



# Our Lady OF THE Prairie

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 9, 2022

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 3:00pm

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:15pm

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 6:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30am

#### Holy Days & Holidays

Consult bulletin.

#### Eucharist Adoration

Wednesday | 9:00am - 10:00pm

### 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 speak to Deacon Mike Daly after Mass during the second trimester of pregnancy to begin the formal preparation process. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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## A MESSAGE FROM DEACON MIKE



### Give Thanks to God...

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie,

In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul says, "Give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 5:20).

Do we understand who is supposed to be thanking whom? Do we think we are lords who should be thanked, rather than servants and Samaritans and foreigners who should give thanks? When we give God thanks, we acknowledge Him as not only our source of blessings but primarily as our Lord. When we give thanks, we acknowledge gratefully that we are lowly handmaids and servants of the Lord. Giving thanks is not merely being polite, but having faith in the Lord, loving Him with all our hearts, and serving Him in privileged submission.

If you prayed all day, would you think you've done God a favor? When you go to Church, do you think you deserve a pat on the back? If you gave a lot of money to the Lord's work, are you being generous or merely just? Not everyone may readily thank God, even for His blessings, on a daily basis. The world can influence people to think that everything good in their life is a result of their own accomplishments. Gratitude teaches us humility. Perhaps gratitude, like faith, is itself a gift. If we ask God for this gift, He will certainly give it to us.

Reflect upon this simple question: Do I see all God has done for me? Do I see His abundance of mercy alive in my life? If you can humbly admit you struggle with total gratitude, you will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering the deeper gratitude, you ought to have. Being grateful means, you see the truth clearly. Be open to that truth and God will change your life as He fills you with great joy!

In Christ,  
Deacon Mike

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE...

Ann Woelfel  
Cindy Coughlen  
Angela Hennen  
Bud Steen  
Loree Heinkel

Bob Belousek  
Carol Klein  
Rory Cruser  
Mike Fogarty  
Larry Buesgens

Lily Jane  
Lisa Pobuda  
Joe Lajeunesse

If you know of someone who would like to have their name added to the Prayer List, please notify the bulletin editor. A name will be listed for four weeks. Please get the permission of the person you wish to add before calling or emailing.



**SOUTHWEST DEANERY MISSION EVENT**

**OCTOBER 20, 2022**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - LONSDALE**

**SPEAKER: JERRY HUGHES**



**Nagpur, India**

**Jerry Hughes  
Founder & Director**

**Doors Open at 5:30 PM**

**Light meal**

**Speaker at 7:00 PM**

**Bring new socks for admission.**

**These socks will be donated to Caring and Sharing Hands.**

**Tickets will be available to purchase for**

**chances on your choice of prizes donated by each CCW.**

*Spaghetti*  
**DINNER @ OLP**

**ALL YOU  
CAN EAT!**



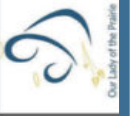
**Free Will  
Donation**

**All proceeds fund  
student field  
trips and events**

**Saturday, Oct 15th 5 pm-8 pm**

**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church  
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## OLP Rake-a-thon


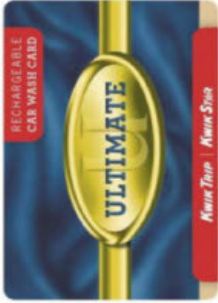

We are looking for parishioner's yards to rake on October 27, 2021 that are within walking distance from the OLP campus grounds.

If you or someone you know is in need of help raking leaves please call the parish office at 952-873-6564 with the address and name of the person we will be helping.

We will begin our Rake-a-thon after lunch.

Please note all locations need to be within walking distance from the OLP campus grounds.



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To place your order, complete this form and return it to the OLP office with your check (payable to Our Lady of the Prairie), by Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Allow approximately one week for cards to arrive, cards will be available for pickup in the parish office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Cards \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*wash amenities vary slightly by location.

### Prayer to Mary, Mother of Life Within

O Mary, Mother of the Life Within, all life we entrust to you; the life of every expectant mother and the child within her womb.

The life of every human body, the life of every human soul.

The life of every newborn child and the life of all grown old.

You held the Lord to your own heart and drew Him so close in.



So, draw us now in all our needs O Mother of the Life Within.

Amen

(October is the month of the Rosary and Respect Life month)

## Cemetery Price Increase Effective July 1, 2023

All cemetery lots purchased after June 30, 2023, will have an additional charge of \$200.00 (per lot) for perpetual care.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK OCTOBER 10—16, 2022

### MONDAY 10/10

7:00pm-9:00pm | Catechetical Institute using whole campus  
OLP 5 & 6 grades at Wolf Ridge ELC

### TUESDAY 10/11

6:30pm | Mass  
7:00pm | CCW meeting in Roedel Hall  
OLP 5& 6 grades at Wolf Ridge ELC

### WEDNESDAY 10/12

8:30am | Mass  
Coffee & donuts after 8:30am Mass  
11:00am | Ecumenical Lunch in Roedel Hall  
OLP school Marathon pledge turn in #4  
OLP 5 & 6 grades at Wolf Ridge ELC

### THURSDAY 10/13

8:30am | Mass

### FRIDAY 10/14

8:30am | Mass  
4:00pm | Setup & Prep for the Spaghetti Dinner  
OLP School Picture Day

### SATURDAY 10/15

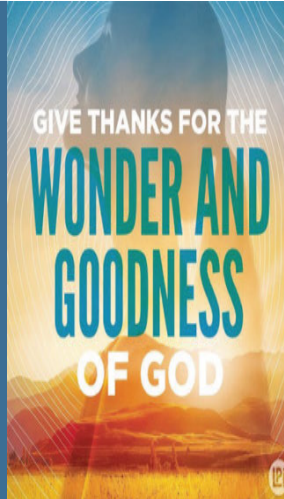
4:15pm | Mass (Deacon preaching weekend)  
5:00pm-8:00pm | Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Catholic United Financial and OLP's PTA

### SUNDAY 10/16

8:00am | Mass (Deacon preaching weekend)  
9-10:00am | Choir Practice in church  
10:00am | Mass (Deacon preaching weekend)

### Bulletin Announcements:

If your group would like to post anything in the bulletin, please send an email to Nora at [nwermerskirchen@olp.church](mailto:nwermerskirchen@olp.church) by noon on Monday for the following Sunday's publication.



### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear God,

With joy and trust in my heart,  
I will make a return to the Lord,  
with thanksgiving for all  
He has done for me.  
For the blessings, the challenges,  
and everything in between,  
I will offer worship only to you,  
the one true God!

Amen



## ADORATION

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS!

Consider being a regular Eucharistic Adorer. We are blessed to have a chapel and need adorers to keep it going.

"Adoration has enhanced every aspect of my hectic life. I am now a much calmer and joyful person. My relationship with Jesus has grown weekly and in ways unimaginable. It is amazing that the more I pray, the more I need Him. The more I need Him, the more happy, humble, obedient and contented I become. He is much more alive in every part of my life each day." ~ An Adorer

To be added to the schedule of Adorers contact our Adoration Coordinator Maureen Daly via email [maureend@olp.church](mailto:maureend@olp.church) or phone (952) 687-1501.

Welcome  
New Parishioners

Our Lady of the Prairie would like welcome our new parishioners. Please make them feel at home in our parish community.

Camille Halloran and Family

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2022

MINISTRY	4:15PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
<b>Lectors</b>	Sarah W	John W	Sheila S
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> <small>*If Deacon Mike is not present.</small>	Keith H Sarah W Sue S <small>*Volunteer</small>	Sharon B Sheila H Sharon S <small>*Volunteer</small>	Joe V Jean M Lois H <small>*Volunteer</small>
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim F Joe H Volunteer Volunteer	Allen S Ray S Mark H Calvin H	Hubert J Jeff K Johan M Peter F
<b>Servers</b>	Ian S Addy S Andrew S	Peter H Luke H Henry H	Jaxson P Kaiden P John S IV



### MASS INTENTIONS

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| <p><b>TUESDAY, 10/11</b><br/>6:30pm d. Jim Solheid</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, 10/12</b><br/>8:30am d. CCW Volunteers</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, 10/13</b><br/>8:30am d. Tom Anderson</p> | <p><b>FRIDAY, 10/14</b><br/>8:30am d. Christine Zehnder</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, 10/15</b><br/>4:15pm d. Teresa Fritz</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, 10/16</b><br/>8:00am d. Paul Tupek<br/>10:00am For the Parish</p> |
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### STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

#### For the Week of October 2, 2022

Weekly Collection Goal for Month .....	\$8,046.00
10/2/2022 Collection (Week 14).....	\$4,575.82
<b>CURRENT WEEK DEFICIT</b> .....	<b>-\$3,470.18</b>
Church Painting Collection .....	\$1,897.00
Attendance at 4:15pm Mass .....	230
Attendance at 8:00am Mass .....	157
Attendance at 10:00am Mass .....	120
Live stream views of Mass .....	30
Total Number of Registered Active Families.....	482
Total Number of Registered Active Members.....	1,343

\*Collection week includes envelopes and loose total for that weekend collection.

#### 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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10—16, 2022

- Monday 10/10 | Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday 10/11 | Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday 10/12 | Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday 10/13 | Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday 10/14 | Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday 10/15 | Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday 10/16 | Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/  
Lk 18:1-8

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS!**  
We're happy to have you with us today!

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