Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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September 13, 2026







Seven moments of profound suffering in the life of the Blessed Virgin, traditionally listed as: Simeon's prophecy, the flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, meeting Him on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, receiving His body, and His burial. Mary promised special graces to those who honor her sorrows. They teach us important lessons about suffering and resilience.

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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A Message from Father Michael . . .



Fall Festival Weekend – Reconciled in Christ!

Our annual fall festival is a good time to gather and to remember the great mercy that God has shown to each one of us personally and communally. God's mercy allows us to continue to move forward and spread the message of love and reconciliation. We are a people who have been reconciled by God through Jesus Christ. As we reap the benefits, we must continue to spread the message, because it truly is the Gospel – the good news!

The Church seeks to bring about the healing and peace that are needed in our world. The message for us today is pretty clear and very necessary. The message we have to hear and preach is one of forgiveness. It is not easy to even forgive once, but Jesus tells us that we should be prepared to forgive as often as is necessary. If we are to survive any relationship, be it on an individual basis or even at a communal level, we must be prepared to forgive those who wrong us. There can be no limit to our forgiveness, even when it seems most difficult to do. Saying sorry or asking for forgiveness is not a sign of weakness, but rather it shows a willingness to make right what has gone wrong.

Forgiveness and mercy will never become old topics for the church, but the church will always find fresh and new ways of preaching about reconciliation. Knowing mercy is experiencing God's goodness in our lives. On earth we are plagued by sin, but through the church we can be restored by grace to live as sons and daughters of a living and loving Father.

As we become healers in our families and parish, we can unite where division has set in so that we can move together in unison with one another. As a parish we have to move together to make great things happen.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen
Stella Wagner-Steen
Don Morrison
Fred Welsch
Lori Neisen
Katie Cates
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Mona Bentfield
Tim Griebel
Briar Fritz
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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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
Joseph Daniel Hein & Elizabeth Claire Schmidt
September 26, 2026
Whoever has knowledge of an impediment to this proposed marriage,, kindly contact the parish office.

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.





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:
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Casserole & Salad Luncheon & Country Store
Reedemer Lutheran Church
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Saurday, September 26
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners
Michael & Jacqueline Leverson and son Matthew
Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

Basket Collection and Attendance
Totals for September 6th were not available at the time of publishing due to an early deadline.



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us of the victory of Christ's Cross, the instrument of His suffering that became the sign of our salvation. Celebrated on **September 14**, it's a day to honor the Cross as a symbol of love, redemption, and triumph. IThe feast recalls three events:

1. The finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena. *Excavations were done in order to ascertain the location of **Calvary** as well as that of the **Holy Sepulchre**. It was in the course of these excavations that the wood of the cross was recovered. It was determined to be authentic (the crosses of the two thieves were also recovered). Pieces of the True Cross relic were distributed across the empire and by the turn of the 5th century were venerated as far away as Italy.*
2. The dedication of churches built by Emperor Constantine on the site of the **Holy Sepulchre** and **Mount Calvary**.
3. The elevation of the True Cross *at Hagia Sophia in Constantinople in AD 629 after it had fallen into the hands of the Persian Emperor Chosroes II in the AD 614 Sasanian conquest of Jerusalem.*

Here are some meaningful and family-friendly ways to celebrate at home!

- Bake (or buy) hot cross buns and talk about the meaning of the cross on top.
- Decorate sugar cookies with a cross in frosting or sprinkles.
- Go on a nature walk and create a cross using sticks, twine, and a few leaves or flowers.
- End your celebration gathered around a crucifix in your home. Light a candle and pray the prayer from the Stations of the Cross: *"We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."*
- Invite each family member to make the Sign of the Cross slowly and reverently.



SCHEDULE YOUR PORTRAIT SESSION Today!



Our Lady of the Prairie is getting a new church directory and we want **EVERY** family included!

Every participating family receives a FREE church directory and a 8x10 portrait. No purchase necessary.

Session Dates:
October 15, 16, 17
October 20, 21
October 29, 30, 31

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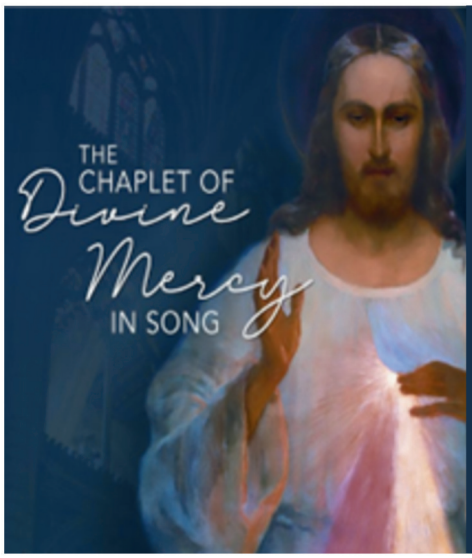
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IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Patrick Henry Duffy

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



Tuesday
Sept 15

8:30 am

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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 anonymous 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 .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6:30 pm CI Opening Mass at Cathedral of St. Paul

Tuesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day
8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song
1:30 pm Mass at Kingsway
6:30 pm Mass at OLP

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 am Mass (OLP Student Mass)
2:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Catechist Enrichment Night in Roedel Hall

Thursday, September 17

8:30 am Mass at OLP
2:00 pm Mass at Lutheran Home
7:00-8:00 pm "Cooking with WINE" Webinar in Roedel Hall

Friday, September 18

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, September 19

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, September 20

Catechetical Sunday
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice
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	14	Sept	No Mass		
TUE	15	Sept	6:30 pm	†	d. Claudette Mathaway
WED	16	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Carole Fogarty
THU	17	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Dorothy Renn
FRI	18	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Lorence & Ethel Boehne
SAT	19	Sept	4:15 PM	†	d. Dick Hayden
SUN	20	Sept	8:00 am	†	d. Father Ben Hadrich
			10:00 am	†	For the Parish

Saturday, September 19, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sarah Williams
EMHC	Sarah Williams, Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Joe Shimota
Ushers	Scott Williams, Joe Harmann, Chris Weldon, Volunteer
Servers	Allegria Villanea, Marcus Villanea
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, September 20, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Eric & Lisa May
Lector	Marcia Makowski
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Mark Hartman, Calvin Hartman, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Henry, Luke, & Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, September 20, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Joe & Kristen LaJeunesse
Lector	Joe Vandermark
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Sheila Schmitz, Jason Palo
Ushers	Caleb & Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Volunteer
Servers	Stella, William, & Paisley Scheff, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Edsel Faunillan (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

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