



# Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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## Parish Office Hours (summer)

Mon -Thurs | 8:00am - 3:00pm

## 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

May 31, 2026



# MOST HOLY TRINITY

*The Most Holy Trinity is the central Christian mystery of one God in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

### Understanding the Trinity

The Trinity is one God in three persons, each fully divine yet distinct in relation: the Father generates, the Son is begotten, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. This doctrine emphasizes that God is relational, eternal, and perfectly unified, sharing the same divine nature and attributes across all three persons. It is the source of all other mysteries of faith and the foundation of Christian belief.

### Liturgical and Devotional Practices

The Church honors the Trinity through prayers, hymns, and rituals. The Sign of the Cross invokes the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, uniting the believer's mind, heart, and actions in God's name. The Litany of the Most Holy Trinity is a prayer of praise and petition, asking for mercy and protection through the power of the triune God. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, invites the faithful to reflect on God's providence, faithfulness, and love, and to live in imitation of Christ's care and unity.

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Following Pentecost, the Church Calendar brings us back to Ordinary Time. It might be called ordinary, but it is a very important time to be used well to know God, love the Church and allow the Easter faith to blossom into something beautiful. To help us, we have two very important solemn feasts as we re-enter Ordinary Time: The Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi!

The celebration of God as Trinity is a way of telling us that God is love and God is alive! The Trinity is the great mystery of our faith, because it is the mystery of God. We know that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Catholics, we begin each prayer and each liturgy by making the sign of the cross. We remember each of the persons of the Most Holy Trinity each time we pray. We desire to be close to God and God chooses to be near to us.

We know that happiness and unhappiness on earth depend in large part upon the quality of our relationships. The Trinity reveals the secret to good relationships; the secret is love, because God is love. Love, in its different forms, is what makes relationships beautiful, free and gratifying. Here we see how important it is that God be seen primarily as love and not as power: love gives, power dominates. That which poisons a relationship is the will to dominate another person, to possess or use that person instead of welcoming and giving ourselves to him or her.

God's life is a gift to us and God extends the invitation to be like God and make our lives a gift in return. May we allow the love of God to permeate our lives so that the love of God will be made manifest in our lives by being a gift to one another.

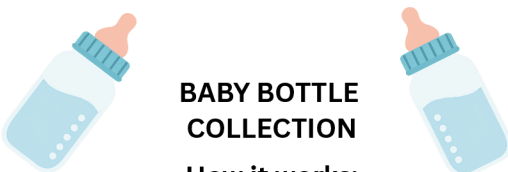
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Father Michael Kaluza



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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.



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FRIDAY, JUNE 26 ST. VICTORIA CHURCH

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Join the Province of St. Paul and Minneapolis for a faith-filled conference featuring Mass with Archbishop Bernard Hebda and inspiring speakers. Morning refreshments and lunch are included. There will be time to visit the Silent Auction and information tables, and pray in St. Victoria's historic church. We will celebrate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with a cupcake drawing for our Province Fundraiser. An optional social event the evening before at nearby Sovereign Estates Winery will include a Rosary in the beautiful Mary Garden there. Consider staying the weekend for all the area has to offer!

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and morning refreshments
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. Melanie Frei
- 10:00 a.m. Bishop Daniel Felton
- 11:00 Mass with Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Felton
- Noon Lunch, activity, and free time
- 1:30 p.m. Duppong Family/Servants of God
- 2:15 p.m. Ministry briefs (CRS, Seven Sisters Apostolate, and more)
- 3:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

Join us Thursday evening at Sovereign Estates Winery, 950 North Shore Road, Waconia, for a Rosary in the beautiful Mary Garden at 6p.m., followed by a social time at the Winery with wine, other beverages, and food available for purchase. The area is also home to several other wineries and breweries; the MN Landscape Arboretum; Paisley Park, and the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre.

See main bulletin board outside Roedel Hall for speaker info.

Registration \$65\* - **Must be received by June 18, 2026**

**Checks payable to:** Province of St. Paul/Mpls.

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I am interested in the Thursday Evening Rosary and Social Event at Sovereign Estates Winery.

\*Registration is non-refundable



Basket Collection and Attendance totals for May 23 & 24 were not available due to an early publishing deadline.

**Mass Intentions** in 2026 are filled. 2027 is now OPEN for you to reserve your intentions. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Limit six per year.



Parish Office Hours  
Mon - Thurs  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners **John & Joan Fahey**. Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

**Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education Year, and Totus Tuus July 13-17** are open. Registration forms were sent home with the eldest child in each family, and printable forms are also available on the parish website.

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



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

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*You are Invited to Join in the Celebration of Corpus Christi*

Sunday, June 7, at 10 am Mass

Come together to honor the most Holy Body & Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Following Mass, families, children, and parishioners of all ages are invited to participate in a Eucharistic Procession around the block with song and prayer as we publicly celebrate our faith and devotion to Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament.

After the procession, please stay for ice cream treats and fellowship as we enjoy time together as a parish family.

Come celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and share in this special day of faith, community, and joy!

**Q:** What does “Corpus Christi” mean?

**A:** The words “Corpus Christi” mean “Body of Christ” and are another name for the “Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ” celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. This solemnity marks with particular emphasis the doctrine of Christ’s real presence—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in the Eucharist.

**Q:** What is a Corpus Christi procession?

**A:** The Corpus Christi procession, most often held on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, is a “public witness of faith and devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament” (Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass). Founded upon the Church’s belief that Jesus becomes substantially present to us in the Eucharist at Mass, the Corpus Christi procession is one of the ways that we express our devotion to Christ (Eucharistic adoration, 40 hours devotions, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament are other forms).



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*Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmands!*

They received the Seal of the Holy Ghost at the Cathedral of St. Paul on May 14, 2026, with the Most Reverend Michael Izen officiating.

- Landon Ackerman - *St. Luke*
- Luke Hennen - *St. Christopher*
- Dominic Lindbom - *St. Patrick*
- Blake Mortenson - *St. Sebastian*
- Trish Matutina O'Brien - *St. Maria Goretti*
- Stella Scheff - *St. Philip Neri*
- Elsa Schwingler - *St. Catherine of Siena*
- Sophia Schwingler - *St. Brigid of Kildare*
- Ari Selly - *St. Elizabeth*
- Bryce Stilen - *St. Andrew*
- Emma Szaroletta - *St. Elizabeth*
- Austin Traxler - *St. Philip Neri*
- Johnny Wagner - *St. John the Baptist*
- Madelyn Williams - *St. Veronica*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<b>Monday, June 1</b>	
<b>Tuesday, June 2</b>	
6:30 pm Mass at OLP 7:00 pm KC Meeting in Parish Hall	
<b>Wednesday, June 3</b>	
8:30 am Mass at OLP 1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway	
<b>Thursday, June 4</b>	
8:30 am Mass at OLP 2:00 pm Mass at Lutheran Home	
<b>Friday, June 5</b>	
8:30 am Mass	
<b>Saturday, June 6</b>	
4:15 pm Mass	
<b>Sunday, June 7 Corpus Christi</b>	
8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Last Choir Practice (will resume in Sept) 10:00 am Mass with procession, followed by ice cream, treats & fellowship	



MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	01	June	No Mass	
TUE	02	June	6:30 pm	† d. Tom Deutsch
WED	03	June	8:30 am	† d. Pat Schwartz
THU	04	June	8:30 am	† d. Michael John Leuwer
FRI	05	June	8:30 am	† d. Michael Duffy
SAT	06	June	4:15 PM	† d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien
SUN	07	June	8:00 am	† d. Robert Koenig
		June	10:00 am	† For the Parish

<b>Saturday, June 6, 4:15 pm</b>	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Charlotte Mulroy
EMHC	Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
<b>Sunday, June 7 8:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector	John Walsh
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
<b>Sunday, June 7, 10:00 am</b>	
Greeters	Joe & Kristen LaJeunesse
Lector	Joe Vandermark
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Volunteer
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Strauss, JD Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Mary Moriarty (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

READINGS
<b>Readings for the week of May 31, 2026</b>
<b>Sunday:</b> Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
<b>Monday:</b> 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
<b>Tuesday:</b> 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
<b>Wednesday:</b> 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27
<b>Thursday:</b> 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
<b>Friday:</b> 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37
<b>Saturday:</b> 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-4

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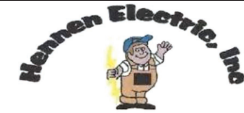


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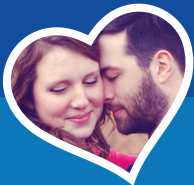
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