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.

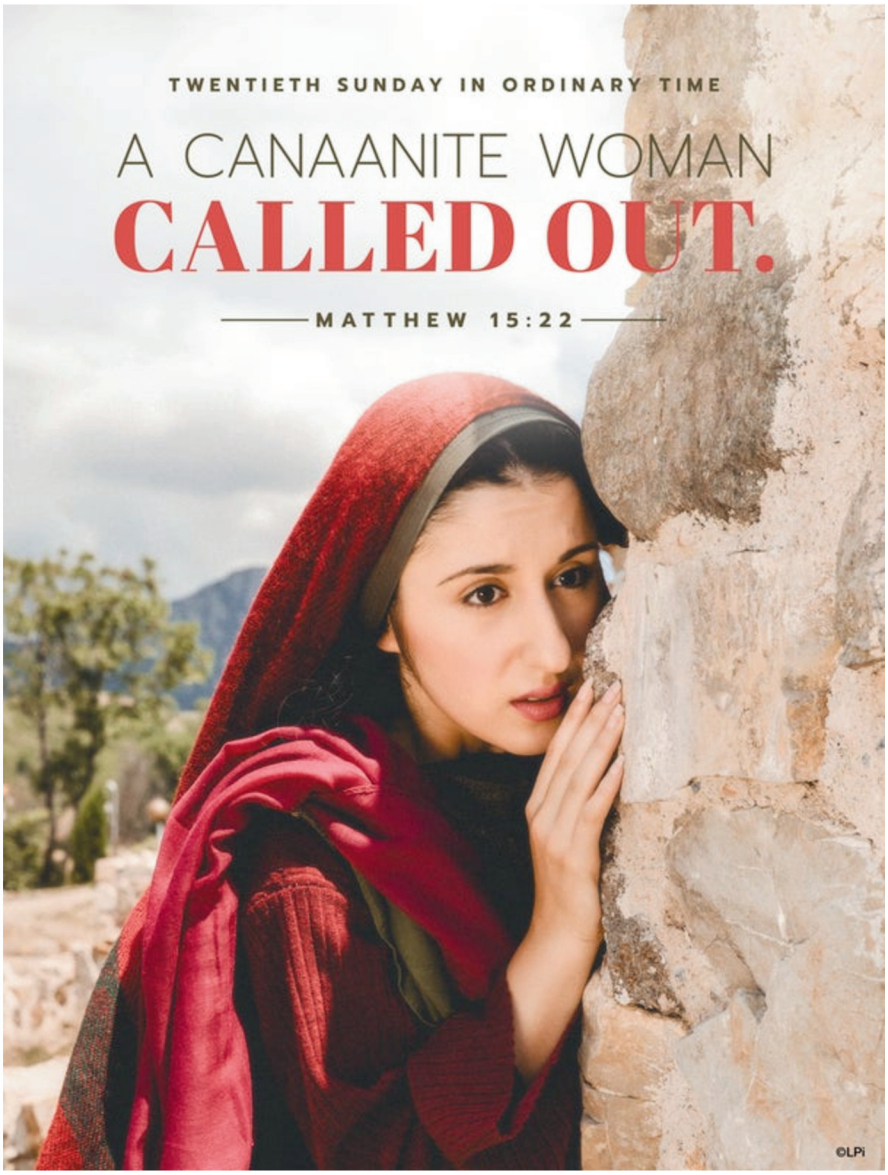
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

August 16, 2026





August month of the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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Patriotic Rosary
St. John the Evangelist, Union Hill
September 13, 2026 at 6:30pm

All are invited to join us in praying a patriotic rosary for divine protection and mercy for our nation through the Blessed Mother's intercession.





A Message From Father Michael . . .

The story of the healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter reveals that Jesus has come to offer freedom and liberation from so many of the burdens of sin. God is not afraid of barriers or borders, but grants pardon and peace to those who seek after Him in faith and allow his presence to touch their lives.

The faith of the Canaanite woman is at the heart of the message that we receive this weekend. She has a real and determined faith in the ability of Jesus and she will not stop until she receives what she is seeking. We too are called to exhibit a real and determined faith. Our faith is intended to grow until we reach what we are seeking – the fullness of beatitude or life in the Kingdom of God.

On our journey to the fullness of life in paradise, we might encounter barriers and obstacles, but if our faith is real and determined, they will not prevent us from seeking God and his kingdom or responding to the invitation that is continually offered by our loving and living God. Trials and tribulations are a part of life as we experience living on earth where unfortunately evil exists. Jesus conquered evil on the cross and we are called to live up to the challenge to conquer the evils that we face as well. In spreading the Gospel beyond all barriers and borders we demonstrate our real and determined faith.

May we too express the confidence of the Canaanite woman's faith in our lives and with all those whom 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.



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.



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.

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





COLLECTIONS
Weekly Collection Goal: $8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, August 9, 2026	$8,245.50	-$98.50

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 8, 2026	4:15 pm	201
Sunday, August 9, 2026	8:00 am	154
	10:00 am	188
Livestreamed		49

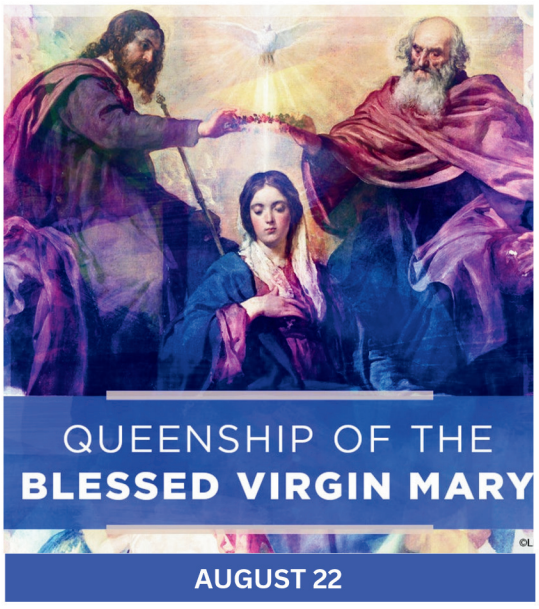
Total Registered Active Families 553
Total Registered Active Members 1,506

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 October Our Sunday Visitor will be printing our contribution envelopes.

Please watch for them to arrive in the mail.



Catechetical Institute

There's Still Time to Sign Up for the Catechetical Institute at St. Dominic!

The Saint Paul Seminary's Catechetical Institute has extended the application deadline for its two-year Pillars Program to August 31, 2026.

Beginning in September, the course walks through the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a story from blessing to blessing.

Weekly classes are **Mondays from 7:00–9:00 p.m.** at St. Dominic, where participants gather in person for fellowship, small-group discussion, and livestreamed lectures.

To learn more or apply, call (651) 962-5072 or visit saintpaulseminary.org/ci.

Register today and join over 3,300 graduates of the Catechetical Institute!



Everyone is warmly invited to the
2026 Jessenland Irish Festival
at the historic
Jessenland Historical and Cultural Center.

- Begin the celebration on Saturday, August 29, with an evening kickoff concert featuring Dòrain at 6:00 pm.
- Return on Sunday, August 30, for a day of family-friendly fun, including coffee and treats, harpist Hannah Flowers, engaging presentations on Irish history and culture, the premiere of the Jessenland Documentary.
- Food by Brick House Meats, local vendors, and music by Release the Craicen.
- Throughout the weekend, enjoy the beer garden, silent auction, raffle and face painting for the kids.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and celebrate the rich Irish heritage of our community.

Learn more at www.jessenland.org.



Pick up your Raffle Tickets and visit the Volnteer Sign-Up sheets outside Roedel Hall.



Open to all who wish to enhance their faith and learn more about this important topic.

More details and registration online at queenoftheamericasguild.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 17	
Tuesday, August 18	
1:30 pm	Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm	Mass at OLP
Wednesday, August 19	
8:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	Funeral Mass for Marlene Fisher
Thursday, August 20	
8:30 am	Mass at OLP
2:00 pm	Mass at Lutheran Home
Friday, August 21	**Parish Office Closed**
8:30 am	Mass
Saturday, August 22	**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, August 23	
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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	17	Aug	No Mass		
TUE	18	Aug	6:30 pm	†	d. Bill & Lois Lehman
WED	19	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. N. & K. Larson
THU	20	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. Douglas Benson
FRI	21	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. Eileen Effertz
SAT	22	Aug	4:15 PM	†	d. Minnie Knoben
SUN	23	Aug	8:00 am	†	d. Arnold Gansen
			10:00 am	†	CCW Members

Saturday, August 22, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sarah Williams
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams, Volunteer
Servers	Allegria Villanea, Marcus Villanea, Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 23, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Bob & Dorene Smith
Lector	James Fogarty
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Henry Hennen, Luke Hennen, Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 23, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan
Lector	Carly Werner
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Paula Covington, Jim Covington, Rick Morgan
Ushers	Caleb & Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Peter Feddersen
Servers	Stella Scheff, William Scheff, Paisley Scheff, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Mike Buchanan (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

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