



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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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

Wed, Thur, Fri | 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

September 14, 2025



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17



SEPTEMBER
Month of the *Seven Sorrows of Mary*

Feast Day: September 15

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



Tradition holds that Saint Helena (the mother of the Holy Roman Emperor Constantine) traveled to the Holy Land in the Fourth Century and discovered the tomb of Jesus and cross on which our savior hung. Ever since has the cross been venerated. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is built upon the site in the middle of Jerusalem. We hold the cross to be a sacred reminder of what Jesus endured for our salvation. It isn't often that we are able to celebrate this annual feast on a Sunday. This year we are privileged to be reminded of the importance of that piece of wood that delivers us from all that hold us back from an eternity with God on the Lord's Day!

The cross is not only a symbol of the passion endured for our sinfulness, but also a sign of great hope that speaks of how we are to love. Jesus came to offer us the fullness of life and we only learn what that fullness means when we fully give of ourselves. That's the secret to true freedom – freedom to be sons and daughters of a loving God by assenting to God's ways above all else. True love is willing the good of another and Jesus willed our good by his horrific death and also shows us that whatever crosses we must bear in life; crucifixion isn't the end of the story. The story of Jesus concludes with his resurrection and ascension! Therefore, we have hope for eternity and consolation that sin and death can be conquered. May we always joyfully radiate that hope!

God bless you!
Father Michael Kaluza

Please pray for . . .

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Bud Steen | Kelly Scott |
| Matt Hennen | Barb Wentworth |
| Deacon Bob Raleigh | Marlene Fahey |
| Ron (Franny) Gerres | Jan Walerius |
| Mona Bentfield | Kevin Halloran |
| Elmer Lambrecht | Bruce & Cathy Halloran |
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| Mary Ann Bigaouette | Melissa Kjonaas |
| Chad Feltmann | Briar Fritz |
| William Busch | |
| Barb Wentworth | |



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.

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.

Please email: shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com

Important Religious Education Dates

- Wed., Sept. 24 Confirmation Meeting
- Wed., Oct. 1 Opening Night/Parent Meeting
- Fri., Oct. 24 Youth Group for Grades 9-12
- Sun., Oct. 26 Cathedral Tour for 7th & 8th Graders



**Exciting New Features
for the 2025-2026 RE Year**

Sacred Vessels & Liturgical Vestments Church Tour
Mr. Pat Schroers will be expanding on the tour of the church he led the students on last year. This time around, his presentation will focus on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments that are part of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

thank you

to everyone who participated in making our Fall Festival a success!



RAFFLE WINNERS

\$3,000	Sherry Guertin	Belle Plaine
\$1,500	Brock Zurn	Prior Lake
\$1,500	Mary A. Berger	Henderson
\$1,000	Jaime Mead	Bloomington
\$500	Louis Kes	New Prague
\$500	Sandy Jeurissen	Belle Plaine
\$250	Les Buesgens	Belle Plaine
\$250	Colleen Debre	Belle Plaine

Latin Prayer Club

An introduction to the official language of Holy Mother Church will now be offered to any interested 3 rd -8 th Grade students (and parents) on an extracurricular basis. The basic prayers of the Catholic Faith will be studied, including the theological riches behind them. Depending upon how many students sign up, there will be 10 sessions offered before our regular classes through the upcoming year, with the goal of praying the Holy Rosary in Latin before our closing Mass on April 29, 2026.

Youth Group for Grades 9-12

Students in Grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to come together with Mrs. Kristen Mantel for fellowship and fun on six Friday nights throughout the upcoming year. This is just the beginning of what is hoped to evolve into an organization of young people purposeful in both their desire to grow in friendship, and in their understanding of what it means to be a true Christian in the world they are discovering and asked to bring the light of Faith into.

READINGS

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025
Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Tim Busch & Dawn Runge
 October 4, 2025

Whoever has knowledge of an impediment to this proposed marriage, kindly contact the parish office.



Celebrations of Baptism

Lainey Jordan Lenz

Daughter of
 Taylor & Morgan Lenz
 September 5, 2025

Mabel Sophia Skelley

Daughter of
 Kade & Sophie Skelley
 September 7, 2025

Stewardship

ATTEND SERVE GIVE GROW

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, August 31	\$5,417.83	\$2,926.17
Cemetery Fund	\$1,161.00	
Sunday, September 7	Not available	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 6	4:15 pm	\$320.00
Sunday, September 7	8:00 am	\$164.00
	10:00 am	\$174.00
Livestreamed		\$35.00

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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Place your prayer request in the Divine Mercy Prayer Requests box located in the parish office. Prayer requests will be read aloud during OLP School's monthly Divine Mercy Chaplet .

THE CHAPLET OF *Divine Mercy* IN SONG

**Tuesday
 September 16**

8:30 am

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

Carolyn Gleason, Musician

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 15			
7:00 - 9:00 pm Catechetical Institute On-line Application Class in Roedel Hall			
Tuesday, September 16			
8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song			
1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway			
6:30 pm Mass at OLP			
Wednesday, September 17			
8:30 am Mass (donuts & coffee after Mass)			
Thursday, September 18			
8:30 am Mass			
6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Rm			
Friday, September 19			
Saturday, September 20			
Sunday, September 21			
8:00am Mass			
10:00 am Mass Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - hosted by Catholic United Financial			

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	15	SEPT	No Mass		
TUE	16	SEPT	6:30 pm	†	d. Carole Fogarty
WED	17	SEPT	8:30 am	†	d. Susan Fahey
THU	18	SEPT	8:30 am	†	d. Deacon Jim Thorton
FRI	19	SEPT	8:30 am	†	d. John Anthony Schilz
SAT	20	SEPT	4:15 pm	†	d. Wayne Mattison
SUN	21	SEPT	8:00 am	†	d. Susan Flaschenriem
			10:00 am	†	For the Parish

Saturday, September 20, 4:15 pm

Greeters	Volunteers
Lector	Sarah Williams
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 21, 8:00 am

Greeters	Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector	Dr. Tim Halloran
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, September 21, 10:00 am

Greeters	Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen
Lector	Mary Randklev
EMHC	Nora Wermerskirchen, Paula Covington, Hannah Wermerskirchen, Karen Vandermark
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen, Max Wermerskirchen
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Strauss, JD Vandermark, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

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