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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays & Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

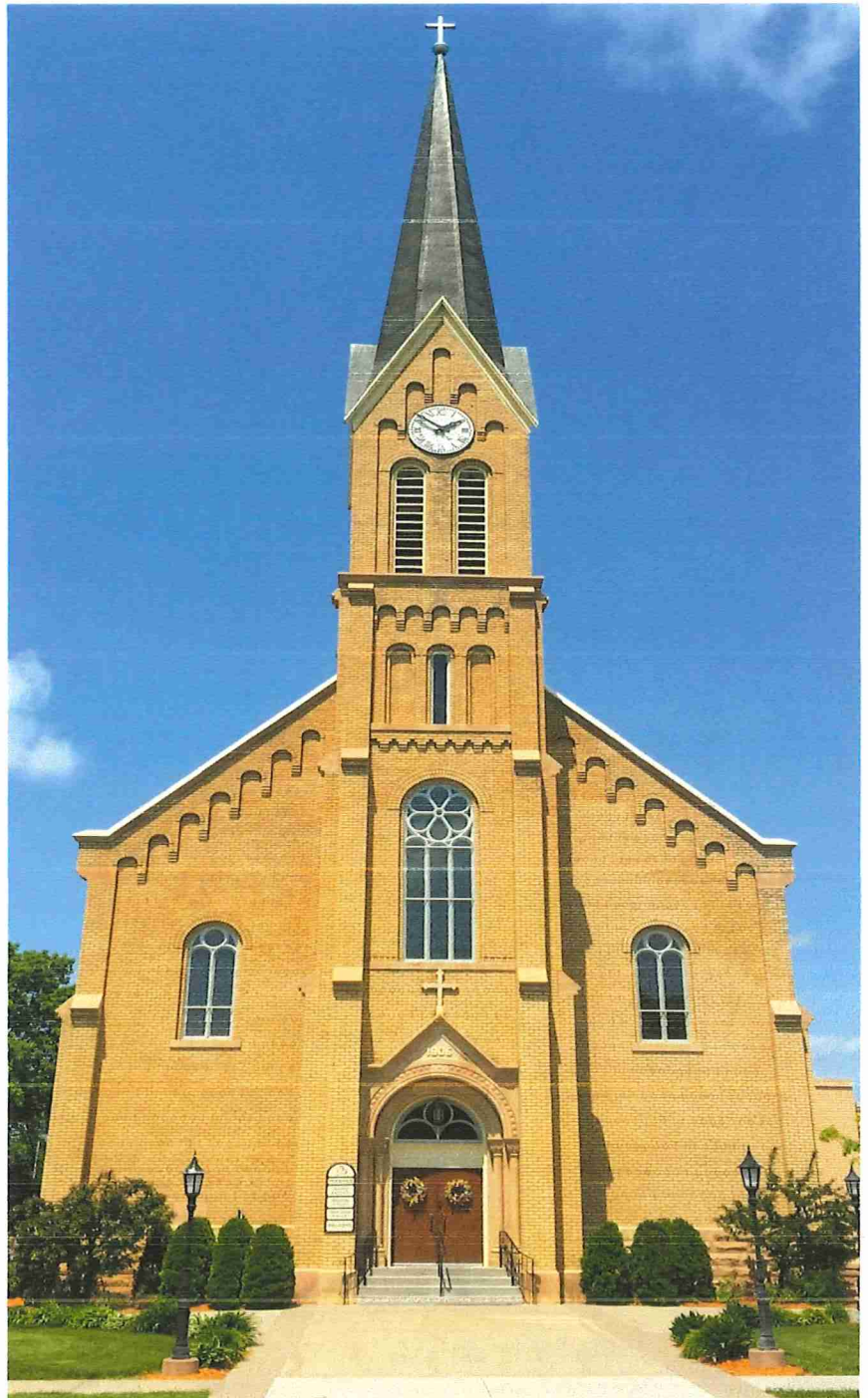
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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**Come, Holy Spirit**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

Over the past several months I have spent the majority of my Sunday evenings preparing our tenth graders to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 17. As you know Confirmation is an opportunity for our young people to formally renew their baptismal promises in the presence of one of our bishops, who through the sacrament of Holy Orders have received the fullness of the Christian priesthood and the authority of the Apostles.

Confirmation is considered by many to be the time when young people make the Faith they received from their parents their very own. While it is preferable that this owning of the Faith has happened years earlier at First Holy Communion, it is the case that with Confirmation our young people become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church possessing the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Most of their formal preparation has taken place during the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass and the approximately 30 minute small group scripture reflection and sharing sessions that have followed Mass. Each of the small groups has been lead by an adult catechist assisted by a teen mentor. I am grateful to these catechists and teen mentors for their commitment to the process.

Next year we intend to follow the same basic program of Confirmation preparation with both the 9th and 10th grade classes. One reason for this is that the anticipated 9th grade class is quite small, but the more significant reason is time. I think and feel that we need a year to prayerfully evaluate our Confirmation preparation program, explore ways to make it better, and devise a program that incorporates what we discern and discover.

Please pray for our 10th graders as they approach Confirmation and for our Confirmation preparation team as we go forward in faith.

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

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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

OLP SCHOOL & LITTLE PRAIRIE PRESCHOOL, 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.

HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help! We are planning to remove shrubs and plants in the front of the church on **Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00pm**. We need a large group of people with shovels and strength as well as a pick-up truck to help remove all of these items. You are welcome to take any plants we remove including shrubs, hosta and daylilies. **To sign up: PLEASE Text: Renee Schultz (952) 200-0518 or call the parish office (952) 873-6564 Thank You!**

**Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers**

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Plan ahead...

Want to chaperone a field trip for your parish's faith formation/school students? Want to volunteer in the classroom or be a catechist or helper to the children? If so, then join us for a VIRTUS session! To keep our children safe, the archdiocese mandates that all staff and volunteers have the Essential-3. This consists of a background check, code of conduct, and a very informative VIRTUS training. St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague, will be hosting a VIRTUS session on Monday, May 21 at 6 pm. You will only need to attend this training one time and you will be good to go. To sign-up, go to www.virtusonline.org and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, contact Laura at 952-758-5131. Please consider taking the training now so you will be prepared if/when God calls you to one of these ministries.

Laura Schoenecker, Faith Formation
laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org New Prague Area
 Catholic Community, New Prague, MN 56071

Vacation Bible STORIES! (VBS)

Date: June 11-15, 2018
Time: 8:45 a.m. - Noon
Cost: \$40 each (\$90 family max)
Includes T-Shirt
Who: Children age 5 as of June 1st through completed 5th grade.
 Please pick up a registration sheet in the Gathering Space or the Parish office. Registrations are due May 31st
 Questions please call the parish office 952-873-6564

Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency (HFCCA) was created in 2001 to follow in the footsteps of Saint Mother Teresa and offer adoption as the loving answer to abortion. Bishop Cozzens sent a letter to the Pastors encouraging support for this life-saving mission especially since it is now the only Catholic adoption agency in the Archdiocese as Catholic Charities is no longer providing adoption services. This pro-life non-profit organization relies upon donations to sustain its work and makes adoption affordable for Catholic couples. If you have any questions you can contact HFCAA at 651-298-0133, [holyfamilyadoption @usfamily net](mailto:holyfamilyadoption@usfamily.net), web site www.holyfamilyadoption.org



PREP

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Monday, May 14, 2018



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Fax # 952-873-6717

First Holy Communion



It was a blessed day on Sunday, May 6, 2018!

Confirmation



May 20, 2018 Pentecost!

Receiving Mass

Families invited

Confirmation Meeting after the 6 pm Mass

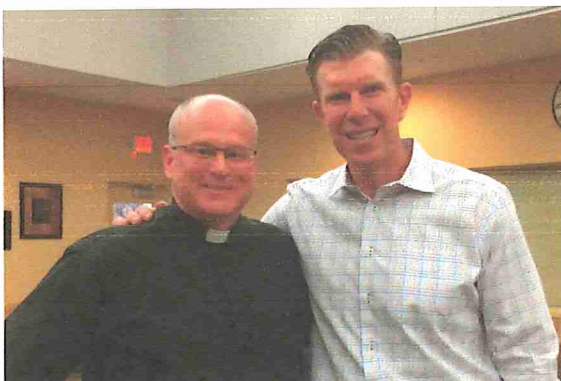
Please pray for the Confirmandi

Carter Chard
Stella Dumagpi
Kylie Ehresmann
Olivia Endres
Samantha Formanek
Mackenzie Gansen
Kate Gohlke
Henry Hennen
Carson Kes
Mandilyn Korba
Kylie Linquist
Luke McGowen
Michael Murphy
Patrick Otto

Kaiden Palo
Grace Pingalore
Rylan Riga
Alissa Rupp
Adaline Saxe
Sam Schaffler
Emma Schatz
Andrew Schmidt
Evan Schmidt
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Jaxon Seggerman
John Shudy
Addisyn Stevens
Landon Wadsley

Brooke Adamietz
Ainsley Bennett
Emily Berger
Isabella England
Alexander Feddersen
Joseph Gorman
Madelyn Gregory
Aidan Heidecker
Dylan Kahle

Dylan May
Connor Mulroy
Avery Rapacz
Noah Schumacher
Andrew Smith
Jaylen Struck-Schmitz
Hunter Struffert
Kimberly Teal
Cole VonBank



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who came to the Matt Birk speaking event. We had nearly 300 attendees! Mr. Birk gave a great motivational reflection on being strong in your faith and leading in your families. It was also a nice way to close out our formal class year.

The Friendship Project

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to learn more.*

Bring a friend!

May 16, 6:30 pm

Gathering Space at

Our Lady of the Prairie

Parish Directory

Telling Your Story, Your Way



Make-up Dates

. June 21st

. June 26th

3:00—8:00p pm

Parish Hall

Contact Maureen Daly at 952-687-1501

or use the link below:

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

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for May 2018	\$5,927.50
5/6/18 Collection Week 45	\$6,941.16
Total Contributions July 2017 – to date	\$353,765.56
Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date	\$352,462.50
Budget Surplus	\$1,303.06
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, 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

Monday, May 28, 2018

- Memorial Day Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel 9:30am
- No School
- Parish Office Closed

Thursday, May 31, 2018

- Last Day of School - Noon Dismissal
- Graduation Mass 8:30am

Friday, June 1, 2018

- 3:00 - 9:00pm Confessions, 3:00pm Chaplet, 6:30pm Stations.

Sunday, June 3, 2018

- Corpus Christi Procession at 11:00am

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

May 19-20

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

USHERS:	K. Heitkamp D. Schumacher	D. Plunkett A. Schmitz B. Smith R. Soller	P. O'Brien P. Turmes J. Covington B. Covington
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LECTORS:	J. Hartmann	S. Schmitz	P. Schroers
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Deacon Bob K. Heitkamp J. Hartmann B. Weldon R. Klehr	Deacon Bob S. Vizecky B. Doheny T. Koenig S. Schmitz	Deacon Bob M. Daly S. Roell A. Bigaouette M. Turmes P. Covington
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Georgine Gansen 873-6324
Jean Hayden, Janice Teal, Lisa Schatz

Greeter Ministry

May 20th

8 AM - Tom & Ann Woelfel
10 AM - Eric & Lisa May

Mass Intentions

Mon. (14)	11:00 am - d. Rosella Riesgraf
Tue. (15)	8:30 am - d. Mary Elizabeth Hesse
Wed. (16)	8:30 am - liv. & d. mem of Matt & Agatha Tholkes Family
Fri. (18)	8:30 am - OLP CCW Volunteers
Sat. (19)	4:15 pm - d. Joseph Shaughnessy
Sun. (20)	8:00 am - d. Richard Mesenbrink A of D
	10:00 am - For the Parish
	6:00 pm - d. Ken Athmann

Readings For The Week Of May 14, 2018

MONDAY	Acts. 1:15-17;/John 15:9-17
TUESDAY	Acts. 20:17-27;/John 17:1-11a
WEDNESDAY	Acts. 20:28-38;/John 17:11b-19
THURSDAY	Acts. 22:30;/John 17:20-26
FRIDAY	Acts. 25:13b-21/John 21:15-19
SATURDAY	Acts. 28:16-20;/John 21:20-25
SUNDAY	Acts. 2:1-11;/ 1 Cor. 12:3b-7;/ John 20:19-23

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