



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

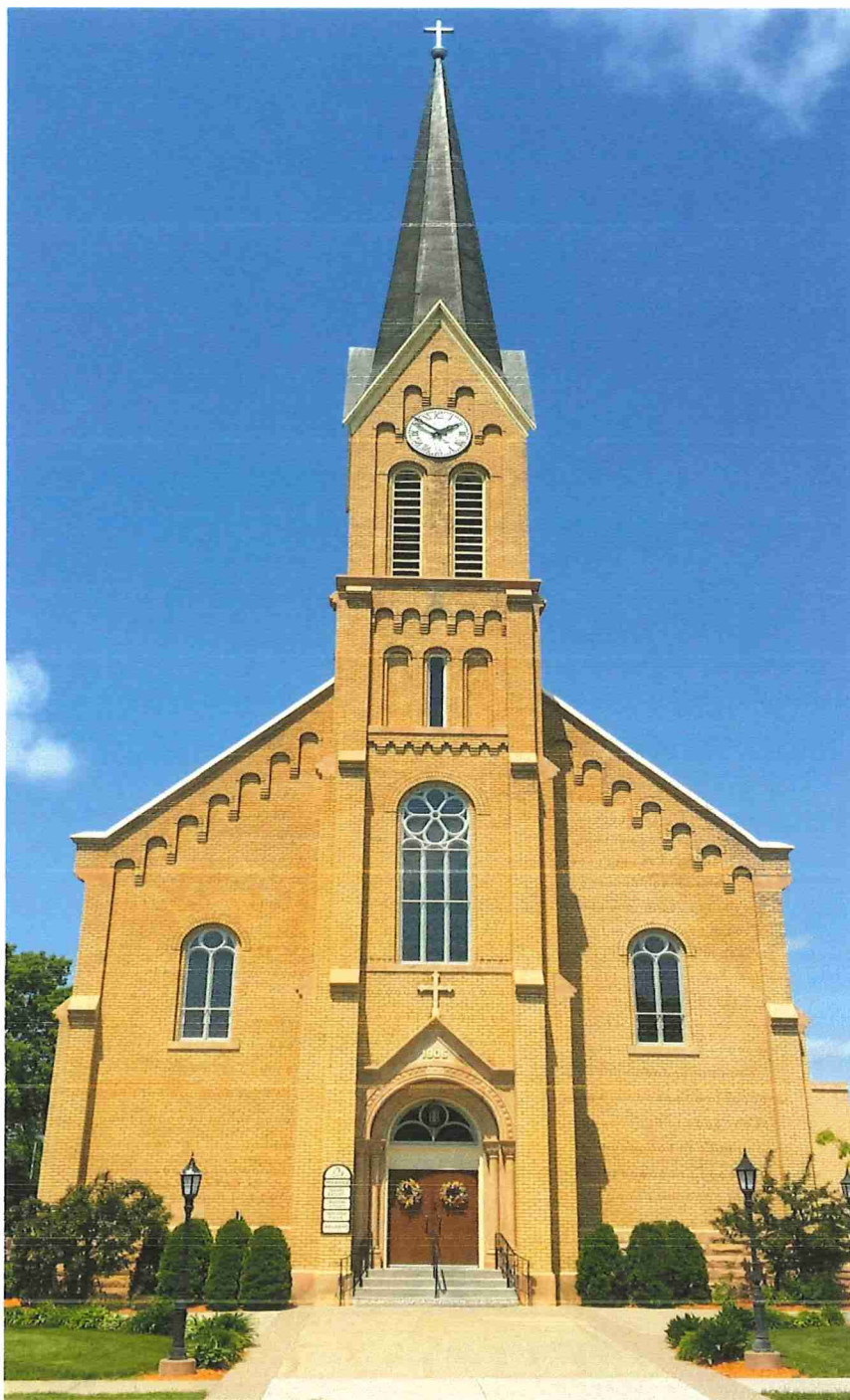
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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**Celebrate Holy Week for
St. Patrick's Sake!**

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

In a previous assignment I recall being upset about the parish's Lenten Friday evening fish fry. I was upset because while the fish attracted hundreds and hundreds of people, the Friday evening Mass attracted much less than one hundred people. Something is not right with that scenario, but there is not much sense in being upset about it.

As you read this (at least in the paper version of the bulletin), Belle Plaine's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration may still be ongoing. It is a blessing to be able to celebrate this great saint's life and legacy. That said, anyone familiar with the real St. Patrick knows that the last thing Patrick wants is for his memory to outshine that of his own Lord Jesus Christ, the one to whom Patrick dedicated his life and work. Part of Patrick's own story includes his lighting of the Paschal Fire on Slane Hill in 433 A.D. prior to the Easter Vigil Mass which contributed to this priest of Jesus Christ's victory over the pagan Irish druids.

I very much hope that all will celebrate the Holy Week events with at least as much zeal and devotion as the St. Patrick's Day events. Of particular significance are three events: the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m. on Holy Thursday, the Liturgy of the Passion at 6 p.m. on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. on Holy Saturday. These liturgies include a number of moving elements; all Christians can benefit from participating in them.

Also, consider attending the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 25th. At this Mass we will have the more formal Palm Sunday procession that begins in the Gathering Space and children will have a special role to play just as they did nearly 2000 years ago in Jerusalem.

Looking forward to seeing you all during Holy Week!

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
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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

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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**

**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.**

**Take
Note**

**Church cleaning has been
re-scheduled for May 12th
9:00am - Noon.**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish



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

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.



JOB OPENING IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Looking for a part-time job that makes a difference? Join us! ICU Mobile Twin Cities, a Christian prolife non-profit, is seeking a mobile operations manager to oversee administrative, volunteer, and operations support to our mobile team. Duties include recruiting, training and scheduling volunteers; implementing a life coaching program with our clients; overseeing mobile maintenance; and identifying and developing relationships with community agencies and services. For a complete job description, please visit www.icumobiletc.com/jobs. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to anne@icumobiletc.com.

Celebration of Baptism

Welcome to the Catholic Church!

Piper Mattie Polinder, daughter of Eric and Angie Polinder on January 14, 2018

Ellis Duklet, son of Charles and Sarah Duklet on January 14, 2018

Victoria Abigail Rouse, daughter of Michael and LeAnne Rouse on February 11, 2018

Reid Daniel Chlan, son of Daniel and Danielle Chlan on February 11, 2018

Maverick Jerome Hartmann, son of Brady and Cassandra Hartmann on February 25, 2018

Grayson James Meyer, son of Austin and Whitney Meyer on February 25, 2018

Fredrick Gerald Beckius, son of Jacob and Sadie Beckius on March 3, 2018

Warren David Foster, son of Blake and Lindsay Foster on March 11, 2018





Monday, March 19, 2018



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church & School

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APRIL 13 Freaky Friday Bingo Fundraiser; Doors open at 6:00 pm

*DONATIONS for bingo prizes. Donations could include small denomination gift cards, items to include in gift baskets, cash, and homemade items. We would appreciate all donations by March 30. They can be labelled and dropped in the collection basket or at the office.

*VOLUNTEERS: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e44afab2da0f85-prep>

Faith Formation for Children & Youth

FAMILY PROGRAM

FAMILY DAY! March 25 after the 10 am Mass

There will be different activities about Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Palm Sunday - Palm braiding

Holy Thursday - The Last Supper

Good Friday - Find the Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - Baptism

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection

*There will be small incentives for children attending the different days during Holy Week!

7-9 PREP

March 21

7th Grade - *ENCOUNTER 7*

8th Grade - *CHOSEN 12*

9th Grade - *"The Passion of the Christ" movie at the Daly's home. Remember to turn in permission slips!*

LENT

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

March 18 and 25

In the Church from 2-3 pm

Great way to spend a Sunday afternoon as a family

2nd Grade Sacrament Year

What does Amen mean?

Yes, I believe!

Priest: Body of Christ We say: Amen!

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

Confirmation

6:00 pm Mass on March 25 but there is

NO Confirmation Meeting; or attend any Mass

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

Our Gifts to the Lord

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| Weekly Collection Goal for March 2018 | \$7,397.50 |
| 3/11/18 Collection Week 37 | \$6,673.53 |
| Total Contributions July 2017 – to date | \$296,981.20 |
| Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date | \$295,950.00 |
| Budget Deficit | \$1,031.30 |
| 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 18, 2018

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

Monday, March 19, 2018

- Holy Hour 11:30am - 12:30pm

Friday, March 23, 2018

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

Sunday, March 25, 2018

- PREP K-6 Family Day

Monday, March 26 - Friday, March 30, 2018

- No School - Spring Break

Monday, March 26, 2018

- Holy Hour 11:30am - 12:30pm

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

- No PREP 7th - 9th Grade
- Confirmation Retreat 3:30pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, March 29, 2018

- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper
6:00pm Adoration to follow until 10:00pm

Friday, March 30, 2018

- Office Closed
- Morning Prayer with Fr. Brian 8:30am
- Stations of the Cross 12:00pm & 3:00pm
- Passion Liturgy 6:00pm

Saturday, March 31, 2018

- Morning Prayer with Fr. Brian 8:30am
- Decorate Church for Easter
- Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Sunday, April 1, 2018

- Easter Sunday
- No PREP Confirmation
- No 6:00pm Mass

Monday, April 2, 2018

- Easter Monday - No School
- Parish Office Closed

Ministry Schedule

March 24-25

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

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| USHERS: | J. Hartmann K. Heitkamp | A. Hennen J. Jeurissen R. Ollig D. Plunkett | J. Miller P. O'Brien P. Turmes Troy W. |
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| LECTORS: | J. Hartmann | J. Gloegge | R. Morgan |
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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| Deacon Bob L. Hankins R. Heuton S. Schultz R. Koepp | Deacon Bob G. Gansen S. Vizecky B. Doheny T. Koenig | Deacon Bob M. Daly J. Johnson R. Morgan S. Roell A. Bigaouette |
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Pat Miller 952-873-6356
Sue Halloran, Pat Fogarty, & Diane Hanson

Greeter Ministry

March 25th

8 AM - Mark & Leticia Fogarty
10 AM - Doug & Deb Westphal

Mass Intentions

Mon. (19) 11:00 am - d. Delores Thomason
Tue. (20) 8:30 am - d. Matt Tholkes
Wed. (21) 8:30 am - d. Anne Herrmann
Fri. (23) 8:30 am - Fr. Brian's Intention
Sat. (24) 4:15 pm - d. Buddy Reisgraf
Sun. (25) 8:00 am - Fr. Brian's Intention
10:00 am - For the Parish
6:00 pm - Fr. Brian's Intention

Readings For The Week Of March 19, 2018

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| MONDAY | 2 Sam. 7:4-5a;/Rom. 4:13;/Matt. 1:16 |
| TUESDAY | Num. 21:4-9;/John 8:21-30 |
| WEDNESDAY | Dan. 3:14-20;/John 8:31-42 |
| THURSDAY | Gen. 17:3-9;/John 8:51-59 |
| FRIDAY | Jer. 20:10-13;/John 10:31-42 |
| SATURDAY | Ezek. 37:21-28;/John 11:45-56 |
| SUNDAY | Isa. 50:4-7;/Phil. 2:6-11;/ Mark 14:1-15:47 |

2018 Parish Directory

Volunteer Opportunity

Your Parish is calling you! Do you enjoy greeting people and making new friends? The Chair of the Parish 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 helping OLP Parish Members get registered after all Masses! To sign-up to help, or for more information, please contact: 2018 Parish Directory Chair

Maureen Daly at 952-687-1501 or maureen@dalyoffice.com

Photo Sign-up

We want all Parish Members to be smiling, present and accounted for in the new Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church Pictorial Directory. Photo sessions are fun, quick, efficient and free. The sessions are held in the Parish Hall with the opportunity to view and purchase shortly after your photo session.

Please schedule your photo session by going to the website:

<https://fotohaususa.brownbookit.com/schedules/olp>.

DATES:

April 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 26, 28

**Our Lady of the Prairie
Council of Catholic Women
Flower Fund Donations
Easter Season**



Donated By: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Mark your calendars...

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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.**

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on
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at
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Remember, SELL, SELL, SELL those raffle tickets!

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!

My donation for the 2018 Silent Auction will be:

_____ I will be donating an item:

Description of item: _____

Value \$ _____

_____ I will be making a cash donation:

Amount \$ _____

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