



# 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](mailto: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 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



“As the family goes,  
so goes the nation,  
and so goes the  
whole world  
in which  
we live.”  
ST. JOHN PAUL II



Day of Prayer  
for the Legal  
Protection of  
Unborn Children

**The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** is observed annually on **January 22** in the United States. This day is designated by the bishops of the United States to pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and to penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The observance encourages individuals and parishes to spend the day in prayer and penance, with special Masses or Holy Hours for life being celebrated. The day also serves as a reminder of the ongoing battle for the protection of unborn children and the need for continued prayer and advocacy.

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**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 22)**

**How to Participate**

Not sure how to observe this day of prayer and penance? Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do.

- Go to Mass
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Fast, or abstain from meat
- Pray a decade of the Rosary
- Give up TV and movies for the day
- Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else.

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A



As the Christmas decorations are returned to storage, we return to Ordinary Time and back to the regular routine of life. It marks a big change after celebrating the Christmas season with many gatherings and festivities and reveling a brand-new year. Each New Year's many often vow to make changes and start fresh. A priority should always be our spiritual life and hopefully many of us have committed to changes that will demonstrate the significance of our relationship with God.

During Ordinary Time, we are called to seek and be aware of God's presence in our lives and those around us. The readings this weekend focus on the call of God. We hear Saint Paul preaching to the Christians in Corinth about his call and sharing the peace of Christ. It is only in relationship with God that we experience the fullness of peace that God bestows upon us as His creatures and His beloved children.

The Gospel offers evidence of the divinity of Christ and John the Baptist always points toward Christ. In hearing John the Baptist's testimony, we can be assured that following Christ includes the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Then we can respond as we do in the Psalm, that we have come to do the will of God.

The prophet Isaiah reminds the people in the first reading that the Israelites are God's chosen and servants of the Lord. They are called to be a light for all the nations. Through Jesus Christ, we too are called to be a light for the nations and have an opportunity to show our own commitment to our faith. Let's allow that call to take hold of our lives!

God bless you,  
Father Michael Kaluza



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- Dan Flynn

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.

## Our Lady of the Prairie 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sock Hop



**Saturday, January 31, 2026**      **5:15 PM in Roedel Hall**  
**The Sock Hop Band** featuring **The Shaw Brothers LIVE**  
**Admission: \$6 students**      *Tickets available Wednesday nights*  
**\$12 adults**      *or at the Parish Office*

So, like Danny & the Juniors said back in '57...  
**If you don't like Rock-n-Roll**  
**Think what you'll be missin'!**  
**But if you like to Bop and Stroll**  
*(or support our parish kids)*  
**Please come and take a listen!**

Please notify the Parish Office if your address or phone number has changed since registering, or you no longer use a land line.



### Calling all OLP School Alumni!

We are proud of our Catholic School and proud to call you an alumni of OLP. You are invited to join us in song during our kick off to **Catholic Schools Week at 10 am Mass on Sunday, January 25th.**

Alumni will be invited to join us up front for the closing song. We hope to see you there!

Carolyn Gleason  
School Music Instructor

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.



### BASKET COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, January 11, 2026	\$6,388.75	-\$1955.25

### ATTENDANCE

Saturday, January 10, 2026	4:15 pm	193
Sunday, January 11, 2026	8:00 am	153
	10:00 am	255
Livestreamed		34

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.



Our Lady of the Prairie  
welcomes our new parishioners  
**Travis & Brittney Lau**  
 and their children  
 Aubrie LaVigne & Robbie LaVigne Jr.  
 Please make them feel at home in their new parish .



### 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.

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



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<b>Monday, January 19</b>	
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School/Office Closed	
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	
Father Kaluza Out of Office - Father Dvorak presiding	
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	
Father Kaluza Out of Office - Father Dvorak presiding	
8:30 am Mass - donuts & coffee after mass	
6:20 pm Religious Ed (K-8)	
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	
Father Kaluza Out of Office - Father Dvorak presiding	
8:30 am Mass	
<b>Friday, January 23</b>	
Father Kaluza Out of Office - Father Dvorak presiding	
8:30 am Mass	
<b>Saturday, January 24</b>	
4:15 pm Mass	
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	
<b>Catholic Schools Week Jan 25-30</b>	
8:00 am Mass	
8:00 am - 12N CSW Waffle & Ham Breakfast	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am All School Mass - with the Alumni Choir	



MASS INTENTIONS			
MON	19	JAN	No Mass
TUE	20	JAN	6:30 pm † d. Msgr. John Richter
WED	21	JAN	8:30 am † d. Susan Flaschenriem
THU	22	JAN	8:30 am † d. Gerold Adamek
FRI	23	JAN	8:30 am † d. Dick Hayden
SAT	24	JAN	4:15 pm † d. Father Pat McLaughlin
SUN	25	JAN	8:00 am † d. Robert Keonig
			10:00 am † For the Parish

<b>Saturday, January 24, 4:15 pm</b>	
Greeters	Volunteers
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
<b>Sunday, January 25, 8:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
Lector	Jake Hess
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, (Volunteer)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
<b>Sunday, January 25, 10:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Joe & Kristen LaJeunesse
Lector	OLP Student
EMHC	Nora and Hannah Wermerskirchen, Joe Vandermark, Karen Vandermark
Ushers	OLP Students (4)
Servers	OLP Students (4)
Gift Bearers	OLP Students
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

READINGS
<b>Readings for the week of January 18, 2026</b>
<b>Sunday:</b> Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
<b>Monday:</b> 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday:</b> 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b> 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday:</b> 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday:</b> 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

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**39**  
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