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.

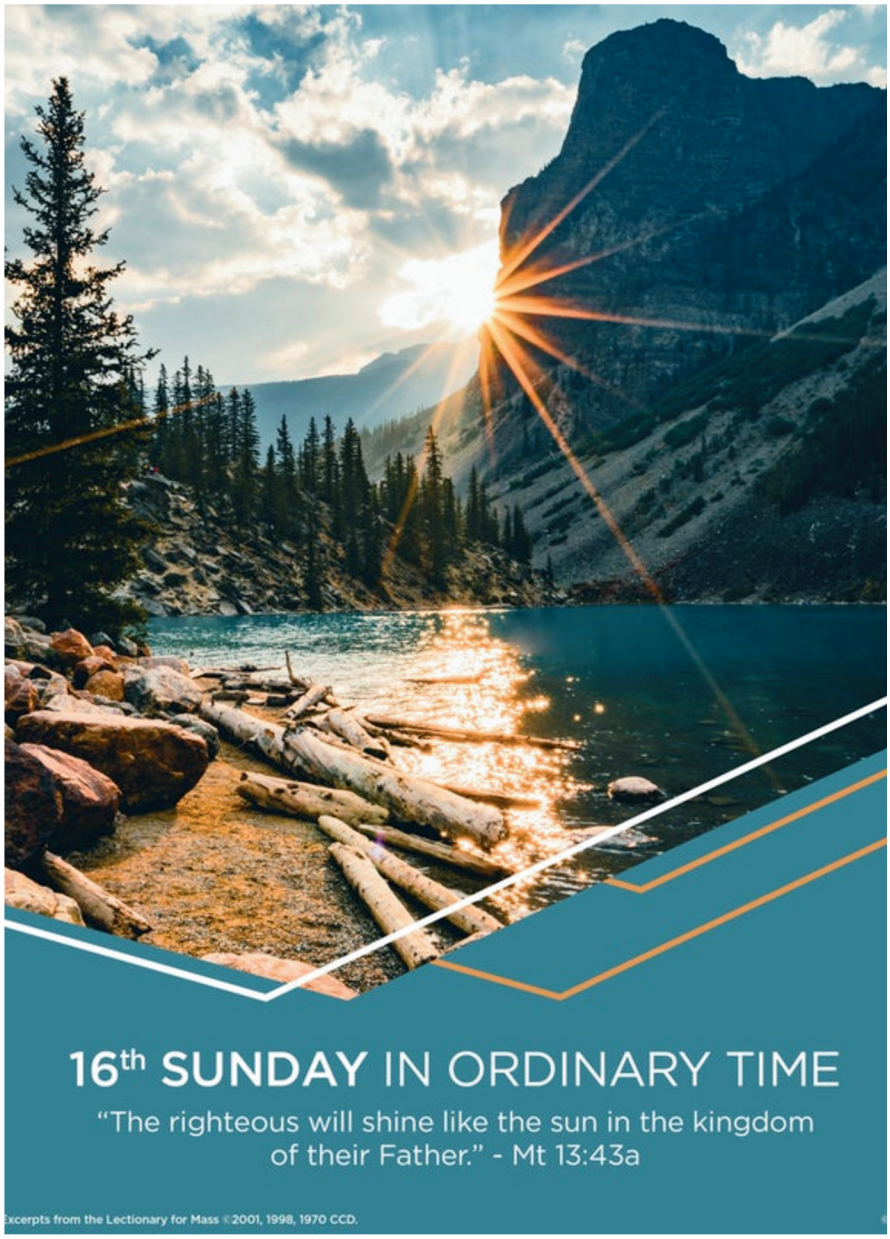
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

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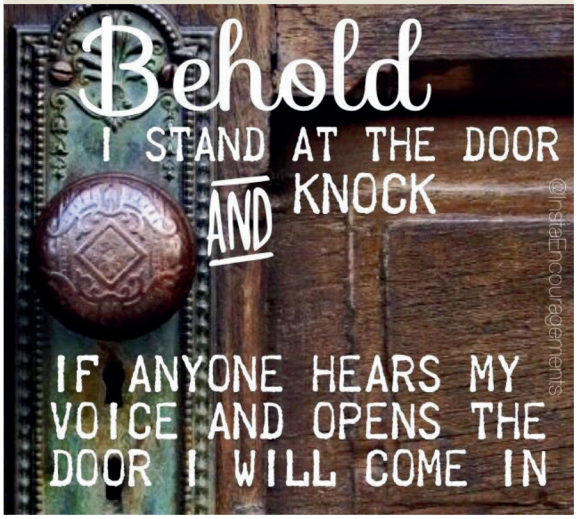
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A Message From Father Michael . . .



We are in the middle of parable season! Jesus teaches us in parables so that we might better understand and comprehend the mind of God. This weekend he offers a parable to help us learn more about the Kingdom and our own participation in that kingdom! Learning is essential to the growth of our faith.

Most farmers know that crops have to be planted carefully in the right conditions. Our own life depends that we have the proper food to continue to live. Therefore, the ground has to be right to receive the seed, and has to be watered. Harsh or stony ground will not allow the seed to germinate. Crops have to be nurtured during the growing season; it takes work to keep the weeds pulled, the crops watered and cared for. If the necessary conditions are not fulfilled, the crops will fail, resulting in hunger or starvation, even death. Even if good seed is planted, weeds will also grow, and threaten the crops. Decisions, judgments, have to be made and that is where our participation determines so much. Are we willing to continue to keep our spiritual lives healthy as we mature in the vineyard of the Lord? The battle to pull weeds, remove sin, from the garden of our soul is a constant struggle.

We are invited to participate and God continues to seek us to respond generously to what God has so generously bestowed upon us. Let us always make time for God in our lives and show that response that we want to make with our actions. May we treasure the faith that has been given to us and allow it to grow! We preach with our lives and may we always be preaching the Kingdom as Jesus taught us!

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
Ligth 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 ourladyof peacemn.org/donations-butterfly

Our Lady of Peace
HOSPICE & HOME HEALTH CARE

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	$6,670	- $1,674
Endowment Fund	$445	

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 11, 2026	4:15 pm	211
Sunday, Ju12, 2026	8:00 am	159
	10:00 am	206
Livestreamed		na

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.



Celebration of Baptism

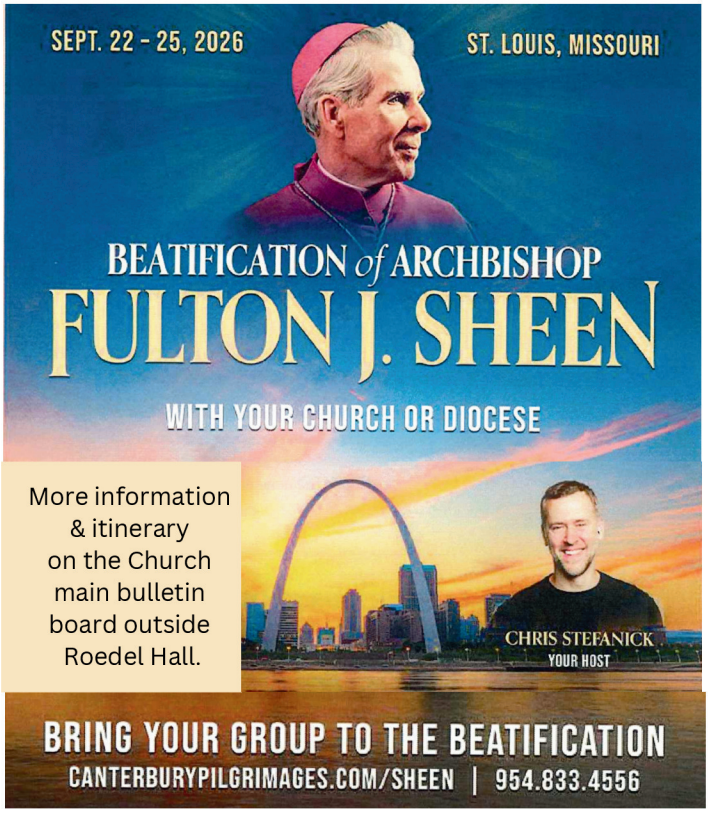
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Daughter of Nate & Maddie Hennen
July 11, 2026

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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



More information & itinerary on the Church main bulletin board outside Roedel Hall.

Thoughts, Prayers, & Action:

The Catholic Call to End Gun Violence

Saturday, August 8, 2026 I 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

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
- No longer eligible due to term limits, or not seeking re-election: Ty Buesgens, Brian Berger, Greg O'Brien
- Employed by the parish

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.

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3. _____ 4. _____

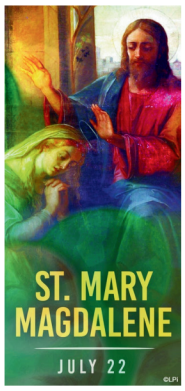
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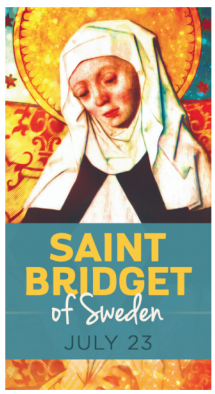
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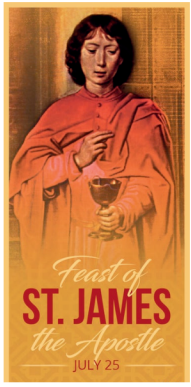
RETURN THIS BALLOT into the collection basket, or parish office mail. No nominations will be accepted after 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 20, 202. The Pastoral Council Election will be held on the weekends of August 1st & 8th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 20	
Tuesday, July 21	
1:30 pm	Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm	Mass at OLP
Wednesday, July 22	
8:30 am	Mass
Thursday, July 23	
8:30 am	Mass
	OLP School Playdate at Aquatic Center
Friday, July 24	
	Parish Office Closed
8:30 am	Mass
Saturday, July 25	
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, July 26	
8:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass







MASS INTENTIONS

MON	20	July	No Mass		
TUE	21	July	6:30 pm	†	d. Michael Duffy
WED	22	July	8:30 am	†	Mike (d.) & Shirley (liv.) Fogarty (wedding anniv.)
THU	23	July	8:30 am	†	d. Susan Flaschenriem
FRI	24	July	8:30 am	†	d. May Betty Hess
SAT	25	July	4:15 PM	†	d. Dick Hayden
SUN	26	July	8:00 am	†	d. Emmett & Helen McCue
			10:00 am	†	d. For the Parish

Saturday, July 25, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Charlotte Mulroy
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams, Volunteer
Ushers	Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, July 26 8:00 am	
Greeters	Allen & Sharon Schmitz
Lector	Marcia Makowski
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, July 27, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Joe & Kristen LaJeunesse
Lector	Regina Wilson
EMHC	Nora and Hannah Wermerskirchen, Joe and Karen Vandermark
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Paisley Scheff, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Ty Buesgens (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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