



# 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  
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forward to getting to know you and  
your baby.

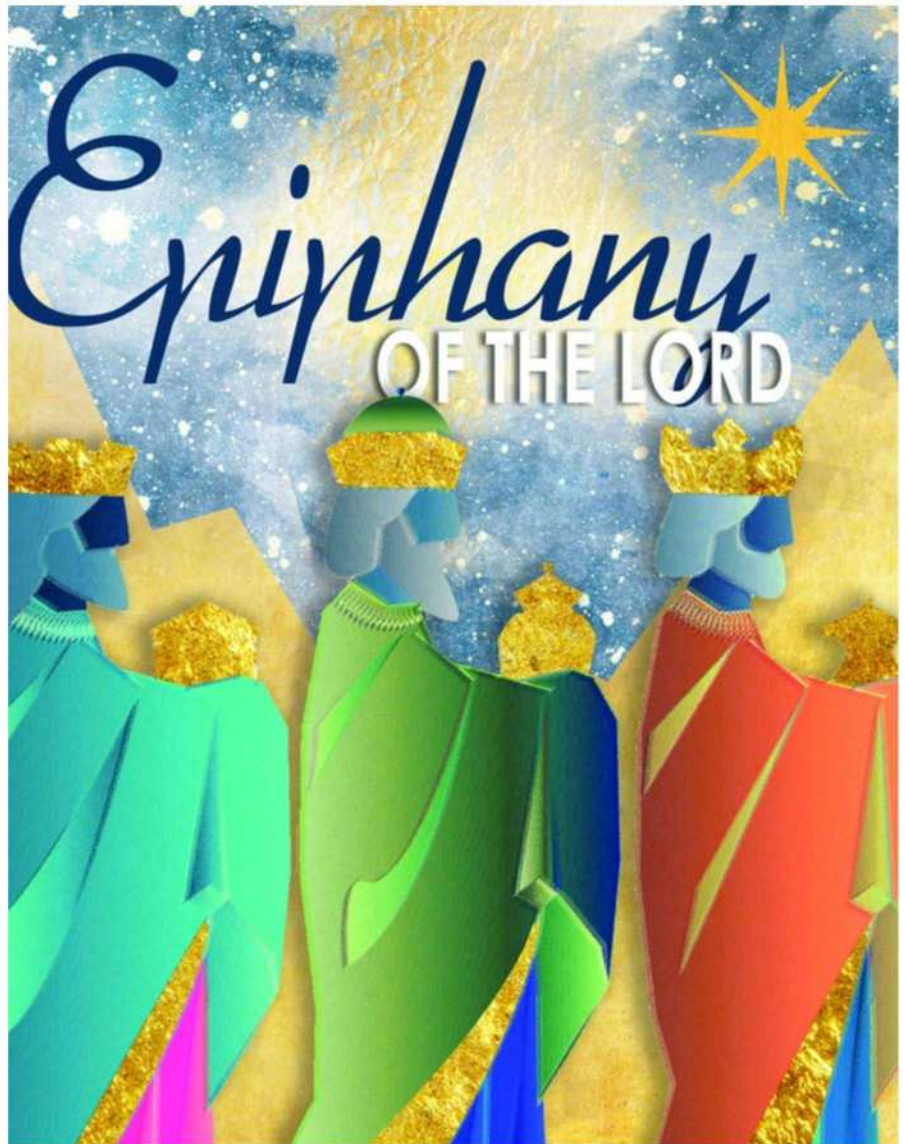
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If you would like to post in the  
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bulletineditor@olp.church  
by noon on Monday for the  
following Sunday (Holidays may  
have earlier deadlines).

## In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

JANUARY 4, 2026



They were overjoyed at seeing  
the star, and on entering the  
house they saw the child with  
Mary his mother. They prostrated  
themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:10-11A

**PARISH STAFF**

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**LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

**Trustees**

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Mike Buchanan, Dan Flynn, Ginny Morgan, Ty Buesgens, James Fogarty, Brian Berger, Susan Cole, Greg O'Brien, Jim Glisczinski, Tom Otto, Mona Altman, Edsel Faunillan

**School Advisory Council**

Ashley Simons, Matt Offerdahl, Kim Baltus, Stephanie Otto, Danielle Campos

**Finance Council**

Dan Neisen, Maria Tracy, Jim Koepp, Jerome Flaherty, Joe Vandermark

**Epiphany Blessing,**

The Epiphany household blessing invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk. The essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .**

The Epiphany

Epiphany is a Greek word that means "showing forth" or "manifestation." The light in the sky showed forth the way for the kings to find the path to the Savior. And when they reached Him, they presented gifts and recognized the manifestation of the Lord. We too are called to acknowledge the presence of the Lord in our own lives. God continues to show forth His presence and we are called to constantly seek Him.

The wise ones came from abroad and made a difficult journey. They left His presence fulfilled and rewarded. We too sometimes make an arduous journey pursuing the Lord, but when we find Him, we are always fully satisfied. That's why God waits constantly for us to seek Him, because our joy is only complete when we have God with us.

It is always worth repeating the significance of the gifts the kings brought. The gold (royal dignity) given to Jesus is a reminder of His kingship. The frankincense (fragrant offering to God) reminds us of His priesthood. And the myrrh (burial cloth) tells us that the baby will be a sacrificial victim. The magi recognized the Epiphany of the Lord and offered fitting gifts.

If we truly seek the Lord, God will bestow many graces on us. Our parish is blessed to serve the Lord. We find God in community and education besides worship in the church and adoration in the chapel. In addition to faithful worship, we need to constantly learn more. The Church teaches us about God and ourselves and may we ready ourselves to learn more about our faith. May we use our talents to make a fitting gift for the Lord and always seek His manifestation in our lives!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



- Katie Cates
- Bob Weldon
- Ron (Franny) Gerres
- Annette Schmit Mann
- Mary Ann Bigaouette
- Bruce & Cathy Halloran
- Barb Wentworth
- Melissa Kjonaas
- Maureen Millard
- Betty Chard
- William Busch
- Dan Flynn



*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

- Bud Steen
- Deacon Bob Raleigh
- Mona Bentfield
- Elmer Lambrecht
- Don Morrison
- Lisa Pobuda
- Kurt Kruger
- Fred Welsch
- Kelly Scott
- Pat Sexe
- Betty Wolf
- Mary Tuma
- Briar Fritz
- Doris Fahey

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.



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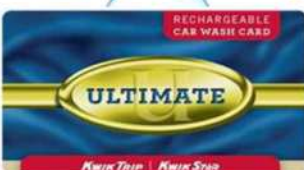
**Weather Policy**

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.



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**BASKET COLLECTIONS**

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, December 21	8,510	\$166

*Basket Collection and Attendance totals for Christmas and the weekend of December 28th were not available due to early holiday publishing deadlines.*

**ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, December 20	4:15 pm	212
Sunday, December 21	8:00 am	214
	10:00 am	196
Livestreamed		48

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.



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**View them and see how you can help at:**

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OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Pancake Breakfast



Knights of Columbus

## Sunday, January 4

8am - 12Noon

Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee.

FREE WILL Offering

**SAVE THE DATE:** Second Annual Sock Hop  
January 31, 2026, after 4:15 PM Saturday Mass.  
The Shaw Brothers will perform live.  
Tickets will go on sale mid-January.

# ROCK



You're Invited



## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Wednesday,  
January 7, 2026

### WHO?

STUDENTS AND PARENTS  
THAT WILL BE  
KINDERGARTEN READY  
FOR THE 2026-27  
SCHOOL YEAR

**8:30-9:00**

CHILDREN'S MASS LED BY OLP SCHOOL.  
COME CELEBRATE MASS WITH OUR STUDENTS.

**9:00-9:20**

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
MEET IN THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM.  
PARENTS ARE FREE TO LEAVE FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

**9:30-12:30**

KINDERGARTEN READY STUDENTS WILL SPEND THE  
MORNING EXPLORING THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM.  
THEY WILL RETURN TO PRESCHOOL FOLLOWING LUNCH  
OR CAN BE PICKED UP BY PARENT

**RSVP BY DEC. 31**

ASIMONS@OURLADYOFTHETRAIRIE.COM

# All School ROSARY

Pray with the OLP students  
Friday, January 16  
at 10:00 am



## Pray For Our Military

Natalie (Covington) Ruiz  
Jordan Ruiz  
Carson Lange (Official US Naval  
Ceremonial Color Guard)  
Levi Lane (Marines)

David May  
Dylan May  
Sean Alander  
Alex Vandermark  
Grace Halloran

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Monday, January 5</b>	
School resumes	
<b>Tuesday, January 6</b>	
Father Kaluza out of office - Father Dvorak presiding 6:30 pm Mass	
<b>Wednesday, January 7</b>	
Father Kaluza out of office - Father Dvorak presiding 8:30 am Mass 9am-12:30 pm Kindergarten Roundup 6:20 pm Religious Ed (K-8)	
<b>Thursday, January 8</b>	
Father Kaluza out of office - Father Dvorak presiding 8:30 am Mass	
<b>Friday, January 9</b>	
Father Kaluza out of office - Father Dvorak presiding 8:30 am Mass	
<b>Saturday, January 10</b>	
4:15 pm Mass	
<b>Sunday, January 11 The Baptism of the Lord</b>	
8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Mass Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - sponsored by Catholic United Financial Help take down Christmas decor after 10am Mass	



**MASS INTENTIONS**

MON	5	JAN	No Mass	
TUE	6	JAN	6:30 pm	† d. Rev. Thomas Sieg
WED	7	JAN	8:30 am	† liv. Special Intention
THU	8	JAN	8:30 am	† d. Mary Kolter
FRI	9	JAN	8:30 am	† Sister Theresa Collison
SAT	10	JAN	4:15 pm	† For the Parish
SUN	11	JAN	8:00 am	† d. Phyllis Korkowski
			10:00 am	† d. Susan Flaschenriem

**Saturday, January 10, 4:15 pm**

Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)

**Sunday, January 11, 8:00 am**

Greeters	Bob & Dorene Smith
Lector	Marcia Makowski
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers

**Sunday, January 11, 10:00 am**

<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	
Greeters	Pat & Sandy Schroers
Lector	Regina Wilson
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Luke Berger, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Edsel Faunillan (Lutheran Home)

**READINGS**

**Readings for the week of January 4, 2026**  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-3



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OF  
SAINT PAUL &  
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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

December 19, 2025

Reverend Michael Kaluza  
Church of Our Lady of the Prairie  
200 E Church St  
Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Dear Father Kaluza:

Thank you for your willingness to serve another term as pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Prairie, an office that you have been exercising faithfully and well since 2020.

In accord with the Archdiocesan Policy on Term Limits for Pastors, I am pleased to renew your assignment as pastor of the Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine, Minnesota for an additional six years, effective July 1, 2026, with an anticipated end date of June 30, 2032. You will continue to hold all the rights, privileges, and obligations of a pastor as defined in the Code of Canon Law and the particular law of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

By virtue of this extension, I am asking you to commit yourself once again to the responsibilities of teaching, sanctifying, and governing that are set forth for a pastor in canons 519-537 of the Code of Canon Law. Care for the souls in your parish with the love of a father and shepherd.

Father Kaluza, I am deeply grateful for your commitment to your parish and school and am delighted that your labors are bearing good fruit. I hope this extension of time as pastor proves to be pastorally fruitful for your parishioners and a blessing in your priestly life.

With every personal good wish and prayer, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

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

L.S.

Susan Mulheron  
Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

cc: Most Reverend Michael J. Izen, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General  
Most Reverend Kevin T. Kenney, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General  
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