



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.

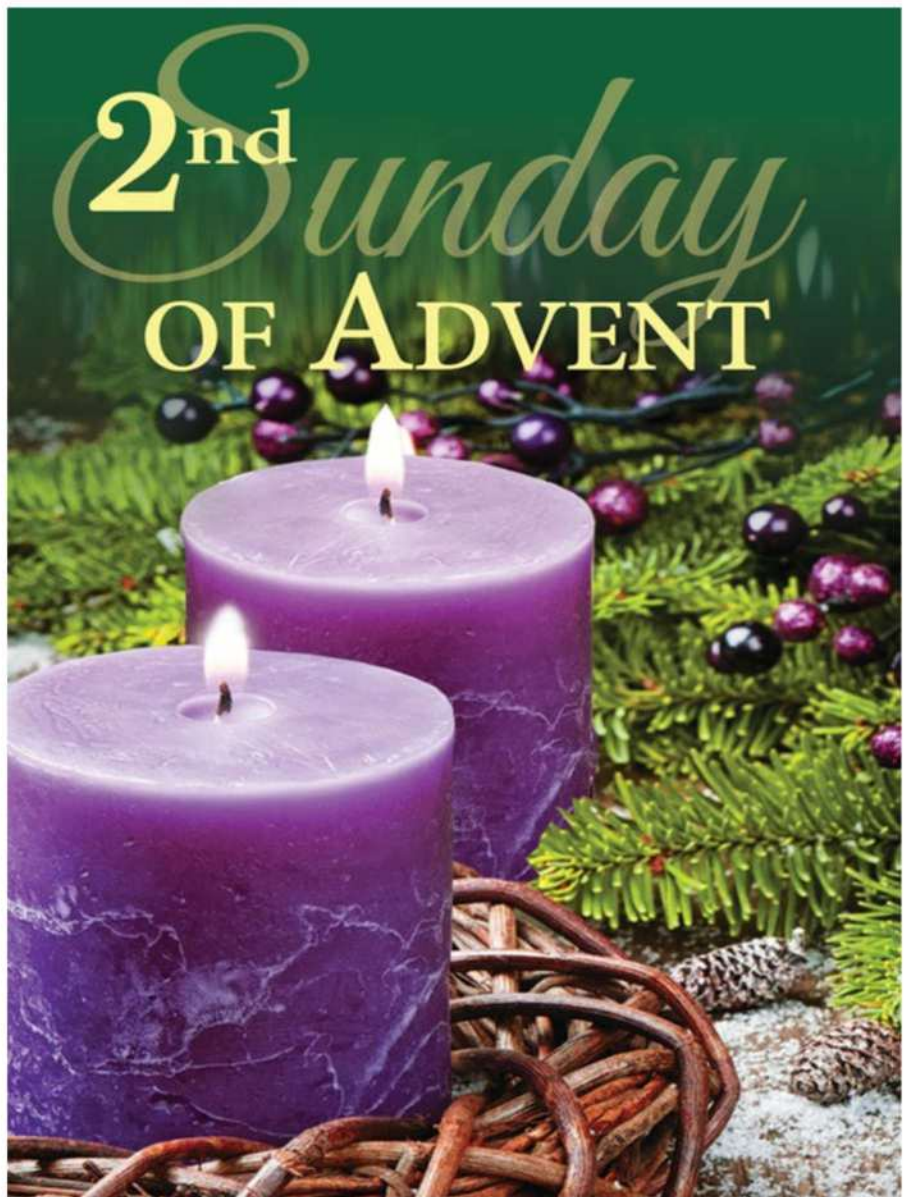
Bulletin Announcements

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

DECEMBER 7, 2025



"From the first moment of her conception, she was preserved immune from all stain of original sin".
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

Advent is a joyful time full of anticipation. Expectation of God's triumph and the fullness of God's reign in our lives. That reign brings peace to our lives and allows us to fully participate in the life of God who extends that invitation to us.

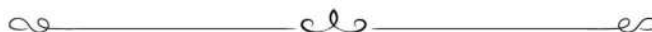


Another prominent theme exposed in our Scriptures this week is the theme of judgment – something that all of us must face. John the Baptist announces: "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Repentance allows us to rid ourselves of the evil that has plagued our lives and hand it over to God. It is never too late to start. If we review our lives in an honest manner, all of us have episodes of turning from the ways of God. We all suffer the effects of original sin.

It is my hope and the hope of the entire Church that this Advent all parishioners of Our Lady of the Prairie will visit the sacrament of reconciliation. It's an opportunity for us to hand over our sins to God and receive his generous gift of mercy. There is nothing to fear and everything to be gained. Reconciliation is a time of God showering many graces upon us! Let's make good use of this extraordinary sacrament and embrace the mercy of God!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



Bud Steen	William Busch	Bob Weldon
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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.



Early Deadline
Submit your bulletin articles for
Dec. 21st by Dec. 10th
Dec. 28th by Dec. 18th
Jan. 4th by Dec. 23rd.



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Join us
Friday, December 12
at 10 am



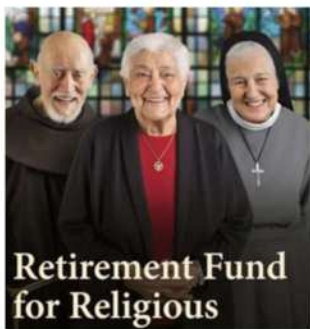
Weather Policy

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.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. For 174 of our 175 years as an Archdiocese, we have been blessed with the presence of religious. These Religious Sisters and Brothers and Religious Order Priests have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay.

The Annual Retirement Fund for Religious helps enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Your contributions also support newer religious communities with their retirement planning. In 2025, the faithful of our archdiocese donated \$474,939 to the fund. A testament to how much we love our consecrated religious!

We thank you for your past generosity and ask that when the collection takes place the weekend of **December 13 and 14, 2025**, that you may give generously in gratitude for our religious sisters and brothers and religious order priests. Donations may be given directly to your parish for them to forward onto the archdiocese.

An envelope is included in your mailed contribution packet, or pick up at the back of the church.

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School
presents

Lessons and Carols
A Shadow Nativity

Tuesday, December 16
after 6:30 pm Mass



Hope in the Darkness Service

December 21, 2025 @ 5:00pm

St. John Lutheran Church

148 South Chestnut Street | Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Rest in the words, music, candlelight and silence of the night and leave with hope in the Christ Child.



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Ronald "Ronnie" Sigmund Schmitz

Eileen Effertz

We extend our sincere sympathy to their families, friends, and loved ones, and pray for their eternal peace.



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

Nathan & Madalyn Hennen

Betsy O'Rourke and son Jaxon

Chance & Marlee Pratt

Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.



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

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.



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MATCHING GRANT EVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
3:00PM – 7:00PM

- Bake Sale
- Vendor & Craft Fair
- Soup Dinner
- Holiday Photo Op

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
9:00AM – 12:00PM

- Bake Sale
- Vendor & Craft Fair
- Coffee & Donuts
- Holiday Photo Op

Join us to celebrate the season and support our school!



BASKET COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal is \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, November 23	\$7,684	-\$660
Sunday, November 30	\$5,361	-\$2,983
Cemetery Fund	\$1,391	

ATTENDANCE

Saturdays, Nov. 22 & 29	4:15 pm	212	152
Sundays, Nov. 23 & 30	8:00 am	196	176
	10:00 am	285	261
Livestreamed		34	55

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.

READINGS

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18 bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, December 8	Holy Day of Obligation
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <small>OR</small>	
8:30 am	Mass
6:30 pm	Mass
7:00 pm	Formal Act of Consecration to Jesus Thru Mary
Tuesday, December 9	
1:30 pm	Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm	Mass at OLP
Wednesday, December 10	
8:30 am	Mass - donuts & coffee after Mass
6:20 pm	Religious Education (K-8)
Thursday, December 11	
8:30 am	Mass at OLP
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Men's Small Group in Conference Room
6:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Group (Grades 9-12) Holiday Trivia
Friday, December 12	
8:30 am	Mass
10:00 am	All School Rosary
Saturday, December 13	
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, December 14	
8:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Choir Practice
10:00 am	Mass (All School) Treats & Fellowship after Masses - sponsored by Catholic United Financial

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the second candle on the Advent wreath, often called the "Bethlehem Candle" or the "Candle of Peace," is lit. This candle symbolizes the peace Christ brings to the world.

MASS INTENTIONS					
MON	8	DEC	8:30 am	†	d. Jim & Mary Giesen
			6:30 pm	†	liv. & d. Guertin & Klehr Families
TUE	9	DEC	6:30 pm	†	Shannon & LaJeunesse Families
WED	10	DEC	8:30 am	†	d. Susan Flaschenriem
THU	11	DEC	8:30 am	†	CCW Members
FRI	12	DEC	8:30 am	†	d. Brian Weber
SAT	13	DEC	4:15 pm	†	d. Joe & Viona Anderson
SUN	14	DEC	8:00 am	†	d. Dick Hayden
			10:00 am	†	For the Parish

Monday, December 8, 8:30 am	
Greeters	OLP Students
Lector	OLP Student
EMHC	Susan Cole, Sue Schultz, Sheila Hendricks, Maureen Daly
Ushers	OLP Students
Servers	OLP Students
Gift Bearers	OLP Students
Monday, December 8, 6:30 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Volunteer
EMHC	Nora Wermerskirchen, Betty Weldon, Hannah Wermerskirchen, Jim Covington
Ushers	Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer
Saturday, December 13, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteer
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Sunday, December 14, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Tom & Pat Cates
Lector	John Walsh
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Sunday, December 14, 10:00 am	
Greeters	OLP Students
Lector	OLP Student
EMHC	Nora Wermerskirchen, Karen Vandermark, Hannah Wermerskirchen, Joe Vandermark
Ushers	OLP Students
Servers	OLP Students
Gift Bearers	OLP Students
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

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