



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

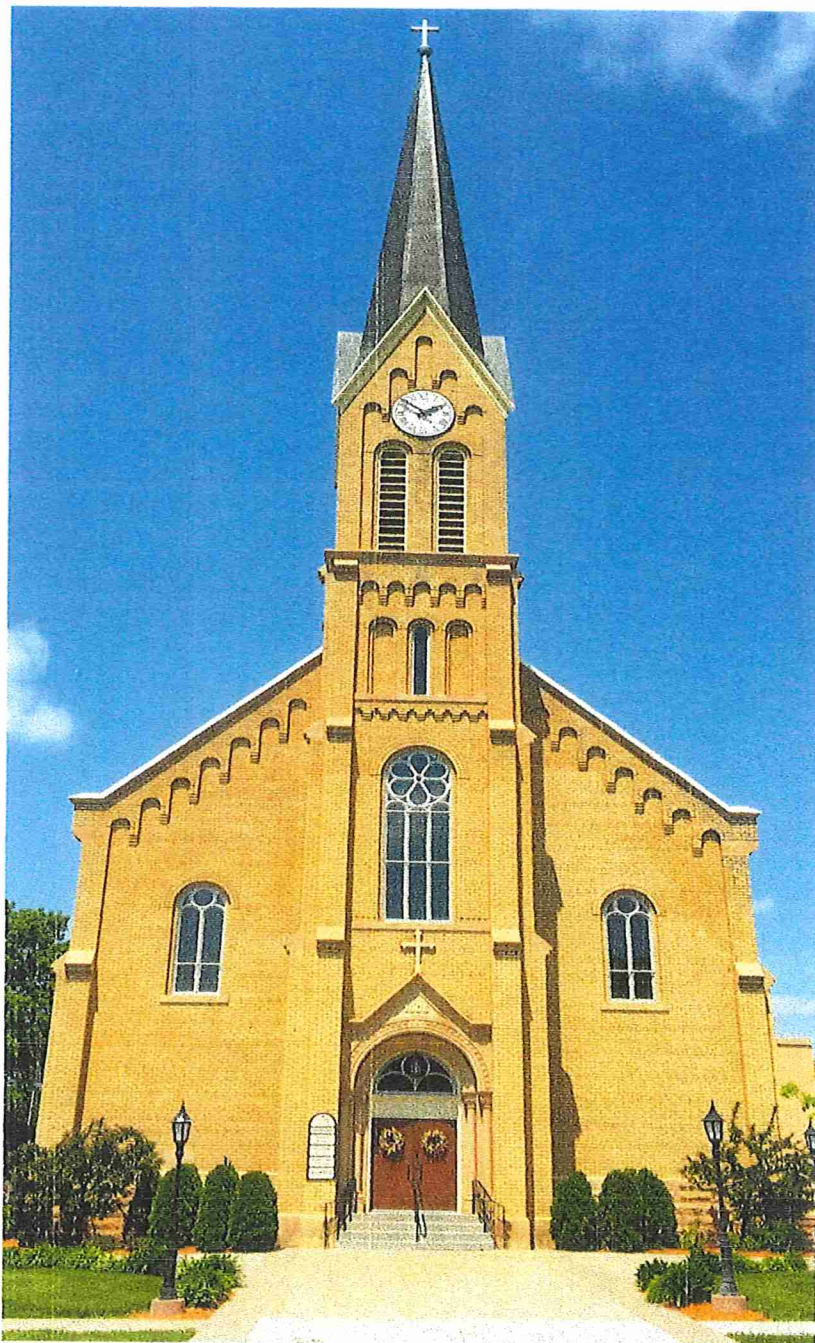
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:

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

BAPTISMS:

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 Fr. Brian Lynch 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.



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR**Thank you Carl Gansen;
Welcome Charlotte Mulroy**

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

As you may know Carl Gansen has been one of our two lay trustees for the past eight years. Lay trustees are members of a parish's Board of Directors, which consists of five individuals: the Archbishop, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, the Pastor, and two lay members of the parish. It is by way of civil law that this Board of Directors has the authority and responsibility to conduct all parish business.

During the three years that I have served here, Carl has been a valuable member of our Board. He has gone beyond the call of duty by regularly and consistently attending meetings of both our Finance Council and our Pastoral Council and willingly stopping by our office to sign the checks needed to conduct our day-to-day business. Carl has been a valuable source of "institutional memory," helping me and others to make decisions that are informed by our parish's past. Thank you, Carl, for all that you have done for Our Lady of the Prairie in your capacity as a trustee. May Jesus reward you for your service.

On Sunday, February 4, our Board met to elect Charlotte Mulroy to succeed Carl as a trustee. As you may know, Charlotte is quite qualified for the role, having served on our Finance Council in the recent past. I am grateful for Charlotte's willingness to serve. She will join Sue Schultz, who was elected to her second term as a trustee at the same meeting.

Please pray for the members of our Board of Directors. All of us need God's help in our work of being good stewards of God's blessings and the gifts that you have shared with us for the good of Our Lady of the Prairie Parish.

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

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.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor, Rev. Brian Lynch - blynch@olp.church
Robert Raleigh - Deacon - 952-873-6688

PARISH OFFICE, 952-873-6564

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:00pm
Kris Koehler - Business Administrator
Kelly Pumper - Administrative Assistant

OLP SCHOOL & LITTLE PRAIRIE PRESCHOOL, 952-873-6564

Wendi Alessio - Principal of Parish School, Preschool Director

FAITH FORMATION, 952-873-6564

Patrick Schroers - Youth/Religious Education Coord.
Loree Heinkel - Religious Education Assistant

LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**Trustees**

Charlotte Mulroy
Sue Schultz

Finance Council

Kevin Berger
Jerome Flaherty
Tammy Kottke
Lisa May
Dawn Skluzacek

Parish Council

Joan Bruggemeier
Maureen Daly
Jim Gerres
Julie Lenz
Randy Koepp

Rick Morgan
Joe Murphy
Mike Pingalore
Renee Schultz
Chuck Valek

Prep Board

Rebecca Rupp
Sarah Williamson

School Advisory Council

Michele Giles
Rose Kolden
Ashley Simons
Kristen Strauss
Joe Vandermark

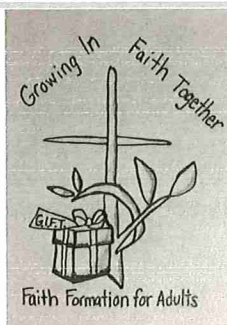
PLEASE JOIN US!

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.

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



Sweetheart Bake Sale!

OLP Catholic United Financial will be serving breakfast goodies and hosting a Sweetheart Bake Sale on Sunday February 11, 9-Noon.

"Like" and follow us on Facebook to keep up with our Parish Volunteer Team!
OLP Catholic United Financial.



Homelessness Families Moving Forward SW

There will be 6202 people in the twin city metropolitan area who will not have a place to sleep tonight—over 2000 of them will be children.

On Monday, February 12th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Families Moving Forward SW, a homeless shelter program, in which many of our local faith communities participate, will be holding a community discussion on homelessness at St. John's Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine, MN.

In addition our Church, once again, encourages its members to participate in the Families Moving Forward program when it hosts 4 homeless families at St. John's Lutheran Church **during the week of March 4th through the 11th**. This effort would be a wonderful way for each of us to live the Gospel of Matthew during the Lenten Season.

To sign up on line, cut and paste this link into your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/yck8sk6p>



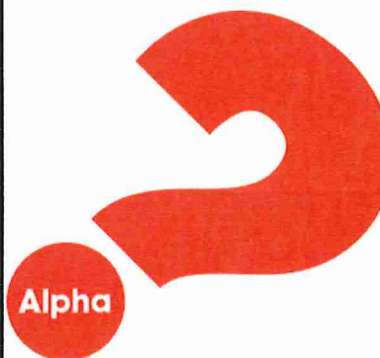
MASS OF ANOINTING

- Saturday, February 17th at 11:00 am.
- All are invited to attend the Mass and receive the special blessings of this Sacrament.
- A light luncheon provided by the Parish Liturgy Committee and will be held in the Parish Hall following Mass.



OLP Prayer Chain:

May we pray for your intentions? Please call Helen Bressler at (952) 873-6846. Thank you!



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



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church & School

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Monday, February 12, 2018



@ OLP_PREP

Director of Faith Formation: Patrick Schroers

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Assistant: Loree Heinkel

lheinkel@ourladyoftheprairie.com

Fax # 952-873-6717

PLEASE ATTEND

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

Faith Formation for Children & Youth

FAMILY PROGRAM

Ash Wednesday Mass

- Ash Wednesday Prayer Journal
- Lesson 8 Activity 4
(pg 131 Parent Guide & pg 109 Activity Bk)
- Could include this page in the Storybook!
- Your Catholic Home pg 120
about LENT

February 14 Ash Wednesday
Mass at 8:30 am or 6:00 pm



7-9 PREP

*February 14 Come with your family
To Mass, 8:30 am or 6 pm
No Class Meeting*

*February 21 Come with your family to
Reconciliation at 6 pm
No Class Meeting*

LENT

Find the new board in the Gathering Space!

1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 Given

PRAY FAST GIVE

2nd Grade Sacrament Year

- * **Practice with your children
how to receive Holy
Communion.**



First Reconciliation

Attend as a family on February 21 at 6:00 pm or
any convenient Confession time for you!

Make it a special time for your child!

Saturdays 3 - 4 pm

First Fridays 3 - 9 pm (Mar 2, Apr 6)

First Sat before/after 8:30 am Mass (Mar 3, Apr 7)

Confirmation

6:00 pm Mass and Meeting on Feb 18

Compendium Reading 321-356 Marriage

Reminder NET retreat Mar 28, 3:00 pm at OLP

Important dates for your calendar

Feb 12 Priest, Prophet, King, 6:30 pm

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday, Mass 8:30 am & 6 pm

Feb 16 Stations of the Cross, 9 am & 6:30 pm

Feb 21 Lenten Reconciliation, 6 pm

Feb 24 Parish Lenten Workshop, 9 am - 4 pm

“Healing our Relationships:

Forgiving

Life's Hurts”

By Father Matthew Linn, S.J.

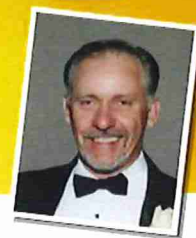
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Only if we have healed the hurts of past relationships, can we relate well to God, authority figures, our spouse, our children, and even ourselves. This workshop will focus on how to heal our relationship with God and those who have hurt us. The day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

The 11th Annual Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast

BENEFIT

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Sunday, March 18, 2018
8 a.m.—1 p.m.

New Prague KC Hall, 411 4th Avenue SW

Cost: Free Will Donation

Donations may be sent to the “**Steven Odenthal Benefit Account**”
Frandsen Bank and Trust, PO Box 110, Montgomery, MN 56069

Proceeds benefit 12-year-old **STEVEN ODENTHAL**



Steven was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma on December 22, 2017 after specialists found a tumor in his chest the size of a football. Steven is currently receiving aggressive chemo treatments scheduled for the next 6 months. He is a straight “A” student in 7th grade at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Montgomery. His passions are farming with his dad, caring for his two goats, and looking forward to restoring his antique tractor. Steven is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to basketball! Loved ones describe him as a go-getter, family organizer and kind young man. Steven is the son of Tracy and Ted Odenthal of Heidelberg, MN and has three siblings, Allison (21), Billy (19) and Megan (11). For updates on Steven visit <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stevenodenthal>.

Event hosted by the Roman Barten family in effort to continue his legacy of service to the community.

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Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for February 2018	\$7,010.00
2/4/18 Collection Week 32	\$6,321.91
Total Contributions July 2017 – to date	\$262,588.88
Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date	\$260,125.00
Budget Surplus	\$2,463.88
Number of registered Families	552

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

Sunday, February 11, 2018

- World Marriage Day Celebration 10:00am Mass.
- Confirmation 6:00pm, WWME - 7:00pm
- Sweetheart Bake Sale 9:00am - Noon

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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

Thursday, February 15, 2018

- Alpha 6:30pm

Friday, February 16, 2018

- Stations of the Cross 9:00am & 6:30pm

Saturday, February 17, 2018

- Anointing Mass 11:00am, brunch to follow.

Monday, February 19, 2018

- G.I.F.T. Night 7:00pm
- Office Closed
- No School

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

- Liturgy Committee Mtg. 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

- Lenten Communal Penance 6:00pm

Thursday, February 22, 2018

- Alpha 6:30pm
- CCW Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, February 23, 2018

- Stations of the Cross 9:00am & 6:30pm

Saturday, February 24, 2018

- Parish Lenten Forgiveness Workshop 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, February 25, 2018

- PREP K-6 Family Day
- Holy Hour in Church 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Monday, February 26, 2018

- G.I.F.T. Night 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

- Church Night Meetings 6:00pm

Ministry Schedule

February 17-18

	4:15 p.m.	8:00 am.	10:00 am.
SERVERS:	Heinkel Heinkel	J. Teal B. Teal	Max W. Hannah W. Caleb W.
USHERS:	J. Fogarty J. Hartmann	B. Smith R. Soller J. Soller J. Edberg	H. Jeurissen J. Klein J. Miller P. O'Brien
LECTORS:	L. Heinkel	M. Kottke	A. Bartolomei
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Deacon Bob L. Heinkel R. Klehr L. Hankins R. Heuton	Deacon Bob G. Gansen S. Vizecky D. Flynn B. Doheny	Deacon Bob M. Daly M. Turmes P. Covington K. Vandermark Nora W.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Pat Fogarty 952-873-5579
Diane Hanson, Pat Miller, & Sue Halloran

Greeter Ministry

February 11th

8 AM - Tim & Sue Halloran

10 AM - Craig & Julie Otto

Mass Intentions

Mon. (12)	11:00 am - d. Barb Quast
Tue. (13)	8:30 am - d. Kenneth O'Brien
Wed. (14)	8:30 am - d. Alice Savage 6:00 pm - d. Matt Tholkes
Fri. (16)	8:30 am - d. Joanne Devine
Sat. (17)	4:15 pm - d. Dan Murphy
Sun. (18)	8:00 am - d. Diane Henning 10:00 am - For the Parish 6:00 pm - d. Ken Athmann

Readings For The Week Of February 12, 2018

MONDAY	James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
TUESDAY	James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
WEDNESDAY	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2/ Matt. 6:1-6
THURSDAY	Deut. 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
FRIDAY	Isa. 58:1-9a; Matt. 9:14-15
SATURDAY	Isa. 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
SUNDAY	Gen. 9:8-15; 1 Pet. 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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A green John Deere tractor with a snowblower attachment is shown clearing a snowy driveway. The tractor is moving from left to right, with snow being blown into the air. In the background, there is a house with a snow-covered roof and trees. The entire scene is set against a white background.