



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

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

OCTOBER 26, 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O GOD,
BE MERCIFUL TO
ME A SINNER.

LUKE 18:13



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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



This weekend the Scriptures focus on prayer. We need that time and relationship with God. Prayer can be simple or much more complex and at different times and different occasions we can experience those different prayer forms. The ultimate goal of prayer is to be in relation with God and communicate our praise, thanksgiving and petition to God!

A very special time and place for prayer is before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. We need to continually expand our solid base of adorers for our chapel. There are many blessings in spending time in adoration and we offer the luxury of time with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in our chapel. What a great opportunity to be lifted up to heaven for a respite from the grind of daily life.

Time in adoration has multiple benefits and allows us the pleasure of being close to God who is always seeking us. In the Gospel Jesus tells us when we come to church our prayer should honestly reflect our lives. We can do this as we adore him in the Blessed Sacrament!

Our chapel is available 24 hours per day seven days a week. If you would like to become an adorer and gain admittance to the chapel, simply call or stop by our front desk to register and receive the code to enter the chapel.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer
REQUESTS

- | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Bud Steen | William Busch | Bob Weldon |
| Deacon Bob Raleigh | Kelly Scott | Ron (Franny) Gerres |
| Matt Hennen | Jan Walerius | Annette Schmit Mann |
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| Chad Feltmann | Betty Chard | |

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.

WANT TO SEND A HOLY SOUL IN PURGATORY TO HEAVEN?

All Souls Day, celebrated on November 2nd, is a day dedicated to remembering and praying for the faithful departed. It is a time for Catholics to intercede for the souls in purgatory, who are undergoing purification before entering heaven. The Church teaches that prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity offered for the deceased can help ease their suffering and hasten their journey to eternal life.

- Visit a cemetery where a loved one is buried and pray for them during the first 8 days in November, their soul will leave Purgatory and go to Heaven.
- One of the most popular prayers that releases multiple Souls from Purgatory is that of Saint Gertrude the Great. She received many visions of Our Lord during her lifetime and expressed to Our Lord Jesus her great desire to pray for the deceased. In return, Our Lord taught Saint Gertrude the following prayer:

Saint Gertrude's Prayer for Holy Souls

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

- Praying for the souls in purgatory is quite easy. A prayer for the Holy Souls can be as simple as the short Requiem Aeternam prayer:

“Eternal rest, grant unto him/her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May s/he rest in peace. Amen.”

We can also add a brief petition to our daily meal prayer:
“Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts...And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Why wouldn't we pray these simple prayers daily?



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Mary Ellen Sweeney

We extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends and loved ones and pray for her eternal peace



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!

Thank You!

Dear Parishioners,
 Thank you for helping make the **2025 Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School Marathon** a great success:

Goal: \$6,000
Actual: \$8,864.95

Marathon 2025 donations will be accepted through the end of October.

Many heartfelt prayers have been prayed to all who requested prayers. The prayers of children are twice as powerful. We stormed the heavens with your prayers.

Many thanks for your continued support for Catholic education.

Blessings,
 Sheila Hendricks, Principal
 Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School



Altar Servers Needed

Parents, please consider encouraging your children who have received their first Holy Communion, to become an altar server. Contact the parish office for more information.



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners **Brian and Sheila Liebhard**. Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

Knights of Columbus

Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 8 at 4:15 pm
Honoring deceased KC members from the past 10 years.



The Archbishop of Ireland assembly 532
4th Degree Knights of Columbus



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, November 2nd
8 am - 12 Noon
KC Hall in New Prague



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, October 19	\$6,346	- \$1,998
World Mission Sunday	\$707	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 18	4:15 pm	205
Sunday, October 19	8:00 am	164
	10:00 am	206
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.



THE CHAPLET OF *Divine Mercy* IN SONG

**Tuesday
October 28
8:30 am**

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

**Carolyn Gleason,
Musician**

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School invites you to join in the beautifully sung **Divine Mercy Chaplet**. As a school we collectively pray for each prayer intention when we gather monthly to pray/sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mark your calendars for this beautiful prayer time together as a community of believers in Christ and His Divine Mercy.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, October 27	
7:00 am - 9:00 am Catechetical Institute On-line Class	
Tuesday, October 28	
8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song	
6:30 pm Mass at OLP	
Wednesday, October 29 Archbishop Michael Izen Visiting	
8:30 am Mass (Archbishop Izen, Celebrant) - donuts & coffee after Mass	
6:30 pm Religious Education (K-8)	
Thursday, October 30	
8:30 am Mass	
6:30 - 7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Rm	
Friday, October 31	
8:30 am Mass	
Saturday, November 1 All Saints Day	
4:15 pm Mass	
Sunday, November 2 All Souls' Day	
Daylight Savings Time Ends	
8:00am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - sponsored by CCW	

Lord, grant us the strength to follow the path of the Saints and the faith to trust in Your divine plan. May we strive to reflect Your light in the world, bringing hope, peace, and love to those around us.

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	27	OCT	No Mass	
TUE	28	OCT	6:30 pm	† d. Pat Bigaoutte
WED	29	OCT	8:30 am	† d. John Anthony Schilz III
THU	30	OCT	8:30 am	† d. Mary Catherine Kolter
FRI	31	OCT	8:30 am	† Liv & d. Shirley Delong Family
SAT	1	NOV	4:15 pm	† For the Parish
SUN	2	NOV	8:00 am	† d. Richard Beach
			10:00 am	† d. Bernette Brelje

Saturday, November 1, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers
Lector	Sue Schultz
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, November 2, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Bob & Dorene Smith
Lector	Ken Skluzacek
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, John Watzl, Sharon Beah
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman Volunteers (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Kora Krautkremer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Sunday, November 2, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Al & Dorothy Bartolomei
Lector	Rick Morgan
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Karen Vandermark, Paula Covington, Jim Covington
Ushers	Caleb Wemerskirchen, Peter Feddersen, Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington
Servers	Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Paisley Scheff
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

READINGS
Readings for the week of October 26, 2025
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 8:00am For the Parish 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am d. Irene Castor KC Treats & Fellowship after Masses 3:00pm St Paul Cathedral Tour (7th & 8th Grade)	27 7-9:00pm CI Online Class (RH)	28 8:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:30pm d. Pat Bigaouette	29 Bishop Izen Visit presiding at School Mass 8:30am d. John Anthony Schliz III 6:20pm Religious Ed Class K-8	30 8:30am d. Mary Catherine Kolter 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group (CR)	31 8:30am liv.&d. Shirley Delong Family End of First Quarter	1 All Saints Day (not a Holy Day of Obligation) 4:15pm For the Parish
2 All Souls Day 8:00am d. Richard Beach 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am d. Bernette Brejle CCW Treats & Fellowship after Masses	3 No School-Teacher Workshop 7-9:00pm CI Online Class (RH)	4 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding 6:30pm CCW Members 7:00pm KC Meeting (PH) 7:00pm CCW Meeting (RH)	5 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding 8:30am d. Brent Meyer 6:20pm Religious Ed Class (K-8) Box of Joy Night	6 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding 8:30am d. Deacon Jim Thornton 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group (CR) 6:30-8:00pm "Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary" (RH)	7 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding 8:30am d. Susan Flaschenriem	8 KC Memorial Mass 4:15pm d. Bruce Winter
9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8:00am For the Parish 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am d. Irene Castor 7:00pm ME Meeting (RH)	10 7-9:00pm CI Online Class (RH)	11 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Robert Koenig 7:00pm Liturgy Planning (RH)	12 8:30am d. Michael John Leuwer 6:20pm Religious Ed Class (K-8)	13 8:30am d. John Anthony Schliz III 2:00pm Lutheran Home 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group (CR) 6:30-8:00pm "Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary" (RH)	14 8:30am d. Brent Meyer	15 4:15pm For the Parish
16 8:00am d. Bernie Korzkowski 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am d. Pat Fogarty CUF Treats & Fellowship after Masses	17 7-9:00pm CI Online Class (RH)	18 Parent Teacher Conferences 6:30pm d. Irene Castor	19 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30am liv.&d. Elizabeth & Edmund Beland 12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch 6:20pm Religious Ed Class (K-8)	20 8:30am Shannon & Lajeunesse Families 6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group (CR) 6:30-8:00pm "Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary" (RH)	21 8:30am d. Herman & Grace Schwartz 6:30-9:00pm Youth Group (Grades 9-12) - Activity TBD	22 8-11:00am CI Formative Session (in Winsted) 4:15pm d. Frank & Mary Korzkowski
23 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 8:00am For the Parish 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am d. Teresa Fritz 11:00am-2:00pm "The Feast"	24 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at River Rock Church	25 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm Shannon & Lajeunesse Families 7:00pm Church Night Meetings	26 8:30am liv.&d. Measel & Julia Miron No School No Religious Ed Class (K-8)	27 Thanksgiving Day No School 8:30am d. John Anthony Schliz III	28 Office Closed No School 8:30am d. Jake & Irene Balk	29 First Sunday of Advent 9:00am Cleaning Church and Decorating Roedel Hall for Advent 4:15pm d. Frank & Bea Bigaouette
30 First Sunday of Advent 8:00am d. Edgar Witt, Jr. (AOD) 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am For the Parish	Notes	Notes	Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space *CGS - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *TGA - The Great Adventure	*PH - Parish Hall *CI - Catechetical Institute		

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