



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

April 12, 2026

DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*

2:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:10 - 2:50 pm

Sacrament of Confession

2:50-3:00 pm

Rosary for Life: The Glorious Mysteries

3:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song

Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Chaplet
2:00-3:30 pm

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



Alleluia it is still Easter! Easter is so important – the greatest of all feasts – that the Church allows it last for eight full days called an octave. It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, where our faith is put into action by recognizing the great mercy that God has for us by allowing us to witness the resurrection! In placing his hands into the wounds of the Lord, the Apostle Thomas allows us to remark about the mercy of God shown through the wounds of Christ. At the canonization of Saint Faustina Kowalska, Saint Pope John Paul II remarked: “Jesus shows His hands and His side to the Apostles. He points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.”

The theme of our Scripture readings is mercy and the forgiveness made possible by the Passion of our Lord. Jesus allows his apostles to continue that saving work begun by Jesus in forgiving sins and allowing grace to fill our lives to grow in faith, confidently proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus! The Eucharist is that continual memorial that remembers and reminds us that God chose to come and dwell among us. God continues to be in our midst in the gift of the Eucharist. In confessing Jesus as 'My Lord and my God', Thomas made the most profound declaration about the person of Christ -- that he is truly God. He accepted Jesus as Lord and submitted his life to Christ's lordship. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus we can use Thomas' words to declare our faith and submit our lives to him more deeply. Without physically touching the wounds of our Lord, we can grow in faith confident that God's merciful love is intended to touch our lives.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



- Katie Lowe
- Joan Larson
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- Michael Dahl
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- Elmer Lambrecht
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- Jeff McCabe



St. Faustina, Pray for Us!

Our Lady,
Comforter of the
Afflicted, pray for us.

Our Lady,
Health of the Sick,
pray for us.

Queen of Heaven
and Earth, pray for us.

We turn to You
in our time of need.

Bring healing to those
who are ill. Protect those
who are most at risk.


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.



Knights of Columbus

**Fund Raising Event to
Aid People with Intellectual Disabilities
Saturday & Sunday
May 2 & 3**





In Christ We Live Forever
Please remember in your prayers
Pauline "Polly" Fahey
We extend our sincere sympathy to
her family, friends and loved ones and pray for
her eternal peace

2026 Hibernian Founder's Day Celebration

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

**Invitation to Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians –
Shamrock Division (Scott & Sibley Counties)**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Shamrock Division, invites men of the parish to consider joining our organization. Membership is open to men 18 years and older who are practicing Roman Catholics of Irish birth or descent.

We are pleased to announce that the installation of new members will take place on **Saturday, April 25th at St. Thomas Church in St. Thomas, MN.**

For more information or to express interest in joining, please contact us at: hibernianshamrock@gmail.com



Our Lady of the Prairie
welcomes our new parishioners
Patrick & Lee Sexe
Please make them feel at home
in their new parish community.



BASKET COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, March 29, 2026	\$6,641	-\$1,703
Maintenance Fund	\$1,962	
Holy Thursday (Seminarian Fund)	\$1,078	
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$1,637	
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026	\$15,640	+\$7,296

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, March 28, 2026	4:15 pm	210
Sunday, March 29, 2026	8:00 am	210
	10:00 am	272
Livestreamed		37
Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026	6:30 pm	230
Good Friday, April 3, 2026	6:30 pm	221
Saturday, April 4, 2026	4:15 pm	232
Sunday, April 5, 2026	8:00 am	372
Sunday, April 5, 2026	10:00 am	373
Livestreamed		60

Total Registered Active Families 512
Total Registered Active Members 1,301

Automatic Contributions

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- RSVP DINNER
- MONETARY DONATION
- PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTIONS



We request all donations be received by April 15, 2026

Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School is a non-profit 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID# 41-6027712).

Dear Supporter of Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School,

The 26th Annual Our Lady of the Prairie School Gala will take place on April 25, 2026 from 5:00-9:00 pm. 100% of the proceeds from this event go directly to OLP School and its students. The 2026 Gala goal is \$80,000, which will be used towards expanding our school building and creating more learning space for our students. Our Gala and Auction is open to all and is a wonderful opportunity for socializing, dinner, games, as well as online and live auctions.

On behalf of our students and staff, thank you for taking the time to consider supporting the OLP School Gala. This event and success of our school would not be possible without continued support from our parish and community! We hope you will join us in making this years' Gala a success through your attendance and/or donation.

Graciously,
The OLP School Gala Chairpersons

Donor Information: (please print)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, April 13	
7:00-9:00 pm	Catechetical Institute Class
Tuesday, April 14	
6:30 pm	Mass
Wednesday, April 15	
8:30 am	Mass - donuts & coffee after mass
2:00 pm	Church Staff Meeting
3:10 pm	Teacher Staff Meeting in Roedel Hall
6:20 pm	Religious Education (K-8 grades)
Thursday, April 16	
8:30 am	Mass at OLP
2:30 pm	Mass at Kingsway
Friday, April 17	
8:30 am	Mass at OLP
2:00 pm	Mass at Lutheran Home
Saturday, April 18	
8-11:00 am	CI Formative Session in Winstead
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, April 19	
8:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Choir Practice
10:00 am	Mass



Altar Servers Needed

Parents, please consider encouraging your children who have received their first Holy Communion, to become an altar server. Contact the parish office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	13	APR	No Mass	
TUE	14	APR	6:30 pm	† d. John Foley
WED	15	APR	8:30 am	† d. Minnie Knobon
THU	16	APR	8:30 am	† d. McKenna Family
FRI	17	APR	8:30 am	† d. Jim McDonald
SAT	18	APR	4:15 PM	† d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien
SUN	19	APR	8:00 am	† For the Parish
		APR	10:00 am	† CCW Members

Saturday, April 18, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz Sarah Williams, Volunteer
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers	Eli Williams, Volunteers (3)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, April 19, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector	Sharon Beach
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman Volunteers (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, April 19, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Craig & Julie Otto
Lector	Mary Randklev
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan Sheila Schmitz, Jason Palo
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Luke Berger, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)



READINGS
Readings for the week of April 12, 2026
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-2

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