



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 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](mailto:bulletineditor@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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July 13, 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LUKE 10:37



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OF  
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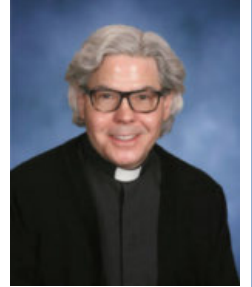
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Natalie (Covington) Ruiz  
Jordan Ruiz  
David May  
Dylan May  
Sean Alander  
Alex Vandermark  
Levi Lane (Marines)  
Grace Halloran

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 parable of the Good Samaritan is a beloved passage of Sacred Scripture. The Gospel reading this week has Jesus telling this story to answer a question by a legal scholar. As we ponder our questions about faith we are reminded about the inherent dignity of each and every human being and how we are called by our baptism to respond to others. In this passage, Jesus greatly expands the circle of who is included as our neighbor. It is not just those in town or a few miles away, but rather the entire world is our neighbor and we must respond with the magnitude of Jesus to all people, not just those in our immediate vicinity.

To have that capacity of response, we look to our first reading that has Moses lovingly recounting the commandments given to us by God for our freedom and well-being. If we truly take these commandments to heart, then we can be fully free to respond not only to God, but also to others. When we limit our capacity and turn away from the commandments, our freedom is inhibited and we become enslaved to sin. Our culture so often finds itself in conflict with the commandments that we fool ourselves to believe that somehow we know better than God. May we constantly find our posture before God as the creature and allow God to always be God so that we can adopt God's ways and internalize the commandments. That way we are most fully free and able to love God and neighbor.

Let's communicate this message to all and spread the Gospel with our very lives! The commandments liberate us to be authentic sons and daughters of God. We can spread God's love in a powerful ways.

God bless you,  
Father Michael Kaluza

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, MN.

The retreat begins Thursday evening August 28, 2025, and ends Sunday evening, August 31, 2025. Free-will donations are accepted.

For more information, call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website: [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com)

## Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen	Katie Cates	Marlene Fahey
Matt Hennen	Annette Schmit Mann	Jan Walerius
Deacon Bob Raleigh	Gary Kroells	Kevin Halloran
Ron (Franny) Gerres	Pat Sexe	Bruce & Cathy Halloran
Mona Bentfield	Dave Buesgens	Cathy Pass
Elmer Lambrecht	Joan Larson	
Don Morrison	Fred Welsch	

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.



**Be a part of Our Lady of the Prairie's History!**

Only one tree needed yet in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Your last chance to purchase a **Legacy Tree** in remembrance of your parents, grandparents & family \$500 per tree, includes planting.

Stop in the Parish Office for details, or contact Keith Heitkamp at (612) 819-8272



**Scholarship Fund**

Requesting donations to help establish a scholarship award for Our Lady of the Prairie graduating Belle Plaine High School Seniors.

Contact the Parish Office to donate. Scholarship applications accepted in Spring, 2026. Awarded through **BP Dollars for Scholars** with matching funds.

Join us on Saturday for the Bar-B-Q Day Parade! OLP families will be walking with their float.

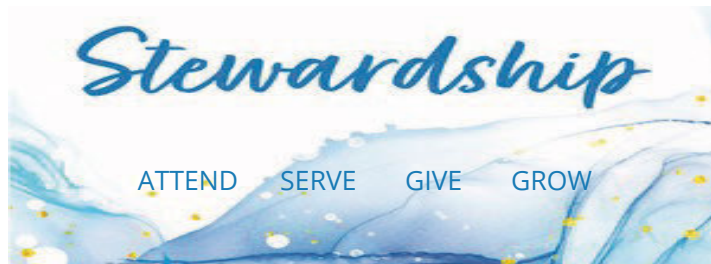
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Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	(+ / -) Goal
June 29, 2025	\$6,032	- \$2,312
Peter's Pence	\$645	
July 06, 2025	\$6,551	- \$1,793

**ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, June 28	4:15 pm	182
Sunday, June 29	8:00 am	181
	10:00 am	217
Livestreamed		NA
Saturday, July 5	4:15 pm	158
Sunday, July 6	8:00 am	155
	10:00 am	140
Livestreamed		0

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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

*Call for Nominations*

Will you consider serving our pastor and your fellow parishioners?

**Nominate your candidates**  
on the ballot provided in pews July 12 thru July 19 .  
No nominations will be accepted after July 21, 2025.

**Elect your candidates**  
on the voting ballot available August 2 thru August 10.

**Outgoing Council Members completing their term:**  
Joan Brueggemeir Bob Smith  
Allen Schmitz Renee Schultz  
*(Allen Schmitz is eligible for nomination/election)*

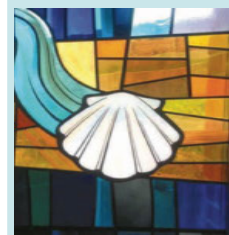
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Daughter of  
Richard (RJ) & Alexa Vandenberg  
July 5, 2025

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## READINGS

### Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

**Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37  
(see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

### The Council of Catholic Women is hosting the Deanery President's Supper

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Help is needed on Monday to prepare food  
and on Tuesday to help with set up and cleanup.  
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Janice Teal: janrteal@gmail.com



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, July 14

Totus Tuus (July 12-19)

### Tuesday, July 15

Totus Tuus

- 11:00 am Mass at OLP
- 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
- 6:30 pm Mass at OLP
- 7:00 pm Summer Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 16

Totus Tuus

- 8:30 am Mass at OLP
- 11:00 am Mass at OLP
- 12:00 pm Ecumenical Lunch

### Thursday, July 17

Totus Tuus

- 8:30 am Mass at OLP
- 11:00 am Mass at OLP
- 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group in Conf Room

### Friday, July 18

Parish Office Closed

Totus Tuus

- 8:30 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 6:00-10:00 pm KC food stand at Bar-B-Q Days

### Saturday, July 19

Totus Tuus - last day

- 12:00 pm Bar-B-Q Days Parade (OLP Float)
- 4:15 pm Mass
- 12:00-10:00 pm KC food stand at Bar-B-Q Days

### Sunday, July 20

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Mass
- Treats & Fellowship after both Masses in Roedel Hall - *Hosted by Catholic United Financial*
- KC food stand at Bar-B-Q Days

### Saturday, July 19, 4:15 pm

- Greeters: Volunteers
- Lector: Sue Schultz
- EMHC: Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteer
- Ushers: Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
- Servers: Ian Saxe, Andrew "Gus" Saxe, Addy Saxe
- Gift Bearers: Volunteers

### Sunday, July 20, 8:00 am

- Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
- Lector: Janice Teal
- EMHC: Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal
- Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
- Servers: Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal
- Gift Bearers: Volunteers

### Sunday, July 21, 10:00 am

- Greeters: Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen
- Lector: Joe Vandermark
- EMHC: Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Sheila Hendricks, Jason Palo
- Ushers: Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
- Servers: Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger
- Gift Bearers: Volunteers
- EMHC: Mary Moriarty (Kingsway)  
Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	14	July	No Mass	†	
Tue	15	July	11:00 am 6:30 pm	†	d. John & Grace Lynch d. Irene Castor
Wed	16	July	8:30 am 11:00 am	†	d. Teresa Fritz d. Maureen & Bob Burns
Thu	17	July	8:30 am 11:00 am	†	d. Msgr. John Richter d. John & Catherine Barrett
Fri	18	July	8:30 am 11:00 am	†	d. Pat Bigaouette liv. & d. Daly & Barrett Family
Sat	19	July	4:15 pm	†	d. Shavaun Koehn
Sun	20	July	8:00 am	†	For the Parish
			10:00 am	†	d. Jeff O'Brien

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