



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 7:30 am - 3:30 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.

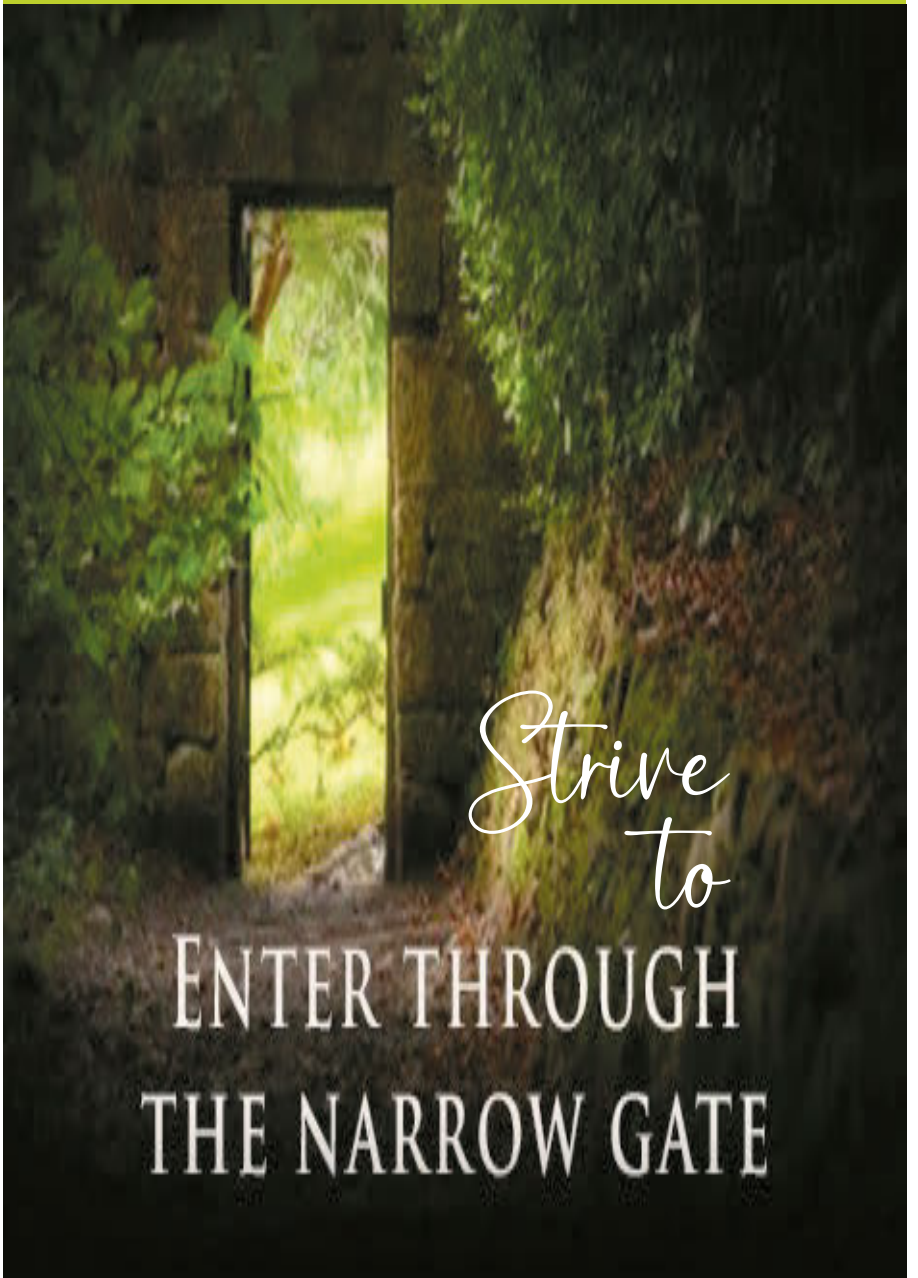
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: [bulletineditor@olp.church](mailto:bulletineditor@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday. (Holidays may have earlier deadlines)

## IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Please contact 952-992-0140

**August 24, 2025**



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O God, cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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### TRUSTEES

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### FINANCE COUNCIL

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## 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

**Patricia Fogarty**

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



## PRAYER LIST

Bud Steen  
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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.





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5:00-9:00 PM



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### Volunteer for a Shift

Sign-up sheets are posted on  
the bulletin board outside Roedel Hall.  
Remember to pick up your raffle tickets.



## 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.



ATTEND SERVE GIVE GROW

### COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	(+ / -) Goal
August 17, 2025	\$5,914.10	- \$2,429.90
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$1,485	

### ATTENDANCE

Thursday, August 14	6:30 pm	148
Friday, August 15	8:30 am	148
Saturday, August 16	4:15 pm	200
Sunday, August 17	8:00 am	161
	10:00 am	195
Livestreamed		25

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.



### Box of Joy

REMINDER: School supplies and summer items are on sale!

Now is the time to select your items of choice for your family's Box of Joy!

Our Box of Joy parish project takes place the end of October.

*Thank you parish families for your support and love helping the poor!*



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OLP is a valued FISH Partner, and 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:  
[FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org](mailto:FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org)

**NOW HIRING**

## third grade **TEACHER**

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School in Belle Plaine is seeking a third grade classroom 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 teacher
- 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.



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## **Now Hiring Facility Manager**

Our Lady of the Prairie  
has an Immediate Opening for a  
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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](http://MiracleMachineMN.com) or call (651) 894-2882.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, August 25

Teacher Workshop Week

### Tuesday, August 26

Teacher Workshop Week

10:00 am Early deadline for Sept. 7th bulletin articles

12N-6:00 pm Preschool Back to School

6:30 pm Mass

### Wednesday, August 27

Teacher Workshop Week

8:30 am Mass

12N Ecumenical Lunch

3:00 - 5:00 pm Back to School K-6

### Thursday, August 28

Teacher Workshop Week

8:30 am Mass

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

### Friday, August 29

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am Mass

### Saturday, August 30

4:15 pm Mass

### Sunday, August 31

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

### Saturday, August 30, 4:15 pm

Greeters: Volunteers

Lector: Charlotte Mulroy

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 31, 8:00 am

Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran

Lector: Sharon Schmitz

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, August 31, 10:00 am

Greeters: Al & Dorothy Bartolomei

Lector: Joe Vandermark

EMHC: Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark

Ushers: Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer

Servers: Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Gabriel Vandermark

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

EMHC: Carman Meyer (Kingsway)  
Edsel Faunillan (Lutheran Home)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 25 Aug No Mass †

Tue 26 Aug 6:30 pm † d. Betty Beaudry

Wed 27 Aug 8:30 am † d. John Anthony Schilz

Thu 28 Aug 8:30 am † d. Irene Castor

Fri 29 Aug 8:30 am † d. Bob Bigaouette

Sat 30 Aug 4:15 pm † d. Red & Cornelia Weldon

Sun 31 Aug 8:00 am † D. Carl Gansen

10:00 am † For the Parish

## READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

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