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October 11, 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

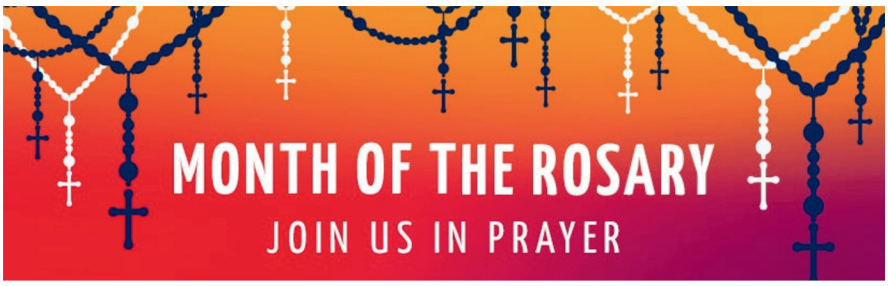
SACRAMENTS
Sacrament of Confession
30 mins prior to Mass.

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



How to Observe October - Month of the Rosary

1. Pray at least one decade daily; ideally a full Rosary.
2. Attend special parish devotions, processions, or Mass.
3. Offer the month for a particular intention (family, peace, conversion).
4. Use guides or audio Rosaries to deepen meditation.

October's dedication to the Rosary remains one of the Church's most widespread and enduring devotional traditions.

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Ashley Simons, Kim Baltus, Stephanie Otto, Danielle Campos

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



A Message from Father Kaluza . . .



Ready for the Feast!

As we move closer to the end of the church year, the readings take a focus of the coming of God's Kingdom and salvation. Scripture often presents the end times as a banquet – a great feast to be enjoyed! God has wonderful things in store for us and has made promises revealed in the bible.

However, Jesus warns that we too have a role to play in working toward salvation. We must respond to God's invitation and take time to build a relationship and prepare ourselves to be in his awesome presence. The great lesson is to not ignore the promptings of the Holy Spirit. When God calls, we must answer.

We start by making Sunday Mass the priority of our week and build our lives around that great gift of being near to Jesus the Eucharist. It is the foretaste of eternal life. Sometimes we must also sacrifice to make God a priority, but Jesus has already sacrificed so much for us.

We are offered the greatest invitation, let's not decline the gift of eternal life!

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza



October is Respect Life month.
Crisis pregnancy centers serve both moms who need assistance, and their babies. Here are two crisis pregnancy centers we have worked with previously who could use financial donations. Thank you for any help, and please pray for these life-saving centers. We hope to collect baby/mom items again in the upcoming Lenten season.

Alpha Women's Center (PO Box 435 Savage, MN 55378) 952-495-0300 website:https://alphawomenscentermn.com

Birthright of Mankato (330 Stadium Road, Suite 201B, Mankato, MN 56001) 507-387-7818 website: https://birthright.org/mankato/

Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen	Briar Fritz	Melissa Kjonaas
Don Morrison	Jordan Lahr	Annette Schmit Mann
Fred Welsch	Lisa Pobuda	Deacon Bob Raleigh
Lori Neisen	Rhonda Walsh	Sallie Raleigh
Katie Cates	Katie Burmeister	Nancy McCormick
Chuck Kroells	Ivy Flattum	Ron (Franny) Gerres
Mona Bentfield	Maureen Millard	Mary Pat Tuma
Tim Griebel	Angie Sellnow	Cody Gieseke
Lynn Grampre	Joann Palo	Doris Fahey

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.





Place your anonymous 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 in Song.



COLLECTIONS
Weekly Collection Goal: $8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, October 4	$6,765	-$1,579

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 3	4:15 pm	170
Sunday, October 4	8:00 am	198
	10:00 am	180

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.



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners

Patrick & Emily Fahey
Dutton, Molly, and Thomas

Andrew & Elizabeth Hunsader

Peter Fahey

Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER

Please remember in your prayers

Rick Bigaouette

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

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:
www.ucdir.com
Church Code: mn687 Password: mnparish687
Online scheduling only available Monday-Friday.

Our parish is participating in the holiday **"Box of Joy"** project during the upcoing seasons of thanksgiving and joy!

A Box of Joy is a shoe Box, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items by our parish families.

Each gift represents Christ's love and may be the only christmas gift children in poor contries are blessed to receive. Let's make this a very Merry Christmas for the children!

Gift ideas, scheduled dates and times are available to you at the Box of Joy display table by the Roedel Hall entry.

Coming to OLP
November 6 & 7

"Blest Art" specializes in religious gifts hand carved in olive wood from the Holy Land. Helping Christian families by providing jobs.

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





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 12	
12:50 pm	Prayer Marathon Walk No Catechetical Institute
Tuesday, October 13	
12:50 pm	Prayer Marathon Walk
6:30 pm	Mass
Wednesday, October 14	
	No School Father Kaluza & Teachers attending Teacher Professional Development
8:30 am	Mass - Father Roger Hessian presiding
6:20 pm	Religious Ed Class (K-8)
Thursday, October 15	
	Fall Break - No School
8:30 am	Mass at OLP
1:30 pm	Mass at Kingsway
2:00-8:40 pm	Parish Directory Photo Sessions
7-8:00 pm	"Cooking w/WINE" Webinar in Roedel Hall
Friday, October 16	
	Fall Break - No School
8:30 am	Mass
2:00-8:40 pm	Parish Directory Photo Sessions
Saturday, October 17	
8:00 am	Mass
8 am-11 am	CI Formative Session at OLP
10 am-4 pm	Parish Directory Photo Sessions
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, October 18	
	World Mission Sunday
8:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Choir Practice
10:00 am	Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	12	Oct	No Mass		
TUE	13	Oct	6:30 pm	†	Souls in Purgtory
WED	14	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. Charlie Kirk
THU	15	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. Don Guertin
FRI	16	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. N. K. Larson
SAT	17	Oct	8:00 am	†	Rick Bigaouette Family
			4:15 PM	†	d. Ryan Laabs
SUN	18	Oct	8:00 am	†	CCW Members
			10:00 am	†	For the Parish

Saturday, October 17, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Sarah Williams
EMHC	Charlotte Mulroy, Betty Weldon, Dan Flynn, Joe Shimota
Ushers	Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Scott Williams, Volunteer
Servers	Allegria and Marcus Villanea
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, October 18, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Allen & Sharon Schmitz
Lector	Ken Skluzacek
EMHC	Susan Cole, Janice Teal, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Paul Guertin, John Edberg, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Henry, Luke, and Peter Hennen, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, October 18, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Jim Covington, Mike Buchanan
Lector	Rick Morgan
EMHC	Joe & Karen Vandermark, Nora Wermerskirchen, Volunteer
Ushers	Caleb & Max Wermerskirchen, Ben Covington, Volunteer
Servers	Stella, William, and Paisley Scheff, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Pat Schroers (Kingsway) Sue Halloran (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of October 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

This year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, marks the one hundred seventy-sixth anniversary of the establishment of this local church; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has been a vital organization in the Catholic life of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis since March 25, 1933, when the Council was formed by Archbishop John Gregory Murray; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women continues to encourage affiliates to work closely with their respective parishes in meeting spiritual and human needs by creating a spirit of unity through prayer, enrichment and service in fulfilling the Mission of Christ; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis wish to recognize the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's immeasurable contributions to the progress and welfare of families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world, and the organization's invaluable assistance as we seek to implement the insights of our Archdiocesan Synod, therefore be it

Resolved,

That October 11, 2026, is hereby designated as Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

+ Bernard A. Hebda

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Saint Paul & Minneapolis
Archdiocesan Council of
CATHOLIC WOMEN

PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women was established by a pastoral letter and with the leadership of Archbishop John Gregory Murray in 1933 to help carry out his apostolic work in the local church; and

Whereas,

The successors of Archbishop John Gregory Murray have continued to provide sponsorship and leadership support to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women; and

Whereas,

With open encouragement from Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, clergy continue to support the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and its gospel-valued programs of educating women in spiritual, leadership and service roles to their families, parishes, communities and poor of the world; and

Whereas,

To express deep appreciation for the spiritually enriching service provided by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and all supportive priests, deacons, nuns and brothers; therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the Board of Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hereby designates the month of October as the ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION MONTH; and

Resolved,

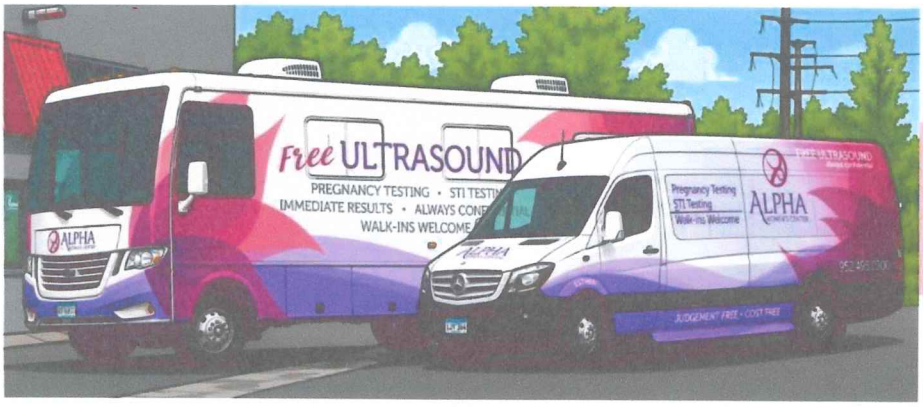
That the Board of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women encourages each affiliate organization to manifest its appreciation to clergy publicly.

Teresa A Pontious

Terri Pontious, President
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

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