



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.

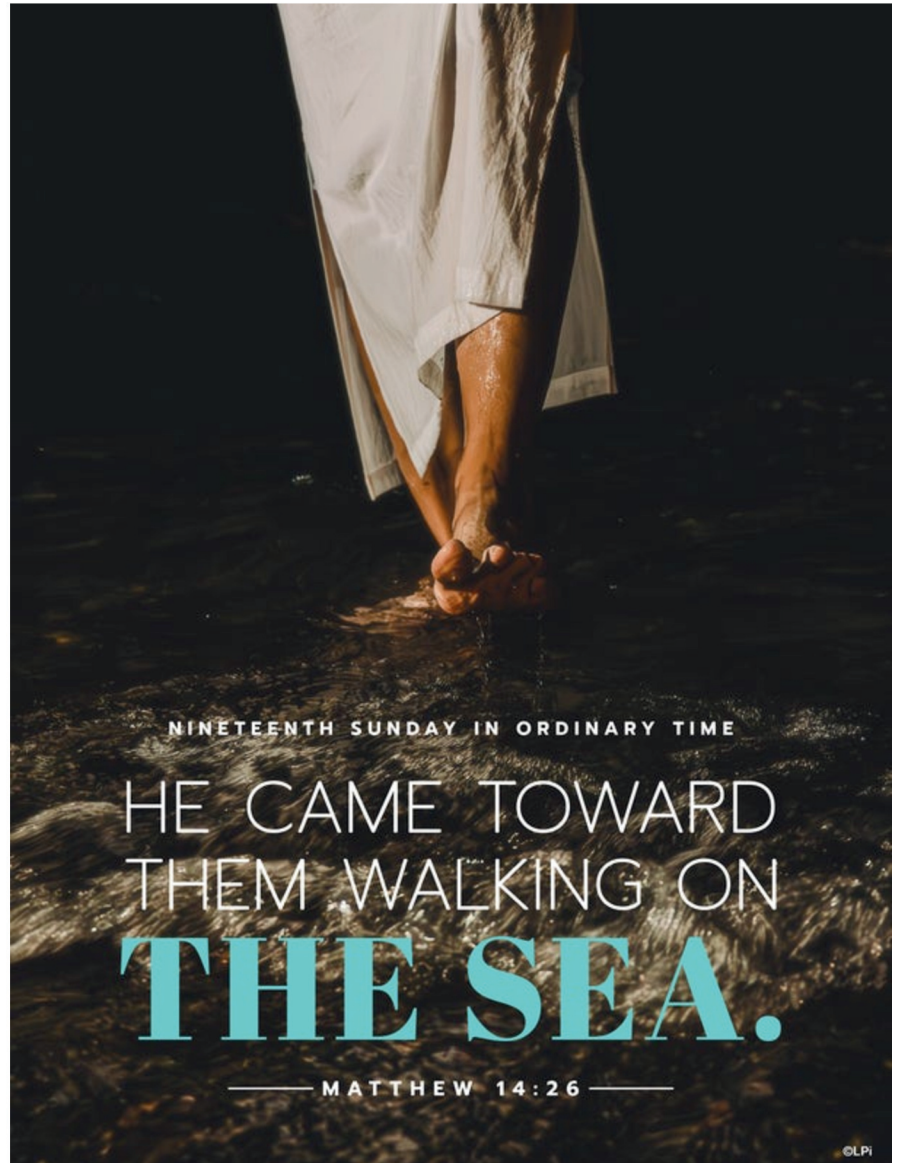
Bulletin Announcements

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 9, 2026



August month of the
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Trustees

Charlotte Mulroy, Sue Schultz

Parish Council

Mike Buchanan, Dan Flynn, Ginny Morgan, Ty Buesgens, James Fogarty, Brian Berger, Susan Cole, Greg O'Brien, Jim Glisczinski, Tom Otto, Mona Altman, Edsel Faunillan

School Advisory Council

Ashley Simons, Kim Baltus,

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Finance Council

Dan Neisen, Maria Tracy, Jim Koepp, Lora Kelzer, Joe Vandermark

A Message From Father Michael . . .

Be Not Afraid

Jesus invites Peter to come out and walk on the water. In doing so he also invites us, the church, to do the impossible and cultivate the faith that makes all things possible. Our faith is possible because of the invitation from God. Jesus was sent from God to show us the way, the truth and the life. As members of the Body of Christ, the church, we are moved by faith to respond to the invitation of Jesus.

When Peter responds to the invitation from God to keep his gaze fixed on Christ, Peter is able to walk on water. When he glances away, he experiences trouble. Our spiritual life is much the same. We need to keep our eyes securely focused on Jesus, because he is all things to us. In the first reading Elijah finds God in the whispering voice, even though he sought God in the strong and powerful elements of nature. Sometimes God surprises us and reminds us that God is always faithful and we have to trust that God is indeed always there when we seek him.

One of the early symbols for the church was a boat. The church was seen as a small boat tossed around in an unfriendly sea (a world that persecuted Christians). But the presence of Jesus in the boat calms the storm, and keeps the voyagers safe. Jesus continues to calm storms. He still reaches out and pulls us up when we call out and put our trust in him. Fear can seize us without warning, but we will be better prepared for it if we follow Jesus' example.

We can take comfort in knowing that we are not to be afraid to face the future and that God will be with us as we endeavor to continue the mission of the church. May the Holy Spirit breathe the gifts of wisdom and courage into our parish community to make prudent decisions for our sake and the sake of the whole world!

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.



Parish Council Election results are in!

Mary Bigaouette Rick Hennen
Pat Skelly Chris Weldon

will be serving on the Parish Council.
Their term will begin in September, 2026.

Thank you for voting.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade.

All OLP School Families:
Back-to-School packets are ready for pick up in Roedel Hall.
Please complete and return to the School Office by August 24th.

Dear Our Lady of the Prairie Parish Family,



We are excited to share that Our Lady of the Prairie will be creating a brand new church directory this fall. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the faces, families, and faith community that make our parish so special.

To bring this project to life, we are forming a **Church Directory Committee** and are seeking a minimum of eight enthusiastic volunteers to help guide the process. If you enjoy organizing, welcoming families, or simply being part of something fun and meaningful, we would love to have you join us.

Our photographer has scheduled eight session dates in October, all taking place right here at Our Lady of the Prairie Church. The committee will begin with an informational meeting in August, followed by helping with:

- Scheduling parish families for their photo sessions
- Setup and take down on photo days
- Greeting & assisting families during their appointments

This is a chance to be part of a joyful project that strengthens our parish connection and creates a keepsake for years to come.

If you feel called to help, we invite you to join us. Your time and energy will make a meaningful difference. Thank you for considering being part of this special parish effort.

Sincerely,

Brian Berger
Directory Coordinator
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Cell: 612-282-2200



In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers
Marlene Agnes Fisher

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



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, August 2, 2026	\$5,603	-\$2,741

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 1, 2026	4:15 pm	180
Sunday, August 2, 2026	8:00 am	188
	10:00 am	209
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.



Effective in the month of October
Our Sunday Visitor
will be printing our contribution envelopes.
Please watch for them to arrive in the mail.

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



AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



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AUGUST 9, 2026 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, August 10	
Tuesday, August 11	
1:30 pm	Kingsway Mass
6:30 pm	Mass
Wednesday, August 12	
8:30 am	Mass
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
12:00 pm	Ecumenical Lunch
Thursday, August 13	
8:30 am	Mass
Friday, August 14 Parish Office Closed	
8:30 am	Mass
Saturday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
4:15 pm	Mass
	Yahnke baptism after Mass
Sunday, August 16	
8:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass



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.

Saturday, August 15, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz Sarah Williams, Volunteer
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 16, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector	Ken Skluzacek
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Sharon Schmitz, Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 16, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Craig & Julie Otto
Lector	Mary Randklev
EMHC	Nora & Hannah Wermerskirchen, Karen & Joe Vandermark
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Gabriel Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
READINGS	

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	10	Aug	No Mass	
TUE	11	Aug	6:30 pm	† d. Mike Duffy
WED	12	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Susan Flaschenriem
THU	13	Aug	8:30 am	† CCW Members
FRI	14	Aug	8:30 am	† d. Brent Meyer
SAT	15	Aug	4:15 PM	† d. Len Fogarty, Pat Fogarty & Sheila Herrmann
SUN	16	Aug	8:00 am	† d. For the Parish
			10:00 am	† d. Michael Duffy



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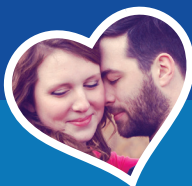
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