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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

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43



Let
peace
and
thankfulness
reign in our
hearts.

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The final Sunday of the Church year is known as Christ the King Sunday where we consider the Kingship of Jesus. Romans had the tradition of hanging a sign on the cross so that those passing by would know the reason for the execution. The sign on Jesus's cross was INRI (Latin abbreviation for Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). Jesus is universal King in a world that often ignores him. Yet as Catholics we recognize the royal dignity of Jesus on the Cross. Even though it looks as though the world got the best of him, he got the best of the world and won salvation for us.

While some might say the only sign of his glory is a crown of thorns and the title over his head, on the cross, he has triumphed over all that is evil, especially against the temptation and power. Satan had tempted him in the desert; the crowds had failed to listen to him as he preached the good news of God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus reigns from the cross as a King, where he pleads to his Father to forgive and promises the gift of heaven to a thief. On the cross, he shows us that he poured out his life for others – for the salvation of the world. We are called to imitate the sacrifice that God himself made for us.

At the Mass, at this one sacrifice of Calvary, there is healing medicine for feeble souls, nourishing food and drink for the daily journey of taking up the cross. Here is the wine of the kingdom and the bread of heaven to nourish us to proclaim with our lives the Kingdom of God. May we recognize the triumphal victory of Jesus' reign and be thankful for the merits of his sacrifice! All Glory and Honor to our King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

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.



Dear Jesus,
I see the kingdom you love,
the one full of the broken and forgotten.
I see the crown you wear – thorns out of love for me.
I pick you as my King!

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.

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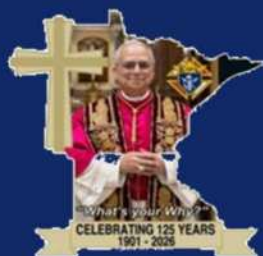
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Young Adult Women’s Bible Study

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 -
Free will donation goes towards scholarships for our youth!

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

50/50 Raffle

THE GAME WILL BE ON!!



Date and Time: Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Scenic Barn Escape
25628 337th LN
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Tickets: \$15 for 15 games of BINGO

Purpose: Funds raised support the Jessenland Historical and Cultural Center



Belle Plaine Police Department

TOY DRIVE

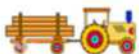


This holiday season some families will not be able to purchase gifts for their children. **This is an opportunity to help someone in need.** All donated toys will be distributed to local children who are far less fortunate.

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.



Training for All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Servers, and Greeters.

December 6th & 7th following all Masses

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Matthew Hennen

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



COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Totals not available due to early print deadline.



17th annual

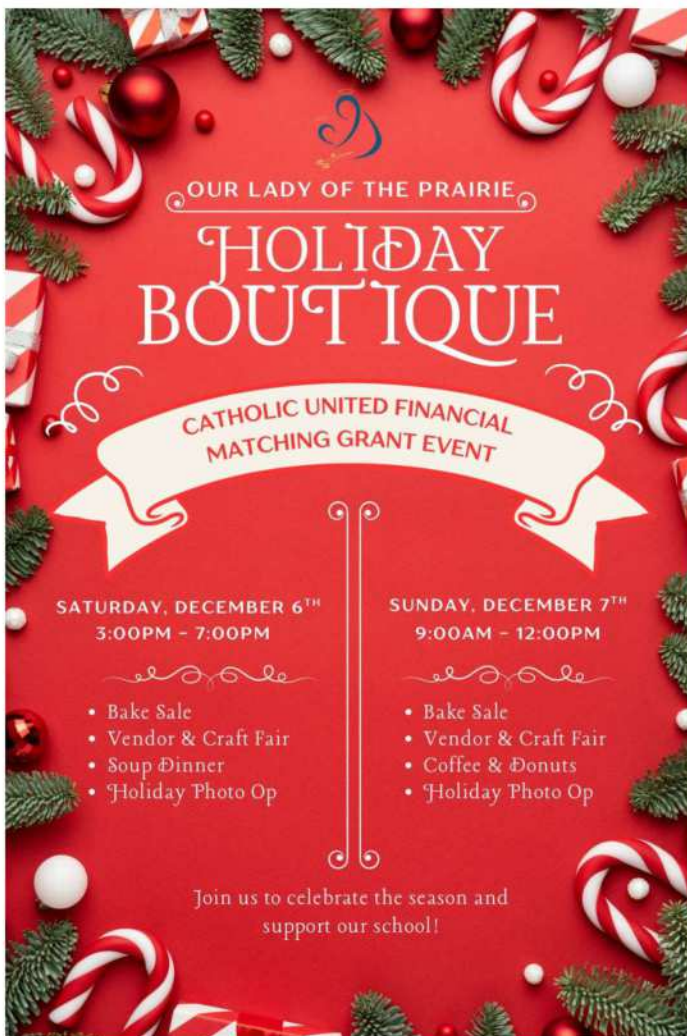
“Blankets Because We Care”

New or Gently Used
Blankets, Coats, Socks

November 22 - January 19

Look for the bin in back of church.

Donations will be given to Sharing & Caring Hands, Loaves & Fishes, and the Children’s Hospital in Mpls.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, November 24	
7:00 pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving at River Rock Church
Tuesday, November 25	
1:30 pm	Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm	Mass at OLP
7:00 pm	Church Night Meetings
Wednesday, November 26	
	No School
8:30 am	Mass - donuts & coffee after Mass No Religious Education (K-8)
Thursday, November 27	
Thanksgiving Day	
	No School
8:30 am	Mass
Friday, November 28	
Office Closed	
	No School
8:30 am	Mass
Saturday, November 29	
9:00 am	Advent church cleaning & decorating
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, November 30	
First Sunday of Advent	
8:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Choir Practice
10:00 am	Mass



MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	24	NOV	No Mass	
TUE	25	NOV	6:30 pm	† d. Shannon & LaJuenesse Families
WED	26	NOV	8:30 am	† liv & d. Measel & Julia Miron Families
THU	27	NOV	8:30 am	† d. John Anthony Schilz III
FRI	28	NOV	8:30 am	† d. Jake & Irene Balk
SAT	29	NOV	4:15 pm	† d. Frank & Bea Bigaouette
SUN	30	NOV	8:00 am	† d. Edgar Witt Jr. (AOD)
			10:00 am	† For the Parish

Saturday, November 29, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteer
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 30, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector	Sheila Hendricks
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Kora Krautkremer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Sunday, November 30, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Rick & Ginny Morgan
Lector	Rick Morgan
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Nora Wermerskirchen, Paula Covington, Jim Covington
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirch, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Paisley Scheff
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (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 23, 2025
Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

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