



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

200 East Church Street | Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011 | (952) 873-6564 | ourladyoftheprairie.com

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.

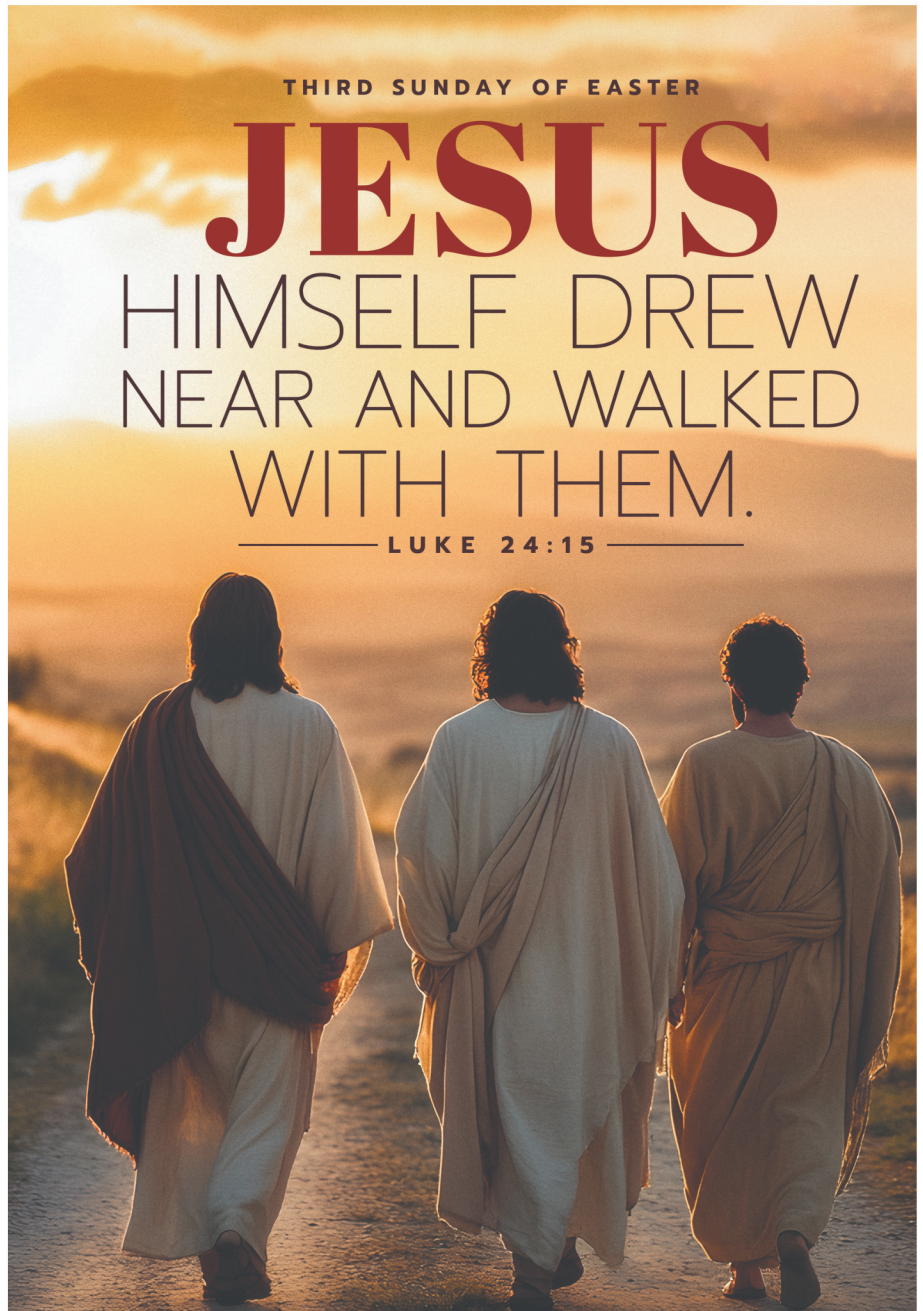
Bulletin Announcements

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 19, 2026



To celebrate the **Month of the Holy Eucharist** in April 2026:

- Attend daily Mass to deepen your connection with the Eucharist.
- Participate in Eucharistic adoration to spend quiet time in prayer.
- Engage in community service to embody the love of Christ.
- Organize or join a retreat focused on the significance of the Eucharist.
- Share your faith and experiences with others to inspire devotion.
- Reflect on the teachings of the Church regarding the Eucharist.

PARISH STAFF

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LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Trustees

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Parish Council

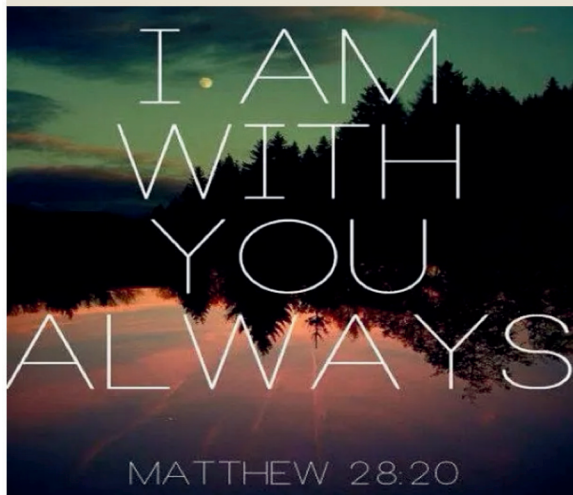
Mike Buchanan, Dan Flynn, Ginny Morgan,
Ty Buesgens, James Fogarty, Brian Berger,
Susan Cole, Greg O'Brien, Jim Glisczinski,
Tom Otto, Mona Altman, Edsel Faunillan

School Advisory Council

Ashley Simons, Kim Baltus,
Stephanie Otto, Danielle Campos

Finance Council

Dan Neisen, Maria Tracy, Jim Koepp
Jerome Flaherty, Joe Vandermark



MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



The Gospel this week is a reminder of the powerful way that God remains with his chosen in the great gift of the Eucharist. Prior to his death, Jesus instituted the Eucharist so that the Church would always have Jesus. He ordained his apostles and that gift of the Eucharist and priesthood has been handed down through the generations to our time. The resurrected Lord is known in the breaking of the bread and we are known to God. We are nourished by God so that we can boldly witness to the wonderful things that God has done!

Saint Peter radically accounts all the marvels of the Lord in the first reading. Followers gather to listen to the preaching. While some come to believe, others stand to the side and remain skeptical. However, the resurrection changes everything and for believers it calls together the community of faith. We all need to have the constant encouragement that is provided in being a part of that community. We also need to continually invite others to join in God's family and share what has been handed down to us!

The second reading has Saint Peter preaching about the gift of the Eucharist and sacrifice of Jesus for our benefit. He reminds us that we are not yet fully at home and making our way through life to become citizens of heaven and live with all of the Saints. The Eucharist will help us make that journey offering us the presence of Christ.

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



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| Bud Steen | Lori Neisen | Katie Lowe |
| Deacon Bob Raleigh | Fred Welsch | Joan Larson |
| Mona Bentfield | Barb Wentworth | Mary Ann Bigaouette |
| Don Morrison | Elmer Lambrecht | Ron (Franny) Gerres |
| Jim Turek | Katie Cates | Annette Schmit Mann |
| Johnny Miller | Jeff McCabe | Melissa Kjonaas |
| Junior Dremel | Shannon Peterson | Maureen Millard |
| | | Mary Jo Morris |
| | | Hubert Jeurissen |
| | | Pat Sexe |
| | | Briar Fritz |
| | | Angie Sellnow |
| | | Ivy Flattum |
| | | Rhonda Walsh |

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.

You're Invited:
OLP School Gala 2026!
Where the stakes are high... and so is your impact!



Join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, community, and purpose at the
Our Lady of the Prairie School Gala
April 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM!
 Meal tickets can be purchased in the office ahead of time.
 This event is **FREE** and open to the public!

How You Can Help Make a Difference:

- ✓ **RSVP & Attend** – Bring a friend and enjoy a great night out
- ✓ **Volunteer** – Help us make the evening a success
- ✓ **Donate** – Support our Fund-A-Need: Curriculum & Technology upgrades
- ✓ **Spread the Word** – Invite family, friends, and neighbors

Every dollar raised directly supports our students and teachers—
 enhancing classrooms, updating technology, and strengthening
 faith-based education.



Scan to Get Involved!

We hope to see you there!



BASKET COLLECTIONS
 Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, April 12, 2026	\$7,152	-\$1,192

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 11, 2026	4:15 pm	199
Sunday, April 12, 2026	8:00 am	208
	10:00 am	245
Livestreamed		48

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.



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



IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

George Francis Doheny

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



Fundraising Chairpersons

Rick & Eve Hennen
Sean & Christina Koehn
Tom & Stephanie Otto

Sponsorship Info is listed on the back of this page.

- \$5000 HIGH ROLLER
- \$2500 DIAMOND
- \$1000 PLATINUM
- \$500 GOLD
- \$250 SILVER

Return Form to the Office or Visit the Website to ...

- BECOME A SPONSOR
- PURCHASE \$100 RAFFLE TICKET
- 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)

Name: _____

Donating Family/Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like my donation to be anonymous _____

I would like a receipt _____

Donation Description: (Items must be in new, unused condition)

Item/Service Description: _____

Fair Market Value of Donation \$ _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 20	
7:00-9:00 pm Catechetical Institute Class	
Tuesday, April 21	
Father Kaluza Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding	
8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song	
6:30 pm Mass	
Wednesday, April 22	Earth Day
Father Kaluza Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding	
8:30 am Mass	
6:20 pm Religious Ed Class (K-8)	
Thursday, April 23	
Father Kaluza Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding	
8:30 am Mass at OLP	
2:30 pm Mass at Kingsway	
Friday, April 24	Arbor Day
Father Kaluza Out of Office Father James Devorak Presiding	
8:30 am Mass	
10:00 am Rosary - <i>Sponsored by Knights of Columbus</i> OLP Gala Set-Up	
Saturday, April 25	
4:15 pm Mass at OLP OLP Gala after 4:15 pm Mass	
Sunday, April 26 World Day of Prayer for Vocations	
8:00 am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass Treats & Fellowship after both Masses <i>- hosted by Knights of Columbus</i>	

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	20	APR	No Mass	
TUE	21	APR	6:30 pm	† d. Mike Fogarty
WED	22	APR	8:30 am	† d. Mike Fogarty
THU	23	APR	8:30 am	† d. Mike Fogarty
FRI	24	APR	8:30 am	† d. Jim & Mary Kolter
SAT	25	APR	4:15 PM	† d. Father Pat Laughlin
SUN	26	APR	8:00 am	† d. Emmett & Helen McCue
		APR	10:00 am	† For the Parish

Saturday, April 25, 4:15 pm

Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Volunteer, Joe Shimota, Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams
Servers	Eli Williams, Volunteers (3)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 am

Greeters	Bob & Dorene Smith
Lector	Sheila Hendricks
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)

Sunday, April 26, 10:00 am

Greeters	Jim Covington / Mike Buchanan
Lector	Carly Werner
EMHC	Nora & Hannah Wermerskirchen, Joe Vandermark, Karen Vandermark
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Mary Moriarty (Kingsway) Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20