Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

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October 18, 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





World Mission Sunday is observed worldwide each year when the entire Catholic Church unites in prayer, reflection, and sacrificial giving to support mission territories.

Purpose and Activities
Global Collection: A universal collection is taken in every parish and diocese to support mission churches, making it the only collection mandated by Canon Law 791.4.

Support for Mission Territories: Funds sustain pastoral programs, catechesis, church construction, healthcare, education, and support for seminarians, religious sisters, catechists, and orphanages.

Prayer and Solidarity: Catholics join in prayer for missionaries and communities where the Church is young, poor, or persecuted.

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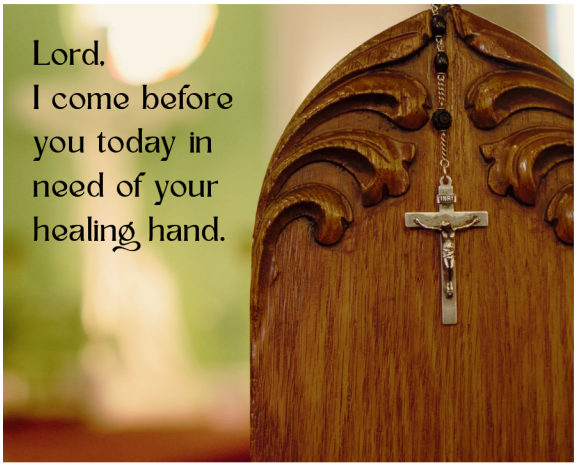
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A Message from Father Kaluza . . .



Give to God!

During this time of elections, our minds are often contemplating the role of government and how do I make a difference in civic society. As Christians, we want to make sure that our influence is to keep God front and center in our lives. We take our religious liberty very seriously and our duty to evangelize with our words and deeds. That is why issues matter and our bishops teach us to participate in public life to build up society with freedom and justice for all, born and unborn. The preeminent issue is to preserve and safeguard life, especially the most vulnerable and not allow innocent life to be taken by the heinous act of abortion.

The Gospel presents us with an interesting dilemma. In avoiding the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus provides some sane advice for an often-insane world. We have to be wise and prudent to avoid moving away from our faith and always keep our focus on giving to God who has given us everything.

In our increasingly secular society, it often seems as though people live for nothing but themselves. That is how we as a people and culture are molded: do this for yourself. You deserve it! You are self-made and can do anything that you desire. While the Church affirms that the individual is granted freedom, the Church teaches authentic freedom is a gift from God and calls us to return the gift in freedom and authenticity. Therefore, our response is mightily important. Either we can respond in slavery to sin or in true freedom.

The free response is to recognize that all of creation is pure gift. God has gifted creation and blessed it. God created humans in his own image and as we recognize that extraordinary gift, we must generously respond. We belong to God and therefore it is right to give back our very lives to the one who gave them to us. God asks only for our love.

God bless you!

Father Michael Kaluza

Prayer REQUESTS

Bud Steen
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Lori Neisen
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Ron (Franny) Gerres
Mary Pat Tuma
Cody Gieseke
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 11	$6,763	-$1,581

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 10	4:15 pm	227
Sunday, October 11	8:00 am	196
	10:00 am	166

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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:
"In the footsteps of Christ, be messengers and builders of hope."
The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.



Celebration of Baptism
Thomas Patrick Fahey
son of
Patrick & Emily Fahey
October 11, 2026



Our Lady of the Prairie welcomes our new parishioners
Marvin & Linda Determan
Myron & Mary Krentz
Please make them feel at home in their new parish community.

Coming to OLP
November 6 & 7

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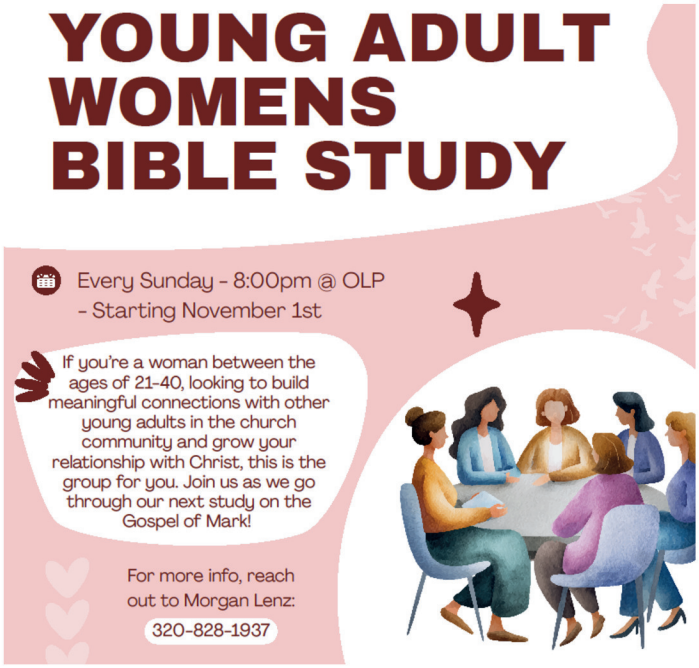


A special reminder of the up coming **Box of Joy** Project here at Our Lady of the Prairie.

Celebrating Christmas love and joy with children, whom without your generosity would not be celebrating Christmas.

Please stop at the Box of Joy table to pick up information and get any questrions you may have answered. Looking forward to visiting with you!







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.



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/

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 19	
7-9:00 pm	Catechetical Institute
Tuesday, October 20	
2-8:40 pm	Parish Directory Photo Sessions
6:30 pm	Mass
Wednesday, October 21	
8:30 am	Mass
2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
2-8:40 pm	Parish Directory Photo Sessions
6:20 pm	Religious Ed Class (K-8)
Thursday, October 22	
8:30 am	Mass at OLP - St. Patrick's Church (30-50) members visiting/attending Mass
2:00 pm	Mass at Lutheran Home
7-8:00 pm	"Cooking w/WINE" Webinar in Roedel Hall
Friday, October 23	
8:30 am	Mass OLP Raking Service Project
Saturday, October 24	
4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday, October 25	
8:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Choir Practice
10:00 am	Mass Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - hosted by Knights of Columbus

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	19	Oct	No Mass		
TUE	20	Oct	6:30 pm	†	d. Richard Burmeister (AOD)
WED	21	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. James "Stubbie" Brown
THU	22	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. Sharon Wodtke Family
FRI	23	Oct	8:30 am	†	d. Susan Flaschenriem
SAT	24	Oct	4:15 pm	†	d. Bob Kirsch (AOD)
SUN	25	Oct	8:00 am	†	d. Deborah Patronik
			10:00 am	†	For the Parish

Saturday, October 24, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Sarah Williams, Joe Shimota
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Brad Schultz, Matt Schultz, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, October 25, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Dr. Tim & Sue Halloran
Lector	James Fogarty
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Teresa Fogarty, David Fogarty, Jeffrey Teal, David Koehn
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
Sunday, October 25, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Al & Dorothy Bartolomei
Lector	Sandy Schroers
EMHC	Mary Randklev, Nora Wermerskirchen, Jim & Paula Covington
Ushers	Ben Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kenzie, Mason, & Luke Berger, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)
EMHC	Carman Meyer (Kingsway) Edsel Faunillan (Lutheran Home)

READINGS

Readings for the week of October 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

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