



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.

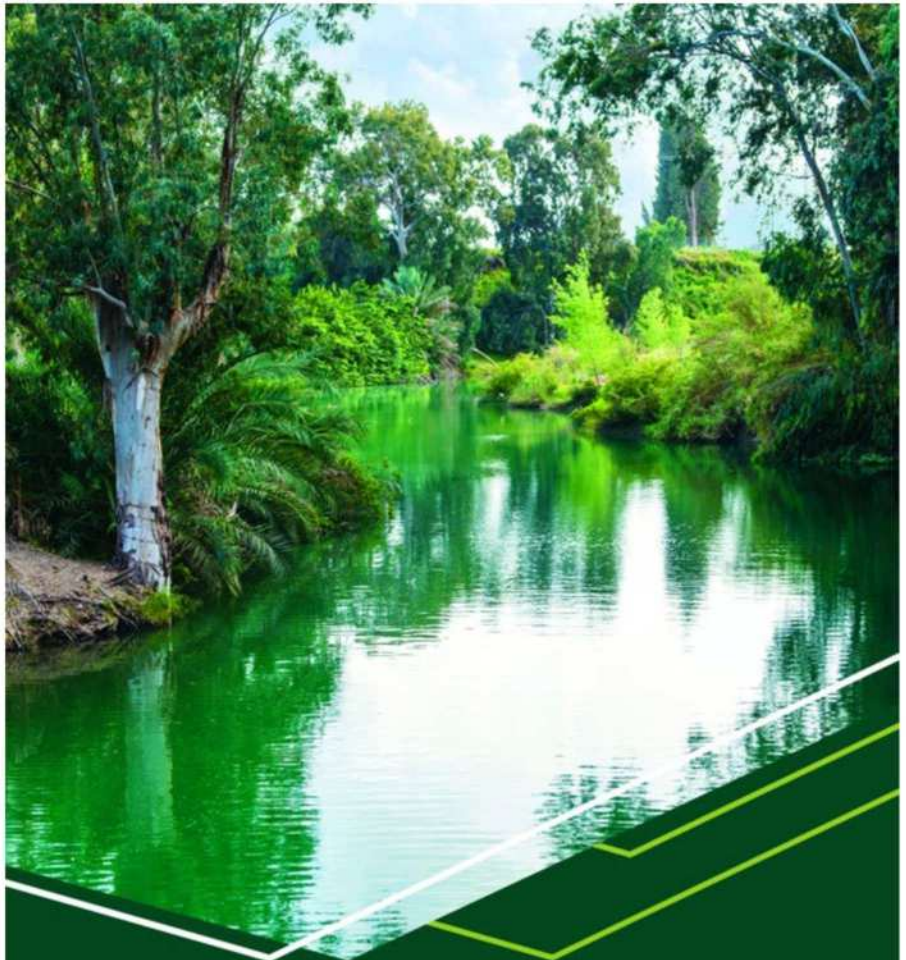
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

JANUARY 11, 2026



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

MARK 1:8

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Eternal Father, who
at the baptism of
Jesus revealed Him
to be Your Son,
anointing Him with
the Holy Spirit:
grant that we may



be faithful to our call as Children of God,
listening to you, guided by Your Spirit, to
fulfil our unique and definite purpose. Amen

MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



The seven sacraments find their origin in Sacred Scripture, initiated by Jesus so that we would know of God's presence in the world and in our lives. The first and gateway to all of the other sacraments is baptism. Jesus, though he was God, chose to undergo baptism by John the Baptist. He did so not because He had any need of baptism. He was already fully divine, but He did so for our sake. What He established in the Jordan River has been continuously handed down through the centuries by the Church.

By presenting Himself for baptism, Jesus inaugurates His public ministry. His quiet life in Nazareth has come to an end and the Gospels will vividly record the teaching, preaching, healing and pastoral work of the Lord. His baptism is for our sake, so that we can follow him unreservedly and whole-heartedly, even embracing all of the struggles and burdens entailed in the life of a Christian. Baptism makes us children of God and we are His sons and daughters who teach and act in His name with His authority.

What ultimately matters is that at our death, as we pass into the care of God, He will call us beloved. May our baptism strengthen us to achieve this extraordinary privilege!

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.



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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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Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Christmas	\$27,034	
Sunday, December 28	\$10,597	+\$2,253
Maintenance Fund	\$1,560	
January 1, 2026	\$2815.50	
Sunday, January 4, 2026	\$ 8,060	-\$274

ATTENDANCE

Christmas Vigil	3:00 pm	455	Livestreamed 57
	4:15 pm	219	
Christmas Day	8:00 am	163	
	10:00 am	176	
Saturday, December 27	4:15 pm	217	Livestreamed 116
Sunday, December 28	8:00 am	180	
	10:00 am	193	
December 31, 2025 (Vigil)	6:30 pm	152	Livestreamed not available
January 1, 2026	8:30 am	165	
Saturday, January 3, 2026	4:15 pm	222	Livestreamed 35
Sunday, January 4, 2026	8:00 am	164	
	10:00 am	222	

ATTENTION
ALL YOU KATS & CHICKS



It's time again to get your kicks!
Whether you wanna swing it or groove it
Mark your calendars so you can move it
At Our Lady of the Prairie's

2nd Annual Sock Hop

Saturday, January 31, 2026 5:15 PM in Roedell Hall
Fundraiser for Totus Tuus *Be there or be square!*

Ticket Prices and more info to come soon...

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Waffle Breakfast
SUNDAY
JANUARY 25
FOLLOWING
8:00 & 10:00 MASS



Free Will Offering
Proceeds fund OLP Students trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center




Kick-off to CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Belle Plaine Community
Marriage Encounter

January 11th, at 7:00 pm in Roedell Hall

The 2026 MCCL **March for Life** will take place on **Thursday, January 22**, at the Minnesota Capitol in St. Paul. The March begins at noon and is followed by a program from 12:30-1:00 on the Capitol steps.

All School
ROSARY

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




Tuesday
January 20
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, January 12	
Tuesday, January 13	
1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway	
6:30 pm Mass at OLP	
Wednesday, January 14	
8:30 am Mass - donuts & coffee after mass	
2:00 pm Staff Meeting	
6:20 pm Religious Ed (K-8)	
Thursday, January 15	
8:30 am Mass at OLP	
2:00 pm Mass at The Lutheran Home	
Friday, January 16	
End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	
8:30 am Mass	
Saturday, January 17	
4:15 pm Mass	
10:00 am All School Rosary	
Sunday, January 18	
8:00 am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass	
Treats Fellowship after Masses - hosted by Knights of Columbus	



MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	12	JAN	No Mass	
TUE	13	JAN	6:30 pm	† d. Colleen Murphy McCreight
WED	14	JAN	8:30 am	† d. Mike Fogarty
THU	15	JAN	8:30 am	† d. Deacon Jim Thornton
FRI	16	JAN	8:30 am	† Liv. & d. Susan & Elizabeth Miron
SAT	17	JAN	4:15 pm	† d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien
SUN	18	JAN	8:00 am	† d. Michael John Leuwer
			10:00 am	† For the Parish

Saturday, January 17, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers
Lector	Charlotte Mulroy
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn Joe Shimota, Charlotte Mulroy
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers	Volunteers
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Sunday, January 18, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Tom and Pam Cates
Lector	Sharon Beach
EMHC	Sharon Schmitz, Susan Cole Janice Teal, Mary Randklev
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Sunday, January 18, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Troy and Nora Wermerskirchen
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan Sheila Schmitz, Jason Palo
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

READINGS
Readings for the week of January 11, 2026
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-1

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