



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.

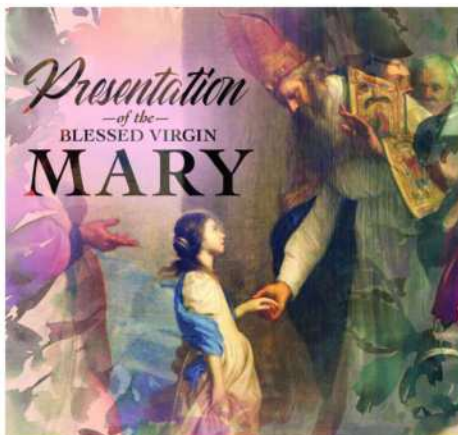
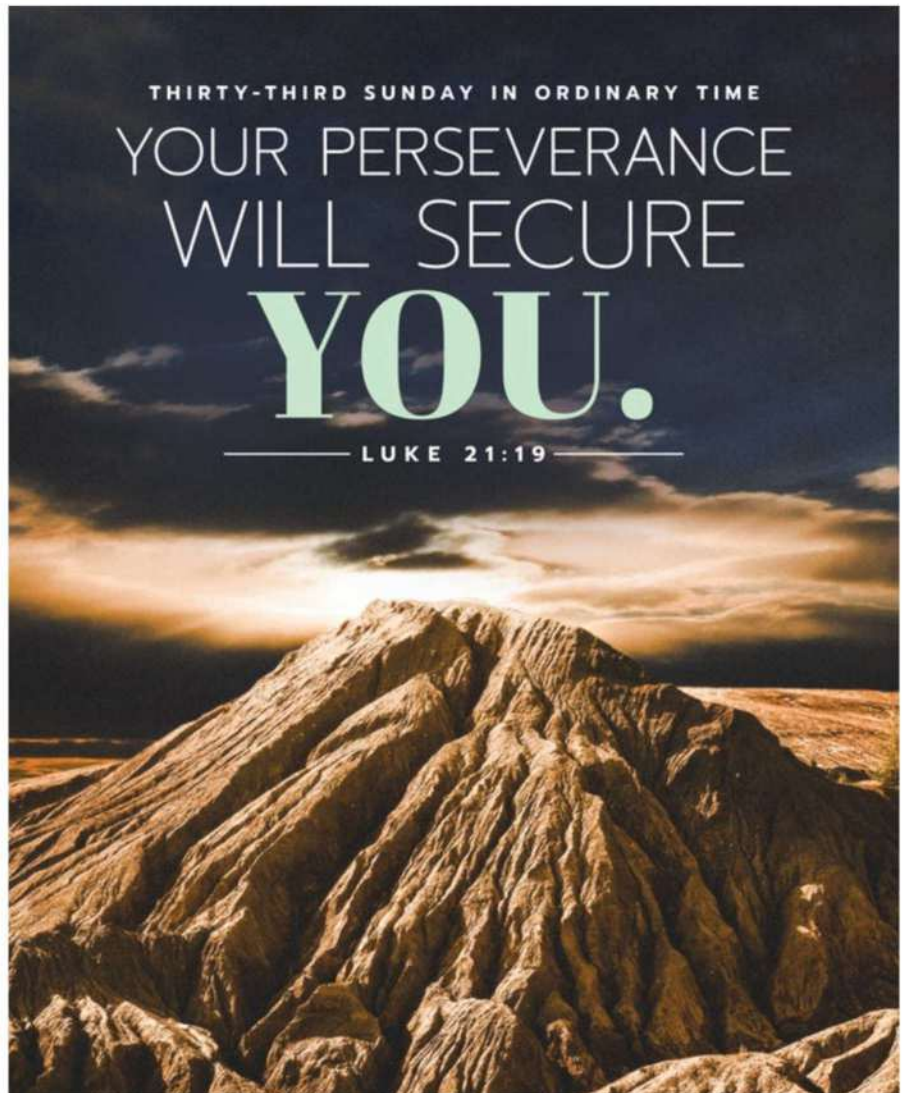
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 21st commemorates the presentation of Mary as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. They brought her to the Temple to consecrate their only daughter to The Lord. The feast celebrates the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary.

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

“Everyone knows how to be resigned amid the joys and happiness of prosperity, but to be so amid storms and tempests is peculiar to the children of God.”
– St. Francis of Sales



We near the end of the church year and we receive a warning from the Prophet Malachi that the day of the Lord is coming. Jews and Christians have been preparing for the end for centuries. We do know that it will come, eventually. When it does, it will bring judgment upon the earth and the bad will be punished and the good rewarded. Jesus also prepares his followers for persecution and difficulties as they testify to the Gospel. The core of the Gospel is that God is with us and God is for us. We can take comfort in knowing the nearness and closeness of God at all times in our lives.

There are so often pressures to put aside our obligations to God to pray, worship and proclaim with our very lives the faith we profess. For some, even regular Sunday Mass attendance seems beyond one’s capabilities. Jesus encourages us to persevere despite the difficulties and hardships that may come our way. If we truly believe and allow our faith to grow, we can be confident that God is with us and God is for us. That is the good news that we receive today.

God is with us even in the most terrible of times, transforming the terrible times into times of opportunity. The cross looked like the end for Jesus, but was instead the beginning of the end for Satan. Perhaps we are called to recognize how God stands with us when we are overwhelmed with struggles. The challenge for us is to remain faithful and cultivate holiness in our lives, even when it seems impossible! May the grace of God assist us to endure and nourish our Catholic faith so that we can boldly profess the love of God!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



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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.




BIN IN ROEDEL HALL *Warm Feet for Warriors* ★ ★ ★
Sock Drive
 Donations of new socks thru November
 In collaboration with the American Legion Auxillary Unit 144.

Thank You We are grateful for the outpouring of love from each of our parish family members for this year's successful **Box of Joy** parish project. With your support at each stage of this project, we collected sufficient postage and gift items too package **342 Boxes of Joy!**

Just imagine those smiles and excitement you helped create! Sharing your talent, time and treasure has made this outcome possible. May you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed and beautiful Christmas season!

- Ginny Morgan



17th annual
"Blankets Because We Care"
 New or Gently Used Donations
 November 22 - January 19
 Look for the bin in back of church.

Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Event

OLP HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

<p>Saturday, December 6 3:00 - 7:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake Sale • Vendor & Craft Fair • Soup Dinner • Holiday Photo Op 	}	<p>Sunday, December 7 9:00 am - 12N</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake Sale • Vendor & Craft Fair • Coffee & Donuts • Holiday Photo Op
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Invitation to Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians
Scott County Shamrock Division

Parishioners of the Parish of Our Lady of the Prairie who are interested in joining the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), Shamrock Division, are invited to join us at our November meeting.

Take the Bus! Bus leaves the Our Lady of the Prairie parking lot at 6:30 pm

Date: Wednesday, November 19
Location: Manna Brewery, Downtown Shakopee
Social: 7:00 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM



We invite all Catholics of Irish birth or descent to seek admittance to the finest Irish Catholic organization in the world — and to live our motto of "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity."

Membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is open to men 18 years and older who are practicing Roman Catholics of Irish birth or descent.

For more information,
 contact hibernianshamrock@gmail.com
 or visit hibernianshamrock.com.

Young Adult Women's Bible Study

Ladies, are you looking for a space to grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, and find encouragement for your daily walk with God? We're launching a new Young Adult Women's Bible Study beginning this December!

Join us for inspiring conversations, laughter, and community as we **meet in person one evening each week** right here at the church. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been in the Word for years, you're welcome here!

Interested or want more information?
 Fill out our quick sign-up form: →



Weather Policy

If school is delayed, closes early or is closed due to poor weather conditions the following activities will not meet:

- All meetings (e.g. CCW, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter).

The following activities will continue unless further notification is provided:

- Daily Mass: Mass is always celebrated Tuesday – Sunday
- Religious Education classes and Adoration.

EAT, GATHER & BE GRATEFUL

THE FEAST

A BELLE PLAINE COMMUNITY EVENT

GRACIOUSLY FUNDED BY MOODY ENTERPRISE

An event for community members to come together and show gratitude for each other and celebrate our wonderful community. Activities, open gym, arts & crafts and a warm meal will be served.

Sunday, November 23
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Oak Crest Elementary
 - Free Will Donation -

50/50 Raffle


THE GAME WILL BE ON!!

Free will donation goes towards scholarships for our youth!

Interested in meal delivery? Call - (952) 649-2499



Belle Plaine Police Department

TOY DRIVE

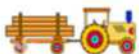


This holiday season some families will not be able to purchase gifts for their children. **This is an opportunity to help someone in need.** All donated toys will be distributed to local children who are far less fortunate.

All toys should be new and unwrapped. Gifts are accepted for children up to 18 years of age. Note: Realistic looking toy weapons and gifts with food will not be distributed.

While purchasing items for smaller children is a pretty simple task, donors often wonder what to get pre-teens. We recommend sporting equipment, board games, books, hand-held electronics and gift cards.

Families in need of toys can call the Belle Plaine Police Department Monday thru Friday (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) to make an appointment to shop.



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, November 9	\$5,690	- \$2,694
Endowment Fund	\$285	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 8	4:15 pm	197
Sunday, November 9	8:00 am	182
	10:00 am	194
Livestreamed		30

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.



Tuesday
November 18,
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, November 17	
7:00pm - 9:00 pm Catechetical Institute On-line Class	
Tuesday, November 18	
8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song	
6:30 pm Mass	
Wednesday, November 19	
8:30 am Mass - donuts & coffee after Mass	
12:00 pm Ecumenical Lunch	
6:30 pm Religious Education (K-8)	
Thursday, November 20	
8:30 am Mass	
6:30 - 7:30 pm Men's Small Group in Conf Rm	
6:30 - 8:00 pm Consecration to Jesus thru Mary (OLP)	
Friday, November 21	
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30 am Mass	
6:30-9:00 pm Youth Group (Grades 9-12): Feed My Starving Children	
Saturday, November 22	
8:00-11:00 am CI Formative Session in Winsted	
4:15 pm Mass	
Sunday, November 23	
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
8:00 am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass	
11:00 am-2:00 pm "The Feast" at Oakcrest Elementary	

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	17	NOV	No Mass	
TUE	18	NOV	6:30 pm	† d. Irene Castor
WED	19	NOV	8:30 am	† liv. & d. Elizabeth & Edmond Belland
THU	20	NOV	8:30 am	† Shannon & LaJeunesse Families
FRI	21	NOV	8:30 am	† d. Herman & Grace Schwartz
SAT	22	NOV	4:15 pm	† d. Frank & Mary Korkowski
SUN	23	NOV	8:00 am	† For the Parish
			10:00 am	† d. Teresa Fritz

Saturday, November 22, 4:15 pm

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

Sunday, November 23, 8:00 am

Greeters	Eric & Lisa May
Lector	Sharon Beach
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty Jeffrey Teal
Gift Bearers	Volunteers

Sunday, November 23, 10:00 am

Greeters	Joe & Kristen LaJeunesse
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Rick Morgan, Terry Feddersen Jason Palo, Karen Vandermark
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Gabriel Vandermark
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Mike Buchanan (Lutheran Home)

O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of Your presence, and us who are living the happiness of knowing this.

READINGS

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-2/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

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