Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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JULY 26, 2026

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.

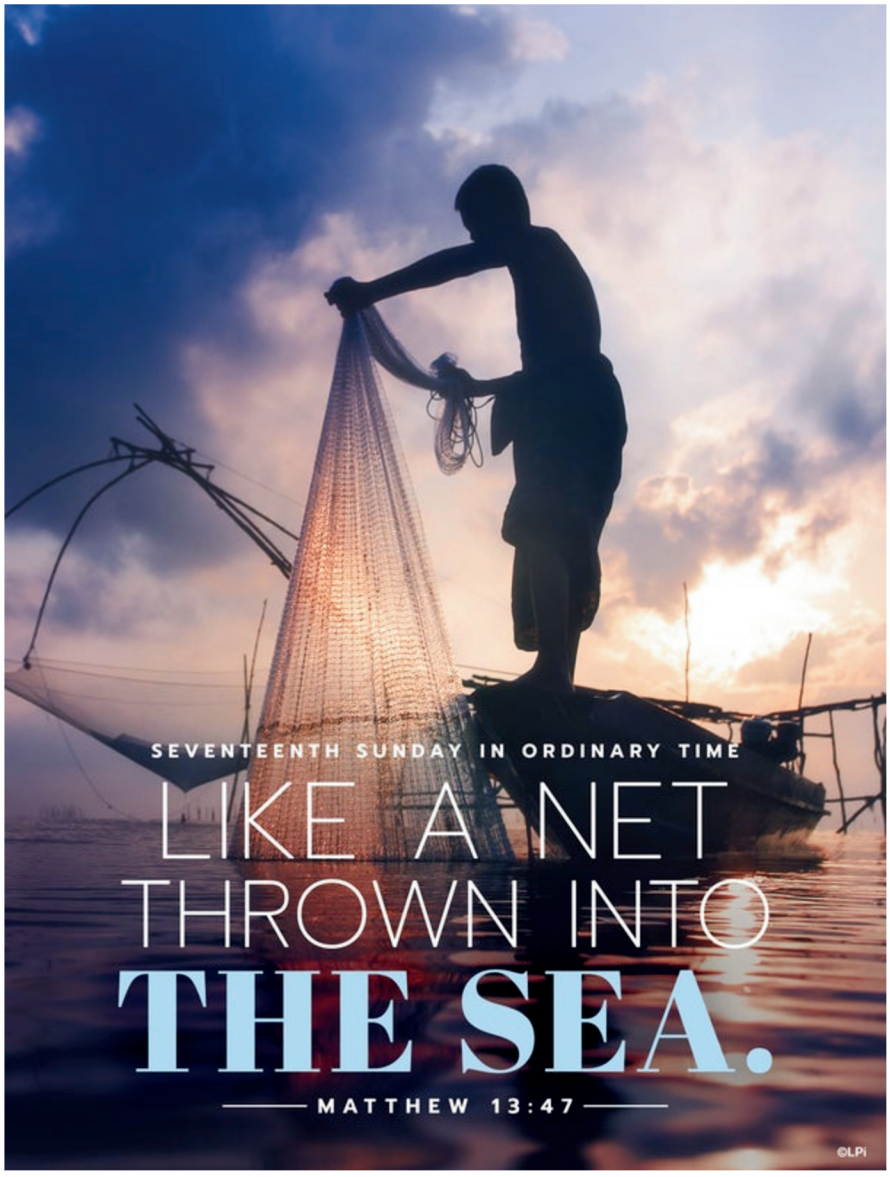
Sacrament of Baptism
Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

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



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A Message from Father Michael . . .

Wisdom is essential for a well-lived life. Authentic wisdom comes from God and is a real gift of the Holy Spirit. As we grow in our faith, we also grow in wisdom. To be near and close to God is the wisest choice we can make so that we might readily know God in this world and be happy with God forever in the life to come.

The psalm sings about loving God's commands. The commandments are given to us for our own good and pleasure. God does not tell us to choose evil and desires our own happiness. That's why the commandments are an essential aid. It is foolish to ignore these commandments, because that will only lead to trouble in our lives.

The commandments are not to be understood as punishments; rather they help us as guides to holiness and happiness. God does not force us into anything, but offers us free will. It delights God for us to freely choose God's ways and that gives glory to God.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the Kingdom of Heaven is a real treasure. A disciple is one who seeks that treasure and gives up everything to obtain that grace. It takes wisdom to find that path that leads to the treasure!

In the first reading, King Solomon asks for an understanding heart to follow God's direction. He desires to lead the people in the ways of God and to be open to receiving direction and instruction from God. God's love is rooted in a generous heart and God provides the capacity for each one of us. May we also make this same request of God so that we may be led by God into the embrace of eternity!

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

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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, July 19, 2026	$9,665	+ $1,321

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 18, 2026	4:15 pm	177
Sunday, July 19, 2026	8:00 am	174
	10:00 am	223
Livestreamed		26

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 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!









Totus Tuus
"TOTALLY YOURS"

Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of the Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students, and your community. As a team, we have received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners for which we are eternally grateful. It is wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and everyone of our lives!

Thank you so much for this amazing week allowing us to serve you all. We hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth and particularly as we complete our Parish assignment this summer.

Your Totus Tuus Team: Maria, Megan, Benny and Peter



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, July 27	
Tuesday, July 28	
6:30 pm	Mass
Wednesday, July 29	
8:30 am	Mass
Thursday, July 30	
8:30 am	Mass
Friday, July 31	
	Parish Office Closed
8:30 am	Mass
Saturday, August 1	
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, August 2	
8:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS					
MON	27	July	No Mass		
TUE	28	July	6:30 pm	†	d. Rev. Dennis Kampa
WED	29	July	8:30 am	†	d. Stan & Eileen Effertz
THU	30	July	8:30 am	†	d. Kopyar Family
FRI	31	July	8:30 am	†	d. Len & Mary Slusher
SAT	01	Aug	4:15 PM	†	d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien
SUN	02	Aug	8:00 am	†	d. Gary McCue
			10:00 am	†	d. For the Parish

Saturday, August 1, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sarah Williams
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 2, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
Lector	Jake Hess
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Sharon Schmitz, Volunteer
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 2, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Rick & Ginny Morgan
Lector	Joe Vandermark
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan
Ushers	Ben Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kenzie Berger, Mason Berger, Luke Berger, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

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