Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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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.

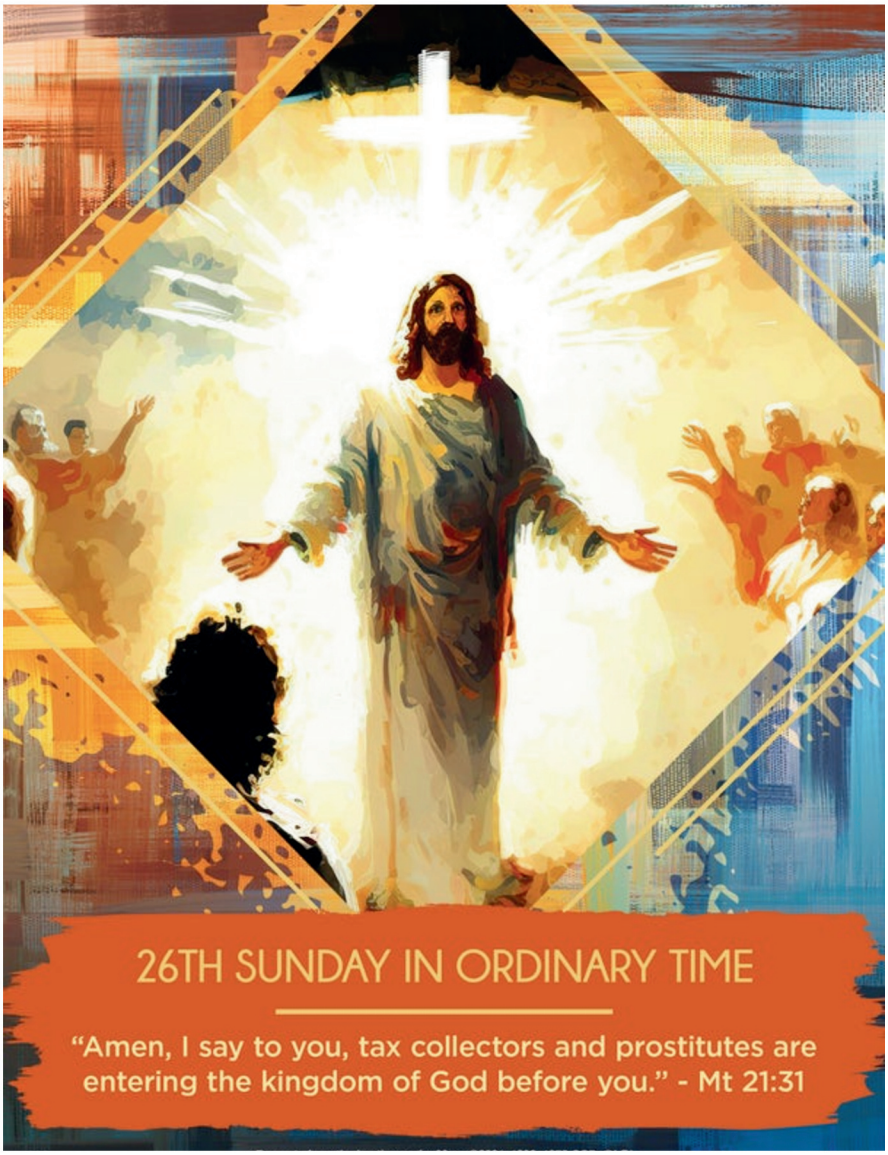
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If you would like to post in the bulletin, please send an email to: bulletineditor@olp.church by noon on Monday for the following Sunday (Holidays may have earlier deadlines).

In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

September 27, 2026





"THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS."

St. John Vianney

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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 Kaluza . . .



Say Yes to God!

God gives us all good things and has created us for himself. He also offers us complete free will and expects us to respond with freedom. In choosing the good we make our response out of complete freedom; when we choose evil we lack the freedom to be sons and daughters of a gracious God.

Jesus teaches a parable about the problem parents may have with uncooperative children. There are choices to be made and we have free will to react to the opportunities that present themselves. Jesus instructs us by this story to make a response to God. Do we want to be like the first child who said no, but then later went about the parent's request or like the second child who claimed to do the will of the parent, but never did?

We know that God is patient with us as we desire to improve our relationship with Him. When we hear God's word, we must act upon it and not refuse his will. God wills our good and offers us limitless possibilities to grow in holiness. That's what we must seek in this life so that we can be fully content with God in eternity.

May we always say yes to God, use our free will to help us grow in holiness and allow the sacraments to penetrate God's love within us!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



Our Lady of the Prairie
welcomes our new parishioners
Matthew & Audrey Paul and son Noah
Please make them feel at home
in their new parish community.

Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen
Don Morrison
Fred Welsch
Lori Neisen
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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.

Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School

Marathon of Prayer

October 2 - 13, 2026

Sponsored by the Knghts of Columbus

Our Marathon of Prayer is quickly approaching. We are very excited to participate in prayer and walking to support our school and all of those requesting our prayers. All families are invited to participate. The proceeds from the Marathon are an instrumental portion of our annual budget. It helps supply core and supplemental cucrriculum along with helping with the overall budget to run the school. We are grateful for everyone who supports Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School.

How It Works

- Students will seek monetary pledges for each lap they plan to complete.
- Students will ask for any specific prayer request you would like our school to pray for.
- Students will be walking a total of 20 laps on October 12th and 13th. They will be praying for your intentions along with a specific prayer for each lap.

We are seeking sponsors to match funds raised at levels of:
$250, $500, $1,000, $1,500, & $2,000







COLLECTIONS
Weekly Collection Goal: $8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, September 20	$7,064.65	-$1,279.35

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 19	4:15 pm	192
Sunday, September 20	8:00 am	164
	10:00 am	192

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.

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.



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.

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For **$40** you can purchase a Kwik Trip card preloaded with 5 "Ultimate Car Washes" (a $50 value)!
Keep on hand & always have a great gift ready for any occasion!
Complete the form and return it to the Parish Office with your check (payable to OLP).
Place your order by Oct 7, 2026.
Pick up your card(s) in the office after Oct 14th

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of cards _____ X $40 = _____

All School

ROSARY

Pray with our OLP students
Friday, October 2nd
at 11:00 am

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

Schedule your appointment after Mass or online at:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm Catechetical Institute in Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 29

Feast of the Archangels
6:30 pm Mass at OLP
6:30-8 pm Family Engagement Goup in Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 am Mass (OLP Student Mass)
12:00 pm Ecumenical Lunch
6:20 pm Religious Ed Class (K-8)

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

First Friday
8:30 am Mass
11:00 am All School Rosary

Saturday, October 3

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, October 4

Respect Life Sunday
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Mass
Treats & Fellowship - *hosted by CCW*

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	28	Sept	No Mass		
TUE	29	Sept	6:30 pm	†	d. Susan Burmeister (AOD)
WED	30	Sept	8:30 am	†	d. Eileen Effertz
THU	01	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. Ronald Schmitz
FRI	02	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. Matt Robeck Family
SAT	03	Oct	4:15 PM	†	d. For the Parish
SUN	04	Oct	8:00 am	†	d. N. K. Larson
			10:00 am	†	d. Brent Meyer

Saturday, October 3, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sue Schultz
EMHC	Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn, Joe Shimota
Ushers	Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams, Volunteer
Servers	Allegria Vilanea, Marcus Villanea, Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, October 4, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Bob & Dorene Smith
Lector	Jake Hess
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Henry, Luke, & Peter Hennen, Volunteeer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, October 4, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Terry & Karen Feddersen
Lector	Mary Randklev
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Jim & Paula Covington, Nora Wermerskirchen
Ushers	Caleb & Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Volunteer
Servers	Cole Chessen, Emmett Straus, JD Vandermark, Volunteeer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Ty Buesgens (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24



October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Saint Luke, Evangelist, Pray for us				1 Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux	2 School Rosary 11:00 Prayer Marathon Kickoff Holy Guardian Angels Feast Day	3
4 Respect Life Sunday Saint Francis of Assissi	5 Prayer Marathon Pledge turn in Fire Safety Week 5-9	6 Monarch Venture Institute 2nd-4th grades	7 4th gr. Mass Our Lady of the Rosary	8	9 Picture Day Prayer Marathon Pledge turn in	10 Spaghetti Dinner
11	12 Prayer Marathon Walk and Pledge turn in	13 Prayer Marathon Walk and Pledge turn in	14 CSCOE Summit of Excellence Teacher Professional Development No School	15 Fall Break No School Feast of St. Teresa of Avila	16 Fall Break No School	17
18 Feast Day of St. Luke, Evangelist	19	20 Science and Nature Conference 3rd-4th gr.	21 3rd gr. Mass School Newsletter due Teacher Staff meeting	22 Saint Patrick's from Oak Grove attend mass 8:30am St John Paul II feast day	23 Raking Service Project	24
25	26	27 Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30am	28 4th gr/Saint of the Month. Mass Orchestra Hall Fieldtrip 2nd-4th gr	29 Dodge Nature Center 2nd-3rd gr. The Great Pumpkin BINGO	30 Officer Guralnik lunch with students End of First Quarter Trunk or Treat 3:30-5:30	31 All Hallows Eve

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 8:30am d. Ronald Schmitz 7:00-8:00pm "Cooking with WINE" in PH	2 8:30am d. Matt Robeck Family 11:00am School Rosary	3 4:15pm For the Parish
4 **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** 8:00am d. N.K. Larson 10:00am d. Brent Meyer Treats & Fellowship - *hosted by CCW*	5 7-9:00pm CI at St. John Neumann, Eagan or OLP in Parish Hall	6 6:30m d. Jerry McCue 7pm KC Meeting in RH 7pm CCW Meeting in PH	7 8:30am liv. & d. Dan Murphy Family	8 8:30am liv. Deacon Bob Raleigh 7:00-8:00pm "Cooking with WINE" in PH	9 8:30am d. Gary McCue	10 4:15pm d. Donald & Mary Jane O'Brien 5:00-7:00pm OLP School Spaghetti Dinner
11 8:00am d. Susan Flaschenriem 10:00am For the Parish Baptism: Thomas Patrick Fahey Treats & Fellowship - *hosted by CUF* 7pm Marriage Encounter	12 **Indigenous People's Day** (Columbus Day) No Catechetical Institute Prayer Marathon	13 6:30pm Souls in Purgatory Prayer Marathon	14 8:30am d. Charlie Kirk No School	15 8:30am d. Don Guertin No School 1:30pm Mass at Kingsway 2:00-8:40pm Parish Directory Photo sessions 7-8pm "Cooking w/WINE" in PH	16 8:30am d. N.K. Larson No School 2:00-8:40pm Parish Directory Photo sessions	17 8:00am Mass (open Intention) 4:15pm d. Ryan Laabs 10am-4pm Parish Directory Photo sessions 8:00-11:00am CI Formative Session at OLP
18 **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** 8:00am CCW Members 10:00am For the Parish	19 7-9:00pm CI at St. John Neumann, Eagan or OLP in Parish Hall	20 8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song 6:30pm d. Richard Burmeister (AOD) 2:00-8:40pm Parish Directory Photo sessions	21 8:30am d. James "Stubbie" Brown 2:00-8:40pm Parish Directory Photo sessions 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	22 8:30am d. Sharon Wodke Family 8:30am St. Patrick's Church Visiting for Mass (30-50 people) 2:00pm Mass at Lutheran Home 7:00-8:00pm "Cooking with WINE" in PH	23 8:30am d. Susan Flaschenriem	24 4:15pm d. Bob Kirsch (AOD)
25 8:00am d. Deborah Patronik 10:00am For the Parish Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - *hosted by KCs*	26 7-9:00pm CI at St. John Neumann, Eagan or OLP in Parish Hall	27 6:30pm d. Pat Bigaouette 8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song	28 8:30am d. Michael Duffy	29 8:30am d. Dorothy Renn 2:00-8:40pm Parish Directory Photo sessions	30 8:30am d. Msgr. John Richter 2:00-8:40pm Parish Directory Photo sessions	31 4:15pm liv. Deacon Bob Raleigh 10am-4pm Parish Directory Photo sessions
1	2	**Notes:** Adoration: Every Wednesday 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Sacrament of Confession: Half Hour before mass each day *CGS Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *CI Catechetical Institute *TGA The Great Adventure		*RH - Roedel Hall (Gathering Space) *PH - Parish Hall		

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