charitable works.

Why Join?



Deepen your faith and fellowship



Honor and preserve Irish culture



Support local charitable causes



Celebrate St. Patrick's traditions and more!

Join us at our annual Founder's Day Mass and New Members Program!

Saturday April 26th. 3:00 pm

St Thomas Catholic Church

24613 St Thomas Rd, Le Sueur, MN 56058

For more information, contact Division President:

Mike Sullivan at sullimt@hotmail.com or visit hibernianshamrock.com.



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**Saturday & Sunday
April 19 & 20**



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Our Lady of the Prairie
welcomes
our new Parishioners
Marty Oldenburg
Ken & Sherry Pekarna
Please make them feel at
home in their new
parish community.

Holy Thursday
April 17

Eucharistic
Adoration

following
6:30 pm Mass
until 9:00 pm

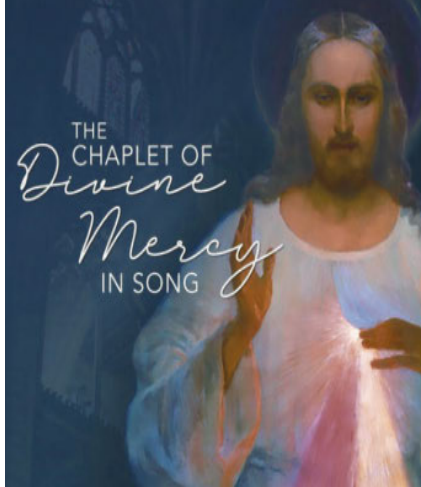


Come, spend time with Jesus. the
night before his crucifixion.



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday (April 18)
at 3:00 pm



Wednesday
April 16
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 parish office. Prayer requests will be read aloud during OLP School's monthly Divine Mercy Chaplet .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 14

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

8:30 am Mass
No Religious Ed (Holy Week)
12:00 pm Ecumenical Lunch
2:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

No School (Holy Week Break)
Office Closed
6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration following Mass to 9:00 pm

Friday, April 18 Good Friday

No School (Holy Week Break)
Office Closed
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy



Saturday, April 19

No 4:15 pm Mass
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
KC Tootsie Roll Fundraiser after Mass

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Mass
KC Tootsie Roll Fundraiser after both Masses

**Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Greeters: Volunteers
Lector: Sue Schultz
EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Joe Lajeunesse, Kristen Lajeunesse, John Watzl
Ushers: Volunteers (4)
Servers: Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Friday, April 18, 6:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Greeters: Volunteers
Lector: Sheila Schmitz, Rita Halquist
EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Jim Covington, Paula Covington, Rita Halquist
Ushers: Volunteers (2)
Servers: Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Greeters: Volunteers
Lector: Janice Teal, Mary Randklev
EMHC: Keith Heitkamp, Hannah Wermerskirchen, Nora Wermerskirchen, Janice Teal
Ushers: Volunteers (2)
Servers: Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, April 20, 8:00 am Easter Sunday

Greeters: Sharon & Allen Schmitz
Lector: Sharon Beach
EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, John Watzl, Sharon Beach
Ushers: Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers: Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, April 20, 10:00 am Easter Sunday

Greeters: Terry & Karen Feddersen
Lector: Rick Morgan
EMHC: Rick Morgan, Karen Vandermark, Nora Wermerskirchen, Hannah Wermerskirchen
Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
EMHC: Mary Moriarty (Kingsway), Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

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