



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

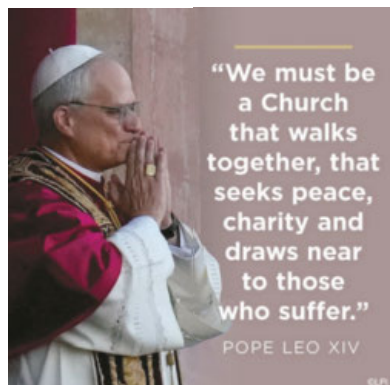
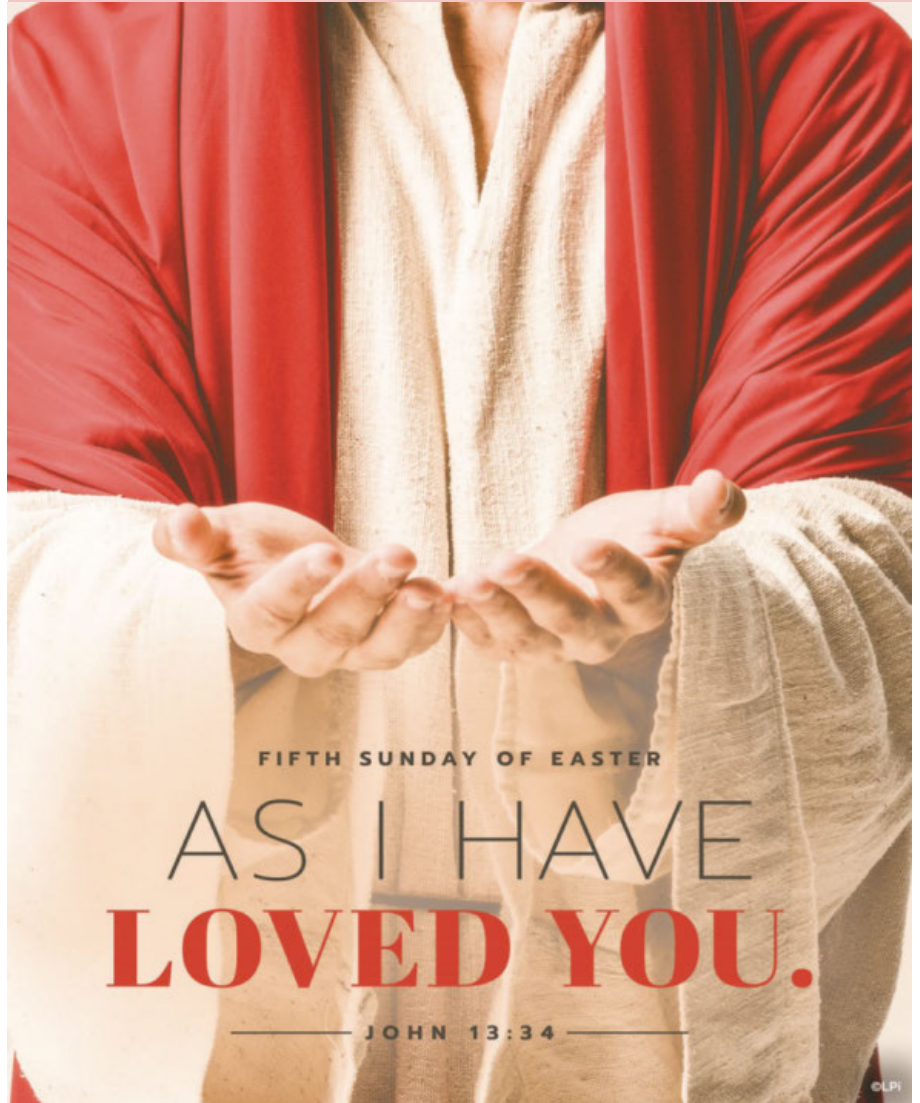
If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

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May 18, 2025



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David May
Dylan May
Sean Alander
Alex Vandermark
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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).

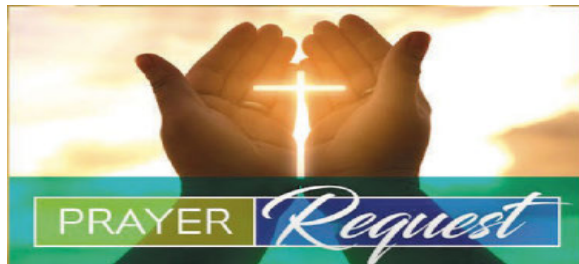
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

God is love and all that is of God is of love. At the Last Supper, Jesus gives the great commandment to his apostles - to love one another. That is the hallmark of the Christian. True love means desiring the best of the other. Often this also means requiring a sacrifice. Just as Jesus was willing to sacrifice for the benefit and good of his disciples, so must we also be willing to sacrifice for love of the other. It's not pointless suffering, but the suffering that allows us to remain faithful. When we are faithful to God, we experience great generosity and true freedom to choose God's ways and embrace all that is true and noble.

Love changes us in remarkable ways. We see that in couples who fall in love and are changed by the other. As love blossoms, life becomes all about service to the other - desiring their happiness and all that is good for them. The same holds true for Christians. Jesus' love changes us and the more we are changed by love, the more we desire to allow that love to touch others.

Paul and Barnabas were changed by the love of Christ and it brought them to journey far and wide for the sake of the Gospel. The first reading records great results of many becoming followers. As they journey to the spread the goods news of Jesus Christ many are attracted to the faith. It all began with love of Christ. That allows us to do great things and further the mission of the church. We too need to follow that example and allow the love that God has shared with us to keep us faithful and willing to bring others to know the peace of that love.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



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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 at least four weeks.



Memorial Day
Mass

Sacred Heart Cemetery

9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 26

Bring a lawn chair.

If weather is inclement, Mass will be held in church.

Totus Tuus

Coming to Our Lady of the Prairie!
July 12-19, 2025

We are looking for volunteers to help the missionaries in the Grades 1-6 classrooms and on the playground, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am-2:30 pm.

You do not have to commit to the entire week, or even to an entire day. We are willing to work with whatever your personal schedule would allow.

Please contact Mr. Simons if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you so much for your consideration of helping out with this wonderful summer program!



Reminder

The Parish Office will be closed
Friday, May 23 & Monday, May 26.

Ever Wonder What God Has Planned for Your Life?
Discover God's Plan of Sheer Goodness at :



CATECHETICAL
INSTITUTE

The Saint Paul Seminary

We are excited to announce that **Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine** will be a satellite site for **The Saint Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute's** two

-year Pillars Program that walks you through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a story from blessing to blessing! Beginning in September 2025, students will meet on Monday evenings from 7 PM to 9 PM at the parish, participate in the small group dynamic, and gather to watch the lectures via live stream.

Taught by the best instructors in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, such as Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Pam Patnode, Dr. Bill Stevenson, Deacon Dan Gannon, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith, Alyssa Bormes, and more, the program will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven.

The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two **in-person** Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications for the "soon-to-be" saint, Carlo Acutis, are being accepted through August 1, 2025.

Register today and join over 3,000 graduates of the Catechetical Institute!

For more information and an application for the **Class of St. Carlo Acutis** visit: <https://saintpaulseminary.org/ci> or call (651) 962-5072.



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	Deficit/Surplus
May 11, 2025	\$7,262.30	- \$1,081.70

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, May 10	4:15 pm	204
Sunday, May 11	8:00 am	208
	10:00 am	246
Livestreamed		13

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

Automatic Contributions

Did you know your contributions 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.



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers **Dr. Eugene 'Gene' McMahon** (former OLP Principal) April 28, 2025 in St. Michael, MN We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and loved ones, and we pray for his eternal peace.

Church Floors

Project: Refinishing wood floors (& carpet following soon).

Pews: Work to remove pews from the church begins after Mass on Friday, May 30th thru June 1st.

May 31st thru June 22nd.

Masses will be held in the Parish Hall on weekdays & weekends.

Thank You Parishioners!

We raised \$780 in our Tootsie Roll Drive to aid people with intellectual disabilities.



The **Belle Plaine Knights of Columbus** donated \$3,000 to the **MN Special Olympics**; the proceeds from the Lenten fish dinners held in March and April.



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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new Parishioners **Colton & Morgan Harens**. Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.


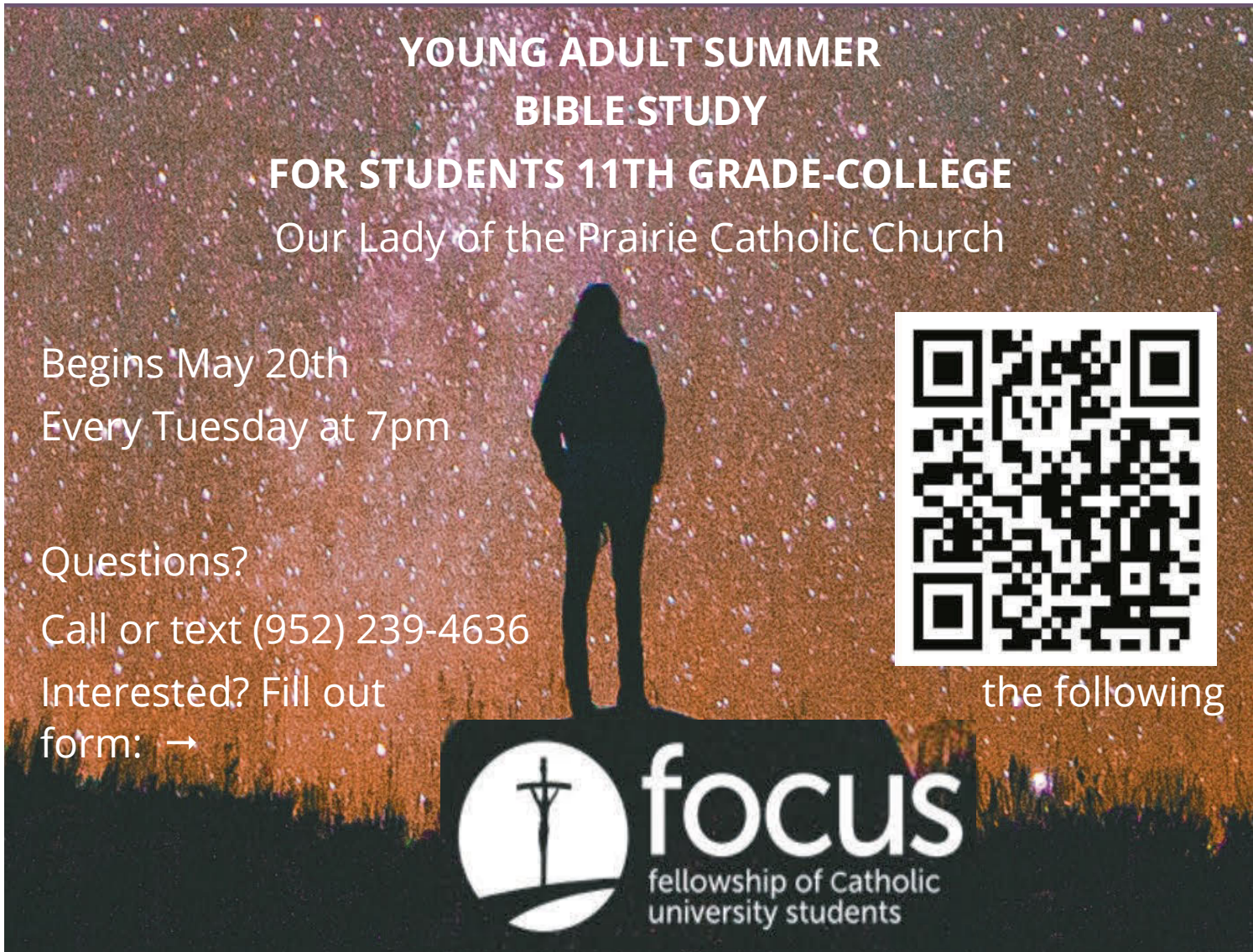


 The Council of Catholic Women is hosting the **Deanery President's Supper** on Tuesday, July 22nd. Help is needed on Monday to prepare food and on Tuesday to help with set up and cleanup. Please consider participating in this CCW event. Contact Janice Teal: janrteal@gmail.com


YOUNG ADULT SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
FOR STUDENTS 11TH GRADE-COLLEGE
Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

Begins May 20th
Every Tuesday at 7pm

Questions?
Call or text (952) 239-4636
Interested? Fill out form: →



the following





TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION FORM

WEEK:

Daytime Program | Mon. - Fri:

Evening Program | Sun. - Thurs:

STUDENT'S LAST NAME _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS (checked most regularly) _____

FAMILY STREET ADDRESS: _____

City State Zip Code

Parents' Info	Mother	Father
First Name		
Last Name		
Cell Phone #		
Email Address		

EMERGENCY CONTACT

First and Last Name: _____

Relationship to child (e.g. grandparent, aunt, etc.): _____

Emergency Contact's Cell #: (_____) _____ - _____

Youth Registration	Child #1	Child #2	Child #3
First Name			
Last Name			
Gender	Male or Female	Male or Female	Male or Female
Age			
Date of Birth	____ / ____ / 20____	____ / ____ / 20____	____ / ____ / 20____
Program Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 6 or <input type="checkbox"/> 7 - 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 6 or <input type="checkbox"/> 7 - 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 6 or <input type="checkbox"/> 7 - 12
Grade entering in Fall '25			
Has your child received their 1st Communion?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
School attending in Fall			
List any allergies, medical conditions, or special needs			

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PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE FOR:

The undersigned grants full permission to use my or the said minor's likeness in any photographs, videos, or other digital media ("photo"), or any other recorded of this event for any legitimate and legal purpose in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. I understand that all photos become the property of the parish named above and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (ArchSPM), or anyone authorized by the forementioned parties and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize parish named above to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any legal and lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

- Yes, I authorize use of my and/or my child's(ren's) images as mentioned above.
 No, I do not authorize the use of my and/or my child's(ren's) images as mentioned above.

LIABILITY WAIVER

The undersigned, his/her personal representatives, heirs, and assigns, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

- I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to individuals and I voluntarily agree to assume any and all risks or injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that myself or the said minor(s) may sustain as a result associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to: falls, slipping, tripping, tipping over, and so forth, contact with others, the effects of the weather including high heat, humidity and/or cold, and the conditions of the ground, all such risks being known, understood, and voluntarily assumed by the participant.
- Having read this waiver, knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my registration, I hereby, for myself and/or anyone else entitled to act on my behalf or might claim on my behalf, further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have (or accrue to me) as a result of myself and/or the said minor(s) participating in these activities/events against the parish named above and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (ArchSPM), any affiliates, and/or their employees, sponsors, officials, agents, and volunteers.
- I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the parish name above and the ArchSPM, and all other parties and individuals associated including their employees, volunteers, sponsors, officials, agents, police, and their representatives and successors from any and all claims for injuries, illnesses, damages, expenses, or loss that I or said minor(s) may have or which may accrue, arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activity/event.
- Additionally, I agree to protect, defend, hold harmless, and fully indemnify parish named above and the ArchSPM, all affiliates and their employees, sponsors, officials, agents, and volunteers for any claim or cause of action whatsoever arising out of the activity/event that is brought against the parish named above, the ArchSPM, affiliates, and their employees, sponsors, officials, agents, and volunteers by myself, my child(ren), and family members.

With my signature, I verify that I am at least 18 years old, I am the parent or legal guardian of said minor(s), and I have read, reviewed, and fully understand the above release statements, warning and assumption of risks, and indemnification agreement, and additionally grant a waiver and release of all claims.

SIGNATURE _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We rely on volunteers to help us make this program safe and available for our youth. Please note that all volunteers must be compliant with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment policies. We will help you with this, if your credentials are not up to date. To volunteer, please contact the parish.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We welcome donations of supplies, snacks, and meals to help offset costs and keep our Totus Tuus program affordable for all families. Would you be willing to donate?

- Yes, please send me more information once it is available.
 Maybe, send me info and I will see if I can help at that time.
 No, I am unable to donate at this time.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Grade School - Daytime Program

Junior/Senior High - Evening Program

Make checks payable to:

Memo: **Totus Tuus** Drop off or mail registration form with payment to the parish.

Please pay by _____ to ensure supplies are purchased for participants.

LINKS & INFORMATION

For more information, to volunteer, or to donate supplies, snacks, or meals, please contact:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 19

12:00 pm Deadline to submit articles for the May 25th bulletin & early deadline for the June 1st bulletin.

Tuesday, May 20

1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
 6:30 pm Mass
 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Mtg in Roedel Hall
 7:00 pm Summer Bible Study (5/20 - 8/12)

Wednesday, May 21

8:30 am Mass
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall

Thursday, May 22

8:30 am Sixth Grade Graduation Mass
 Last Student Day / Half Day
 6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conference Rm

Friday, May 23

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am Mass
 Teacher Check Out Day

Saturday, May 24

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am Mass
 9:00 am Choir
 10:00 am Mass
 Treats & Fellowship after both Masses sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, May 24, 4:15 pm

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

Sunday, May 25, 8:00 am

Greeters: Tom & Pam Cates
 Lector: Dr. Tim Halloran
 EMHC: Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal
 Ushers: John Edberg, Paul Guertin, Volunteers (2)
 Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, May 25, 10:00 am

Greeters: Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen
 Lector: Sandy Schroers
 EMHC: Nora Wermerskirchen, Mary Randklev, Hannah Wermerskirchen, Karen Vandermark
 Ushers: Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Johan Miller, Jeff Klein
 Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers
 EMHC: Mary Moriarty (Kingsway)
 Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	19	May	†	No Mass
Tue	20	May	6:30 pm	† d. Stan Effertz
Wed	21	May	8:30 am	† d. John Anthony Schliz
Thu	22	May	8:30 am	† d. Irene Castor
Fri	23	May	8:30 am	† d. John Anthony Schliz
Sat	24	May	4:15 pm	† d. Kevin Schmitt
Sun	25	May	8:00 am	† For the Parish
			10:00 am	† d. Msgr. John Richter

READINGS

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9,10-11,12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

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