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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

1st Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Consult bulletin for special Holy Day
and holiday schedules.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Conversion & Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Monday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays & Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

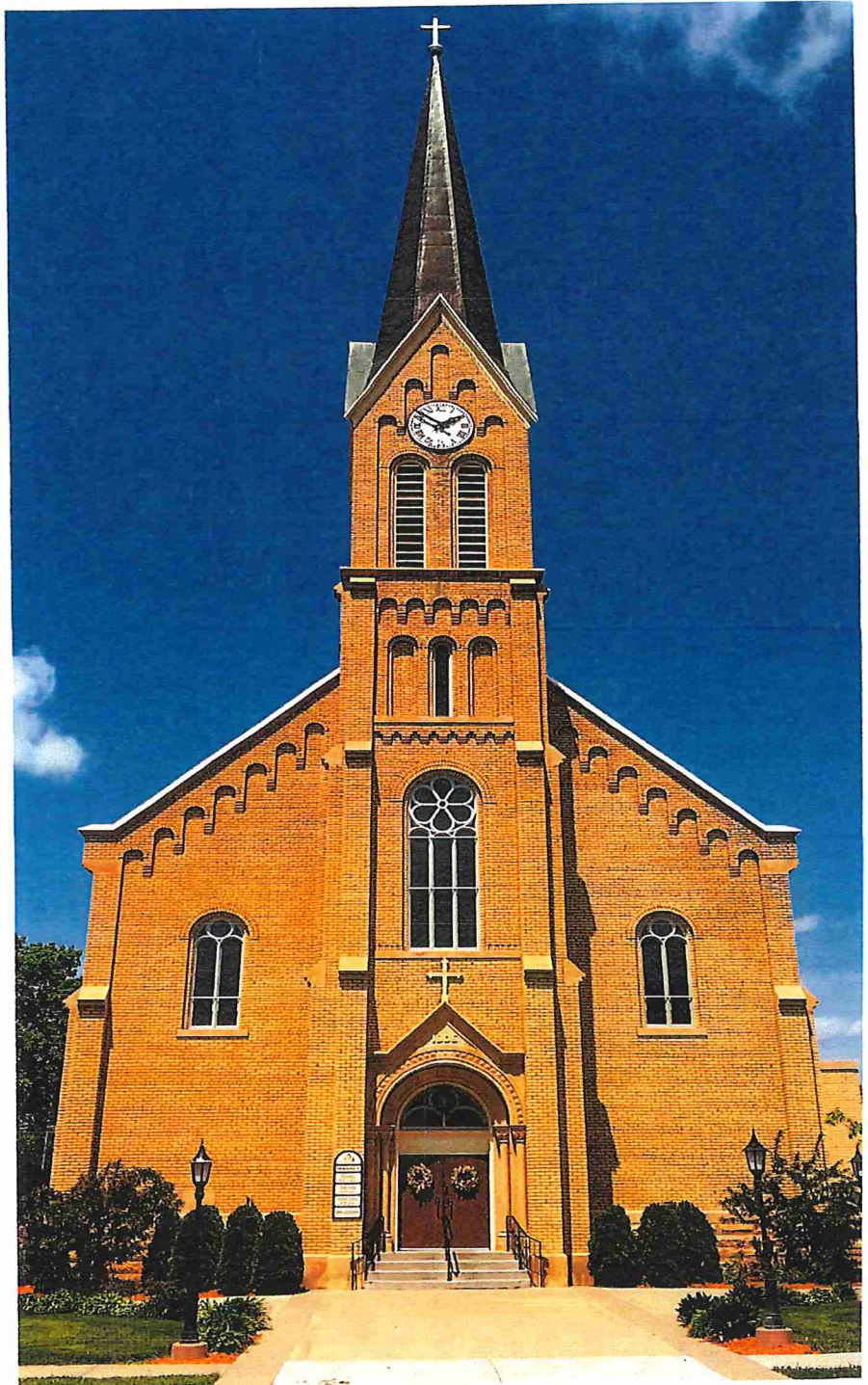
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:

*Make arrangements with Parish Office
six months prior to tentative date.*

BAPTISMS:

*Request by speaking to Fr. Brian Lynch
after Mass on Saturday or Sunday.*



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR**Healing the Wounds of Abortion**

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

Monday marks the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court's sinful decision to legalize abortion. I am regularly reminded of this tragedy when I see billboards for hospitals encouraging pregnant women to receive prenatal care for their unborn babies. These advertisements generally include the image of a visibly pregnant woman holding her stomach in a gesture of nurturing. This mother is often accompanied by a 2-3 year old child who seems to be joyfully anticipating the birth of a brother or sister. That one and the same society can have this approach towards encouraging care for an unborn child and legalized abortion at the same time is clear evidence that our culture is deeply wounded and in need of profound healing; healing that only Jesus can provide, one person at a time.

The good news is that Jesus offers this type of healing to the millions of victims of abortion: mothers and fathers who in moments of weakness allowed medical professionals to kill their unborn children. Jesus offers this healing through a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. A Rachel's Vineyard retreat is a prayerful weekend experience that addresses the emotional and spiritual wounds caused by abortion in both women and men. It is a chance for a wounded person to get away from daily responsibilities so that he or she can attend to the healing that he or she needs in order to have peace and joy. During the Rachel's Vineyard retreat, participants have opportunities to grieve, work on anger, forgive self, and reconcile with God and aborted children.

If you or someone you love has lost a child to abortion I urge you to go on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. The hurt that accompanies abortion is so very deep and primal that all victims can benefit from receiving help. Until one heals from such a significant loss it will be impossible to experience the fullness of life that Jesus has in store for you. For more information see me, visit www.rvineyardmn.org, or call 763-250-9313.

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

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Loree Heinkel - Religious Education Assistant

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PLEASE JOIN US!

The Catholic Church is the Church founded by Jesus Christ; it is the same Church mentioned in the New Testament of the Christian Bible. The term "Catholic" means "according to the whole;" it was used early in the Church's history to distinguish her from a number of other gatherings whose teachings and practices were not true to the authoritative teachings of Christ's apostles. All human persons are invited and encouraged to accept the salvation offered by Jesus through His one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church by living the sacramental life offered by the Catholic Church. It is the mission of Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church to offer this life to the people of Belle Plaine, Minnesota and its environs.

If you would like to become Catholic, please contact Fr. Brian Lynch in person or by email at Blynch@olp.church.

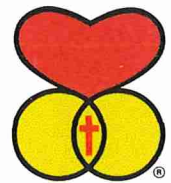
Valentine's Day Ideas
~~Chocolates~~
~~Roses~~
~~Jewelry~~
~~(Another) teddy bear~~
~~Massage~~
~~Dinner & a movie~~
 How about a weekend away - together?!

It's time for a Valentine's Day gift you'll remember a year from now.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Feb 9-11, May 4-6, or July 13-15

Buffalo, MN



To apply or for more info, call (408) 782-1413 or visit **WWME.org**

Area Separated/Divorced Support Group

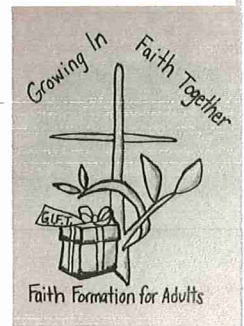
St. Wenceslaus Parish in New Prague offers a support group for separated/divorced people. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church Rectory. Experience good support as you move through this time in your life. All faiths are welcome. For more information please call Deacon Bob Wagner, 952-758-0463 or Mary Pieper, 952-873-6781.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 & 20 - "Instilling Consistent Principles For Your Children/Grandchildren"

Tuesday, March 6 & 20 - "Being Attentive To The Signs Of God's Presence"

G.I.F.T.

Growing In Faith Together
 Adult Faith Formation -
 Monday Nights - 6:30pm
 How Well Do You Know Jesus?
 February 5 - March 19



MCCL - MARCH FOR LIFE

Monday, January 22, 2018 - 12:00 noon

The 2018 MCCL March for Life will take place on Monday, Jan. 22, beginning at 12:00 noon on the Capitol Mall south of the Capitol building. It will be followed by a brief program on the Capitol steps at 12:30. MCCL will introduce its legislative agenda for the upcoming session during the program. Many pro-life elected officials are expected to attend the March and will be introduced to the crowd.

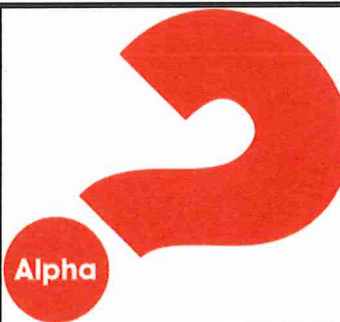
Sunday, January 21st - Catholic United Financial

will be holding a council meeting following the 8:00am Mass in the gathering space. Please join us if you'd like to learn more about our council!

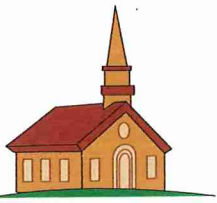


The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal for the 18 Collective Ministries of our Archdiocese has officially begun! The Collective Ministries are the shared ministries of this Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. You can visit our website at www.csafspm.org for more information regarding the 18 Collective Ministries.



Alpha Sessions will continue meeting each Thursdays through March 22nd at 6:30pm for food, video talk and discussion. Please join us!



PREP

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Monday, January 22, 2018



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Faith Formation for Children & Youth

FAMILY PROGRAM

Who is Jesus?

Have the children draw a picture of Jesus performing a miracle - include it in storybook (Lesson 6 Activity 3).

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 548):

“The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father’s works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God.”

7-9 PREP

ALL ARE INVITED!

Jan 24 for all grades: Prayer Service for LIFE
Parents, please join us.

The prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion’s aftermath.

The Cathedral has a Prayer Service for Life, January 22.



Adult Faith Formation - G.I.F.T.



How well do you know Jesus?

Upcoming study starting Feb 5!
Feb 5-Mar 19; Mondays at 6:30 pm
Reserve your spot, register today!
\$25 for materials

Our Lady’s Cafe

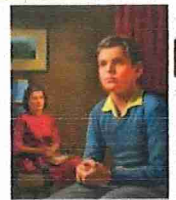
Due to the lack of participation, we will no longer have Wednesday night meals. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Thanks to all who helped!



2nd Grade Sacrament Year

5 Steps to Prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

- 1) Think about the sins against the Ten Commandments
- 2) To be really Sorry
- 3) To decide not to sin again., be more like Jesus. (conversion, a change of heart)
- 4) Tell the sins to a priest and receive forgiveness.
- 5) Doing the PENANCE.



2nd Grade: Please turn in “Get to Know You” sheet
Workshop on Feb 3 starts with 8:30 am Mass

Confirmation

6:00 pm Mass and Meeting on Jan 28

Read from the Compendium: Question and Answer
271-294 on Eucharist

Please turn in Sponsor Forms

Important dates for your calendar

- Jan 24** Prayer Service for LIFE at OLP 6:00 pm
- Jan 25** ALPHA 6:30 pm
- Jan 28** Family Day after the 10 am Mass
- Feb 1** ALPHA 6:30 pm
- Feb 2** Stations 6:30 pm/Adoration (church) 7-9 pm
- Feb 3** 1st Reconciliation Workshop, 8:30 am Mass
- Feb 4** No Confirmation Class
- Feb 5** Adult Faith Formation Study, 6:30 pm
- Feb 7** Parent Workshop Family Program 6:15 pm



Our Lady of the Prairie
Catholic School

Invites you to our DJ and Dance Celebration!
Sunday, January 28, 2018
11am – 1pm
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“Healing our Relationships:

Forgiving

Life's Hurts”

By Father Matthew Linn, S.J.

A Parish Lenten Workshop
to be held At Our Lady of the Prairie on
Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4 pm

Only if we have healed the hurts of past relationships, can we relate well to God, authority figures, our spouse, our children, and even ourselves. This workshop will focus on how to heal our relationship with God and those who have hurt us. The day will end with a process to identify one's gifts to give and receive love and life more deeply.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

Council 1503 contest

Sunday January 28

Belle Plaine High School south gym

Registration at 12:30 pm shooting @ 1:00 pm

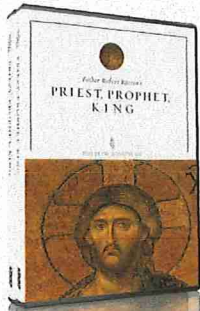
All boys & girls ages 9-14 welcome!

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

Jesus is the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures.

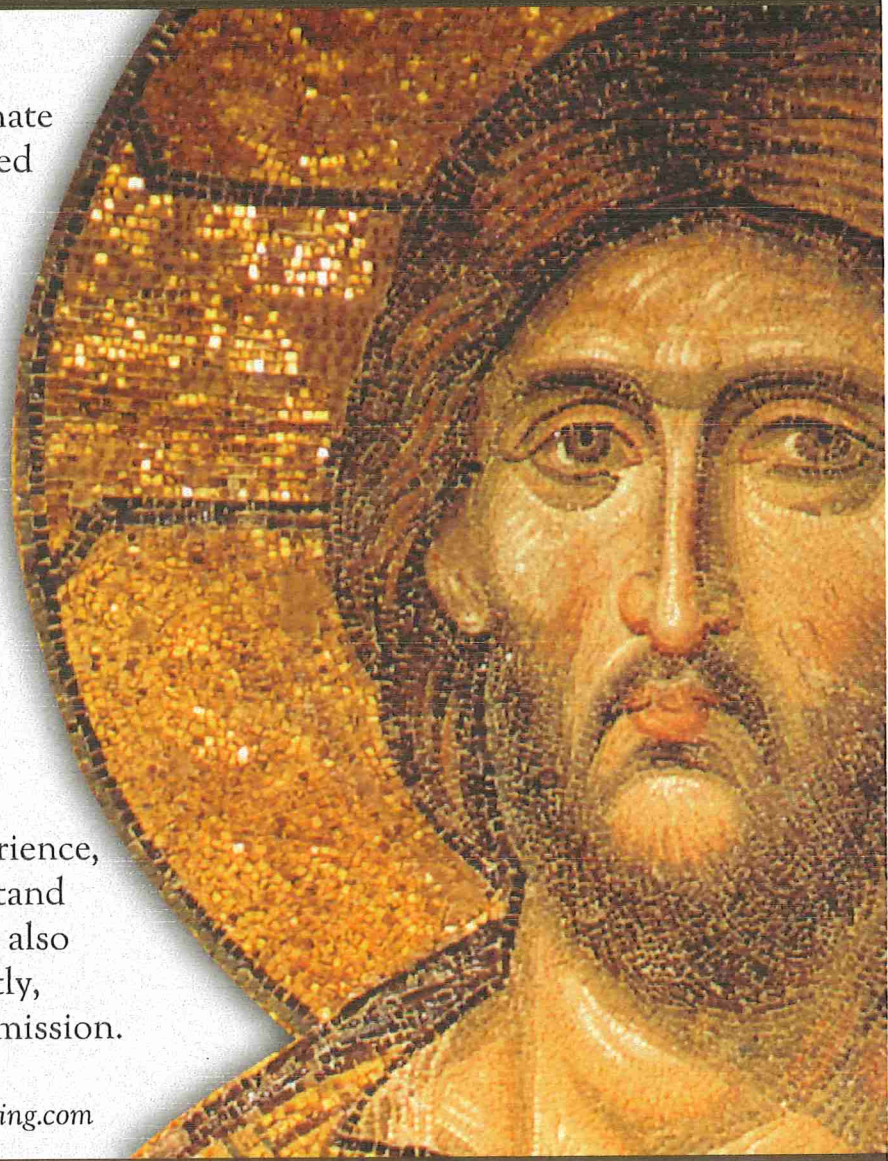
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DATES, TIMES & LOCATION:

February 5 - March 19, 2018
Mondays

6:30 pm (at least one hour)

Gathering Space at Our Lady
of the Prairie Catholic Church

COST / REGISTRATION:

\$25.00 for Materials

Reserve your spot!

Turn in registration form to the
PREP Office by JANUARY 29!

CONTACT:

G.I.F.T. Program
The PREP Office

Patrick Schroers
Loree Heinkel

952-873-6564

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for January 2018	\$6,220.00
1/14/18 Collection Week 29	\$4,630.06
Total Contributions July 2017 – to date	\$242,016.82
Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date	\$240,675.00
Budget Surplus	\$1,341.82
Number of registered Families	542

Did you know your contributions can be automatically deducted from your checking, saving or credit card account? For more information call the parish office 952-873-6564 or check out our website ourladyoftheprairie.com

Please remember Our Lady of the Prairie in your will & other estate planning.

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 22, 2018

- No School - Teacher Workshop

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- Church Night Meetings 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

- OLP Prayer Service for Life, 6:30pm

Sunday, January 28, 2018

- PREP K-6 Family Day
- OLP School Mass– Catholic Schools Week
- DJ and Dance Celebration 11:00am - 1:00pm

*See flyer for more information

Monday, January 29 - Friday February 2, 2018

- Catholic Schools Week

Friday, February 2, 2018

- 3:00pm-9:00pm Confessions, 3pm Chaplet, 6:30 Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, February 3, 2018

- First Saturday, 8:30am Mass
- PREP Grade 2 - 1st Reconciliation Workshop 8:30am - Noon.

Mondays, February 5 - March 19, 2018

- G.I.F.T. How Well Do You Know Jesus? 6:30pm in the gathering space

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

- Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:30am and 6:00pm

Welcome Visitors and Guests

If you have just moved into our community, we encourage you to register as members of our parish. To do so, please call the office during normal business hours 952-873-6564 or visit our website at www.ourladyoftheprairie.com and go to *Register on the home page.

Ministry Schedule

January 27-28

	4:15 p.m.	8:00 am.	10:00 am.
SERVERS:	M. Schultz Please Vol.	Aiden T. Please Vol.	A. Vandermark Z. Vandermark

USHERS:	D. Schumacher N. Schumacher	R. Soller J. Soller J. Edberg D. Groen	Troy W. J. Covington T. Feddersen J. Gerres
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LECTORS:	J. Hartmann	J. Gloegge	OLP School
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Deacon Bob	Deacon Bob	Deacon Bob
R. Koepf	L. Doheny	M. Daly
K. Heitkamp	S. Cole	M. Turmes
J. Hartmann		P. Covington
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*Only 2 are needed during flu season with the omission of the Precious Blood.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

T. Buesgens	952-356-5165
Connie Witt, Mary Moriarty, & Sue Schultz	

Greeter Ministry

January 21st

8 AM - Jim & Sandy Juerissen

10 AM - Pat & Sandy Schroers

Mass Intentions

Mon.	(22)	11:00 am - d. Rosella Riesgraf
Tue.	(23)	8:30 am - d. Pat Eischens
Wed.	(24)	8:30 am - d. Tim Zurn
Fri.	(25)	8:30 am - d. Joanne Devine
Sat.	(26)	4:15 pm - liv. & d. Mem of the Eugene O'Brien Family
Sun.	(27)	8:00 am - d. Patrick Savage 10:00 am - For the Parish 6:00 pm - liv. William LaJaneusse

Readings For The Week Of January 22, 2017

MONDAY	2 Sam. 5:1-7;/Mark 3:22-30
TUESDAY	2 Sam. 6:12b-15;/Mark 3:31-35
WEDNESDAY	2 Sam. 7:4-17;/Mark 4:1-20
THURSDAY	Acts. 22:3-16;/Mark 16:15-18
FRIDAY	2 Tim. 1:1-8;/Mark 4:26-34
SATURDAY	2 Sam. 12:1-7a;/Mark 4:35-41
SUNDAY	Deut. 18:15-20;/1 Cor. 7:32-35;/ Mark 1:21-28

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