



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 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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July 20, 2025



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42



THE MONTH
OF
THE **PRECIOUS**
BLOOD OF JESUS

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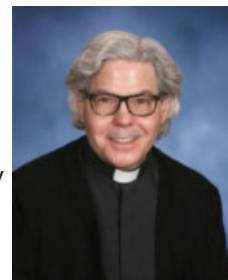
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Hospitality

The Gospel speaks of hospitality and reminds us that hospitality must be recognized as a gift from God. While most of us probably better identify with Martha, the one who wants to get busy with the work that must be done when guests are in the house, we must also come to learn that first and foremost we need God. Hospitality can only be shown when one knows that God is the priority of life. Mary, the sister of Martha, seems to immediately recognize her need for Jesus. His words and his company give her more than she could give to him. Jesus provides Mary and Martha with the one thing that is needed: a relationship with God. And this relationship with Jesus is based upon a humble acceptance of the fact that we need him. And all we can do for him is be grateful and give ourselves to thanksgiving. Mary understands that we must listen to Jesus.

At the center of our Christian lives is an act of hospitality, not our hospitality to others but God's hospitality to us. Jesus invites us as guests to a meal at which he is the host and also the food which is served. We recognize the living presence of God coming to nourish and strengthen us each time we gather for Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest act of worship that we can give to God – even though God is really the one giving to us. Let us remember that as we gather as a parish family, we remind ourselves of our need for God and our need to respond to God, who loved us first.

God bless you,
Father Michael C. Kaluza



Our Lady of the Prairie
welcomes our new Parishioners

Taylor & Morgan Lenz

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

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

Alan Giles

Don Morrison

Fred Welsch

Special Intention

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.



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)



Jessenland Ice Cream Social & Open House

Sunday July 27th 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Jessenland Historical and Cultural Center
32388 Scenic Byway Rd, Henderson, MN 56044

Come enjoy **ice cream**, tour the historic site, and learn about the restoration of one of Minnesota's earliest Irish Catholic settlements.

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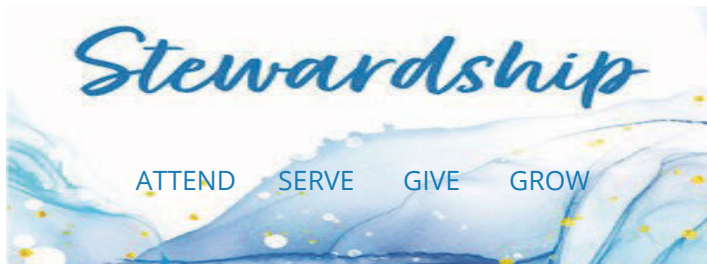
Every catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students, and your community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we are eternally grateful. It's

wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives!

Thank you so much for this amazing week allowing us to serve you all. We hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth and particularly as we complete our Parish assignments this summer.

Totus Tuus Maria,

Greg, Eileen, John, and Ave



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	(+ / -) Goal
July 13, 2025	\$11,187	+ \$2,843
Endowment Fund	\$478	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 12	4:15 pm	149
Sunday, July 13	8:00 am	180
	10:00 am	209
Livestreamed		38

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.



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.*



Our Lady of the Prairie
Fall Festival

Saturday, September 6



Visit the sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board to volunteer for a shift, and pick up your raffle tickets to sell in Roedel Hall.

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Braden Joseph Rahn & Alison Jan Eibs

August 9, 2025

*Whoever has knowledge of an impediment to this
proposed marriage, kindly contact the parish office.*

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



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Number of Cards _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

- 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
- 6:30 pm Mass at OLP
- 7:00 pm Southwest Deanery President's Supper
- 7:00 pm Summer Bible Study

Wednesday, July 23

- 8:30 am Mass
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 24

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

Friday, July 25

- Parish Office Closed
- 8:30 am Mass

Saturday, July 26

- 4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, July 27

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Mass

Saturday, July 26, 4:15 pm

- Greeters: Volunteers
- Lector: Sarah Williams
- 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, July 27, 8:00 am

- Greeters: Eric & Lisa May
- Lector: Sheila Hendricks
- EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, John Watzl, Sharon Beach
- Ushers: Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
- Servers: Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Kora Krautkremer
- Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, July 27, 10:00 am

- Greeters: Joe & Kristen Lajeunesse
- Lector: Rick Morgan
- EMHC: Mary Randklev, Karen Vandermark, Paula Covington, Jim Covington
- Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
- Servers: Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark
- Gift Bearers: Volunteers
- EMHC: Pat Schroers (Kingsway)
Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	21	July	No Mass	†
Tue	22	July	6:30 pm	† d. Marilyn Johnson
Wed	23	July	8:30 am	† d. Stan Effertz
Thu	24	July	8:30 am	† d. Regina Homer
Fri	25	July	8:30 am	† d. Tim Randklev
Sat	26	July	4:15 pm	† For the Parish
Sun	27	July	8:00 am	† d. Len & Mary Sluster
			10:00 am	† d. Irene Castor

READINGS

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

- Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Mt 13:24-30

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