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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 by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

August 2, 2026





August month of the
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

The story of the multiplication of loaves and fishes speaks to the heart of our Catholic faith because it reveals so much about being loved by God. In his actions, Jesus tells us about the abundance of the Eucharist and our participation in that abundance.

However, abundance doesn't just happen, Jesus begins with what the disciples have. He does not start from scratch. He took the little food they had, made a ritual blessing, and told the disciples to distribute it among the people. The disciples followed the command of Christ and distributed the food. Amazingly all were fed, even with much left over. The disciples therefore became instrumental in the saving work of Christ by making an offering and helping with the distribution. The disciples, the learners, had received a valuable and significant lesson in discipleship, the following of Christ; that the mission of Christ was to all who hear and follow him, not only to a select few.

That message is for us as well. It demands that we participate and contribute the little we have. God can work with our meager gifts and make them something incredible! That is the message that we must continue to make known. God can turn into abundance the little that we bring to him. May we be disposed to participating in that work of salvation and bringing the love of God to all we encounter!

God bless you!

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.

Butterfly Release

Summer Memorial Celebration

Thursday, August 13, 2026 | 4:00-5:00 pm

Our Lady of Peace Memorial Garden
2076 Saint Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, MN

Light refreshments will be served.
Feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

RSVP by Friday, August 7

Ways to Register/Donate:

1. Scan the QR code to register/donate now
2. Online at ourladyofpeacemn.org/donations-butterfly

Our Lady of Peace
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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.



In August, we celebrate two Marian feast days . . .



AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Bessed Virgin Mary

This feast day recognizes Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.



AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Bessed Virgin Mary

This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul taken directly to heaven.



COLLECTIONS
Weekly Collection Goal: $8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, July 26, 2026	$7,184	- $1,160
Maintenance Fund	$1,381	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 25, 2026	4:15 pm	190
Sunday, July 26, 2026	8:00 am	160
	10:00 am	180
Livestreamed		27

Total Registered Active Families 553
Total Registered Active Members 1,506

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.

Thoughts, Prayers, & Action:

The Catholic Call to End Gun Violence

Saturday, August 8, 2026 | 9 AM – 12 PM
Church of St. Timothy, Blaine, MN

Our Catholic faith calls us to protect human life and work for peace in our communities. Join fellow members of our broader Catholic community for a morning of reflection and action on gun violence. Hear from a keynote speaker, survivors, and experts, then choose a breakout session on advocacy, safe gun storage, or courageous conversation across differences. Hosted by Protect MN. All who feel connected to the Catholic community are warmly invited. Free and open to all.

RSVP at: https://givebutter.com/GVPCatholics
Scan QR code to reserve your spot today!

Parish Council Election



Look for ballots available today in the pews .

FISH

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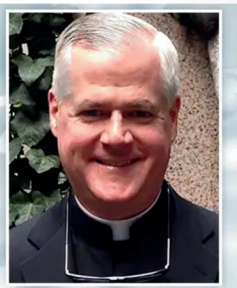
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Mass Intentions in 2026 are filled.
2027 is now **OPEN** for you to reserve your intentions.
Contact the Parish Office to schedule.
Limit six per year.



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 3	
9:00-11:00 am	OLP School Playdate at Heritage Square Park
Tuesday, August 4	
	Father Kaluza out of office Father Roger Hessian presiding
6:30 pm	Mass
7:00 pm	K of C meeting in Parish Hall
7:00 pm	CCW meeting in Roedel Hall
Wednesday, August 5	
	Father Kaluza out of office Father Roger Hessian presiding
8:30 am	Mass
Thursday, August 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord	
	Father Kaluza out of office Father Roger Hessian presiding
8:30 am	Mass
Friday, August 7 Parish Office Closed	
	Father Kaluza out of office Father Roger Hessian presiding
8:30 am	Mass
Saturday, August 8	
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, August 9	
8:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass Treats & Fellowship - hosted by Catholic United Financial
7:00 pm	Marriage Encounter in Roedel Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	3	Aug	No Mass		
TUE	4	Aug	6:30 pm	†	d. & liv. Klehr Family
WED	5	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. Bob Kirsch
THU	6	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. Mary Farrell
FRI	7	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. William & Ruth Noll
SAT	8	Aug	4:15 PM	†	d. Florence Leonard
SUN	9	Aug	8:00 am	†	d. For the Parish
			10:00 am	†	d. Eldina Eyrich

Saturday, August 8, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 9, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Eric & Lisa May
Lector	Gwen Chase
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 9, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Terry & Karen Feddersen
Lector	Sheila Schmitz
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rich Morgan, Jason Palo, Volunteer
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-2

August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 8:00am d. Emmett & Helen McCue 10:00am For the Parish	27	28 6:30pm d. Rev. Dennis C. Kampa	29 8:30am Stan & Eileen Effertz	30 8:30am d. Kopyar Family	31 Parish Office Closed 8:30am d. Len & Mary Slusher	1 4:15pm d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien
2 8:00am d. Gary McCue 10:00am For the Parish	3	4 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding 6:30pm liv.& d. Members of Klehr Family 7:00pm KC Meeting (PH) CCW Meeting has been changed to Tues. 9/01/2026	5 Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding 8:30am d. Bob Kirsch	6 **Transfiguration of Our Lord** Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding 8:30am d. Mary Farrell	7 Parish Office Closed Father Kaluza Out of Office Father Roger Hessian Presiding 8:30am d. William & Ruth Noll	8 4:15pm d. Florence Leonard
9 8:00am For the Parish 10:00am d. Eldina Eyrich Treats & Fellowship hosted by CUF 7:00pm Marriage Encounter (RH)	10	11 1:30pm Kingsway Mass 6:30pm d. Mike Duffy	12 8:30am d. Susan Flaschenriem 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch	13 8:30am CCW Members	14 Parish Office Closed 8:30am d. Brent Meyer	15 4:15pm d. Len Forgarty, Pat Fogarty & Sheila Herrmann Yahnke Baptism after 4:15pm Mass
16 8:00am For the Parish 10:00am d. Michael Duffy	17	18 1:30pm Kingsway Mass 6:30pm d. Bill & Lois Lehman	19 8:30am d. N. & K. Larson	20 8:30am d. Douglas Benson 2:00pm Lutheran Home	21 Parish Office Closed 8:30am d. Eileen Effertz	22 4:15pm d. Minnie Knoben
23 8:00am d. Arnold Gansen 10:00am CCW Members	24	25 3:30-5:30pm PreK Meet the Teacher 6:30pm d. Dorothy Renn	26 8:30am d. Ambrose & Eleanor Kramer 3:30-5:30pm Back to School Open House	27 8:30am d. Rev. Dennis Kampa	28 Parish Office Closed 8:30am d. Stan & Eileen Effertz	29 4:15pm d. Cecil & LaRene Kehoe
30 8:00am d. Gary McCue 10:00am For the Parish	31 **7:30am-3:30pm Regular Office Hours Resume**	*Notes*	Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space) *CGS - Caticesis of the Good Shepherd *TGA - The Great Adventure		*PH - Parish Hall *CI - Catechetical Institute	

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