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

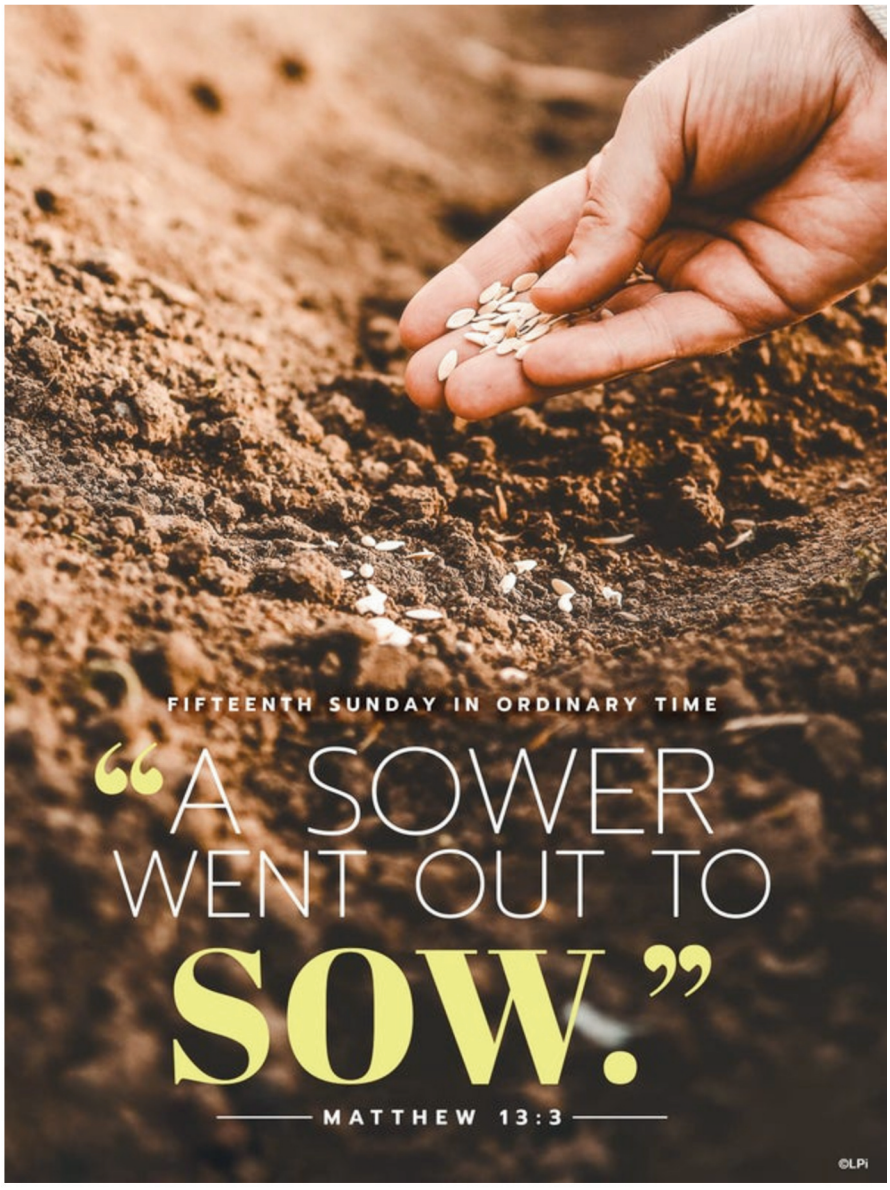
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In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

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NOTE: Additional Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday this week at 11:30 am



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Have you ever listened to somebody and wondered what they just said? Sometimes we choose to listen to what we want and to forget quickly what we do not want to hear. Jesus speaks in parables and stories so that we remember what he said. He is able to speak to people in ways that capture our attention and seize our imagination. Jesus has that unique ability to relate to the people. His story today tells us something about God and something about us.

First of all, Jesus wants us to tell us about himself. He is the sower and he wants to plant his seeds all over creation. Jesus has come for our salvation and redemption. Integral to his ministry is planting seeds in the hearts of those who hear him. Jesus reveals God to us by tirelessly planting seeds and proclaiming the nearness of God's Kingdom. The message of the Gospel needs to be planted in the heart of each person. We know that Jesus is the one who takes responsibility for the message.

But we also learn something about ourselves. If we examine our lives, we know how we respond to the loving Word of God. Each one of us here represents a type of soil that is mentioned in the Gospel lesson. We can either be the path, where the seeds do not even sink into the ground because the birds come and eat up the seeds right away. Or we can be rocky ground (with little soil) that does not give the seeds a very good opportunity to sink in. Or we can be thorns that choke the message of the Gospel. Or, the best choice for each one of us, is to be fertile soil. To allow the seeds of the Gospel to be planted in our lives and we can contemplate that love of the Gospel message throughout our entire lives. Jesus wants us to be good soil and respond to his message. Jesus will proclaim that message over and over and if we are disposed, we will be open to hearing the beautiful message of the Gospel.

So today we have possibilities to consider and choices to make. First of all, what kind of soil are we most like? Second, are we satisfied with that choice? What needs improvement in our lives, so that we might be more disposed to the love that Jesus brings in the message of the Gospel? How do we become good soil? Let our prayer today be: may we become fertile soil open to the message of the Gospel.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



Bud Steen	Briar Fritz	Linda Luetmer
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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.

IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Roger Lawrence Hartman

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

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Carman Katherine Cruz

We extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends and loved ones and pray for her eternal peace

Catholic Camporee 2026

All Scouts of the Archdiocese and their families are invited to a weekend of fellowship at **Rum River Scout Camp September 11-13**. Whole units or individual families are welcome to attend and participate in faith-filled activities. More information and sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPMCC2026.

Catechetical Institute

Ever Wonder What God Has Planned for Your Life? Discover God's Plan of Goodness at the Catechetical Institute.

We ar excited to announce that **St. Dominic** will be a satelite site for **The Saint Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute's** two-year Pillars Progrm that walks you through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a story from blessing to blessing. Beginning in September 2026, students will meet on Monday evenings from 7PM to 9PM at the parish, participate in the small group dynamic, and gather to watch the lectures via live stream.

Taught by the best instructors in the Archdioces of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, the program will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven.
The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two in-person Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications for the "soon-to-be" blessed, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, are being accepted through August 15, 2026.
Register today! For more information and an application for the Class of Archbishop Fulton Sheen visit: https://saintpaulseminary.org/ci or calll (651) 962-5072.



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: $8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, June 27, 2026	$5,632	- $2,712
Peter's Pence	$240	
Missionary, Datur, India	$4,175	
Sunday, July 5, 2026	$6,398	-$1,946

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, June 26, 2026	4:15 pm	163
Sunday, June 27, 2026	8:00 am	162
	10:00 am	179
Livestreamed		na
Saturday, July 4, 2026	4:15 pm	118
Sunday, July 5, 2026	8:00 am	166
	10:00 am	156
Livestreamed		na

Total Registered Active Families 512
Total Registered Active Members 1,301

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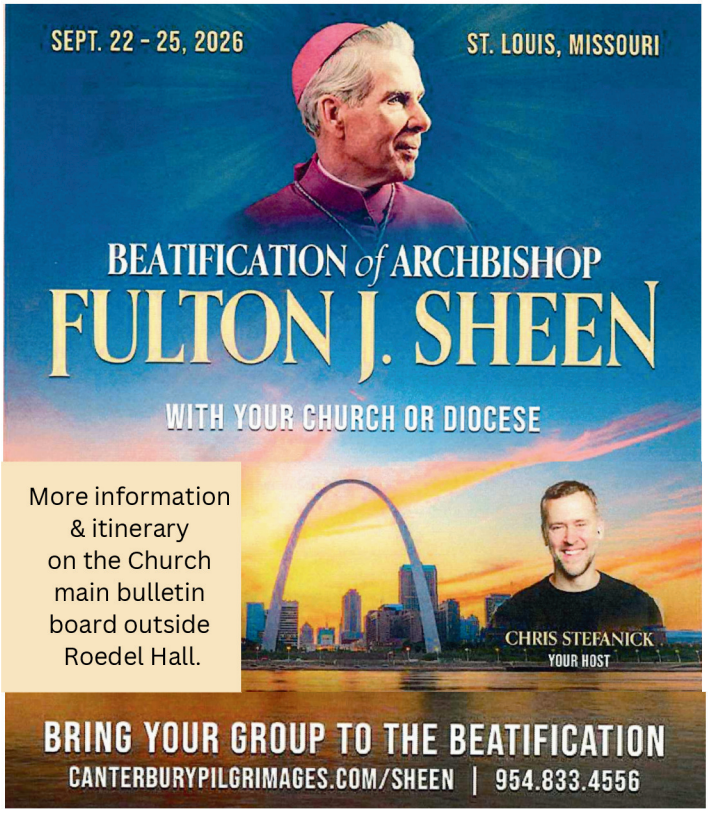
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Mass Intentions in 2026 are filled.
2027 is now OPEN for you to reserve your intentions.
Contact the Parish Office to schedule.
Limit six per year.

Sacramental Preparation Classes for Persons with Disabilities age 14 or older will be held on Saturday, August 1st and Saturday, August 15th at 9:30-11:30 am at the Church of St. Richard in Richfield, MN. Both preparation classes are mandatory for candidates and their parents/guardians. The Sacrament of Confirmation for those who complete the classes will be allowed at the Mass for Persons with Disabillities on September 13th. Questions contact: (651) 291-4488 or email: flomos@archspm.org



Scott

2026
Scott County
Library Bookmark
Contest

Age Group: 12-17

We had a winner!

Designed by:
OLP Student
William Scheff

Congratulations!



PARISH COUNCIL

Call for Nominations!

Will you consider serving our clergy and fellow parishioners?

Dear Member of Our Lady of the Prairie Community,

All registered parishioners at least 18 years of age are urged to participate in the nominating of up to eight parishioners to stand for election to the Pastoral Council which advises the Pastor as a consultative body.

The following people should not be nominated since they are either:

- Currently serving a term on the Pastoral Council:
  Jim Glisczinski, Edsel Faunillan, Mona Altman, Tom Otto, Ginny Morgan, Susan Cole
- or no longer eligible due to term limits, or not seeking re-election: Ty Buesgens, Brian Berger, Greg O'Brien

All registered parishioners at least 18 years of age are eligible for nomination. Since present Church practice expects Council members to take leadership in support of the Parish mission, please nominate accordingly.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____

RETURN THIS BALLOT into the collection basket, or parish office mail. No ballots will be accepted after 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 20, 202. The Pastoral Council Election will be held on the weekends of August 1st and 8th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 13

Totus Tuus 7/11-18

Tuesday, July 14

Totus Tuus 7/11-18
11:30 am Mass at OLP
12N Deanery Meeting in Conference Room
1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm Mass at OLP

Wednesday, July 15

Totus Tuus 7/11-18
8:30 am Mass at OLP
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:30 am Mass at OLP
1:00 pm Funeral Mass for Carman Cruz

Thursday, July 16

Totus Tuus 7/11-18
8:30 am Mass at OLP
11:30 am Mass at OLP
2:00 pm Mass at Lutheran Home

Friday, July 17

Totus Tuus 7/11-18
8:30 am Mass
* 11:30 am Mass

Saturday, July 18

Totus Tuus Team's departure
12N OLP in Bar-B-Q Days Parade
4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, July 19

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	13	July	No Mass		
TUE	14	July	11:30 am	†	liv. Deacon Bob Raleigh
			6:30 pm	†	d. Marilyn Johnson
WED	15	July	8:30 am	†	d. Dick Hayden
			11:30 am	†	d. Rev. Robert Monaghan
THU	16	July	8:30 am	†	d. Pat Bigaouette
			11:30 am	†	d. Larry Heier
FRI	17	July	8:30 am	†	d. Gary McCue
			11:30 am	†	d. Steve Oakes
SAT	18	July	4:15 PM	†	d. Jane Patronik
SUN	19	July	8:00 am	†	For the Parish
		July	10:00 am	†	d. Mike Fahey

Saturday, July 18, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Brad Schultz Matt Schultz, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, July 19 8:00 am	
Greeters	Tom & Pam Cates
Lector	Sheila Hendricks
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Sharon Schmitz, Volunteer
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, July 19, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Terry Feddersen, Jason Palo, Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Gabriel Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Mary Moriarty (Kingsway) Mike Buchanan (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

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