



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

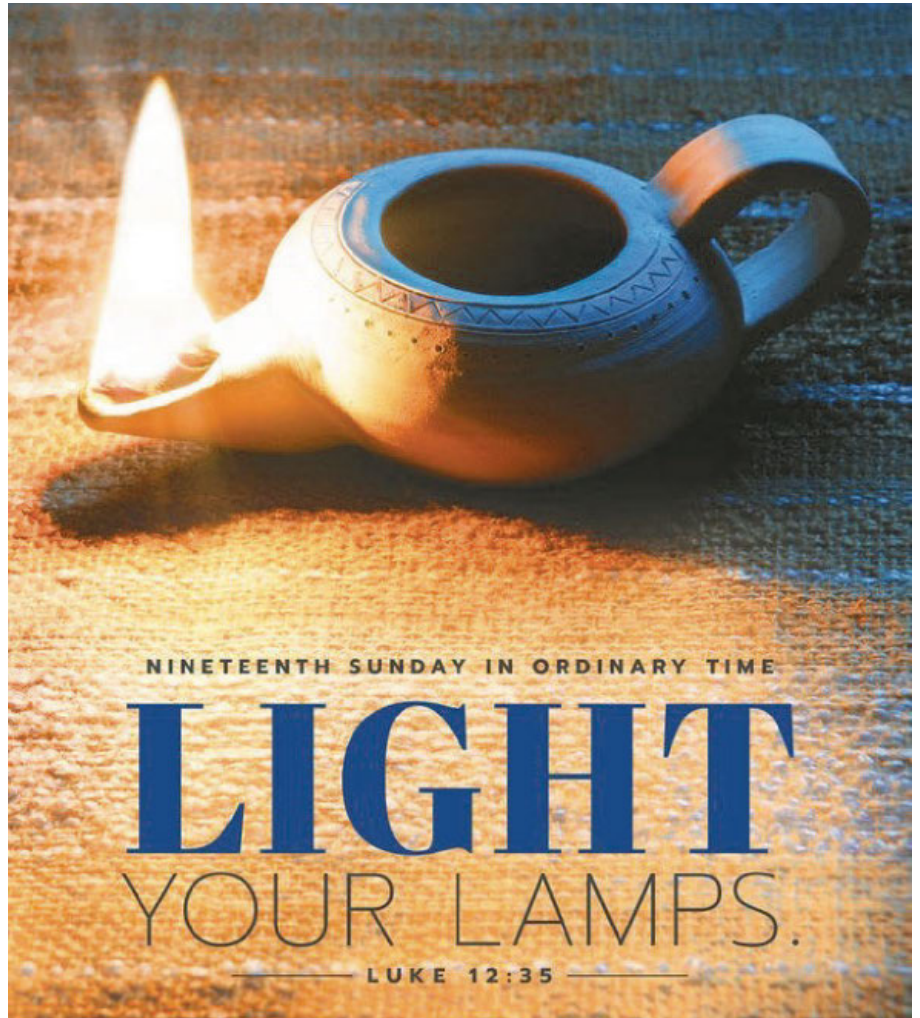
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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

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August 10, 2025



The Assumption

of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary's body was glorified immediately at the end of her earthly life. Thus, unlike other mortal beings who must wait until the end of the world for our bodily resurrection, Mary, as Jesus's mother, was given the divine gift of being taken body and soul to Heaven upon her death.

Importantly, the Assumption of Mary is unlike the Ascension of Jesus. Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven by His own power. In contrast, Mary is believed to have been taken up into Heaven by God.

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Be Not Afraid

Jesus clearly tells us to have no fear, but he also reminds us that we are to act responsibly. The prophets and the law are given to us to help us on the path of freedom. Those who are most free are those who choose to follow God in the ways of righteousness are the saints. We call them saints because they live with God in eternity. As God has blessed us on earth with so much, we must use that blessing to build up his Kingdom. In that fashion we can participate with those who live in heaven already here on earth. That's what we do at Mass and why it is important to attend Mass each and every Sunday without fail. Quite simply, it is the Third Commandment and we have a duty to bind ourselves to the commandments of God. What happens at Mass is joining ourselves with all those who surround God at his heavenly altar to give him thanks and praise. Our worship on earth is united with the worship of those in heaven.

We make use of our talents and gifts to give God glory. Today's Gospel is therefore a gift to us. It is a gift because it challenges us to face up to what is in fact most important to us, and in so doing how important God really is to us in our lives. It also makes us ask some philosophical questions about how we can participate in the love that God has revealed to the world. It was, after all, for the salvation of the whole of humanity the God chose his holy people, gave them the law and the prophets, and sent his only Son into their midst to reconcile all mankind to himself. And it was to Adam, and in him to all of us who are his sons and daughters, that God entrusted the world to till it and care for it.

In all that we do, our lives should manifest that God is the primary focus of our lives. We use our lives to live as children of a loving God. That's why we care for our families and friends. That's why we go off to work to provide for ourselves and others. That's why we value our education to increase in knowledge and wisdom. That's why we pray, because we want to include God in our lives. The treasures of this earth are meant to enrich us so that we might experience the fortune of heaven. Our parish and school is a treasure and I am grateful for all that you do to make Our Lady of the Prairie a home to God and his people. May our treasure always be with God, who is indeed our salvation and redemption!

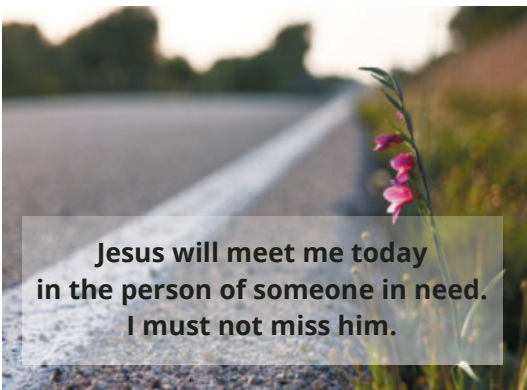
God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



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	Pat Sexe
Elmer Lambrecht	Barb Wentworth	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.



Jesus will meet me today
in the person of someone in need.
I must not miss him.



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OLP is a valued FISH Partner. We thank you for your attention to needs in our area which have been submitted to the network.

View them and see how you can help at:
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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.



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new Parishioners **James & Cassie Tonneson**. Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

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!



- Monday Evenings 7-9pm
Sept. - Dec. / Feb. - May
- Four 11-week modules following the 4 pillars
- Live-streamed at Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine

Join over 3,000 graduates!



SCAN FOR INFO AND APPLICATION



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	(+ / -) Goal
July 20, 2025	\$6,074	- \$2,270
Missionary Appeal	\$3,507	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 2	4:15 pm	177
Sunday, August 3	8:00 am	155
	10:00 am	160
Livestreamed		32

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.



Parish Council ballots in pews August 2-10.



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 Catholic School

NOW HIRING

PRESCHOOL

TEACHER

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School in Belle Plaine is seeking a **preschool classroom lead teacher** who is a strong educator, has lots of creative learning, and is dedicated to excellence and continued growth. Our Lady of the Prairie is a small, fun-filled PreK through sixth grade school. Everyone knows everyone. We are beginning a new outdoor classroom opportunity where God's creation becomes the classroom. Our teachers are dedicated to teaching to the whole student, emotionally, academically, socially, and spiritually. We are a Believe and Read School and offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as part of our Religion curriculum.

- Is a practicing Catholic.
- Is a licensed elementary or early childhood educator.
- Is able to demonstrate strong classroom management and relationship building techniques.
- Is eager to be part of a team, working hard to achieve excellent outcomes for students.
- Is able to fulfill the Virtus Essential 3 requirements and pass a background check.
- Is able to utilize technology and current research in instruction.
- Is able to follow standards and use selected school wide curriculum, supplementing when necessary.
- Is able to monitor student progress regularly and adjust instruction/resources accordingly.

Contact Sheila Hendricks, Principal at (952) 873-6564
email: shendricks@olp.church



Our Lady of the Prairie has an Immediate Opening for a **Facilities Manager**

We are seeking a dependable, motivated, self-starter who can work independently and efficiently, maintaining a safe and healthy environment for parishioners, staff and students.

- Clean and maintain church & school properties on a daily basis.
- Conduct visual inspections on a continual basis. Repair, replace and/or clean items/areas as needed.
- Execute or assist with minor building repairs.
- Lawn mowing, snow removal and maintenance of all parish & school properties.
- Set-up and take-down for events.
- All other aspects of maintenance and improvements of parish & school buildings and properties.

Contact Kelly Pumper, Business Administrator at 952.465.7568



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Mary Ott
Alan Giles

We extend our sincere sympathy to their Families, friends, and loved ones, and we pray for their eternal peace.

August 16 & 17

Religious Education
Registration Weekend

before and after the Masses.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 11

Tuesday, August 12

11:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
 6:30 pm Mass at OLP
 7:00 pm Summer Bible Study (final)

Wednesday, August 13

8:30 am Mass

Thursday, August 14

8:30 am Mass
 6:30 pm Vigil Mass - Holy Day of Obligation 8/15
 6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Room

Friday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, August 16

4:15 pm Mass
 Religious Education registration

Sunday, August 17

8:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass
 Religious Education registration after both masses
 Treats & Fellowship after both masses - hosted by Catholic United Financial

Saturday, August 16, 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, Isaac Saxe
 Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, August 17, 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, August 17, 10:00 am

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	11	Aug	No Mass	†
Tue	12	Aug	6:30 pm	† d. Susan Burmeister (AOD)
Wed	13	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Michael John Leuwer
Thu	14	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Deacon Jim Thorton
			Vigil Mass 6:30 pm	† Liv. & d. Leo & Mag Sullivan Family
Fri	15	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Bob Belousek
Sat	16	Aug	4:15 pm	† d. Kevin Schmitt
Sun	17	Aug	8:00 am	† For the Parish
			10:00 am	† Liv. & d. John Sexton Family

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22(12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER

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BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

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Take a bottle

Fill it with change, cash, or checks

Return to church on the collection date

YOUR DONATIONS SAVE LIVES!

COLLECTION DATE: Sunday, August 31

All proceeds go to Alpha Women's Center's mobile clinic. Our mission is to go to women at the crossroads of decision, reveal the life of their child as they view their ultrasound, and equip them with resources to make a life-affirming decision.

To learn more about us, visit MiracleMachineMN.com or call 651-894-2882.





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FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

5:00-9:00 PM



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