



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

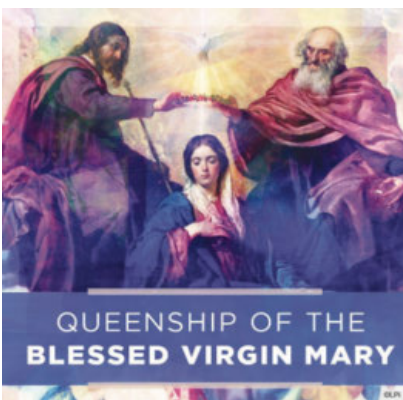
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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

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August 17, 2025



August 22

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship.

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Mike Buchanan, Dan Flynn, Ginny Morgan, Allen Schmitz, Ty Buesgens, Renee Schultz, James Fogarty, Brian Berger, Joan Brueggemeier, Bob Smith, Susan Cole, Greg O'Brien

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ashley Simons, Matt Offerdahl, Loni Scheff, Danielle Campos, Kim Baltus

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Neisen, Maria Tracy, Jerome Flaherty, Joe Vandermark, Jim Koeppe

New Parish Council Members

Jim Glisczinski

Tom Otto

Mona Altman

Edsel Faunillan

Thank you to all parishioners who voted.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Priority of Salvation

Saint Luke reminds us this weekend that Jesus taught about salvation. It is the goal of life and the motivation of our practice of religion. We live vigilantly in this life so that we might gain the experience of eternal life. Jesus tells us to strive to enter through the narrow gate because of the strength and skill needed. We gain that strength and skill in church and in fostering a spiritual life. And it takes persistency and constancy with regular honing.

Jesus also brings about a new understanding of the teaching on salvation. Those who thought they might enter the home of the master might be disappointed that it takes more than just a social relationship. The invitation to God's Kingdom is freely given to all. It is the response that we make to that invitation that determines our salvation. God will aid and assist, but we must make that a real priority.

We need formation in the skills required to be ready for judgment to enter God's Kingdom. That takes education, prayer and regular worship so that we might fully participate in the life of the church. Our Psalm proclaims that we are to go outside of ourselves to tell the good news! And we have good news to share. By the end of our earthly journey may we achieve the skills to live in full expectation of salvation!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Florence Leonard

Pat Schwartz

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

Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen

Matt Hennen

Deacon Bob Raleigh

Ron (Franny) Gerres

Mona Bentfield

Elmer Lambrecht

Don Morrison

Annette Schmit Mann

Kurt Kruger

Katie Cates

Mary Ann Bigaouette

Chad Feltmann

William Busch

Kelly Scott

Barb Wentworth

Marlene Fahey

Jan Walerius

Kevin Halloran

Bruce & Cathy Halloran

Cathy Pass

Pat Sexe

Special Intention

Mike & Donna Buchanan

Jessi O'Brien

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.



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	(+ / -) Goal
August 10, 2025	\$5,552	- \$2,792

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 9	4:15 pm	152
Sunday, August 10	8:00 am	157
	10:00 am	204
Livestreamed		NA

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

Automatic Contributions

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Volunteer for a Shift

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 the bulletin board outside Roedel Hall.
Remember to pick up your raffle tickets.



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.

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
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SCAN FOR INFO AND APPLICATION



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

Baby Bottle Collection

Do you want an easy way to help a mom choose life?



- Take a baby bottle from the back of church.
- Fill it with change, cash, or checks.
- Return to the church by Sunday, August 31.

Proceeds will support Alpha Women's Center prolife Christian ministry that serves right here in Prior Lake and Shakopee, providing free medical and support services that show the love of Jesus to women with pregnancy needs.

To learn more, visit MiracleMachineMN.com or call (651) 894-2882.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm Mass at OLP

Wednesday, August 20

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Funeral (Pat Schwartz)
2:00 pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 21

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

Friday, August 22

Parish Office Closed
8:30 am Mass

Saturday, August 23

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

Saturday, August 23, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteers
Lector: Charlotte Mulroy
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 24, 8:00 am

Greeters: Allen & Sharon Schmitz
Lector: James Fogarty
EMHC: Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, John Watzl, Sharon Beach
Ushers: Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers: Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Kora Krautkremer
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sunday, August 24, 10:00 am

Greeters: Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan
Lector: Rick Morgan
EMHC: Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo
Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen, Max Wermerskirchen
Servers: Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
EMHC: Pat Schroers (Kingsway)
Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	18	Aug	No Mass	†
Tue	19	Aug	6:30 pm	† d. Irene Fitzgerald
Wed	20	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Mary Ann Bieringer
Thu	21	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Dick Hayden
Fri	22	Aug	8:30 am	† d. David Gerrish
Sat	23	Aug	4:15 pm	† d. Teresa Fritz
Sun	24	Aug	8:00 am	† For the Parish
			10:00 am	† Stan Effertz

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

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