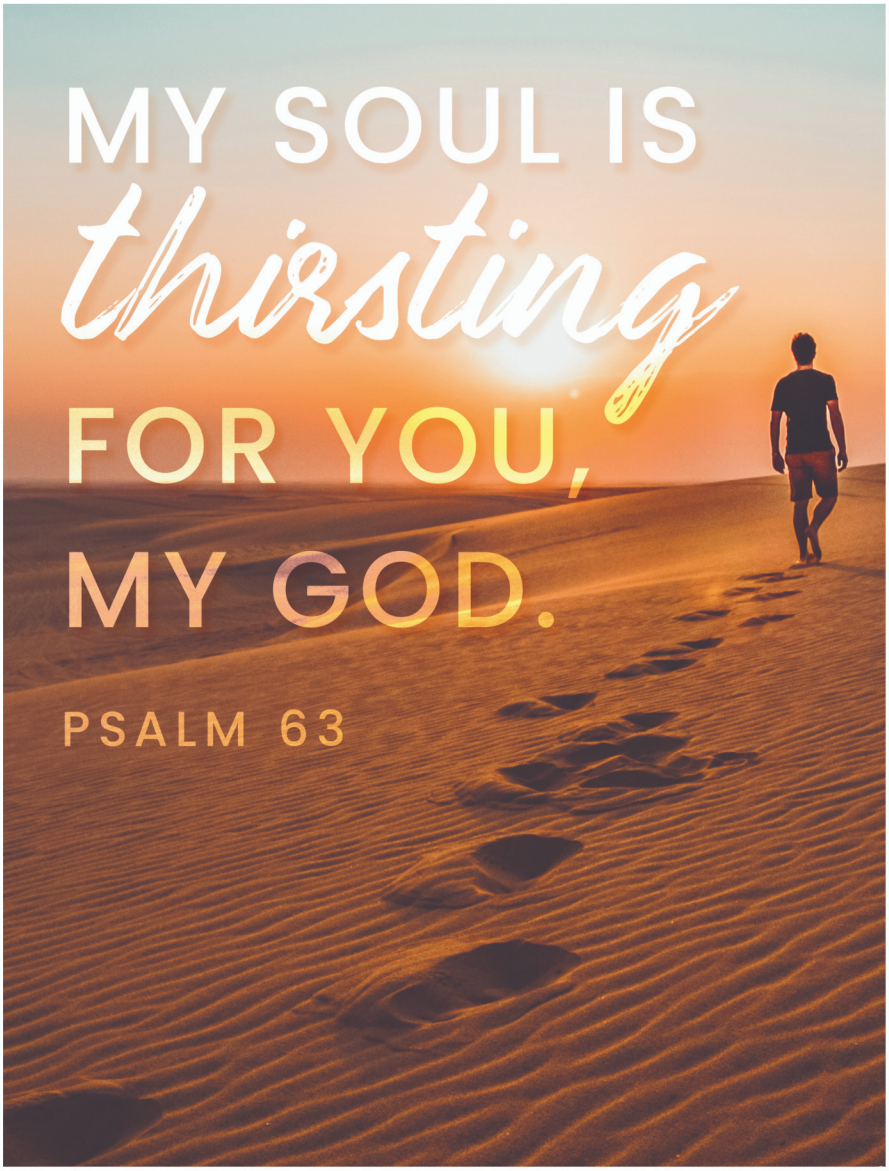
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August 30, 2026



Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday | 7:30am - 3:30pm

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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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 . . .



School begins this week prior to Labor Day this year. It means a change from leisurely summer days to a structured routine. That regularity helps us in our lives to understand what needs to be done each day and separates work and free-time. We have duties and obligations and must complete tasks and chores. The back to school season reminds us that our Christian life also includes responsibilities.

The scriptures this weekend remind us about the cost of discipleship. It means that we must keep our eyes focused on Jesus. While we all enjoy the great benefits of following the Savior, we might be surprised at the hardships, trials and burdens of Christianity. They are reminders to us that we desire to live in the fullness of God's kingdom that can never be fully realized on this side of heaven.

The path that Jesus travels is the road to Jerusalem, where he endures suffering and crucifixion. Jesus makes this clear as he tells Peter: "Get behind me Satan." Discipleship demands clarity about where we are headed and knowledge of the road to salvation. As we travel through life we will experience all sorts of troubles, but our suffering can be redemptive when joined to the passion of Christ. We offer to God not only all of the blessings that God has provided for us, but also those difficulties that enter our lives. Much like marriage endures through good times and bad, health and sickness, so too must our relationship with God be steadfast and constant.

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.



Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity to spend time with the real presence of Jesus and cultivate a relationship with him. Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to grow closer to Jesus!

- Spend time with our Lord anytime at your convenience
- Accessible 24 hours
- No length of time required

Contact the Parish Office for detailed information and to complete a quick one time registration.



End-of-life Workshop:

Planning with Your Next of Kin

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Nov. 7, 2026
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
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Register Today:
catholic-cemeteries.org/workshop



COLLECTIONS
Weekly Collection Goal: $8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, August 23	$7,551	-$793

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 22	4:15 pm	211
Sunday, August 23	8:00 am	195
	10:00 am	198
Livestreamed		na

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

Automatic Contributions
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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.



Tuesday
Sept 15

8:30 am

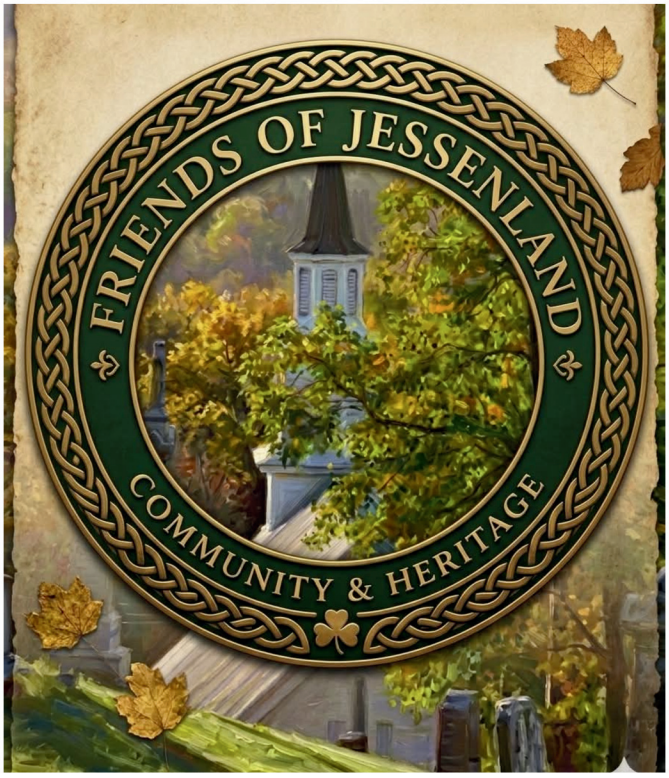
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Carolyn Gleason, Musician

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School invites you to join in the beautifully sung **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** As a school we collectively pray for each prayer intention when we gather monthly to pray/sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
Mark your calendars for this beautiful prayer time together as a community of believers in Christ and His Divine Mercy.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Place your prayer request in the Divine Mercy Prayer Requests box located in the back of the church or in the parish office. Requests will be read aloud during OLP School's monthly Divine Mercy Chaplet .



Jessenland Irish Festival

August 29 & 30

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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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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 31

Office Open Regular Hours

Tuesday, September 1

Father Kaluza out of office
Father Hessian presiding
First Day of School
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm KC Meeting in Parish Hall
CCW Meeting in Roedel Hall

Wednesday, September 2

Father Kaluza out of office
Father Roger Hessian presiding
8:30 am Mass (OLP Teachers' Mass)

Thursday, September 3

Father Kaluza out of office
Father Roger Hessian presiding
8:30 am Mass

Friday, September 4

Father Kaluza out of office
Father Roger Hessian presiding
8:30 am Mass

Saturday, September 5

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, September 6

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice resumes
10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - sponsored by CCW
11:00am Wynn Bigham & Alexis Shimko Marriage

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	31	Aug	No Mass		
TUE	1	Sept	6:30 pm	†	d. Eileen Effertz
WED	2	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Gary McCue
THU	3	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Steve & Laurie Oakes
FRI	4	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Ronald Schmitz
SAT	5	Sept	4:15 PM	†	d. Kevin Schmitt
SUN	6	Sept	8:00 am	†	d. Susan Flaschenriem
			10:00 am	†	d. For the Parish

Saturday, September 5, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Sue Schultz, Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota, Volunteer
Ushers	Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams, Volunteer
Servers	Allegria Villanea, Marcus Villanea Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, September 6, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Sharon & Allen Schmitz
Lector	Sharon Beach
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg Volunteers (2)
Servers	Henry, Luke, & Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, September 6, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Pat & Sandy Schroers
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Terry Feddersen, Joe Vandermark, Karen Vandermark, Volunteer
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Jim Covington, Max Wermerskirchen, Volunteer
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

September 2026

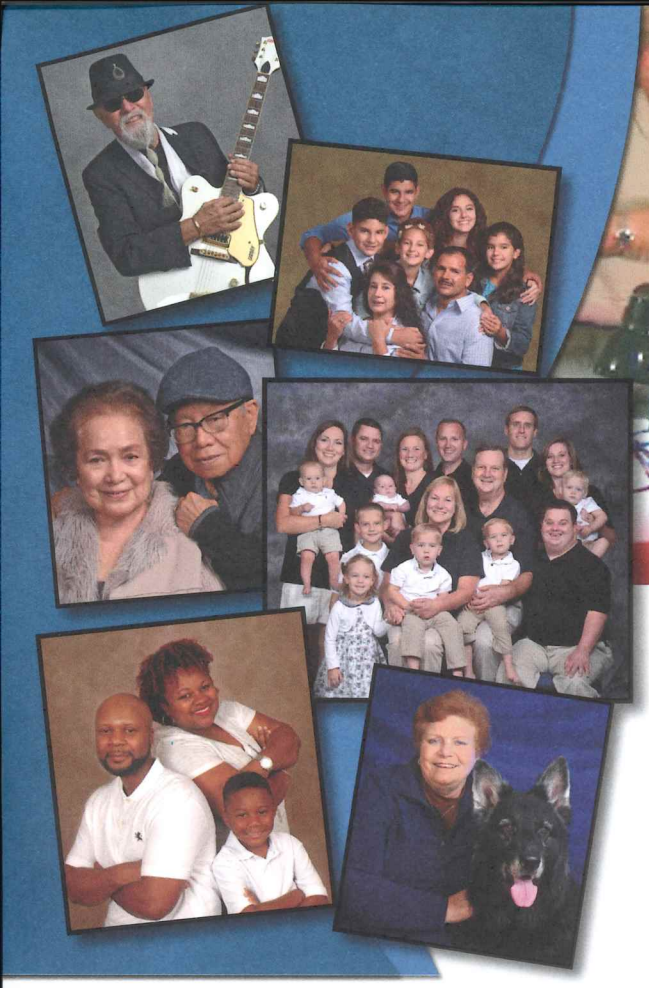
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8:00am d. Gary McCue 10:00am For the Parish	31 7:30am-3:30pm Regular Office Hours Resume	1 First Day of School Father Kaluza out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding 6:30pm d. Eileen Effertz 7:00pm KC Meeting(PH) 7:00pm CCW Meeting(RH)	2 Father Kaluza out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding 8:30am d. Gary McCue	3 Father Kaluza out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding 8:30am d. Steve & Laurie Oakes	4 Father Kaluza out of Office Father Roger Hessian presiding	5 4:15pm d. Kevin Schmitt Banns of Marriage for Hein/Schmidt Wedding on September 26
6 8:00am d. Susan Flaschenriem 9:00am Choir Practice Resumes 10:00am For the Parish Treats & Fellowship - hosted by CCW	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:30pm d. Jim & Mary Daly	9 8:30am d. Monsignor Patrick Hessian 12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch	10 8:30am d. Christopher Goettl	11 8:30am Liv. Deacon Bob Raleigh	12 4:15pm CCW Members 5:00-9:00pm Fall Festival Banns of Marriage for Hein/Schmidt Wedding on September 26
13 Grand Parents Day 8:00am d. N. & K. Larson 10:00am For the Parish Treats & Fellowship-Sponsored by CUF 7:00pm Marriage Encounter	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 6:30pm CI Opening Mass at Cathedral of St. Paul	15 8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Claudette Mathaway	16 8:30am d. Carole Fogarty 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Catechist Enrichment Night(RH)	17 8:30am d. Dorothy Renn 2:00pm Mass at Lutheran Home	18 8:30am d. Lorence & Ethel Boehne	19 4:15pm d. Dick Hayden Banns of Marriage for Hein/Schmidt Wedding on September 26
20 Catechetical Sunday 8:00am d. Father Ben Hadrich 10:00am For the Parish	21 7pm-9pm CI meet in Music Room Sept. 21-Dec. 14	22 6:30pm d. Marlene Fisher 7:00pm Church Night	23 8:30am d. Bob Kirsch	24 8:30am d. Susan Flaschenriem	25 8:30am d. Mary & Joe Brinkman 5:00pm Hein/Schmidt Wedding Rehearsal	26 1:30pm Hein/Schmidt Wedding 4:15pm d. Michael Duffy
27 Priesthood Sunday 8:00am For the Parish 10:00am d. Eugene & Kathryn McDonald Treats & Fellowhip - hosted by KC's Confirmation Retreat Cathedral of St. Paul Tour	28 7pm-9pm CI meet in Music Room	29 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 6:30pm d. Suzanne Burmeister(AOD)	30 8:30am d. Eileen Effertz 2:15pm & 7:00pm Family Engagement Group(PTA) 6:20pm Religious Ed Class(K-8)	1 8:30am d. Ronald Schmitz	2 8:30am d. Matt Robeck Family	3 4:15 For the Parish
4 Respect Life Sunday 8:00am d. N. & K. Larson 10:00am d. Brent Meyer Treats & Fellowship-hosted by CCW	5 7pm-9pm CI meet in Music Room	*Notes*				

Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM
Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day
*RH - Roedel Hall Gathering Space)
*PH - Parish Hall
*CGS - Caticesis of the Good Shepherd
*CI - Catechetical Institute
*TGA - The Great Adventure



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Saint Clare of Assisi, Pray for us		1 First Day of School	2 Teacher mass First PreK Library	3 First PreK-4 Library	4	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin	9 4th gr. mass	10 K-2 Testing	11 K-2 Testing Outdoor Classroom Butterflies Lesson Scott County	12 Fall Festival
13	14 NWEA fall testing through October 2nd Exultation of the Holy Cross	15 Divine Mercy 8:30am Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day	16 3rd gr. Mass Officer Guralnik classroom visits 10:30 Teacher Staff Meeting 3pm	17	18 Outdoor classroom Butterflies lesson Scott County	19
20	21 Fergusons Apple Orchard	22	23 4th gr./birthday mass Individual teacher meetings Virtus handouts	24	25	26
27 Priesthood Sunday	28	29 Feast of Day of Archangels History/Social Studies Training Mrs. Elschens, Mrs. Moonen, Mrs. Hendricks	30 3rd gr. mass	Month of our Lady of Sorrows		



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Directory Committee

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**.

1. Click on photography appointment scheduling login (on the right side).
2. Enter Church Code: **mn687**
3. Enter Church Password: **mnparish687**.
4. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.
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