



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.

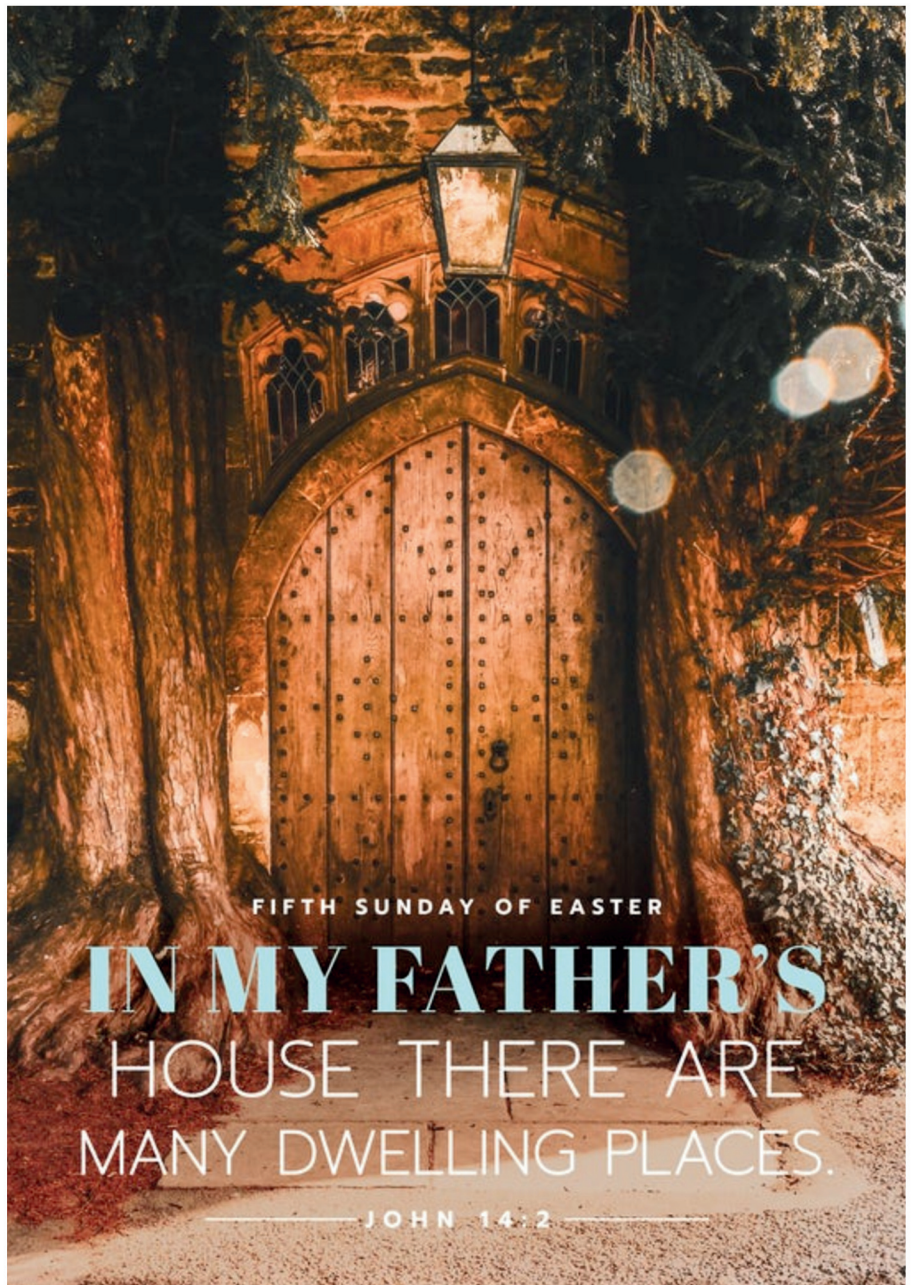
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

May 3, 2026



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

This weekend we celebrate First Communion! Congratulations to those making their First Communion. This is the start of a wonderful on-going relationship to be always fed by God! Jesus instructs his disciples about faith in the Gospel. He tells them to believe in him and have faith in him, because he is the revealer of the Father and the one who will send the Holy Spirit. Even those closest to Jesus are having a difficult time understanding him though. That becomes the work set forth by the master for the disciples and it remains the first obligation that we are to also undertake. Belief in Jesus allows us to do great things. It allowed the disciples to act in the name of Jesus and allows us to continue to spread the good news.

We continue to see Jesus in our lives today. First and foremost, he remains present in the great gift of the Eucharist. He longs to be united with us and we should share that longing to be united with God who comes to us at Mass and waits for us to visit him in the tabernacle and at adoration. Jesus is also present in the community of believers. As we gather for worship, he has promised to be present in our midst. When we are close to Jesus, we also gain access to the Father and the Holy Spirit. We have that promise and security because of the words of the savior, if only we believe and draw close to his presence. This is the great treasure of our faith.

Our secure future lies in the faith that we profess with our words and deeds. Jesus reveals the face of God to us, may we reveal the love of God to all we encounter.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer
REQUESTS

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Bud Steen | Michael Dahl | Katie Lowe |
| Deacon Bob Raleigh | Lori Neisen | Joan Larson |
| Mona Bentfield | Barb Wentworth | Mary Ann Bigaouette |
| Don Morrison | Elmer Lambrecht | Ron (Franny) Gerres |
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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.

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church
200 E Church St, Belle Plaine, MN 56011
Starting May 19th
Every Tuesday @ 7:15pm
Questions? Call or Text (952) 239-4636

Young Women's Bible Study

Looking for community, deeper faith, and meaningful conversation?

Join us as we begin a beautiful new study on the Mysteries of the Rosary – exploring the life of Christ through prayer and reflection.

- **Who:** Young adult women
- **When:** Sunday nights, 8:00–9:00 PM (open to adjusting to a weekday that works best for the group)
- **Where:** Our Lady of the Prairie

Whether you've prayed the Rosary for years or are just curious, you are warmly invited.

We'd love to grow in faith together.

Interested or have questions?



Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education Year is now open. Registration forms were sent home with the eldest child in each family, and printable forms will also be available on the parish website.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Simons.

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Gina Shaughnessy will be in the parish office contacting area businesses the week of June 1st. This is an opportunity for you to advertise while supporting our parish bulletin.



Pray For Our Military

Natalie (Covington) Ruiz
Jordan Ruiz
Carson Lane (Official US Naval Ceremonial Color Guard)
Levi Lane (Marines)

David May
Dylan May
Sean Alander
Alex Vandermark
Grace Halloran



BASKET COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, April 26, 2026	\$5,302	-\$3,042
Cemetery Fund	\$1,434	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 25, 2026	4:15 pm	211
Sunday, April 26, 2026	8:00 am	190
	10:00 am	158
Livestreamed		na

Total Registered Active Families 547

Total Registered Active Members 1,468

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.



Pray with our OLP students
Friday, May 9
at 9:30 am



for donating to the Lenten season collection of baby items for **Birthright of Mankato**. We had a wonderful response, with many diapers, wipes, baby wash, diaper creams, onesies, socks, 'mom items', etc., and many beautiful handmade bibs and blankets. Birthright was very thankful for your help!

If you want to make a monetary donation at any time throughout the year, please contact them at (507) 387-7818.

Also, Birthright is looking for more churches to join in supporting their mission. If you know of a church that may be interested in collecting baby items as we do, please ask them to contact Birthright directly. One of the workers said some items seem to "fly off the shelves" so they continually have an ongoing need to restock.

God bless you for your support!



**OLP CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Accepted Items:

***Please bring items in
plastic bags***

Clothing Coats

Shoes Linens

Accessories

(purses, belts, etc)



STUFF THE TRUCK CLOTHING DRIVE!



FRIDAY, MAY 8

3:00-5:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 9

10:00AM-12P M & 4:00-6:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 10

12:00-2:00 PM



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
BELLE PLAINE

***TRUCK LOCATED IN THE BACK
PARKING LOT OFF STATE STREET***

Contact Jess to arrange early or curb pickup
email jlstuhr@yahoo.com



Now is the time to protect our cemetery driveways.

Driveways in both cemeterys were black topped 5 years ago through generous donations. If you would like to help preserve this work, please drop your contribution in the collection basket, mail, or office. Mark it clearly for **Seal Coating Project**.

Questions? Contact Keith Heitkamp: (612) 819-8272

Smoothly & safely visit your loved ones graves.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, May 4	
7:00-9:00 pm Catechetical Institute Class	
Tuesday, May 5 Cinco de Mayo	
Father Kaluza out of office - Father Roger Hession presiding Mass	
6:30 pm KC Meeting in the Parish Hall	
7:00 pm CCW Meeting in Roedel Hall	
Wednesday, May 6	
Father Kaluza out of office - Father Roger Hession presiding 8:30 am Mass - Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Thursday, May 7 National Day of Prayer	
Father Kaluza out of office - 8:30 am Father Roger Hession presiding Mass	
Friday, May 8	
Stuff the Truck - sponsored by PTA Father Kaluza out of office - Father Roger Hession presiding	
8:30 am Mass	
9:30 am Rosary with OLP students	
Saturday, May 9	
Stuff the Truck - sponsored by PTA 4:15 pm Mass	
Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day	
Stuff the Truck - sponsored by PTA	
8:00 am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass	
Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - sponsored by Catholic United Financial	
7:00 pm Marriage Encounter in Roedel Hall	

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	4	MAY	No Mass	
TUE	5	MAY	6:30 pm	† Emmett & Helen McCue
WED	6	MAY	8:30 am	† Guertin Family
THU	7	MAY	8:30 am	† liv. & d. Mary Klehr Family
FRI	8	May	8:30 am	† d. Brent Meyer
SAT	9	May	4:15 PM	† liv. & d. Mary Klehr Family
SUN	10	May	8:00 am	† d. Susan Fahey
		May	10:00 am	† For the Parish

Saturday, May 9, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams, Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams
Servers	Eli Williams, Volunteers (3)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, May 10, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
Lector	Gwen Case
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteer (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Pat & Sandy Schroers
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Sheila Schmitz, Jason Palo
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Paisley Scheff, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Mike Buchanan (Lutheran Home)



READINGS
Readings for the week of May 3, 2026
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

Our Lady of the Prairie

DAYTIME PROGRAM | MONDAY - FRIDAY, July 13-17 / 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM | SUNDAY - THURSDAY, July 12-16 / 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

STUDENT'S LAST NAME: _____

FAMILY EMAIL (checked most regularly): _____

FAMILY STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PARENTS' INFO		MOTHER	FATHER
FIRST NAME			
LAST NAME			
CELL PHONE #			
EMAIL ADDRESS			

EMERGENCY CONTACT

FIRST AND LAST NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD (e.g. grandparent, aunt, etc.): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT'S CELL #: _____

YOUTH REGISTRATION	CHILD #1	CHILD #2	CHILD #3
FIRST NAME			
LAST NAME			
GENDER			
AGE			
DATE OF BIRTH			
GRADE ENTERING IN FALL '26			
HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED THEIR 1ST COMMUNION?			
LIST ANY ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONDITIONS, OR SPECIAL NEEDS			

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PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE FOR Our Lady of the Prairie

The undersigned grants full permission to use my or the said minor's likeness in any photographs, videos, or other digital media ("photo"), or any other recorded of this event for any legitimate and legal purpose in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. I understand that all photos become the property of the parish named above and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (ArchSPM), or anyone authorized by the forementioned parties and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize parish named above to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any legal and lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

Yes, I authorize use of my and/or my child's(ren's) images as mentioned above.

No, I do not authorize the use of my and/or my child's(ren's) images as mentioned above.

LIABILITY WAIVER

The undersigned, his/her personal representatives, heirs, and assigns, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

- I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to individuals and I voluntarily agree to assume any and all risks or injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that myself or the said minor(s) may sustain as a result associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to: falls, slipping, tripping, tipping over, and so forth, contact with others, the effects of the weather including high heat, humidity and/or cold, and the conditions of the ground, all such risks being known, understood, and voluntarily assumed by the participant.
- Having read this waiver, knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my registration, I hereby, for myself and/or anyone else entitled to act on my behalf or might claim on my behalf, further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have (or accrue to me) as a result of myself and/or the said minor(s) participating in these activities/events against the parish named above and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (ArchSPM), any affiliates, and/or their employees, sponsors, officials, agents, and volunteers.
- I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the parish name above and the ArchSPM, and all other parties and individuals associated including their employees, volunteers, sponsors, officials, agents, police, and their representatives and successors from any and all claims for injuries, illnesses, damages, expenses, or loss that I or said minor(s) may have or which may accrue, arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activity/event.
- Additionally, I agree to protect, defend, hold harmless, and fully indemnify parish named above and the ArchSPM, all affiliates and their employees, sponsors, officials, agents, and volunteers for any claim or cause of action whatsoever arising out of the activity/event that is brought against the parish named above, the ArchSPM, affiliates, and their employees, sponsors, officials, agents, and volunteers by myself, my child(ren), and family members.

With my signature, I verify that I am at least 18 years old, I am the parent or legal guardian of said minor(s), and I have read, reviewed, and fully understand the above release statements, warning and assumption of risks, and indemnification agreement, and additionally grant a waiver and release of all claims.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We rely on volunteers to help us make this program safe and available for our youth. Please note that all volunteers must be compliant with Safe Environment policies. We will help you with this, if your credentials are not up to date.
To volunteer, please check out our website at

DONATIONS NEEDED

We welcome donations of supplies, snacks and meals to help offset costs and keep our Totus Tuus program affordable for all families. Are you able to donate?

- Yes, please send me more information once it is available.
- Maybe, send me info and I will see if I can help at that time.
- No, I am unable to donate at this time.

REGISTRATION

Grade School - Daytime Program (Entering 1 - 6 gr.)
\$50 per student / \$150 family cap

Junior/Senior High - Evening Program (Entering 7 - 12 gr.)
\$50 per student / \$150 family cap

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of the Prairie
Memo: Totus Tuus
Drop off or mail registration form with payment to:
Parish Office Attn: Mr. Simons

Please register by June 15, 2026
to ensure supplies are purchased for all participants.

LINKS & INFORMATION

For more information, to volunteer, or donate snacks, meals, or supplies, please contact the parish office at
msimons@ourladyoftheprairie.com



Our Lady of the Prairie

Grades 9-12 Youth Group Registration

2026-2027

Family Last Name _____

Parent/Guardian Info

Father's Name _____ Cell # _____

Mother's Name _____ Cell # _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Phone # _____

Student Info

First	Middle	Last	Grade	Allergy concerns or learning difficulties
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

**Please note that some future activities may incur a small fee, which everyone will be made aware of beforehand.*

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission

My child(ren) have permission to be involved with the Our Lady of the Prairie Religious Education Program under the direction of its leadership. If a medical emergency occurs, I hereby give permission to transport my child(ren) to a hospital for emergency medical treatment as needed. I understand that I will be notified as soon as possible for any emergency concerning my child(ren).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____



& CLASSROOM REPORT

O.L.P. School News

IN CHRIST WE GROW

200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

APRIL, 2026

A Message From The Principal . . .

March Saint of the Month: Saint Boniface, Pray for us.

Student Congratulations!

Kenan Otto

What: First place, Belle Plaine 28th Annual Rotary Essay Contest

Prompt: What Makes My Family Special

Who: 2nd - 3rd grade students from Belle Plaine

William Scheff

- Purple Ribbon for outstanding, exceeded expectations
- Homemade Keplerian Refractor Telescope
- Excellence in photo display
- Bronze medal in 6th grade physics and astronomy competition

What: Elementary Science & Engineering Fair

Where: MN State University, Mankato

Gala 2026

Thank You!

First and foremost to the Gala Committee:

Eve and Rick Hennen

Christina and Sean Koehn

Stephanie and Tom Otto

Thank you to our parish/school community for your generous donations, time, and support in making our school Gala such a wonderful success. Your kindness and commitment truly made the evening special and will have a lasting impact on our students. We are deeply grateful for each of you.

Mrs. Hendricks

A Word from Father . . .

First Communion weekend is always a great celebration! A celebration of receiving Jesus! Congratulations to our second graders and their families! It also concludes a lifetime period of study and preparation and begins a new way of recognizing the presence of the Lord in our lives. It is exciting to anticipate a beautiful and heart-warming special Mass this weekend. It is a truly exciting time for this momentous occasion! I am grateful always first to God for entrusting the formation in the faith of our beloved children to us and then to so many others: our young people, catechists, teachers, parents, relatives and all those who actively give of their time and energy and remain devoted to continuous education about the faith.

That is what is so powerful about our Catholic faith – it is an inexhaustible mystery. The more we learn, the more we realize that there is more to learn. Which is also true about God; the more we learn about God, the more we find out we do not know. As we love God more each day, we find that we can continue to love even more and to an even greater degree.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza

Here's what's happening in the classrooms . . .



Art

This month, K-3 learned about French painter **Georges Seurat**, who created Pointillism, a technique that uses tiny dots instead of brush strokes. Students used Q-tips to create a seascape using only primary colors, exploring how our eyes blend the colors together when we see them from afar.

6th grade discovered the beautiful Easter tradition of Ukrainian Pysanky Eggs, which are made with a batik technique, applying wax and dipping in layers of dye to produce intricate colorful designs. Students created pysanky-style designs on paper, then added color with crayons (wax) and with watercolor (dye). They also began the **Scandinavian Folk Art** unit, featuring Dala horses and other whimsical animals along with colorful, symmetrical patterns. Blessings, Mrs. Vandermark

Here's what's happening in the classrooms . . .

Preschool

Happy April!

We hope this month brings us warmer days ahead. The students have been excited about the Outdoor Learning Classroom, exploring the beauty of nature. Some chose to create their own campfire by finding leaves, twigs, and pine cones, a few liked digging for worms. The students enjoyed learning each step on making their own potted plant. At the end of the month we visited the Children's Museum in Mankato, they all had a great time. Blessings, Mrs. Smith



Kindergarten

Happy Easter! We are so glad to be back together and learning during these final months of kindergarten. It is a busy time in our classroom. In Science, we are focusing on weather, weather patterns, and observing changes in the sky. We have been tracking the weather each day and spending time in our outdoor classroom watching and listening to all God's creations. In Math, we are working on addition and subtraction and continuing to build basic skills. We are also beginning end-of-year testing in both math and reading. In Catechesis, we have been celebrating the Easter season- saying and singing our Alleluias again. We read from the Gospel of Mark about the Empty Tomb and talked about the meaning of Easter. We also had some special experiences this month. As part of our Earth Day service project, we helped clean up the cemetery, taking care of God's creation. We also enjoyed a field trip to the Children's Museum in Mankato, where students explored and learned through hands-on activities. God Bless, Mrs. Schneider



1st & 2nd Grades



Hello Families,

April has been busy with preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. We are excited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist! First graders are also learning about the sacraments and are thinking about next year when they can receive Jesus in this very special way. Both grades continue to learn about consonant and vowel blends and tap out words to read and spell. We continue to work on reading fluently. First grade is recognizing nouns in a sentence and second grade is recognizing nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

Second grade is practicing money concepts and first grade is starting to tell time. In Science we have observed how forms of matter can change into a solid, liquid, or gas and if it can be changed back. We went to the Science Museum and saw a wonderful movie on Volcanoes and had a short volcano lesson. In our Social Studies we finished a unit on People Long Ago and have started our Unit on Many People, Many Cultures. Thank you for all your support, Mrs. Hennen



3rd Grade

In April, the third grade students traveled to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin. At the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe students prayerfully participated in Ascent Pilgrimage, Church Pilgrimage, Relic Veneration of Saint Joseph, Veneration that included a individual blessings from Priest, Confession, Mass, Devotional Guide of Outdoor Devotions, and Descent Pilgrimage.

Lent Service Project Update: This past month students have received many response letters from Retired Priests. It has been a joyful blessing to receive and read stories, reflections, and encouragement from the Archdiocese Retired Priests.

Students attended a field trip in Saint Paul; The Science Museum. Students enjoyed exploring the museum. One of the highlights of the museum visit was learning about volcanoes.

In reading, students learned about making maple syrup, the State of Maine, the donkey, and the country of Columbia.

In math, students studied data, time, two-dimensional shapes, and area. Students applied two-dimensional shapes skills/knowledge in the classroom setting with enrichment activities.

In science, students learned about weather and climate. Subtopics included water cycle and states of matter, local weather patterns and weather predictions, seasonal weather patterns, climate and global weather patterns, and natural hazards along with engineering. Students had the opportunity to extend the content of the lesson through hands-on science activities as well as science games. Students attended C-STEM twice a month.

In social studies, students studied maple syruping, mapping skills, and the country of Columbia. Students read Scholastic News articles twice a month.

In religion students planned and participated in school Mass, went to confession, attended Divine Mercy, and school Rosary prayer time. Students attended CGS weekly. Students visited the Church Cemetery and respectfully cleaned the grounds. Students learned about the importance of continuing to do the work of Jesus. Students learned the significance of "respect" according to Catholic teachings. Students learned about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Blessings,

Mrs. Eischens



6th Grade

It has been another busy and exciting month in 6th grade! We had a wonderful visit to the Lutheran Home, where students spent time with residents playing bocce ball. In our efforts to be good stewards of God's creation students are collecting their lunchroom waste. We've formed a partnership with the **Monarch Joint Venture Institute** learning how composting reduces landfill impact and supports healthy ecosystems. Our environmental work continued with a tree-planting project at MJVI. Students contributed to improving the local environment while learning about the importance of trees in our ecosystem. We took a trip to the Ney Nature Center, where students explored and identified wild spring flowers and we visited the Science Museum in St. Paul.

Back in the classroom, students studied the legend of St. George and made (and ate) their own dragon eggs. They completed two novels, and learned how to calculate with positive and negative integers. Finally, students completed National Park reports, researching and reporting information about parks across the United States. As we begin our final month of their O.L.P. career, please keep them, (and their teacher), in your prayers!

Mrs. Moonen

Music

Preschool and Kindergarten students are working on more complex rhythms. The picture featured is a combined music class with both PreK and K. They were so excited to work together and were so well behaved. :)

1st/2nd grade students are focusing on sight singing and using solfege. 3rd grade students are starting some bucket drumming and incorporating sixteenth notes. They are also doing a lot of sight singing with solfege. 6th graders are trying to finish their music ninja and earn their black belts. We are also studying music history recently focusing on Mozart.

All grades are working on special songs for our 6th grade graduation. Summer is right around the corner!

Carolyn Gleason
School Music Instructor



Physical Education

In the 4th quarter's nice weather, students enjoyed participating in soccer and basketball.
Mr. Jason M. Palo



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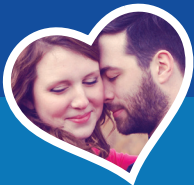


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