



# 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

Available 24 hours / 7 days a week

## 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](mailto:bulletineditor@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

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Please contact 952-992-0140

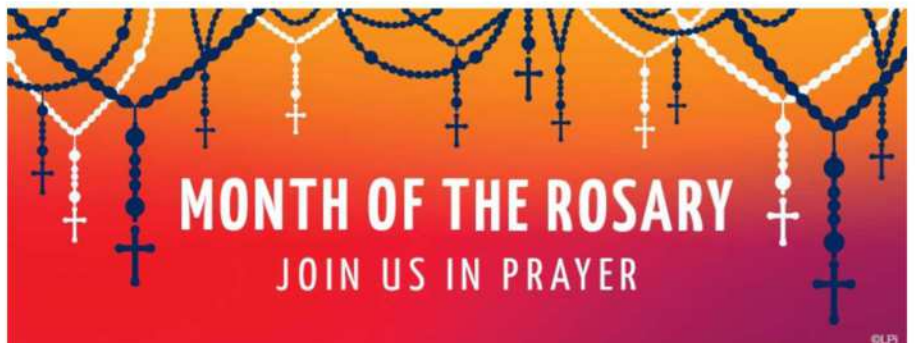
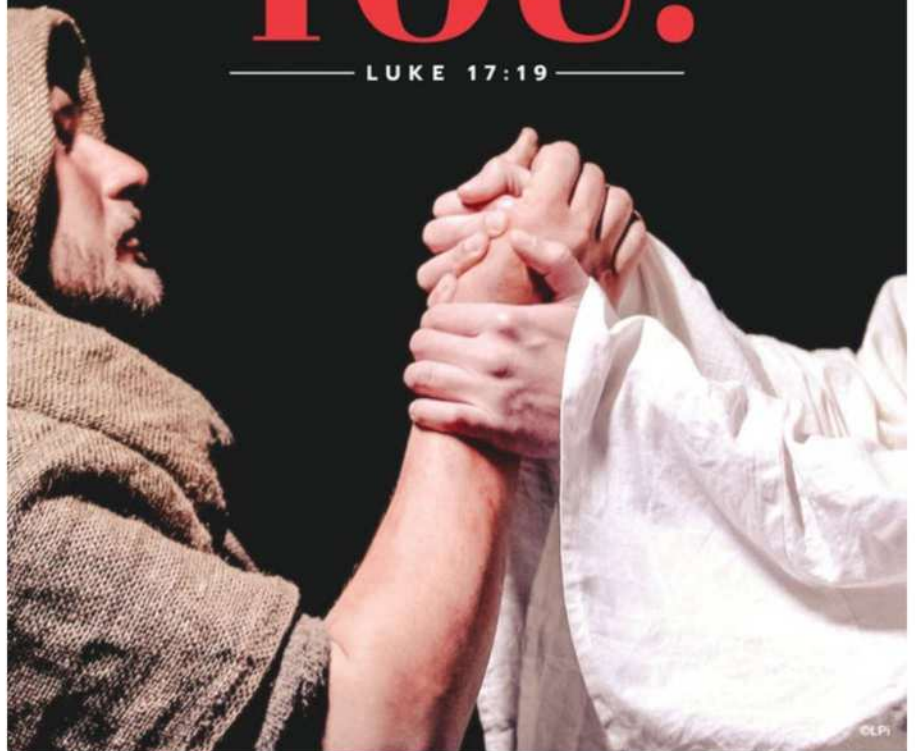
OCTOBER 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR FAITH  
HAS SAVED

**YOU.**

LUKE 17:19



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**MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .**

Gratitude Leads to Transformation

We are offered stories of healing and conversion for our consideration at Mass this weekend. Not only are they remarkable cures, but they allow us to think about the gratitude for the healing and the changes that come along. We hear about lepers being restored to wholeness of life and offered re-entrance into the community. There is a complete transformation from sickness to wellness; this allows for full participation in civic life! That's a gift that demands thanksgiving and gratitude for the blessings of restoration.

Eucharist means thanksgiving and that's what we do each and every week honoring our obligation and duty to give thanks to God with faithful worship each week. That's why we come to Mass and that's what we do at Mass. We honor God with our thanks for the blessings of our lives. Jesus transforms our lives by sharing his life with us. We are blessed that God finds us worthy of redemption and spares not his only Son for our sake.

The Eucharist also allows us to fully participate in the life of the Church and offer our time, talent and treasure for the glory of God and to spread the Gospel. May we be ever generous stewards of all that God has given to us and never fail to be grateful and always willing to witness our transformation to the world!

God bless you,  
Father Michael Kaluza



*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

- Bud Steen
- Matt Hennen
- Deacon Bob Raleigh
- Ron (Franny) Gerres
- Mona Bentfield
- Elmer Lambrecht
- Don Morrison
- Annette Schmit Mann
- Lisa Pobuda
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- Betty Wolf
- Mary Tuma
- Barb Wentworth
- Melissa Kjonaas
- Briar Fritz

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.



Our Lady of the Prairie  
Catholic School  
**Marathon of Prayer**

September 26 - October 15

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

Our Marathon of Prayer is quickly approaching. We are very excited to participate in prayer and walking to support our school and all of those requesting our prayers. All families, Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to participate. The proceeds from the Marathon are an instrumental portion of our annual budget. It helps supply core and supplemental curriculum along with helping with the overall budget to run the school. We are grateful for everyone who supports our school.

#### How It Works

- Students will seek monetary pledges for each lap they plan to complete.
- Students will ask for any specific prayer request you would like our school to pray for.
- Students will be walking a total of 20 laps on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be praying for your intentions along with a specific prayer for each lap.

**We are seeking sponsors to match funds raised at levels of:  
\$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, & \$2,000.**



We are honored to announce  
**Bishop Michael Izen**  
will visit our church and school  
**Wednesday, October 29.**

He will celebrate our  
**School Mass at 8:30 a.m.**  
Let's fill the church in his presence.



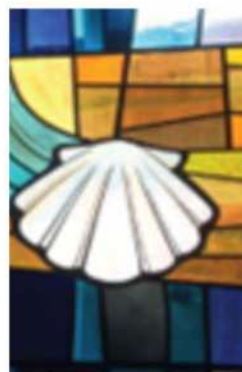
Please consider supporting our collection of baby items during **Respect Life month!** Here is a list of their most needed items:

- baby quilts, fleece blankets, receiving blankets
- diapers sizes preemie, newborn and sizes 1-5
- baby wipes (preferably unscented or sensitive skin)
- hooded bath towels
- fitted sheets for Pack 'N Plays
- wash cloths sets
- baby board books
- infant rattles, teethingers, pacifiers, etc.
- undershirts
- with Winter coming, think warm! (baby coats, heavier sleepers/clothing, mittens, pants outfits, warm pajamas, hats, etc..)

Please note that Birthright cannot accept any equipment items, such as cribs, bouncers, carriers, etc., due to lack of storage space)

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please phone Birthright of Mankato at (507) 387-7818. No gift is too small! Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

**Thank you and God bless you for helping little ones and their moms!**



#### *Celebrations of Baptism*

**Madelyn Renee Stier**

Daughter of  
Ryan & Natalie Stier  
October 4, 2025

**Nixon Thomas Widi**

Son of  
Brian & Katie  
October 5, 2025

**READINGS**

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19  
**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9



Our parish is participating in the holiday **“Box of Joy”** project during the upcoming seasons of thanksgiving and joy!

This is a fun and simple activity for the whole family. It teaches the lesson of loving our neighbor as God has loved and blessed us.

Gift ideas, scheduled dates and times are available to you at the Box of Joy display table by the Roedel Hall entry.



**COLLECTIONS**

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, October 5	\$7,793.00	-\$551.00
<b>Fall Festival</b>	<b>\$36,020.86</b>	

**ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, October 4	4:15 pm	240
	8:00 am	175
	10:00 am	202
Livestreamed		22

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**

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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 .

**THE CHAPLET OF Divine Mercy IN SONG**

**Tuesday  
October 28  
8:30 am**

**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church**

**Carolyn Gleason,  
Musician**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<b>Monday, October 13</b>	
No Catechetical Institute On-line Application Class	
<b>Tuesday, October 14</b>	
1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway	
2:00 pm OLP School Prayer Marathon	
6:30 pm Mass at OLP	
<b>Wednesday, October 15</b>	
8:30 am Mass - <i>donuts &amp; coffee after Mass</i> Father out of office after Mass for Clergy Study Day	
1:30 pm OLP School Prayer Marathon	
6:20 pm <u>No</u> Religious Education (Fall Break)	
<b>Thursday, October 16</b> No School (Fall Break)	
8:30 am Mass Father out of office after Mass for Funeral in Mendota Heights	
6:30 - 7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Rm	
<b>Friday, October 17</b> No School (Fall Break)	
8:30 am Mass	
<b>Saturday, October 18</b>	
4:15 pm Mass	
<b>Sunday, October 19</b> <b>World Mission Sunday</b>	
8:00am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - <i>sponsored by Catholic United Financial</i>	

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	13	OCT	No Mass	
TUE	14	OCT	6:30 pm	† d. Michael John Leuwer
WED	15	OCT	8:30 am	† liv. & d. Marcel & Clara Miron
THU	16	OCT	8:30 am	† d. Don Guertin
FRI	17	OCT	8:30 am	† d. Ryan Laabs
SAT	18	OCT	4:15 pm	† d. Wayne Mattison
SUN	19	OCT	8:00 am	† For the Parish
			10:00 am	† d. James & Mary Bailey

<b>Saturday, October 18, 4:15 pm</b>	
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
<b>Sunday, October 19, 8:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Eric & Lisa May
Lector	John Walsh
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	Kent Blada & Jane Docker (wedding anniversary)
<b>Sunday, October 19, 10:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Craig & Julie Otto
Lector	Mary Randklev
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Karen Vandermark, Paula Covington, Jim Covington
Ushers	Caleb & Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus JD Vandermark, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Mike Buchanan (Lutheran Home)



# PROCLAMATION

***Whereas,***

*This year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, marks the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of this local church; and*

***Whereas,***

*The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has been a vital organization in the Catholic life of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis since March 25, 1933, when the Council was formed by Archbishop John Gregory Murray; and*

***Whereas,***

*The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women continues to encourage affiliates to work closely with their respective parishes in meeting spiritual and human needs by creating a spirit of unity through prayer, enrichment and service in fulfilling the Mission of Christ; and*

***Whereas,***

*The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis wishes to recognize the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's immeasurable contributions to the progress and welfare of families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world, and the organization's invaluable assistance as we seek to implement the insights of our Archdiocesan Synod, therefore be it*

***Resolved,***

*That October 12, 2025, is hereby designated as Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.*

*+ Bernard A. Hebda*

*Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis*

# PROCLAMATION

**Whereas,**

*The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women was established by a pastoral letter and with the leadership of Archbishop John Gregory Murray in 1933 to help carry out his apostolic work in the local church; and*

**Whereas,**

*The successors of Archbishop John Gregory Murray have continued to provide sponsorship and leadership support to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women; and*

**Whereas,**

*With open encouragement from Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, clergy continue to support the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and its gospel-valued programs of educating women in spiritual, leadership and service roles to their families, parishes, communities and poor of the world; and*

**Whereas,**

*To express deep appreciation for the spiritually enriching service provided by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and all supportive priests, deacons, nuns and brothers; therefore be it*

**Resolved,**

*That the Board of Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hereby designates the month of October as the ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION MONTH; and*

**Resolved,**

*That the Board of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women encourages each affiliate organization to manifest its appreciation to clergy publicly.*

*Terri Pontious, President  
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women*

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