Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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September 20, 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

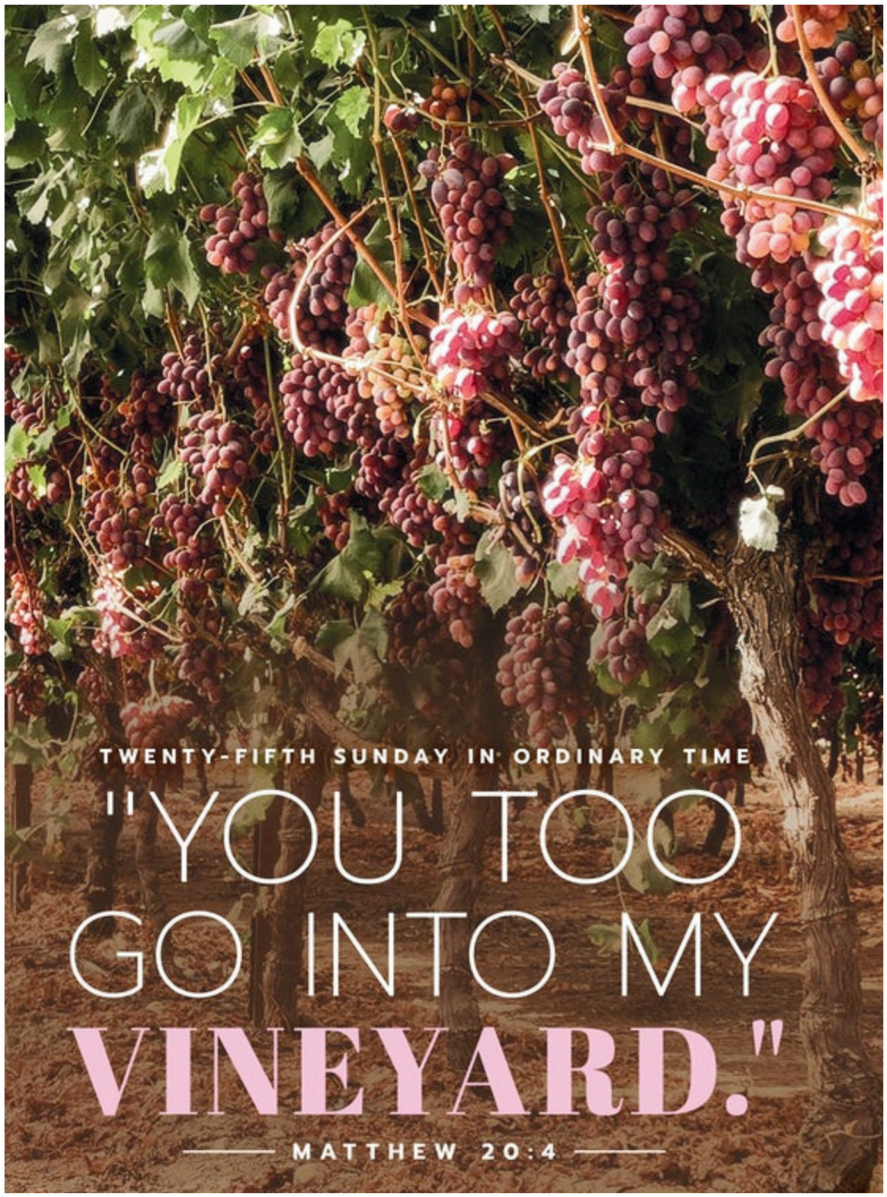
SACRAMENTS
Sacrament of Confession
30 mins prior to Mass.

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





The primary purpose of **Catechetical Sunday** is to honor catechists—those who teach the Catholic faith in parishes, schools, and other ministries.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to the mission of evangelization and faith formation so that our faith is passed on effectively.

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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.



A Message from Father Michael . . .

God's Generosity

The parable of the landowner reminds us of God's generosity. As God is our creator, we owe him everything. All we have comes from him. In showing our love to God, we must become generous, just as God is all-giving. It could never be possible to outdo God in generosity, but we can attempt learn generosity from the teachings of Jesus and the activity of God.

God has called us to act as his trustees. We care for his creation and we use the gifts and talents that God has granted to us. Therefore, we must be accountable to him. We must be attentive to what has been given to us and use it to provide some kind of return. We must act for his ends and not just our own. In order to assist us, we need to grow in the virtues. Developing those good attributes allows us to become sons and daughters of a loving Father.

I am very grateful for all of the dedicated hard work in planning and executing our festival last weekend! It was a great event and I appreciate your participation in the life of this parish. It takes many people and lots of talent to operate our parish. I am grateful for all of the good work that so many people do to make things happen! You make our parish and school extraordinary. Thank you for coming to Mass! Thank you for participating in the life and liturgy of our parish and school! I will continually thank you and be always appreciative. Let us use our talents and resources to properly administer what God has bestowed upon us.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen
Don Morrison
Fred Welsch
Lori Neisen
Katie Cates
Chuck Kroells
Mona Bentfield
Tim Griebel
Angie Sellnow
Briar Fritz
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Sallie Raleigh
Nancy McCormick
Ron (Franny) Gerres
Mary Pat Tuma
Cody Gieseke

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.



ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

For Catholic Men - Ages 17-24

Who Do Not Have a College Degree

October 16-18, 2026

Friday at 5 p.m. - Sunday at 1 p.m.

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN.

Join Archbishop Hebda, Fr. Mark Pavlak, and archdiocesan seminarians for a weekend of prayer and discernment.

$100 Fee includes all meals & lodging.

RSVP required before October 1.

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped make our fall festival a success! Whether you donated items or gave your time to volunteer, we are so grateful for your generosity and support!

- Fall Festival Committee

RAFFLE WINNERS		
$3,000	Daniel Meyer	Belle Plaine
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$1,500	Michelle Koepp	Belle Plaine
$1,000	Ken Worm	Carver
$500	Ron Velander	Belle Plaine
$500	Matt Saxe	Bele Plaine
$250	Fr. Roger Hessian	Belle Plaine
$250	Scott Renne	Belle Plaine



COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection Goal: $8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, September 6	$7,006	-$1,338
Long Term Investment Fund	$525	
Sunday, September 13	$7,303.70	-$1,040.30

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 5	4:15 pm	193
Sunday, September 6	8:00 am	158
	10:00 am	181
Saturday, September 12	4:15 pm	275
Sunday, September 13	8:00 am	172
	10:00 am	184

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.

FISH Families & Individuals Sharing Hope
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View needs in our area and see how you can help at: FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers

Stella Mary Wagner-Steen

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

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

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Online scheduling only available Monday - Friday.

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FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, September 20, 2026
9am-4pm
Jordan, MN

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Saturday, September 26
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 21

6:30 pm Catechetical Institute meets in Music Rm

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Church Night

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 am Mass (OLP Student Mass)

Thursday, September 24

8:30 am Mass
7 - 8:00 pm "Cooking w/WINE" Webinar in Roedel Hall

Friday, September 25

8:30 am Mass
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 26

1:30 pm Wedding: Joseph Hein & Elizabeth Schmidt
4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, September 27

Priesthood Sunday
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship - *hosted by KCs*
Confirmation Retreat at Cathedral of St. Paul

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	21	Sept	No Mass		
TUE	22	Sept	6:30 pm	†	d. Marlene Fisher
WED	23	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Bob Kirsch
THU	24	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Susan Flaschenriem
FRI	25	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Mary & Joe Brinkman
SAT	26	Sept	4:15 PM	†	d. Michael Duffy
SUN	27	Sept	8:00 am	†	For the Parish
			10:00 am	†	d. Eugene & Katherine McDonald

Saturday, September 26, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams, Volunteer
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, September 27, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Mark & Leticia Fogarty
Lector	Gwen Case
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, September 27, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Rick & Ginny Morgan
Lector	Sheila Schmitz
EMHC	Terry Feddersen, Joe Vandermark, Karen Vandermark, Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kenzie, Mason, & Luke Berger, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Mike Buchanan (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of September 20, 2026
Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

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