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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

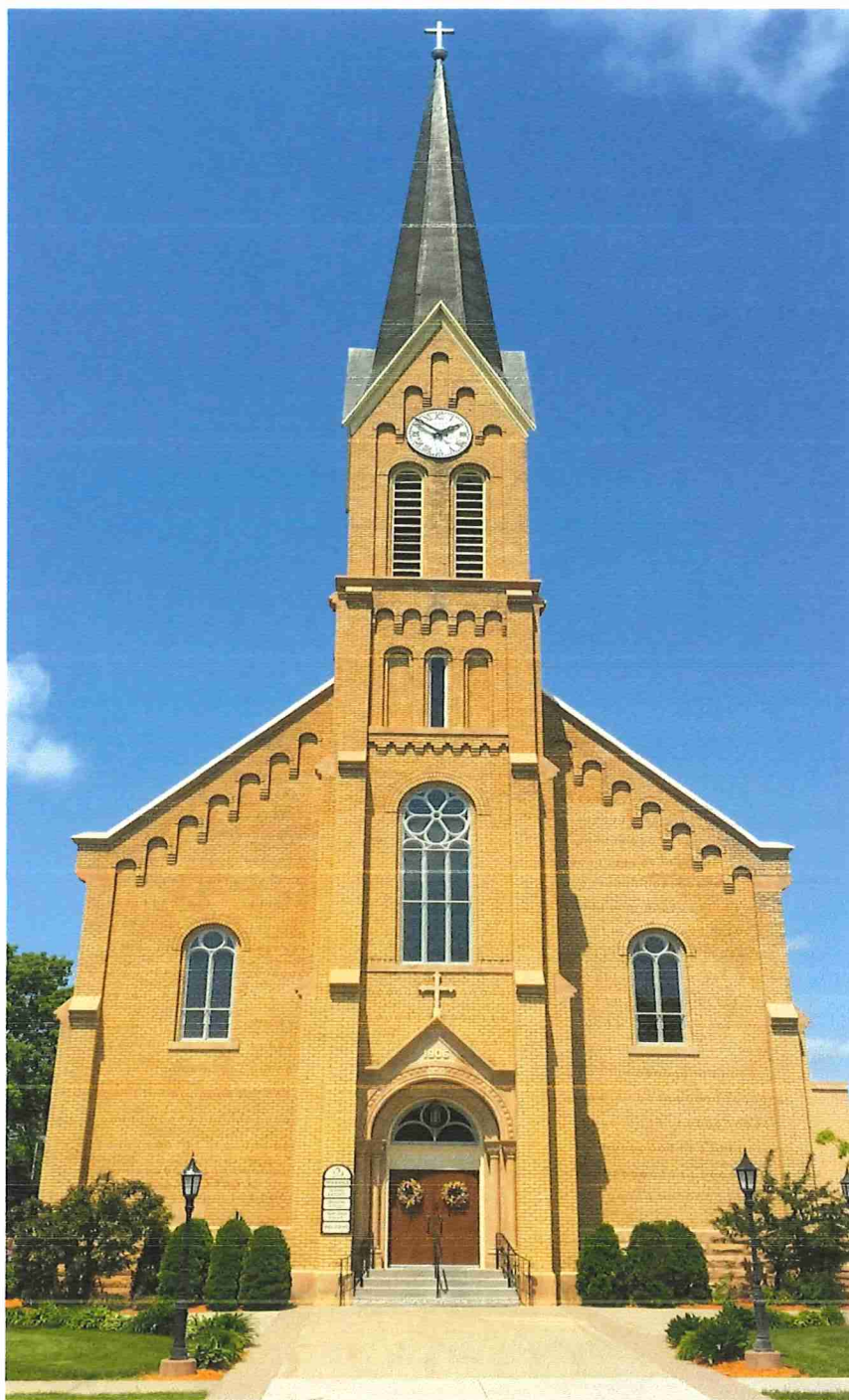
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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**Fellowship After 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sunday Masses**

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

In a previous assignment I had the experience of weekly fellowship after Masses on Sunday mornings. In that particular parish, cookies were served, and children seemed to like that aspect very much. If my memory serves me correctly, some parents used the potential reward of a post-Mass cookie to encourage good behavior during Mass itself.

When I arrived here 3 years ago, I found that weekly fellowship was to be had after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays mornings, and that it was well attended. There was also fellowship to be had after Masses on some Sunday mornings, though not every Sunday; more like every other Sunday. Attendance was much greater after the 10 a.m. Mass than after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Things have changed a bit over the last three years. We now have coffee and refreshments served after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on Sunday mornings nearly every week. Maureen Daly has done much of the work to make this happen, and I am grateful for her efforts. I think that offering fellowship every week on Sunday mornings makes it more predictable and as a consequence, easier for folks to plan on attending. Attendance increased after the 8 a.m. Mass last weekend, and that was encouraging to see.

If you have not done so before, please try attending fellowship after Mass in the Gathering Space on Sunday morning. This time together allows Christian friendships to be formed and our parish to be strengthened. Consider introducing yourself to someone you don't yet know! He or she may be a someone who could really use encouraging words, or even become a good friend you have not yet met.

On a completely unrelated note, the western church entrance on North Chestnut has been closed for the remainder of the snowy season. I had been considering this change, and after slipping and falling early one morning a week or two ago, it seemed like the right thing to do.

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

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

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Wendi Alessio - Principal of Parish School, Preschool Director

FAITH FORMATION, 952-873-6564

Patrick Schroers - Youth/Religious Education Coord.
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.

St. Patrick's Day FREE EVENT!
Traditional Irish Music and Dancers
Featuring the Irish Band Broken Spoke

Saturday March 17th, 2018
3:00 to 6:00pm
(after the parade and program)
Vet's Club Downtown Belle Plaine

Presented by the Ancient Order of Hibernians



Our Lady of the Prairie
FISH BAKE

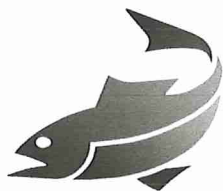
Presented By: Belle Plaine
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4:30-6:30pm
 (In the Parish Hall)

FRIDAY, March 9, 16 and 23
Free Will Donation

MENU

Baked Fish
 Au gratin Potatoes
 Salad
 Dinner Roll



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

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

Our Lady of the Prairie's 18th Annual
Gala Auction & Casino Night
Saturday, April 7, 2018
Doors open at 5:00p.m.
Drawing is at 10:00p.m.
OLP Parish Life Center

Raffle Tickets are now available from any
OLP Student or in the parish office.

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church is
teaming with Fotohaus for our new 2018
Pictorial Directory:

Do you enjoy greeting people and making new friends? The Chair of the Pictorial Directory needs a few great people to help make the Directory a success. Plus, it will be fun! Help is needed in a variety of areas to match your interests including phone calling, greeting at photography sessions and more! To sign-up to help, or for more information, please contact Maureen Daly at 952-687-1501 or email her at Maureen@dalyoffice.com. We'd love to have you join our team!

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for March 2018	\$7,397.50
3/4/18 Collection Week 35	\$8,189.53
Total Contributions July 2017 – to date	\$290,307.67
Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date	\$288,552.50
Budget Surplus	\$1,755.17
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, March 11, 2018

- PREP Breakfast & School Bake Sale after morning Masses.
- Holy Hour (in the Church) 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Marriage Encounter Meeting 7:00pm

Monday, March 12, 2018

- Holy Hour 11:30am - 12:30pm following 11:00am Mass

Thursday, March 15, 2018

- Open House/Info. Night PreK - 6th Grade 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Friday, March 16, 2018

- Stations of the Cross 9:00am and 6:30pm
- Fish Bake 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Saturday, March 17, 2018

- Irish Mass - Noon

Sunday, March 18, 2018

- K of C Father/Daughter Breakfast
- Holy Hour 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Monday, March 19, 2018

- Holy Hour 11:30 - 12:30

Friday, March 23, 2018

- Stations of the Cross 9:00am and 6:30pm
- Fish Bake 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Saturday, March 24, 2018

- Church Cleaning 9:00am - Noon

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

March 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:	N. Schumacher J. Fogarty	J. Edberg D. Groen P. Guertin T. Halloran	T. Feddersen J. Gerres H. Jeurissen J. Klein
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LECTORS:	L. Heinkel	J. Walsh	S. Schroers
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Mary Klehr 952-873-6760
Karen Brenke, Jeanette Gloege, & Pat Krant

Greeter Ministry

March 11th

8 AM - Bill & Lynn Doheny

10 AM - Pam Cates & Katie Cates

Mass Intentions

Mon. (12)	11:00 am - d. Emmett & Helen McCue
Tue. (13)	8:30 am - OLP CCW Volunteers
Wed. (14)	8:30 am - d. Alice Savage
Fri. (15)	8:30 am - d. Rosella Riesgraf
Sat. (16)	4:15 pm - d. Jerome Schmitz & Cheryl Mork
Sun. (17)	8:00 am - For the Parish
	10:00 am - d. Olivia Giles
	6:00 pm - d. Ken Athmann

Readings For The Week Of March 12, 2018

MONDAY	Isa. 65:17-21;/John 4:43-54
TUESDAY	Ezek. 47:1-9;/John 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY	Isa. 49:8-15;/John 5:17-30
THURSDAY	Exod. 32:7-14;/John 5:31-47
FRIDAY	Wis. 2:1a;/John 7:1-2
SATURDAY	Jer. 11:18-20;/John 7:40-53
SUNDAY	Jer. 31:31-34;/Heb. 5:7-9;/John 12:20-33



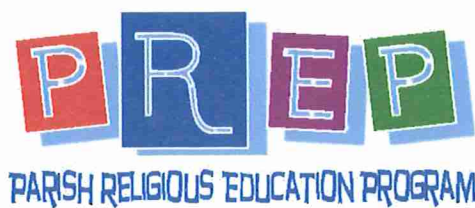
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Monday, March 12, 2018



@ OLP_PREP

Director of Faith Formation: Patrick Schroers

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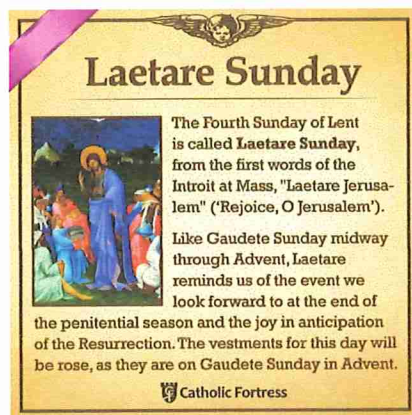
Assistant: Loree Heinkel

lheinkel@ourladyoftheprairie.com

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What will
happen to this
cross on
Easter?



March 11
4th Sunday
of Lent



Faith Formation for Children & Youth

FAMILY PROGRAM

Keep working on the Family Storybooks!

- ◆ We will have a "Storybook and Projects" Fair on April 29 after the 10 am Mass.
- ◆ Show the parish community what your family has been doing in this year of faith!
- ◆ It will be fun to see other families books.

Any questions, please feel free to ask. I know I have work to do on ours as well! :)

FAMILY BOOK PROJECT FAIR: April 29

7-9 PREP

March 14

7th Grade - *ENCOUNTER 6*

**challenge for 7th graders - Read Mark (shortest Gospel about 20 pages)*

8th Grade - *PCYI Lesson*

9th Grade - *CHOSEN 22*

LENT

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

March 11, 18 and 25

In the Church from 2-3 pm

Great way to spend a Sunday afternoon as a family

2nd Grade Sacrament Year

First Reconciliations have been taking place!

Still more opportunities to go for the first time and then to go again before First Communion.

Apr 28 First Communion Workshop, 8:30 am
(Unfortunately, there is no Mass that morning)

Confirmation

6:00 pm Mass and Meeting on March 18

Small group meetings with Lectio Divina

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

Important dates for your calendar

Mar 25 Family Day after the 10 am Mass

Mar 29 Holy Thursday, Mass 6 pm & Adoration

Mar 30 Good Friday, Passion Liturgy 6 pm

Mar 31 Holy Saturday, Mass 8 pm

Apr 1 Easter, Mass 8 am and 10 am

Apr 6 1st Fri Confession 3-9 pm Adoration 7-9pm

Apr 7 1st Sat Mass 8:30 am and Confessions

Apr 13 BINGO Night Fundraiser

Mark your calendars...

Our Lady of the Prairie's 18th Annual Gala Auction & Casino Night

**Saturday, April 7, 2018
Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Drawing is at 10:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Prairie
Parish Life Center**

This is our biggest fundraiser...and we need your help to make it great!!

**Raffle Tickets are now available from any
OLP student or in the parish office.**

**Encourage family, friends and neighbors to purchase a
raffle ticket! With only 400 tickets available, the chance
to win the top prize of \$5,000 is pretty great!**

We are currently accepting donations of money, gift baskets, and goods & services from families, parishioners, local businesses, and supporters of Our Lady of the Prairie School. Our Gala Auction & Casino Night is our school's largest fundraiser. With your wonderful support and generosity, we look forward to a fun and successful event! As a reminder, your donation is tax deductible. All donations can be dropped off in the parish office.



Little Prairie Preschool Registration 2018-2019

Child's Name _____

Child's Age _____ Birthdate _____ Gender _____

***Children must be 33 months and potty trained by September 1st**

Monthly Tuition September-May

Part Day Class Options (33mo – 5 yrs)

T-Th	8:15-12:30	\$136.00
M-W-F	8:15-12:30	\$204.00
M-F	8:15-12:30	\$295.00

Full Day Class Options (33mo – 5yrs)

T-Th	8:15-2:45	\$208.00
M-W-F	8:15-2:45	\$312.00
M-F	8:15-2:45	\$455.00

A \$25.00 non-refundable fee is due with registration.

Please choose your child's class

Part Day Classes

2 Days (T-Th) _____
3 Days (M-W-F) _____
5 Days (M-F) _____

Full Day Class

2 Full Day (T-Th) _____
3 Full Day (M-W-F) _____
5 Full Day (M-F) _____

Family Information

Parents/Guardians: _____

Address: _____

Home & Cell Phone: _____

Employer/Occupation: _____

Email Address(es): _____

SSN (for electronic payment) _____

The attached forms (Student Immunization Form and Health Care Summary Form) are due by the first day of the school year. Papers may be sent in with your child or sent to/dropped off at: Our Lady of the Prairie, 200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011, or faxed to: 952.873.6717 attn: Student Records

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