



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.

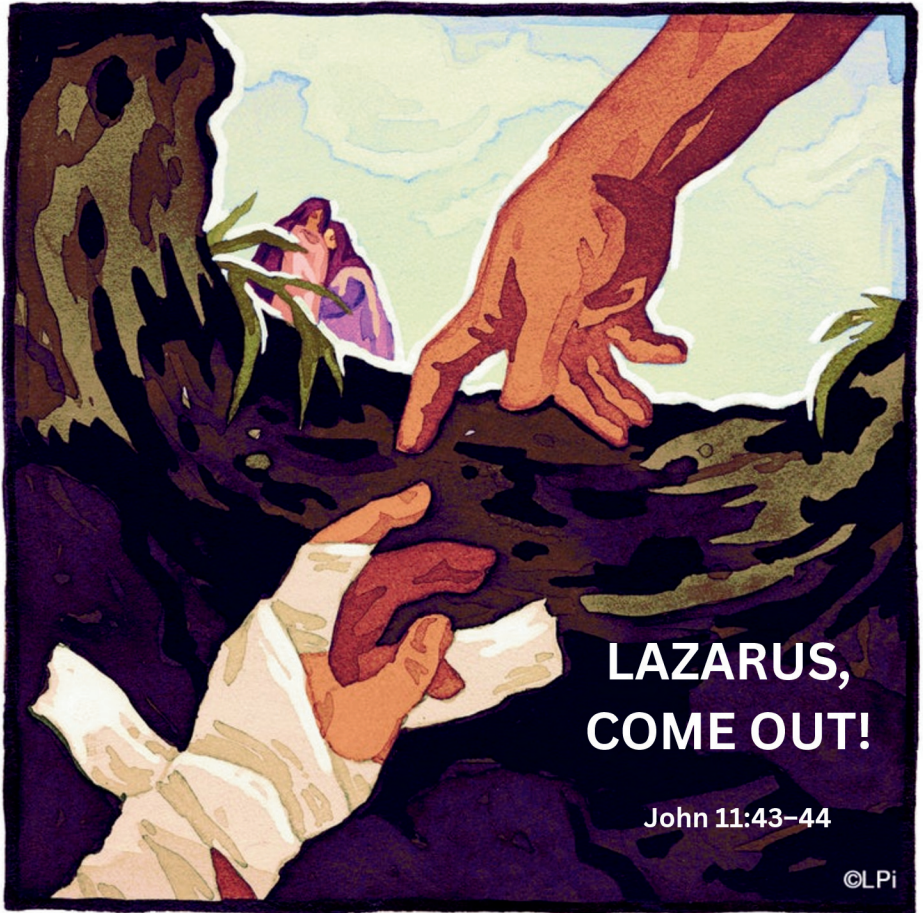
Bulletin Announcements

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

March 22, 2026
The 5th Sunday of Lent



The Annunciation of the Lord

The Annunciation of the Lord, celebrated on **March 25th**, is the moment when the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive Jesus Christ, marking the Incarnation and the beginning of God's plan of salvation. The Annunciation is central to Christian theology because it marks the Incarnation, the moment when God became human in the person of Jesus Christ. It highlights Mary's role as the Mother of God, her obedience, and her

faith, serving as a model for all believers. This event also emphasizes God's intervention in human history, the fulfillment of prophecy, and the beginning of humanity's redemption through Christ. It encourages believers to trust in God's providence, embrace humility, and respond faithfully to God's call.

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The basis for our Christian virtue of hope is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead foreshadows what we have yet to encounter during this holy season of Lent. The Christian has good reason to hope in resurrection and new life!

Our faith in the resurrection is based on our faith in God who can do all things! God gave us his only Son so that we might come to know the love that the creator has for all of creation. As creator, God always brings about life. It is the precious gift from God that only God can give.

Our secular society largely ignores the existence and presence of God. For many, death is quite simply the end and brings with it the grief of loss. The finality of death is viewed as a tragic end. It seems to be a hopeless reality for all. But not for the Christian! Even though there is sadness, death is not the end, but rather a means to pass to a new way of living with God.

In his full humanity, Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, and at the sorrow that his death caused to those who loved him. But he also delivers the good news to Mary and Martha that death is not the end of the story. Trusting in the Lord, they are disciples whose faith is strengthened by the remarkable miracle of raising a dead man back to life. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows us that God always has the final word. God does not desire death to be the end; rather it is a means of passing into the most glorious chapter of our lives – life with God in eternity. The way to eternal life is through death. Therefore, we understand death to be a preparation for the new life to come – a life free from pain, sorrow and sin. May we rejoice that God loves us enough to desire to bring us to the fullness of life in his Kingdom!

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



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Mary Ann Bigaouette

Ron (Franny) Gerres

Annette Schmit Mann

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Early Deadlines

Submit bulletin articles for:

- *March 29 by 10am March 23*
- *April 5 by 10am March 26*

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.



BASKET COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, March 8, 2026	\$6,936	-\$1,408
Irish Mass, March 14, 2026	Not available	
Sunday, March 15, 2026	Not available	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, March 7, 2026	4:15 pm	243
Sunday, March 8, 2026	8:00 am	148
	10:00 am	235
Livestreamed		50
Saturday, March 14, 2026	4:15 pm	300
Sunday, March 15, 2026	8:00 am	51
	10:00 am	74
Livestreamed		74

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.



OLP Council of Catholic Women
Easter Season
Flower Fund Donations
Forms in Roedel Hall






Alpha Women's Center Gala
Thursday, April 30, 5:30-9 pm
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Tickets are \$100; available online at
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KC Hall, New Prague
Saturday, April 25, 2026



Evening Schedule


- 5:00 PM Social Hour
- Complimentary beer & wine from 5:00–8:00 PM
- 6:30 PM Chicken & Beef Dinner
- 7:30 PM Live Irish Music by Wild Colonial Bhoys
- Full bar available all evening

Tickets: \$40 per person


Order tickets: hibernianshamrock@gmail.com



BANNS OF MARRIAGE
Martin Schneider & Rachel Shroers
April 11, 2026
*Whoever has knowledge of an impediment to this
proposed marriage,, kindly contact the parish office.*



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Lenten Fish Dinners

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church
 200 East Church St.
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March
 6, 13, 20, 27
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 the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus
 of St. Paul.

Menu	
Salad	
Dinner Roll	
Baked Fish (breaded & unbreaded)	
Au-Gratin Potatoes	
Dessert	
Coffee	

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Registration Link
www.cycamp.org

More Information erika@cycamp.org



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Joseph Berger

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

FISH Families & Individuals Sharing Hope
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OLP is a valued FISH partner, and we thank you for your attention to needs in our area which have been submitted to the network.

View them and see how you can help at:

FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org



Our collection of baby items for Birthright of Mankato will continue during this Lenten season. Currently, they have a big need for:

- unscented baby wipes
- diapers (all sizes)
- sleepers size newborn to sizes 3-6
- Summer baby clothing (mostly sleepers).

Please place your donations in the cradle at the back of the church.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Birthright of Mankato, please contact them at (507) 387-7818. No gift is too small! Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

Thank you for supporting moms and babies.
 Birthright of Mankato is grateful for your help and support!



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners
Marcus & Tricia Villanea
 Allegría, Marcus, Eli
Gary Anderley & Katharine Pavek
Katherine Nosko
 Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, March 23	
7:00-9:00 pm Catechetical Institute in Roedel Hall	
Tuesday, March 24	
1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway	
6:30 pm Mass at OLP	
7:00 pm Church Night meetings	
Wednesday, March 25	
The Annunciation of the Lord	
8:30 am Mass - donuts & coffee after mass	
3:05 pm Technology/Pathways Professional Development	
6:20 pm Religious Education K-8; Way of the Cross	
Thursday, March 26	
8:30 am Mass	
6:30-7:30pm Men's Small Group in Roedel Hall	
Friday, March 27	
8:30 am Mass	
9:00 am Stations of the Cross	
4:30-6:30 pm KC Fish Dinner in Parish Hall	
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, March 28	
10:30 am Funeral for Joseph Berger	
4:15 pm Mass	
Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday	
8:00 am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass	



MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	23	MAR	No Mass	
TUE	24	MAR	6:30 pm	† School Children & all involved in Annunciation Tragedy
WED	25	MAR	8:30 am	† d. Father Eugene Carp
THU	26	MAR	8:30 am	† d. Joe & Thelma Ott
FRI	27	MAR	8:30 am	† d. Michael John Leuwer
SAT	28	MAR	4:15 pm	† d. Robert Koenig (AOD)
SUN	29	MAR	8:00 am	† d. Mark Kirsch
		MAR	10:00 am	† For the Parish

Saturday, March 28, 4:15 pm Passion of the Lord	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sarah Williams, Joe Shimota
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn, Joe Shimota, Volunteer
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers	Eli Williams, Volunteers (3)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
Sunday, March 29, 8:00 am Passion of the Lord	
Greeters	Tom & Pam Cates
Lector	Ken Skluzacek, Janice Teal
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvi Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am Passion of the Lord	
Greeters	Joe & Kristen LaJeunesse
Lector	Regina Wilson, Mary Randklev
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Sheila schmitz, Jason Palo
Ushers	Caleb & Max Wermerskichen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Mary Moriarty (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

READINGS
Readings for the week of March 22, 2026
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/ Jn 8:21- 30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13Jn 11:45-56

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