



# 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.

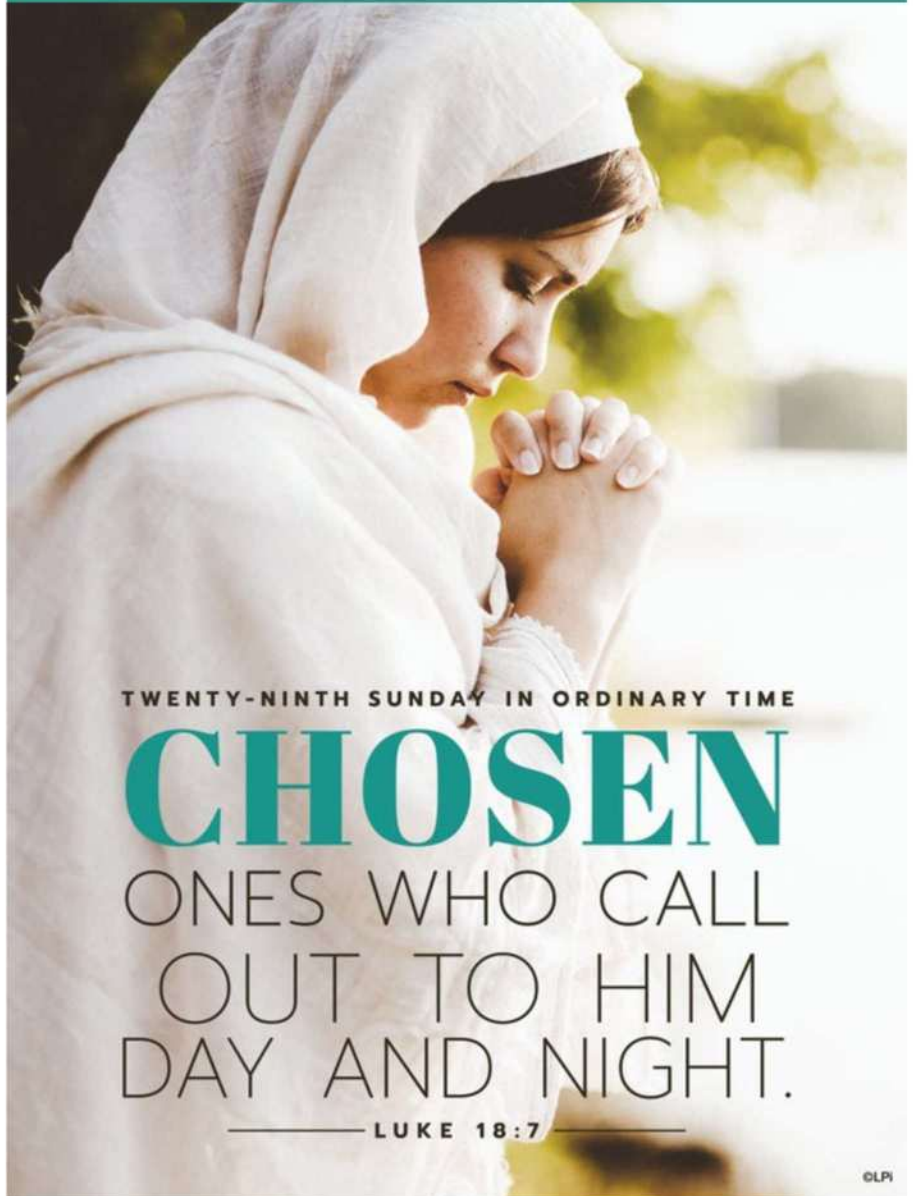
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: [bulletineditor@olp.church](mailto:bulletineditor@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

## In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

OCTOBER 19, 2025



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**CHOSEN**  
ONES WHO CALL  
OUT TO HIM  
DAY AND NIGHT.

LUKE 18:7

OLP



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

*"In the footsteps of Christ, be messengers and builders of hope."*

The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.

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**MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .**

Our Scriptures this weekend help us to sort through the consequences of our lives and teach us a valuable lesson in response to God who is always reaching out to us. The readings speak about perseverance, even when confronted in adversity. Jesus tells the disciples about the need to pray continually without losing heart. The parable was meant to show the importance of perseverance, even when God seems to delay in coming to help. Most of us would like God to answer our prayers instantaneously. God knows our hearts and our thoughts. He knows our wants and needs. So why does he so often seem to delay in helping us? The difficulty is, while he knows our needs and hears our prayers often, we don't know our own needs. Very often we need time to have the requests and desires of our hearts clarified for ourselves, and this can only happen over a period of time.



Someone gave me a list of these predictions for the future and I think that they hold true for us and remind us to persevere, because they hold true for now and always:

- The Bible will still have all the answers.
- Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.
- The Holy Spirit will still move.
- God will still honor the praises of His people.
- There will still be God-anointed preaching.
- There will still be singing of praise to God.
- God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
- There will still be room at the Cross.
- Jesus will still love you.
- Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Let us pray for our parish that we might be a bright beacon of hope for all to see the glory of God!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

- Bud Steen
- Matt Hennen
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- Betty Wolf
- Mary Tuma
- Melissa Kjonaas
- Briar Fritz
- Betty Chard
- Bob Weldon

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.





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, teethers, 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!**



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**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**  
 Sunday, November 2nd  
 8 am - 12 Noon  
 KC Hall in New Prague



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OLP is a valued FISH partner, and we thank you for your attention to needs in our area which have been submitted to the network.

**View them and see how you can help at:**  
[FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org](mailto:FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org)

**Knights of Columbus Council 1503 Demonstrate Their Pillars of Unity, Charity, and Fraternity**



**Mark Villanea**, who recently transferred to the Belle Plaine Council, has been away from his family for almost 8 months. Mark has been saving to bring his wife and 3 children from the Phillipines to the U.S. To help, the council gave Mark \$2,500. Pictured are Council Members presenting him with the check at their October meeting.

READINGS

**Readings for the week of October 19, 2025**  
**Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8  
**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9



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 12	\$6,469.00	-\$1,875.00

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 11	4:15 pm	200
Sunday, October 12	8:00 am	183
	10:00 am	220
Livestreamed		28

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 .



**Tuesday**  
**October 28**

**8:30 am**

**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church**

**Carolyn Gleason, Musician**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Monday, October 20</b>	
8:00 - 11:00 am	Catechetical Institute On-line Class
<b>Tuesday, October 21</b>	
1:30 pm	Mass at Kingsway
9:30 am	Box of Joy setup in Roedel Hall
6:30 pm	Mass at OLP
<b>Wednesday, October 22</b>	
8:30 am	Mass - <i>donuts &amp; coffee after Mass</i>
2:00 pm	Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall
1:00 pm	Box of Joy OLP Students in Roedel Hall
6:20 pm	Religious Education - Box of Joy in classrooms
<b>Thursday, October 23</b>	
8:30 am	Mass
2:00 pm	Mass at The Lutheran Home
6:30 pm	Box of Joy Review by committee
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Men's Small Group in Conf Rm
<b>Friday, October 24</b>	
8:30 am	Mass Students Raking Leaves Service Project
6:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) Bowling & Pizza
<b>Saturday, October 25</b>	
8 - 11:00 am	CI Formative Session in Roedel Hall
4:15 pm	Mass
<b>Sunday, October 26</b>	
8:00am	Mass
9:00 am	Choir Practice
10:00 am	Mass Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - <i>sponsored by KCs</i>
3:00 pm	Cathedral of St. Paul Tour (Gr. 7 & 8)
1:45 pm	- load bus (departs at 2:00 pm from OLP)
8:15 pm	- arrives back to OLP

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MON	20	OCT	No Mass		
TUE	21	OCT	6:30 pm	†	d. Duane Busch
WED	22	OCT	8:30 am	†	d. Richard Burmeister (AOD)
THU	23	OCT	8:30 am	†	d. Msgr. John Richter
FRI	24	OCT	8:30 am	†	d. Brent Meyer
SAT	25	OCT	4:15 pm	†	d. Tim Randklev
SUN	26	OCT	8:00 am	†	For the Parish
			10:00 am	†	d. Irene Castor

**Saturday, October 25, 4:15 pm**

Greeters	Volunteers
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn, Joe Shimota, Volunteer
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers	Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers

**Sunday, October 26, 8:00 am**

Greeters	Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector	Sharon Schmitz
EMHC	Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Volunteer
Ushers	Dr. Tim Halloran, Tim Murphy, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal
Gift Bearers	Volunteers

**Sunday, October 26, 10:00 am**

Greeters	Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Otto
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Gabriel Vandermark
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

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**Brent W. Meyer**  
 Blessings to all: Gerald, Carman Meyer & family

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