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.

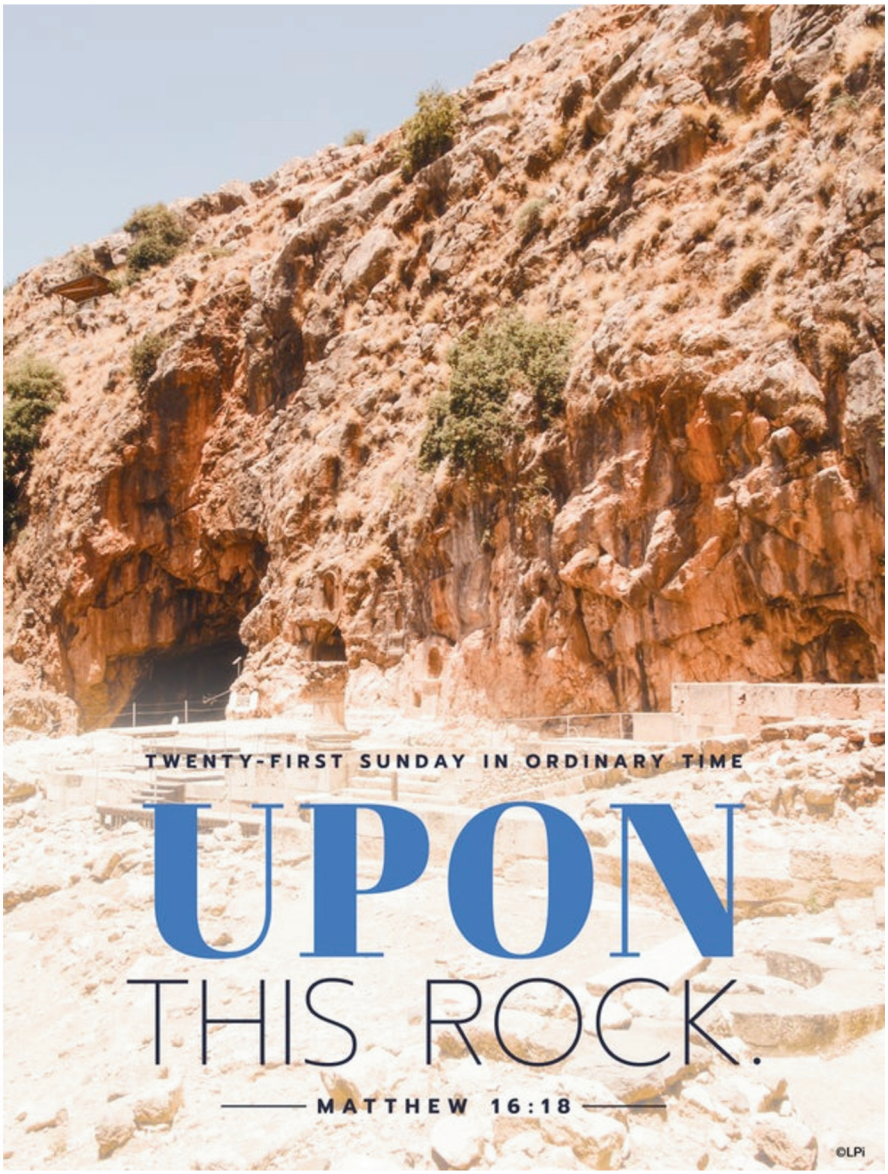
Bulletin Announcements

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 23, 2026





August month of the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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Ashley Simons, Kim Baltus, Stephanie Otto, Danielle Campos

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

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 . . .

In the Gospel, Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ. He is truly the Messiah who has come to save humanity from the darkness of sin and evil and offers forgiveness and salvation through his life, death and resurrection. And it is on this confession that Jesus announces the church will be built. In his confession, the church understands that it is Jesus who founds and builds the church. Therefore, the church belongs to God and the apostles, disciples and all people of good will have roles to play that are important for the church is the Body of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists four distinctive marks of the church and we pray these marks in our creed each weekend at Mass: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. The church is one just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united in the Trinity. The oneness of the church mimics the unity of the Trinity in one God.

The church is holy because it is founded by Christ under the guidance of the Father with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Because the church belongs to God it is holy Of course sinners make up the people of God, so the church helps us with its holiness to purify of us of sin and convert us to be more like God, who is holy.

The word "catholic" means universal. Throughout the world you will find the Catholic Church because Christ is present in the Church as the head of the Body of Christ and the church has a mission to evangelize to the world and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is our universal call.

As Peter is told in the Gospel, Jesus is building the church on the foundation of the apostles of which Peter is chosen personally by Jesus to be the head. Ever since the time of Saint Peter, the church has had a pope as the Bishop of Rome to guide the whole church in the work of salvation How blessed we are to receive the gift of the church headed by a successor of the apostles to continue to lead us toward the everlasting Kingdom of Heaven.

As the parish of Our Lady of the Prairie we are pleased to contribute to the work of the church to be formed and educated in the faith. We have an obligation to continue the tradition of handing down the faith to each successive generation.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen	Briar Fritz	Annette Schmit Mann
Stella Wagner-Steen	Jordan Lahr	Deacon Bob Raleigh
Don Morrison	Lisa Pobuda	Sallie Raleigh
Fred Welsch	Rhonda Walsh	Nancy McCormick
Lori Neisen	Katie Burmeister	Melissa Kjonaas
Katie Cates	Ivy Flattum	Mary Ann Bigaouette
Chuck Kroells	Maureen Millard	Ron (Franny) Gerres
Mona Bentfield	Mary Jo Morris	Tim Griebel

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
Saturday, August 15 (Assumption)	$695	
Sunday, August 16	$5,494	-$2,850

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 15	4:15 pm	208
Sunday, August 16	8:00 am	177
	10:00 am	189
Livestreamed		34

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.

IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Hubert Anton Jeurissen

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



Celebration of Baptism

Paisley LeeAnn Rae Yahnke
daughter of
Jakob Yahnke & Skye Jacobs
August 15, 2026

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.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

5:00-9:00 PM



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2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 16 & 17, 2026
Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Our Lady of Guadalupe: "Compassionate Mother... of All the People That Live Together in This Land"



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 24	
	Teacher Workshop Days (Aug 24-27 & 31)
Tuesday, August 25	
	Teacher Workshop Days (Aug 24-27 & 31)
1:30-5:30 pm	Preschool Meet the Teacher
6:30 pm	Mass
Wednesday, August 26	
	Teacher Workshop Days (Aug 24-27 & 31)
8:30 am	Mass
3:30-5:30 pm	Back to School Open House
Thursday, August 27	
	Teacher Workshop Days (Aug 24-27 & 31)
8:30 am	Mass
Friday, August 28	**Parish Office Closed**
8:30 am	Mass
Saturday, August 29	
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, August 30	
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	24	Aug	No Mass		
TUE	25	Aug	6:30 pm	†	d. Dorothy Renn
WED	26	Aug	8:30 am	†	d . Ambrose & Eleanor Kramer
THU	27	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. Rev. Dennis Kampa
FRI	28	Aug	8:30 am	†	d. Stan & Eileen Effertz
SAT	29	Aug	4:15 PM	†	d. Cecil & LaRene Kehoe
SUN	30	Aug	8:00 am	†	d. Gary McCue
			10:00 am	†	d. For the Parish

Saturday, August 29, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 30, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Tom & Pam Cates
Lector	Dr. Tim Halloran
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Sharon Schmitz, Volunteer
Ushers	Mark & Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, August 30, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Al & Dorothy Bartolomei
Lector	Rick Morgan
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Jason Palo, Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kenzie, Mason, & Luke Berger, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026
Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

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