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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

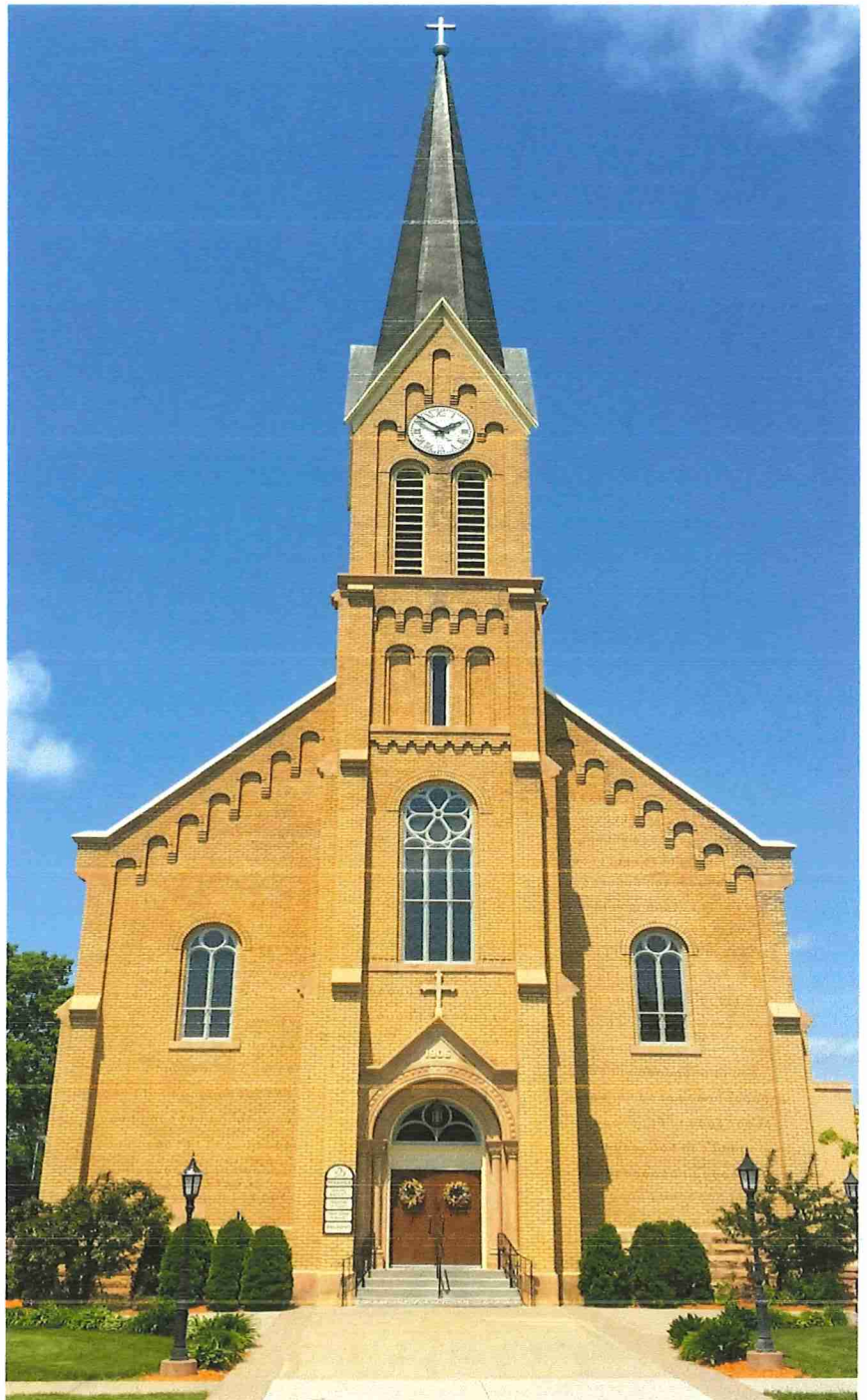
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:

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

BAPTISMS:

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**Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody**

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

I went on retreat recently. The retreat was offered by the John Paul II Healing Center, an organization that encourages, teaches, and engages in prayer for healing of emotional, physical, and spiritual maladies. While these dedicated prayer warriors desire that God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will use their ministry to heal the suffering in miraculous ways, they are quite clear that forgiveness is a necessary step toward such radical healing, and that if this step is not taken, then healing will be hindered.

I even more recently read Allen R. Hunt's little book, *Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody*. *By way of 12 short real life stories about forgiveness, Hunt persuades the reader that he or she has someone to forgive and that with God's help, it can be done. Reading Hunt's book convinced me that although I have forgiven in the past, forgiveness is a process, even a lifestyle; a process and lifestyle that I need to continue to practice if I am to become the Christian I desire to be. It is a process and lifestyle we all need to practice if we are to become the parish Jesus is calling us to be.*

To that end, I urge you to attend our upcoming Lenten workshop: "Forgiving Our Relationships: Healing Life's Hurts" on Saturday, February 24th. During the workshop, Fr. Matthew Linn, an author and expert on forgiveness, will help us to identify and remove the obstacles that prevent us from receiving and experiencing many of the blessings that Jesus is offering us. He will be with us from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a break for lunch. There is no registration and no fee for the workshop; come for as much of the workshop as you are able. You are welcome to bring your own lunch (refrigerators can be used) or I can arrange to provide you with a simple sandwich and drink from a local establishment for \$5.

As a bonus, I will be giving away copies of Hunt's book, *Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody*. *I very much hope to see you on Saturday the 24th.*

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

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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.

OLP School News

2018-19 Registration Information
NOW Available!

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. Scholarships are available. Please call or stop in the office for more information.

Preschool - 6th Grade Information Night -
Thursday, March 15th 5:30-7pm

SAVE THE DATE: Gala - Saturday,
April 7, 2018



OPEN HOUSE

Pre-K through 6th Grade

INFORMATION NIGHT!

Thursday, March 15, 2018—5:30-7:00 PM



- *Academic Excellence*
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- *Small Class Sizes*



We invite all families of PreK - 6th graders to join us!

Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women
2018 Spiritual Day

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018
8:15am - 1:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church
165 N Waterville Ave.
Le Center, MN
Cost: \$8.00
Please Register by Feb. 27th



- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- Learn the Benefits of a Faith Based Education
 - Meet Teachers
 - Classroom Visits
 - Refreshments will be provided
 - Scholarship/Financial Aid Options

“Healing our Relationships: *Forgiving* Life’s Hurts”

By Father Matthew Linn, S.J.

**Our Lady of the Prairie
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, 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.

All are welcome—No registration required



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Monday, February 19, 2018



@ OLP_PREP

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FORGIVENESS

Looking for something to do for LENT?

Attend Feb 24 Lenten Workshop on forgiveness. This is a true blessing to have here at OLP. Fr. Linn travels all over the world for these workshops. Starts 9 am.....come for part or all day, no cost, can bring a lunch or buy a simple sandwich/drink for \$5.

This is a great opportunity not to be missed!

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Faith Formation for Children & Youth

FAMILY PROGRAM

Family Day is February 25 after the 10 am Mass. We will have the annual PCYI Lesson and a great *take-away about the Stations of the Cross.

As a family, try to make a Friday during Lent for Stations. Dates are Feb 16, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23.



2nd Grade Sacrament Year

Make your child's First Reconciliation a special family time. Choose any time to go and then do something as a family to celebrate God's Love and Mercy!

Confirmation

6:00 pm Mass and Meeting on Feb 25

Small groups on Lectio Divina

Reminder NET retreat Mar 28, 3:30 pm at OLP

7-9 PREP

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

Save the Date

MARCH 11 PREP BREAKFAST

APRIL 13 BINGO NIGHT

LENT

DO SOMETHING TO GET CLOSER TO GOD

Read 2 chapters a week from the Gospel of Mark
Find the new LENTEN BOARD!

Important dates for your calendar

- Feb 21** Lenten Reconciliation, 6 pm
- Feb 23** Stations of the Cross, 9 am & 6:30 pm
- Feb 24** Parish Lenten Workshop, 9 am - 4 pm
- Feb 25** Family Day, after 10 am Mass
- Mar 2** First Fri, Confession, Stations, Adoration

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for February 2018	\$7,010.00
2/11/18 Collection Week 33	\$4,971.00
Total Contributions July 2017 – to date	\$267,559.88
Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date	\$267,135.00
Budget Surplus	\$424.88
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

Monday, February 19, 2018

- G.I.F.T. Night 6:30pm
- 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

Friday, March 2, 2018

- KC Fish Dinner 4:00pm - 6:30pm
- Stations of the Cross 9:00am & 6:30pm
- 1st Saturday 8:30am Mass

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

February 24-25

	4:15 p.m.	8:00 am.	10:00 am.
SERVERS:	M. Schultz Please Vol.	Aiden T. Please Vol.	B. Covington S. Schroers

USHERS:	D. Schumacher N. Schumacher	D. Groen P. Guertin T. Halloran A. Hennen	P. Turmes Troy W. J. Covington T. Feddersen
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LECTORS:	J. Hartmann	B. Doheny	P. Schroers
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Carol Schultz 952-873-6704
Carman Meyer, Dan Gardner, & Ag Wawrzyniak

Greeter Ministry

February 25th

8 AM - Chuck & Monica Valek
10 AM - Eric & Jean Johnson

Mass Intentions

Mon.	(19)	11:00 am - OLP CCW Volunteers
Tue.	(20)	8:30 am - d. Agatha Tholkes
Wed.	(21)	8:30 am - d. Rosella Riesgraf
Fri.	(23)	8:30 am - liv. & d. Mem of the Harold Gray Family
Sat.	(24)	4:15 pm - d. Andrew Barten & Cheryl Mork
Sun.	(25)	8:00 am - d. Emmett & Helen McCue 10:00 am - For the Parish 6:00 pm - d. Alice Savage

Readings For The Week Of February 19, 2018

MONDAY	Lev. 189:1-2;/Matt. 25:31-46
TUESDAY	Isa. 55:10-11;/Matt. 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY	Jon. 3:1-10;/Luke 11:29-32
THURSDAY	1 Pet. 5:1-4;/Matt. 16:13-19
FRIDAY	Ezek. 18:21-28;/Matt. 5:20-26
SATURDAY	Deut. 26:16-19;/Matt. 5:43-48
SUNDAY	Gen. 22:1-2;/1 Rom. 8:31b-34;/ Mark 9:2-10

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