



# 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.

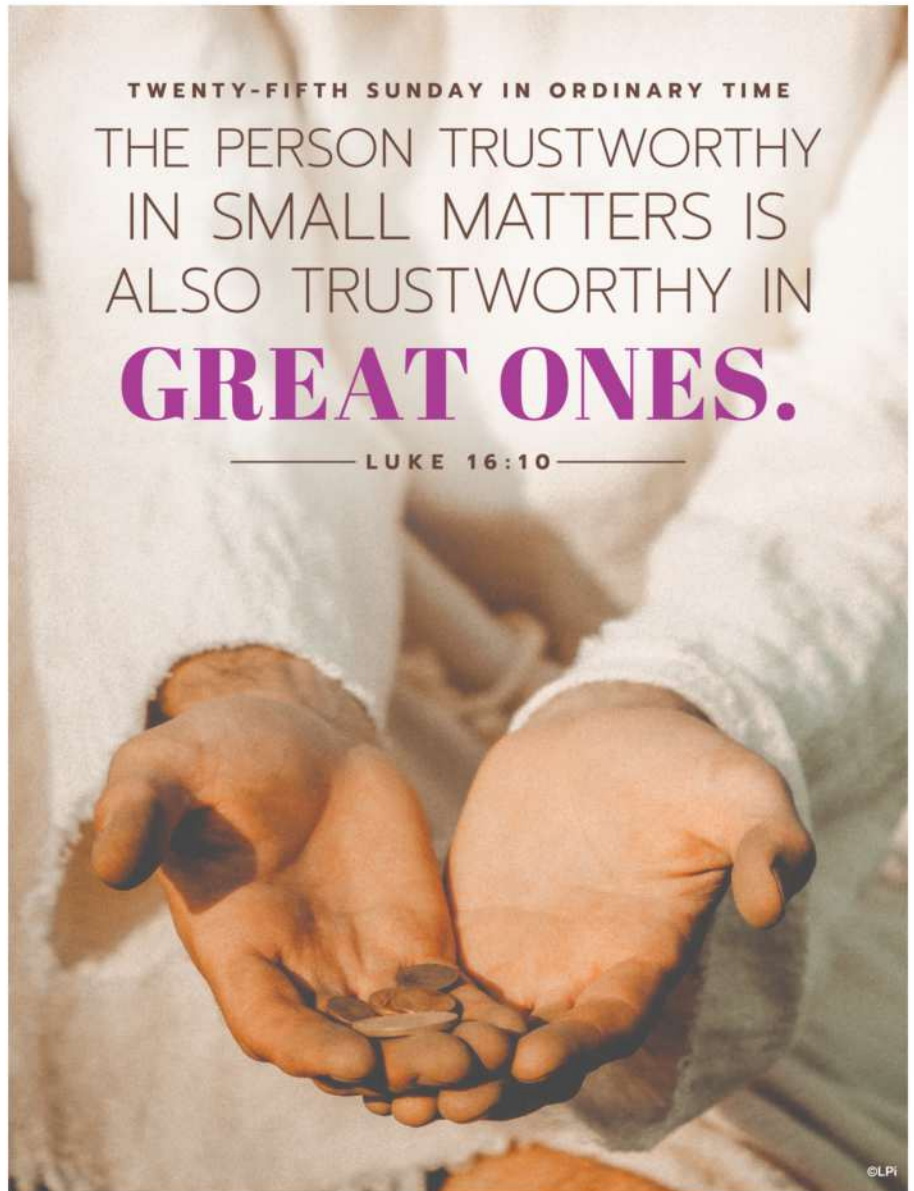
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: [bulletineditor@olp.church](mailto:bulletineditor@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

## In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

September 21, 2025



LAUNCH OF CATECHETICAL YEAR 2025

## What is Catechetical Sunday?

It is a day designated by the Catholic Church to acknowledge and support the work of catechists, who volunteer their time to teach the faith to children, youth, and adults.

It serves as a reminder that all baptized Catholics are called to be witnesses to the Gospel and to share their hope in Christ.

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**SEPTEMBER**  
Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .**

**God and Money**

As God is our creator, we owe him everything. All we have comes from him. God has called us to act as his trustees. Therefore, we must be accountable to him. We must be attentive to what has been given to us and use it to provide a return. We must act for his ends and not just our own. In order to assist us, we need to grow in the virtues. The virtues of prudence and foresight help us to administer the material goods in our life. We don't live to be mastered by our possessions; we live using our things to gain what we need. The proper ends are not just more stuff, but the right kind of stuff that helps us to prepare for life with God in heaven. What we need above all is a relationship with God.

Money should never be in competition with God, but money can be used to assist us to give glory to God. It can be a difficult lesson to learn in this world that has strong pagan influences of turning money into a God. It takes wisdom to refuse to be mastered by evil and practice in charity to avoid temptation.

You make our parish and school extraordinary. Let us use our talents and resources to properly administer what God has bestowed upon us. And let us celebrate God's love for us and our desire to serve him well!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



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|---------------------|------------------------|
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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



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](mailto:shendricks@ourladyoftheprairie.com)



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School  
**IN CHRIST WE GROW**

## Important Religious Education Dates

Wed., Sept. 24	Confirmation Meeting - Parents + Candidates
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.

### Latin Prayer Club

An introduction to the official language of Holy Mother Church will now be offered to any interested 3rd - 8th 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.



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**READINGS**

**Readings for the week of September 21, 2025**

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45



**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.*



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes new parishioners **Jason & McKenna Spaulding**. Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

**OPEN**

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Join the OLP students in praying the rosary.  
Friday, October 3  
10 am

*All School*



**COLLECTIONS**

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, September 7	\$6,720.40	-\$1,623.60
Sunday, September 14	\$7,485.50	-\$858.50
Long Term Investment	\$551.00	

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, September 13	4:15 pm	192
Sunday, September 14	8:00 am	182
	10:00 am	208
Livestreamed		35

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<b>Monday, September 22</b>	
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Catechetical Institute On-line Application Class in Roedel Hall
<b>Tuesday, September 23</b>	
6:30pm	Mass
7:00 pm	Church Night Meetings
<b>Wednesday, September 24</b>	
8:30 am	Mass - (donuts & coffee after Mass)
6:20 pm	Confirmation Meeting - (parents + candidates)
<b>Thursday, September 25</b>	
8:30 am	Mass
6:30-7:30 pm	Men's Small Group in Conf Rm
<b>Friday, September 26</b>	
8:30 am	Mass
<b>Saturday, September 27</b>	
4:15 pm	Mass
<b>Sunday, September 28 Priesthood Sunday</b>	
8:00am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
	Treats & fellowship after both Masses - hosted by Knights of Columbus

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	22	SEPT	No Mass	
TUE	23	SEPT	6:30 pm	† d. Carl Gansen
WED	24	SEPT	8:30 am	† d. Mary Ann Bieringer
THU	25	SEPT	8:30 am	† d. Michael John Leuwer
FRI	26	SEPT	8:30 am	† d. Teresa Fritz
SAT	27	SEPT	4:15 pm	† d. James Kolter
SUN	28	SEPT	8:00 am	† d. For the Parish
			10:00 am	† d. Stan Effertz

<b>Saturday, September 27, 4:15 pm</b>	
Greeters	Volunteers
Lector	Charlotte Mulroy
EMHC	Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn, Joe Shimota
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers	Ian Saxe, Andrew (Gus) Saxe, Isaac Saxe, Addy Saxe
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
<b>Sunday, September 28, 8:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Bob & Dorene Smith
Lector	Marcia Makowski
EMHC	Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Bob Fahey, Janice Teal
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffery Teal
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
<b>Sunday, September 28, 10:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Joe & Kristen LaJeunesse
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kaden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Gabriel Vandermark
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