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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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. *Thursdays:* 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

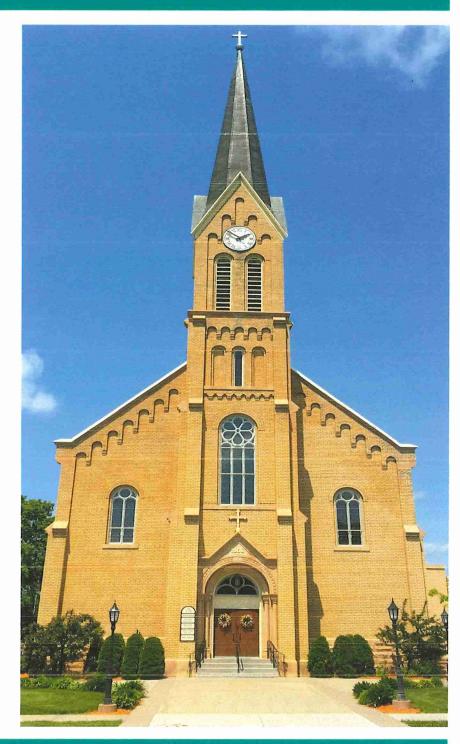
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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.



THOUGHTS FROM Deacon Bob

WHAT ARE GODPARENT QUALIFICATIONS?

The word "sponsor" has multiple meanings, whether a sponsor who supports the membership application of another in an organization or a club, or a sponsor in a 12-step program, whose patient encouragement and explanations of the steps and traditions help a person maintain sobriety.

When the Church uses the term sponsor, or "godparent," it is with multiple meanings too. A sponsor is a person who will provide an example of Catholic living, striving for holiness, and virtue, amid the challenges of daily living. It is a person who will support the parents and to help lead their child into a living and vital relationship with Jesus.

At the beginning of the Rite of Baptism, the sponsors are asked, "are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?" The rite makes it very clear that godparents aren't merely symbolic but they are to have an active role in the life of the child that is being baptized.

Canon 874.1 provides the qualifications for a sponsor:

"1) to have the aptitude and interest in being a sponsor

"2) to be at least 16 years old (unless the bishop

or pastor permits otherwise)

"3) to be a fully initiated Catholic (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist) who leads a life of faith in keeping with the role of sponsor

"4) to be free of any penalty under Canon Law

"5) not to be the father or mother of the child to be baptized (since the role is distinct from parenting)

Therefore a sponsor should be active in their faith in order to be a sponsor.

PEACE, Deacon Bob Raleigh

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

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Wendi Alessio - Principal of Parish School, Preschool Director

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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.

CSAF Appeal Update

As of April 20th, we have received pledges equal to 94% of our goal. Of this, we have received donations equal to 69% of our goal. 130 families have generously pledged to this year's appeal, compared to 165 families last year. We want to thank all those who have participated in this annual appeal.

If you have not yet done so already, or wish to add to your donation, please stop by the parish office or the back of the church to fill out a pledge envelope. These funds help support the 17 ministries throughout the archdiocese. As an added incentive, if we reach our goal, 25% of the funds collected come back to OLP.

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 at 7 p.m. in the church basement. 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 952-873-6781.

Tuesday, May 1 & 15 - "Name The Values That Guide Your Heart"

Tuesday, June 5 & 19 - "God Speaks To Us In Many Ways"

This weekend's collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal: April 28 – 29

This U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Appeal supports dioceses in the U.S. that cannot provide even the most basic pastoral services and programs. Surprisingly, almost half of all dioceses in the U.S. are considered mission territories. These include several here in Minnesota: New Ulm, Duluth and Crookston. This appeal, taken in your parish on the weekend of April 28 – 29, helps provide funds for Mass and sacraments, religious and seminarian education, ministry training, Hispanic programs and more. Also, a portion of the collection supports specific Black and Native American programs in the U.S. Your contribution to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal is a powerful expression of love for your brothers and sisters. So please offer what you can. Thank you for your generosity.



OLP Prayer Chain:

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

Upcoming Sacraments being celebrated...

1st Holy Communion Mass Sunday, May 6th at 11:30 a.m.

Confirmation Mass Thursday, May 17th 7:00 p.m. Church of St. Dominic 104 Linden St. N. - Northfield

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.





Friday, May 11th at 8:30 a.m. School Mass with 1st and 2nd Grades. May Crowning! Please join us.

1st Friday Mass 8:30 a.m. May 4th Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:30 a.m. Special Children's Adoration and Confessions 7:00 p.m. Confessions 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

No First Saturday Mass at OLP Please join Fr. Brian at the 8:15 Mass in Jordan at St. John's.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are in great need of individuals to help out at all Masses serving the Lord. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Servers. Please Contact the Parish Office for more information. (952) 873-6564 THANK YOU!







Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church & School

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Registration for 2018-2019

Come on May 2 to hear Matt Birk and bring your registration form and payment to receive a discount. (Discount can only be applied to those who attend and register that evening, May 2)

Super Bowl Champion MATT BIRK will be our Motivational Speaker.

You will not want to miss this opportunity!

MAY 2, 2018 6:15 pm

Our Lady of the Prairie All are welcome to attend!

Faith Formation for Children & Youth

FAMILY PROGRAM

Sneak peak for next year....The Seven Sacraments!

What is a Sacrament?

A visible sign

instituted by Christ

to give grace.

We are excited to be planning for next year!

7-9 PREP

Turn in the interest form for Summer Stretch by May 9, 2018. This will gauge if there is enough interest in the program. Thanks!

Director of Faith Formation: Patrick Schroers

pschroers@ourladyoftheprairie.com

Assistant: Loree Heinkel

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Music Academy

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With Music Director Mrs. Carolyn Gleason A Children's Choir for anyone in Grades 3,4,5,6

Scheduled Wednesdays from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. Performances will take place at the 10:00 am Mass once a month.

Registration form on the OLP website.

2nd Grade Sacrament Year

TRANSUBSTANTIATION

What does this word mean?

It is the miracle of the changing of the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ by a Catholic Priest.

May 4, 6:30 pm Stations and Confessions with Children's Adoration

Pray for the First Communicants!

Confirmation

6:00 pm Mass and Meeting on May 6 (Small groups)

May 20th 6:00 pm Receiving Mass
There is still class after Mass. Confirmation
classes continue until Pentecost Sunday, which is
May 20th this year.

Important dates for your calendar

May 4 First Friday, Confessions 3-9 pm, Stations 6:30 pm, Adoration 7 (First Communicants)

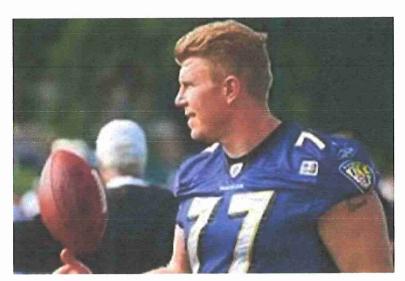
May 6 First Communion Mass, 11:30 am

May 17 Confirmation at St. Dominic's, 7 pm

June 11-15 VBS

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE WELCOMES

FORMER NFL PRO BOWL CENTER MATT BIRK!





Catholic. Husband. Father. Harvard graduate. 15 year professional football player, NFL veteran. Super Bowl Champion.

May 2, 2018, 6:15 pm
All are welcome!

Join us in the church

No ticket necessary



Catholic Church and School May~2018Our Lady of the Prairie

Mass Schedule
Saturday, 4:15 pm, Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm
Monday, 11:00 am, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 am
First Saturday of the month (only), 8:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 pm. Sunday, 7:00-7:45 am, Monday, 11:30 am-12:15 pm Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 am, Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 am First Friday, 3:00-9:00 pm, First Saturday, 7:30-8:30 am and 9:00 am

Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm Baptism Class, 6:30 Gathering Space 21 Adoration 9 am—11 pm 22 Adoration 9 am—11 pm 23 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm 24 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm Baptism Class, 6:30 Gathering Space 28 29 30 Last Day School 8:30 am Graduation Mass Noon Dismissal
Adoration 9 am—11 pm 22 Adoration 9 am—11 pm 23 Church Night Meetings 6:00 pm 29 30
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No School

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal	for April 1st 2018	\$6,047.50
4/22/18 Collection Wee		\$5,996.35
Total Contributions July	2017 – to date	\$341,827.41
Contribution Goal for Ju	ly 2017 – to date	\$340,487.50
Budget Surplus	•	\$1,339.91
Number of registered Fa	milies	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, April 29, 2018

- PREP K-6 Family Day
- Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

• Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

• PREP K-6 Parent Meeting MATT BIRK 6:15pm

Thursday, May 3, 2018

• CCW Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, May 4, 2018

• 1st Friday 3:00-9:00pm Confessions, 3:00pm Chaplet, 6:30 Stations of the Cross

Sunday, May 6, 2018

• 1st Communion Mass 11:30am

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

• Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, May 11, 2018

May Crowning (School Mass)

Saturday, May 12, 2018

• Church Cleaning 9:00am—Noon

Sunday, May 13, 2018

- Sunday Evening Mass 6:00pm
- Marriage Encounter 7:00pm

Thursday, May 17, 2018

• Confirmation, St. Dominic, Northfield 7:00pm

Sunday, May 20, 2018

- School Waffle Breakfast
- CCW Bake Sale
- PREP K-6 Family Day- Noon
- Confirmation Receiving Mass 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

• Church Night Meetings 6:00pm

Sunday, May 27, 2018

• High School Graduation Mass 10:00am

Ministry Schedule

May 5-6

SERVERS:	4:15 p.m. Server Crew	8:00 am. J. Teal Aiden T.	10:00 am. M. Daly A. Vandermark Z. Vandermark

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Dan Gardner 952-873-4377

Ag Wawrzyniak, Carol Schultz, Carman Meyer

Greeter Ministry

May 6th

8 AM - Chuck & Monica Valek 10 AM - Craig & Julie Otto

Mass Intentions

Mon. (30) 11:00 am - d. Rose Marie LaJeunesse

Tue. (1) 8:30 am - d. Scott Walerius
Wed. (2) 8:30 am - d. Alverna Damman
Fri. (4) 8:30 am - d. Mary A. O'Brien

Sat. (5) 8:30 am - Fr. Brian's Intention

4:15 pm - d. Ray, John, & Jerry Connolly
Sun. (6) 8:00 am - d. Patrick Savage
10:00 am - For the Parish

6:00 pm - d. Scott Walerius

Readings For The Week Of April 30, 2018

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Acts. 14:5-18;/John 14:27-31a
Acts. 15:1-6;/John 15:1-8
1 Cor. 15:1-8;/John 14:6-14
Acts. 15:22-31/John 15:12-17
Acts. 16:1-10;/John 15:18-21
Acts. 10:25-26;/1 John 4:7-10;/
John 15:9-17



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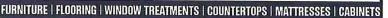
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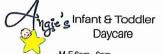
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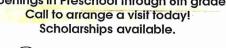
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