



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.

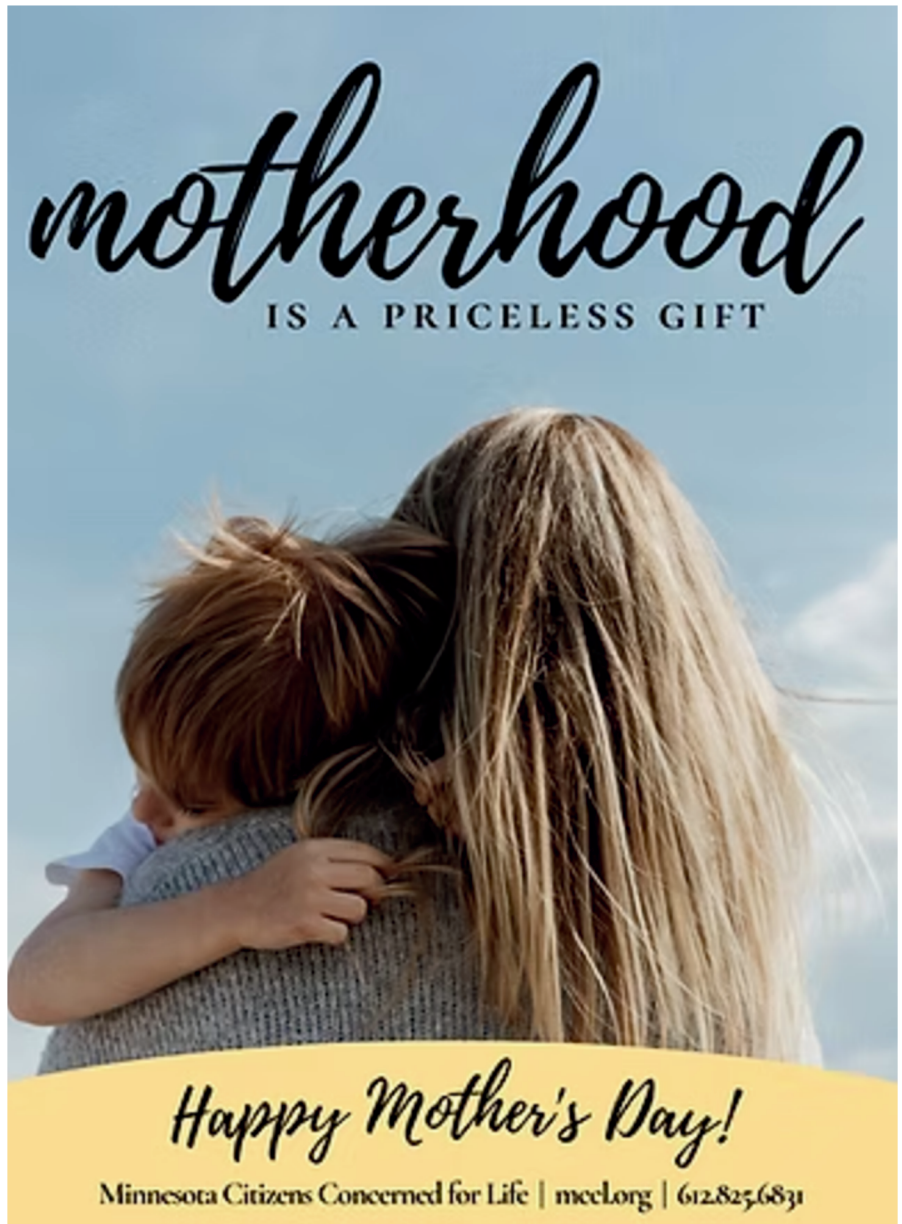
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

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May 10, 2026



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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .



As we celebrate the Ascension, we remember that Jesus has gone ahead of us into God's world; and our world is now ruled from his throne as he draws us into that space. Jesus has entered God's space, a different kind of space, with a different kind of time. God's space and ours, what we call heaven and earth, are different but not far from each other, different but not distant. In professing that we are being drawn after him to where he has gone before we are proclaiming that one day these two will be united in a totally mysterious way and that Jesus will be present to us in a radically different way to the way we now know.

Jesus has ascended into the fullness of life in God. He has promised to remain with us as we make our way through life toward heaven. He commands us to make disciples of all people, proclaiming by our words and deeds of his reign in this world and beyond. We need to commit already here and now our desire to be a part of that life that goes on forever. His constant presence is needed so that we might know our faith and allow the workings of the Holy Spirit to unfold in our lives.

Soon summer vacation will be upon us and we have summer religious education opportunities with Totus Tuus. Please be sure to enroll.

We continue to recruit and take applications for enrollment in our parish school. We have many advantages to share and great space for a wonderful learning environment. Every Catholic should seriously consider providing a Catholic school education for their children. Our school is a reminder that Jesus reigns from his throne in heaven looking upon us with love.

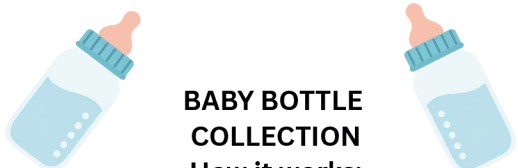
God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer
REQUESTS

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| Bud Steen | Michael Dahl | Mary Ann Bigaouette |
| Deacon Bob Raleigh | Lori Neisen | Ron (Franny) Gerres |
| Mona Bentfield | Barb Wentworth | Maureen Millard |
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| | | Annette Schmit Mann |

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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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.

SEAL coat

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.



BASKET COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, May 3, 2026	\$6,169.17	-\$2,174.83

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, May 2, 2026	4:15 pm	258
Sunday, May 3, 2026	8:00 am	225
	10:00 am	276
Livestreamed		15

Total Registered Active Families 547

Total Registered Active Members 1,468

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Place your order by May, 26 2026.

Pick up the cards in the office after June 3, 2026.

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Cards _____





First Holy Communion May 2 & 3, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Thank You

Net Profit: \$97,811
Fund-A-Need: \$20,650

First and foremost, to the Gala Committee:

- o Eve and Rick Hennen
- o Christina and Sean Koehn
- o 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.

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

The winners are..

- \$5000 KATHY DIETZ**
- \$2500 CINDY SCHOENBAUER**
- \$1000 DEISY GIL**
- \$1000 MICHELLE ELLIOTT**
- \$1000 TERRY STADE**
- \$500 JODI KECHELY**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, May 11	
10:30 am Funeral	
Tuesday, May 12	
8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee (plan for June-August)	
Wednesday, May 13	
8:30 am Mass	
Thursday, May 14 Confirmation	
8:30 am Mass 2:00 pm Lutheran Home 7:00 pm Confirmation-Cathedral of St. Paul	
Friday, May 15	
8:30 am Mass	
Saturday, May 16	
4:15 pm Mass	
Sunday, May 17 The Ascension of the Lord	
8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Mass	



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners **Roger & Janice Hartman**. Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	11	MAY	No Mass	
TUE	12	MAY	6:30 pm	† CCW Members
WED	13	MAY	8:30 am	† d. Len Fogarty, Pat Fogarty, & Sheila Herrmann
THU	14	MAY	8:30 am	† d. Andrew Guertin
FRI	15	May	8:30 am	† d. N & K Larson
SAT	16	May	4:15 PM	† d. Connie Steuwe
SUN	17	May	8:00 am	† d. Gary McCue
		May	10:00 am	† For the Parish

Saturday, May 16, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Randy Schumacher, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, May 17, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Eric & Lisa May
Lector	Jake Hess
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Sharon Schmitz, Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteer (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, May 17, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen
Lector	Regina Wilson
EMHC	Nora and Hannah Wermerskirchen, Joe and Karen Vandermark
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)

MASS INTENTIONS
Readings for the week of May 10, 2026
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

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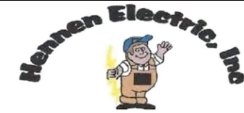
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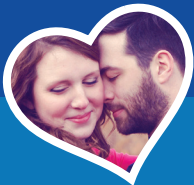
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