



# 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:

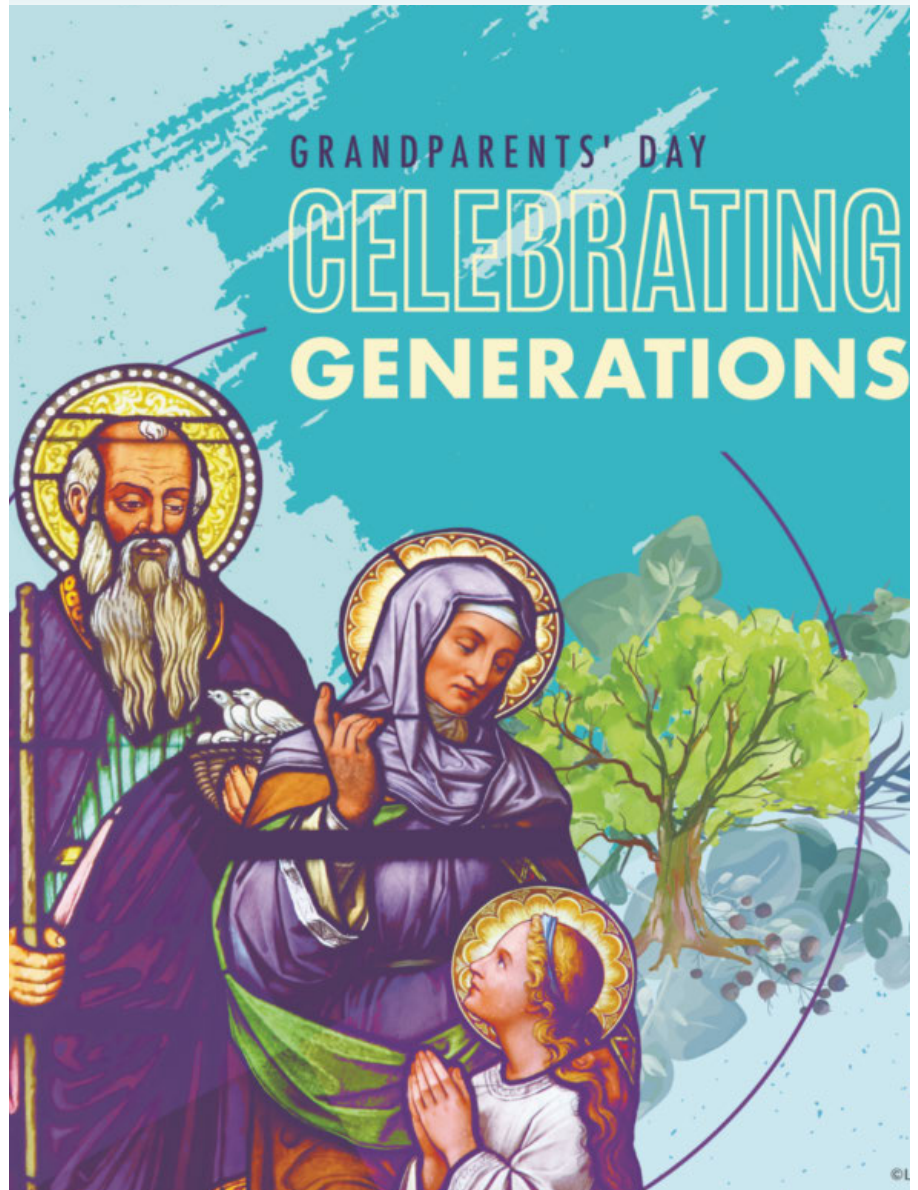
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by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

## In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

September 7, 2024



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**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .**

**Fall Festival**

This weekend we celebrate our annual Fall Festival! The festival is the accomplishment of so many who produce great works to meet, plan, execute and deliver! Please be sure to join in! We depend upon partakers as well as planners. Your participation will help to ensure another successful festival. Thank you in advance to all who have done so much to be a part of this year's celebration!

Jesus reminds us about the centrality of the cross in the Gospel this weekend. It is a true reality in our lives and in the life of our parish. We embrace the cross because we know the wisdom of God conquers sin and delivers redemption. The path to salvation is through the cross and Jesus gives us the example. The first reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us about how our minds cannot comprehend the mystery of life on earth. The author also speaks of our dependence on the wisdom of God to see beyond life in this world. If we rely on God, we can be assured that cross indeed has meaning and purpose.

We need not fear the troubles and tribulations of this life, but we do need to learn God's ways and show our love for God. May we be ever grateful for God's grace and willingly be educated in the faith!

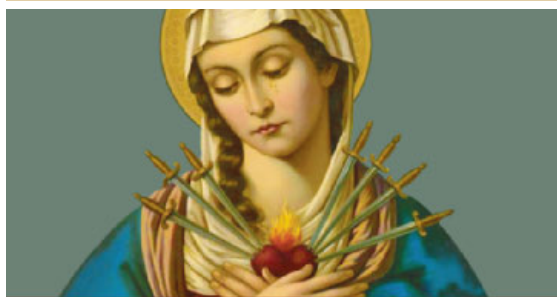
God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



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| William Busch       |                        |

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.



**SEPTEMBER**  
Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

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**

## 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!



## Knights of Columbus®

Council #1503

**EXEMPLIFICATION**

**Sunday, September 14**  
*after 10 am 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.



## Scholarship Fund

Requesting your donation 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.



**READINGS**

**Readings for the week of September 7, 2025**

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**Monday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49



**COLLECTIONS**

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
August 31, 2021	Not available	

**ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, August 30	4:15 pm	Totals not available due to Labor Day early publishing deadline.
Sunday, August 31	8:00 am	
	10:00 am	
Livestreamed		

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.

*Pray For Our Military*

Natalie (Covington) Ruiz	Sean Alander
Jordan Ruiz	Alex Vandermark
David May	Levi Lane (Marines)
Dylan May	Grace Halloran

If your family has an enlisted service member, please contact: Ginny Morgan at (701) 212-3109 (leave a message.)



**Tuesday  
September 16**

**8:30 am**

**Our Lady  
of the  
Prairie  
Catholic Church**

**Carolyn Gleason,  
Musician**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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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 .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<b>Monday, September 8</b>	
6:00 - 8:00 pm Catechetical Institute Application / Opening Mass On-line	
<b>Tuesday, September 9</b>	
1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30 pm Mass at OLP	
<b>Wednesday, September 10</b>	
8:30 am Mass (donuts & coffee after Mass) 6:20 pm Catechist Enrichment Evening	
<b>Thursday, September 11</b>	
8:30 am Mass 2:00 pm Mass at The Lutheran Home 6:30-7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Rm	
<b>Friday, September 12</b>	
<b>Saturday, September 13</b>	
<b>Sunday, September 14</b>	
8:00am Mass 10:00 am Mass K of C Exemplification after Mass 7:00 pm Marriage Encounter in Roedel Hall	

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon Sept 08	No Mass		
Tue Sept 09	6:30. pm	†	d. Irene Fitzgerald
Wed Sept 10	8:30 am	†	CCW Members
Thur Sept 11	8:30 am	†	d. Don Guertin
Fri Sept 12	8:30 am	†	d. Susan Flaschenriem
Sa Sept 13	4:15 pm	†	For the Parish
Su Sept 14	8:00 am	†	d. Carl Gansen
	10:00 am	†	d. Irene Castor

<b>Saturday, September 13, 4:15 pm</b>	
Greeters	Volunteers
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn, Joe Shimota
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers	Ian Saxe, Andrew "Gus" Saxe, Addy Saxe, Isaac Saxe
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
<b>Sunday, September 14 8:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Eric & Lisa May
Lector	James Fogarty
EMHC	Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
<b>Sunday, September 14, 10:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Pat & Sandy Schroers
Lector	Sheila Schmitz
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Luke Berger
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
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