



# Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School



## Something GREAT is happening.....

*“Your servant has revered the Lord from his youth.”  
-1 Kings 18:12*

St John Bosco, as an educator himself, is one of the patrons of Catholic Schools and Students. He devoted a great deal of attention to the question of how the young could be formed for a good, holy Christian life. He chose **love** rather than severity as his tool for teaching children to treasure God's will and promise.

At Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School, your child is **shown the love of God** through their everyday interactions with the teachers, staff, volunteers and their fellow students.

***From a real Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School Family – The Fischers:***

"At the top of our list of goals as parents is to form our children's characters to be lifelong disciples of Christ and committed members of the Catholic Church. We only have them under our roof for 18 years, so we want to focus all of our time and resources on those important years. By sending our children to Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School, we are showing them that nothing is more important than focusing all of your energy, in every part of your day, on God. It is not easy to afford Catholic education for our kids, especially looking to future years, and we have had to make many sacrifices in order to do so. But, we have decided that no personal sacrifice is more worthwhile than ensuring that our kids are surrounded by their faith in all they do, every day.

By modeling our commitment to faith for our children and choosing the sacrifices and blessings of Catholic Education, we are giving them the best example of how to live their lives now and in the future. It is so encouraging to see the students at OLP modeling their faith during the school day. Some of my favorite moments with the OLP students are during music practice, where the students have buddy system and an older student is paired with a younger student. I love seeing the older kids helping the Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> Graders find their spot in the music book, holding the book for them, reminding them gently to pay attention, and often kneeling on the hard floor next to the younger students during the entire class so they are at the same height. Where else but at OLP School do you find the older kids take care of the younger ones as if they were their own siblings? This doesn't only happen at music, I see it at mass, at lunch, on the playground, on the weekends, at the pool in the summer... every day; it is truly a family! We are so comforted to think of when our own children grow up and head off to High School, we know that they will have their OLP "big brothers and sisters" watching out for them when they get there! Not only are my school children loved and cared for by their schoolmates, but my 3 and 1 year old are as well. We are so lucky to be a part of a welcoming and dedicated family. We hope that more families will choose to join our school family and share the blessing with us!"

## ... at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic

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Catholic School Can Do For Your Child and Your Family.  
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