



Our Lady OF THE Prairie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 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.

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 31, 2025



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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—FAMILY TIME—
**LABOR DAY
WEEKEND**

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**JESUS
TAUGHT
KINDNESS &
COMPASSION**



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The Sin of Pride

The medicine for the sin of pride is the virtue of humility. Jesus showed us through his life and death what authentic humility looks like and how it is possible to live a life of humility and be rooted in the virtues of God. Saint Luke offers a parable that warns against self-exultation and clearly tells us that it is the humble who will enter God's kingdom. It is also through humility that we realize that God has offered the best place for us. As sons and daughters of God, we have access to his kingdom and find the invitation open to all.

Pride not only ruins our relationship with God, but it also destroys our relationship with one another. As we mature and grow in wisdom, we realize that we are not at all independent, rather we are completely dependent. We are dependent upon God and one another to live in this world and so will it be in the world to come. Alone we can do nothing, but with God and one another great things can be achieved!

Humility is essential to our spiritual life, and it takes effort and practice to learn. Pride is a great sin because of our natural tendency toward self-importance. Yet the more we realize our own littleness as God's creature, the more we grow in honor in God's sight. All of our blessings and status are gift from God, so may desire to return that gift by giving the glory to God!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers
Michael Raymond Duffy

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



PRAYER LIST

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Maureen Millard

Mike & Donna Buchanan

Jessi O'Brien

Betty Wolf

Mary Tuma

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.



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.



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344.00

Date	Amount	(+ / -) Goal
Sunday, August 24	\$7,197.00	- \$1,147.00

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 23	4:15 pm	189
Sunday, August 24	8:00 am	150
	10:00 am	209
Livestreamed		0

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.

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.



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School
IN CHRIST WE GROW



Knights of Columbus
 Council #1503
EXEMPLIFICATION
 Sunday, September 14
 after 10am Mass

The exemplification ceremony serves as an initiation for new members of the Knights of Columbus, where they learn about the organization's core values and commitments. The ceremony emphasizes the importance of **Charity, Unity, and Fraternity**, which are foundational principles of the Knights of Columbus.



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!



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

5:00-9:00 PM



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CLOSES SEPT. 6 AT 7:30 PM

Volunteer for a Shift

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 1 Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2 1st Day of School

Father Kaluza Out of Office -
Father Roger Hessian presiding

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

Father Kaluza Out of Office -
Father Roger Hessian presiding

8:30 am Mass

Thursday, September 4

Father Kaluza Out of Office -
Father Roger Hessian presiding

8:30 am Mass

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

Friday, September 5

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, September 6

4:15 pm Mass

5:00 - 9:00 pm OLP Fall Festival

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

Treats & Fellowship after both Masses
- hosted by Council of Catholic Women

Saturday, September 6, 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, September 7, 8:00 am

Greeters: Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran

Lector: Ken Skluzacek

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, September 7, 10:00 am

Greeters: Al & Dorothy Bartolomei

Lector: Rick Morgan

EMHC: Mary Randklev, Nora Wermerskirchen,
Jim Covington, Paula Covington

Ushers: Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington,
Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen

Servers: Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Paisley Scheff

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

EMHC: Janice Teal (Kingsway)
Paul & Colleen DeGree (Lutheran Home)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 01 Sept No Mass †

Tue 02 Sept 6:30 pm † d. Irene Castor

Wed 03 Sept 8:30 am † d. David Hirscher

Thu 04 Sept 8:30 am † d. Susan Flaschenriem

Fri 05 Sept 8:30 am † d. Monsignor Patrick
Hessian

Sat 06 Sept 4:15 pm † d. Donald & Mary Jane
O'Brien

Sun 07 Sept 8:00 am † d. Richard Beach

10:00 am † For the Parish

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb
12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

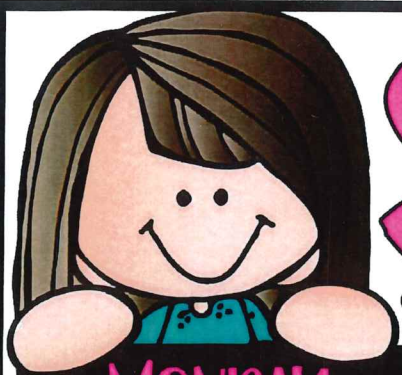
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Labor Day	2 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding First Day of School 6:30pm d. Irene Castor 7:00pm KC Meeting(PH)	3 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding 8:30am d. David Hirscher	4 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding 8:30am d. Susan Flaschenriem 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Grp(CR)	5 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding 8:30am d. Monsignor Patrick Hessian	6 4:15pm d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien OLP Fall Festival
7 8:00am d. Richard Beach 10:00am For the Parish CCW Treats & Fellowship after Mass	8 6:00pm - 8pm Catechetical Institute online Application Opening Mass Location TBD	9 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Irene Fitzgerald	10 8:30am CCW Members 6:20pm Catechist Enrichment Evening	11 8:30am d. Don Guertin 2:00pm Lutheran Home 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group	12 8:30am d. Susan Flaschenriem	13 4:15pm For the Parish
14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:00am d. Carl Gansen 10:00am d. Irene Castor 11:00am KC Exemplification ME Treats & Fellowship following Mass 7:00pm ME Meeting(RH) Banns of Marriage: Dawn Runge(Oct. 4)	15 7:00pm -9:00pm CI Online Application Class(RH)	16 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Carole Fogarty	17 8:30am d. Susan Fahey 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	18 8:30am d. Deacon Jim Thornton 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Grp(CR)	19 8:30am d. John Anthony Schilz	20 4:15pm d. Wayne Mattison
21 Catechetical Sunday 8:00am d. Susan Flaschenriem 10:00am For the Parish CUF Treats & Fellowship after Masses Banns of Marriage: Dawn Runge(Oct. 4)	22 7:00pm-9:00pm CI Online Application Class(RH)	23 6:30pm d. Carl Gansen 7:00pm Church Night Meetings	24 8:30am d. Mary Ann Bieringer 6:20pm Confirmation Meeting (parents + candidates)	25 8:30am d. Michael John Leuwer 6:30pm-7:30pm Men's Small Grp(CR)	26 8:30am d. Teresa Fritz	27 4:15pm d. James Kolter
28 Priesthood Sunday 8:00am For the Parish 10:00am d. Stan Effertz KC Treats & Fellowship after Masses Banns of Marriage: Dawn Runge(Oct. 4)	29 7:00pm-9:00pm CI Online Application Class(RH)	30 6:30pm d. Irene Castor	1 8:30am d. Susan Flaschenriem 6:20pm Religious Ed & Parents Meeting Opening Night	2 8:30am d. Robert Koenig 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Grp(CR)	3 8:30am d. Alfred Miron 5:00pm Dawn Runge Wedding Rehearsal	4 2:00pm Wedding Dawn Runge & Tim Busch 4:15pm d. Brent Meyer
5 Respect Life Sunday 8:00am d. Richard Beach 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am For the Parish CCW Treats & Fellowship after Masses	6 7:00-9:00pm CI Online Application Class(RH)	<i>Notes</i>				
Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space *CGS - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *TGA - The Great Adventure *PH - Parish Hall *CI - Catechetical Institute						



September

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1 Labor Day	2 First Day of School	3 Teacher Mass	4 First Library Day	5
8	9	10 6 th Grade Mass	11	12
15 NWEA testing through October 3	16 Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30a.m.	17 Teacher/Staff meeting 3 rd grade mass Newsletter Due	18 Hocokata Fieldtrip	19
22 Cedar Lake Regional Park- 6 th grade Ferguson's Apple Orchard PreK-3 rd	23	24 Birthday/6 th grade Mass Teacher Staff Meeting - Roadmap for Excellence	25	26
29	30	Saint John the Apostle. Pray for us Saturday, September 6 - Fall Festival		

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