



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.

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. - 8:00 p.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**Christian Women, Come and See Pietra Fitness**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

Jesus had some major disagreements with people. A number of the people with whom Jesus disagreed were also Jewish, but they understood the Jewish religion differently than Jesus. Some of the people with whom Jesus disagreed belonged to a group called Pharisees. Speaking of the Pharisees on one occasion, Jesus said, "They tie up heavy burdens [hard to carry] and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them" (Matthew 23:4).

Generally speaking, the Pharisees were middle class people of some means who had the money and free time that allowed them to follow Jewish religious laws in a rigorous way that poorer folks were unable to do. The Pharisees seemed to have a devotion to pointing out how poorer non-Pharisees were failing in their religious practice. What upset Jesus was that although the Pharisees were good at pointing out problems, when it came to providing solutions, the Pharisees had few answers.

As you know, I too disagree with a number of people. I believe that the sacraments of the Catholic Church are the normal and efficacious means provided by God for the salvation of every single human being, and that all people would benefit from becoming Catholic and receiving the graces available through the sacraments. For a person to benefit properly from these sacraments, he or she must understand what the human person is, in a thoroughly Christian way. Unfortunately we live in a less than thoroughly Christian culture marked by a syncretism that absorbs and incorporates non-Christian beliefs and normalizes them in such a way that they seem harmless.

This is in fact what has happened with yoga, which originated within and is part of the Hindu religion. As you know, I am opposed to the practice of yoga by Christians, but now I am not only pointing out the yoga problem, I am offering a solution: Pietra Fitness.

Please join other women at Our Lady of the Prairie on Wednesday, June 6 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. to learn about and try Pietra Fitness. You will be instructed and led by Cathy Carson, a certified Pietra Fitness instructor in our Gathering Space. Wear clothing comfortable for stretching. Bring an exercise mat, water, and a friend!

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor, Rev. Brian Lynch - blynch@olp.church
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PARISH OFFICE, 952-873-6564

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:00pm
Kris Koehler - Business Administrator
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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.

Congratulations, Father Brian,

on the 12th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood on May 27th! We appreciate all that you do for us here at OLP and our prayers and support are with you. May you enjoy many more years in your vocation and may God bless and guide you always!

The Friendship Project for Women

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This group will meet on Thursdays at either 10:00 am or 6:30 pm throughout the summer.

For a complete schedule or more information please contact

Loree Heinkel : 873-6564 or email: lheinkel@ourladyoftheprairie.com

Hearing Assistance Now Available

Anyone who is having trouble hearing the Mass or homilies can now have clarity without your hearing aids.

Contact: Ralph J Schultz after Mass
Or Call: 952-873-6704 any time and just ask about it. Thank you!

Faith Formation

Dear PREP parents:

Though I know there have been challenges, I hope that you and your children have benefited from our Family Faith Formation program. I would like to give you some objective criteria by which to evaluate your work of raising your children in the Catholic Faith; please trust what I have to say as it is both my expertise and responsibility. If you provide a good example to your children by bringing them with you to Confession regularly (ideally monthly), attend Mass with them every Sunday (or Saturday evening), and pray with them every day, then you are doing your part. Yes, we can always do any and all of these better, and that is something for which you are encouraged to strive, but if you do these three things: monthly Confession, weekly Mass, and daily prayer, and encouraging and supporting them in your children, you are doing well.

Please keep these practices up during the summer; they are essential.

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning the week of June 4th, the OLP business offices will transition to the following weekday summer hours:

Mon - Thu: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fri: CLOSED

Summer office hours will continue through the end of August.

**OLP Prayer Chain:**

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



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Wednesday, June 6 2018

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Wednesday

6:30PM-7:30PM

JUNE 6

GENTLE-LEVEL 1 CLASS

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Our Gifts to the Lord

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5/27/18 Collection Week 48	\$5,264.85
Long Term Investment	\$971.00
Total Contributions July 2017 – to date	\$367,719.69
Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date	\$364,311.50
Budget Surplus	\$3,408.19
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, June 3, 2018

- Corpus Christi Procession at 11:00am
- Evening Mass 6:00pm

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00pm

Sunday, June 10, 2018

- Evening Mass 6:00pm

Monday, June 11 - Friday, June 15, 2018

- VBS - 8:45am - Noon

Sunday, June 17, 2018

- Evening Mass 6:00pm

Thursday, June 21, 2018

- Parish Directory Photos 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Sunday, June 24, 2018

- Evening Mass 6:00pm

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

- Parish Directory Photos 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, July 1, 2018

- 1st Saturday Mass 8:30am

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

- Regular 8:30 am Mass
- Parish Office Closed

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

June 9-10

	4:15 p.m.	8:00 am.	10:00 am.
SERVERS:	Server Crew	J. Teal C. Hartman	M. Daly S. Schroers
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Ag Wawrzyniak 873-3170
Carol Schultz, Carman Meyer, Dan Gardner

Greeter Ministry

June 10

8 AM - Allen & Sharon Schmitz
10 AM - Pam Cates & Katie Cates

Mass Intentions

Mon. (4) 11:00 am - d. Tom Deutchsh
Tue. (5) 8:30 am - d. Mary McMahon
Wed. (6) 8:30 am - d. Wayne Bohlke
Fri. (8) 8:30 am - d. Felix & Steve Klehr AOD
Sat. (9) 4:15 pm - d. Teresa Witt
Sun. (10) 8:00 am - d. Joseph Shaughnessy
10:00 am - For the Parish
6:00 pm - d. Frances Bigaouette

Readings For The Week Of June 4, 2018

MONDAY	2 Pet. 1:2-7;/Mark 12:1-12
TUESDAY	2 Pet. 3:12-15a;/Mark 12:13-17
WEDNESDAY	2 Tim. 1:1-3;/Mark 12:18-27
THURSDAY	2 Tim. 2:8-15;/Mark 12:28-34
FRIDAY	Hosea 11:1/John 19:31-37
SATURDAY	2 Tim 4:1-8;/Luke 2:41-51
SUNDAY	Gen. 3:9-15;/ 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1;/ Mark 3:20-35

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