



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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August 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RICH IN
WHAT MATTERS
TO GOD.

LUKE 12:21



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Dylan May
Sean Alander
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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 . . .

To Be Rich in God

This weekend we welcome Father Terrence de Silva from the Holy Trinity Parish in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. He will speak about the needs in Appalachia and looks for your support, so please respond generously!



Jesus reminds us that our value is not what is stored in our bank account. Our value comes from being a child of God created in God's image and likeness. Money and wealth can be a distraction from what really matters in life and that is reaching eternal life and claiming heavenly citizenship.

While money is useful for life on earth, greed is a vice that can take hold of our senses and lead us to places where we do not want to go. We must always balance the tension between the priorities of our earthly life and the priorities of our spiritual life. That's why we need to seek wisdom from on high to realize what we need to live on earth and how to prepare for life in heaven. We need the knowledge to discern what is valuable in life, which itself is a gift from God.

The Gospel parable reminds us that our treasure is not here on earth. Our treasure lies in store for us in heaven. When we reach blessedness with God we will truly understand all the gifts that God has bestowed upon us and realize that our earthly lives are but a journey to our true home in heaven. May we already now anticipate and await the beatitude of the eschaton! As we prepare to live with God for all of eternity, we realize that it demands that we already adopt God's ways and learn to be givers rather than takers. God is always coming out to meet us and Jesus shows us how to imitate God. God is the giver of all good things and continuously pours out all for our benefit. Therefore, we too must learn to give as God gives so that we can enjoy eternal life.

While on earth, we are but simple stewards of gifts from God. Stewardship demands that we care for those gifts and properly use them. We are truly blessed to live the faith and be witnesses to Christ. Our faith makes us rich not only for ourselves, but so that we can share.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza

Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen	Katie Cates	Jan Walerius
Matt Hennen	Mary Ann Bigaouette	Kevin Halloran
Deacon Bob Raleigh	Chad Feltmann	Bruce & Cathy Halloran
Ron (Franny) Gerres	William Busch	Cathy Pass
Mona Bentfield	Kelly Scott	Alan Giles
Elmer Lambrecht	Fred Welsch	Special Intention
Don Morrison	Marlene Fahey	Mike & Donna Buchanan

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.



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.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM AS A STORY FROM BLESSING TO BLESSING

Application Deadline Extended to Aug 25!

Applications are now being accepted for the Class of "soon-to-be" saint, Carlo Acutis in the Catechetical Institute's popular two-year Pillars program beginning this fall!



Carlo Acutis

- ◆ Monday Evenings 7-9pm
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- ◆ Four 11-week modules following the 4 pillars
- ◆ Live-streamed at Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine

Join over 3,000 graduates!



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SCAN FOR INFO AND APPLICATION

VOTE

Parish Council ballots in pews August 2-10.



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.



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

John Ploetz

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and loved ones, and pray for his eternal peace.



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	(+ / -) Goal
July 20, 2025	\$5,294	- \$3,050
Maintenance Fund	\$1,488	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 19	4:15 pm	180
Sunday, July 20	8:00 am	162
	10:00 am	192
Livestreamed		24

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.

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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.*

Annual Mission Appeal

Our Annual Mission Appeal is this weekend, August 2nd & 3rd. We have a visiting Priest, **Fr. Terrence deSilva** from the Holy Trinity Parish, in the Diocese of Lexington, KY.


Fr. Terrence was born and brought up in Sri Lanka. He joined St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, in Indiana, in 2011 for the formation of the priesthood. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 2016.

It is the Mission Cooperative Program that will bring him to our parish, representing the Diocese of Lexington, KY. Fr. Terrence will be speaking on the needs of the Appalachian people of Eastern Kentucky.

Your generous donations during the second collection at Masses will fund the Appalachian Mission Assistance Program (AMAP) in his diocese. **Please make your check out to the "Our Lady of the Prairie Parish" and write: "Mission Appeal" on the Memo line of your check.**

The Lord loves a cheerful giver!

Thank you.




About the Diocese

St. John Paul II established the Diocese of Lexington on March 2, 1988, erecting it from portions of the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Covington.

The Diocese encompasses an area the size of Maryland, Delaware and Rhode Island combined, half of which is in the heart of Appalachia. Roman Catholics comprise 39,004 of the 1.5 million people in the area or 3% of the overall population, concentrated primarily in the larger cities and towns.

Of the 59 parishes in the Catholic diocese, roughly 40 rely on external funding to meet daily expenses. Twelve parishes are missions to other parishes in the region. The Catholic diocese offers the **Mission and Ministry Program**, providing over \$1 million annually for applicant parishes, schools and outreach ministries in the mountains. Our need is greater than this.



St. Martha Parish in Prestonsburg/Floyd County

A Snapshot of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington

- 16,423 Square Miles
- 50 Counties
- 39,004 Members
- 59 Parishes
- 2 Oratories
- 38 Active Diocesan Priests
- 11 Active Religious Order Priests
- 15 Retired Diocesan Priests
- 87 Active Deacons
- 39 Women Religious
- 4 Seminarians
- 1 Accredited Secondary School
- 12 Accredited Primary Schools
- 13 Federal & State Prisons

You Can Help


You can help the Catholic Diocese of Lexington by giving your time, talent or treasure. Please give generously of your daily prayers and remember the Catholic Diocese of Lexington in your Mass intentions. Volunteer opportunities abound in the mission fields and financial support directly benefits the people we serve. If you feel called to get more involved, please contact:

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington
1310 West Main Street
Lexington KY, 40508
Ph: (859) 253-1993

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington Mission & Ministry
is funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the Mission Cooperative Plan, grants and private donations.

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Our Mission



The Catholic Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky

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Overview of Our Mission Diocese



Mountain Ridges Outside Prestonsburg/Floyd County

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington serves the rolling hills of the urban and suburban areas of Central Kentucky as well as the mountainous and rural areas of Eastern Kentucky. The two regions are places of stark contrast and yet, they serve as places of opportunity for faith and evangelization as we live our Catholic social teachings in service to others.

In Eastern Kentucky, the natural beauty and richness of the land belie the grinding poverty that exists. Economic development is hampered by lack of business investment, low educational attainment and rampant addiction. Unemployment rates in Appalachia are 75% higher than the national average. Poverty afflicts over 25% of the population. McCreary County, Kentucky consistently ranks as one of the poorest counties in the United States.

The extraction industries, mining and logging – long the life blood of the region – are dwindling, along with their well-paying jobs. Minimum wage jobs are the norm and young people leave the area for greater opportunities. The income gap between Appalachia and the nation continues to grow.

While Catholics are low in number in Eastern Kentucky, the church is known as a source of comfort and support for all who are in need.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Campton is a Catholic community in Eastern Kentucky distinguished by its outreach ministry. The Catholic reputation is strong here and the church is seen as the place to go. Good Shepherd operates the primary food pantry in Wolfe County, serving about 130 households every month. It also has a thrift store, open three days per week. They frequently receive requests for assistance that the Church can help with or connect them with another entity. **"People feel comfortable here and know we are here to serve them."** Kirsten Thorstad, parish life director, says of the largely non-Catholic nature of those who are served. While the church exists to evangelize, she notes that evangelization builds on human connection and relationships. **"For some people, you can't get to that point without taking care of their basic needs."**


Martha's Portion



Sorting Donations at Martha's Portion in Prestonsburg

Martha's Portion, an outreach of St. Martha Parish, Prestonsburg, gives material assistance to the needy.

Holy Trinity Learning Center




Holy Trinity Learning Center in Harlan County

The Holy Trinity Learning Center in Harlan County is an after-school math and language arts tutoring program designed to help struggling students and those who need an extra challenge.

St. Stephen Catholic Church

The St. Stephen Catholic Church has only 11 members in rural Harlan County, KY. However, the church's food pantry reaches 400 families per month and 200 seniors by providing robust boxes of food each month. This pantry is guided by Fr. Terrence de Silva and a devoted group of volunteers that hail from various area churches. This ecumenical outreach ensures that the many in and around Harlan County have healthy nourishment while going through financial difficulties.



St. Stephen Food Pantry in Harlan County

Hispanic Ministry

Hispanic ministry is growing with the diocese's Hispanic population. The diocese offers 22 Spanish Sunday Masses in 20 cities. The Office of Hispanic Ministry collaborates with all diocesan offices in all matters related to the Hispanic community and strives to offer equivalent programs to be sensitive to the Hispanic culture, language and needs. It offers support and resources to diocesan offices not yet equipped to directly serve the Hispanic faithful and directed services to pastors and parishes to reach out, welcome and include Hispanics in the life of the parishes. The Office of Hispanic Ministry sponsors nine formation and evangelization programs and facilitates social and legal services.



Performing Songs for Las Posadas in Lexington

Prison Ministry

Prison ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Lexington is a significant pastoral need, in part by necessity. There are five federal prisons, seven state prisons, two for-profit state prisons and 33 county jails spread across the diocese. And in addition to the priests saying Mass at different prisons on a regular basis, deacons and laypeople comprise this local witness to restorative justice.

The Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center

The FBAMC in Lawrence County provides outreach services for the poor of Appalachia in the Eastern Kentucky area with a charitable and compassionate Christ-centered approach. Short and long term volunteer opportunities are available for periods of one week or one year, respectively.



Visit www.cdlex.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5

6:30 pm Mass
 7:00 pm KC Meeting in Parish Hall
 CCW Meeting in Roedel Hall
 Summer Bible Study

Wednesday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 am Mass

Thursday, August 7

8:30 am Mass at OLP
 2:00 pm Mass at Lutheran Home
 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group in Conf Room

Friday, August 8

Parish Office Closed
 8:30 am Mass
 5:00 pm Eibs & Rahn Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 9

2:00 pm Eibs & Rahn Wedding
 4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, August 10

8:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Marriage Encounter meeting in Roedel Hall

Saturday, August 9, 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, August 10, 8:00 am

Greeters: Bob & Dorene Smith
 Lector: Sharon Schmitz
 EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, John Watzl, Sharon Beach
 Ushers: Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
 Servers: Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Kora Krautkremer
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, August 10, 10:00 am

Greeters: Terry & Karen Feddersen
 Lector: Mary Randklev
 EMHC: Mary Randklev, Karen Vandermark, Paula Covington, Jim Covington
 Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
 Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Paisley Scheff
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers
 EMHC: Janice Teal (Kingsway)
 Mike Buchanan (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4	Aug	No Mass	†
Tue	5	Aug	6:30 pm	† d. CCW Members
Wed	6	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Felix Klehr Family
Thu	7	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Tim Randklev
Fri	8	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Irene Castor
Sat	9	Aug	4:15 pm	† d. Wayne Mattison
Sun	10	Aug	8:00 am	† d. Richard Beach
			10:00 am	† For the Parish

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

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