

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

OFFICE HOURS

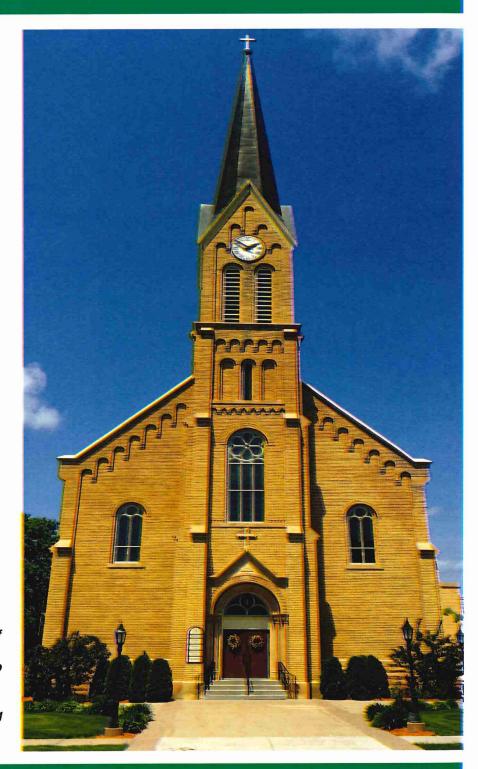
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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 THE PASTOR

Catholic Identity

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

Recently I attended a gathering of Catholic folks from Latin America living in the Twin Cities area. I talked with a woman from Mexico who has lived in Minnesota for about one year and who sends her children to her parish school. She spoke of the need she and her family have to believe in something and belong to something. Her concern was that if she allowed her children to drift along with the prevailing American culture, in time her children would not believe in anything.

This Catholic mother has it exactly right. Perhaps the relative difficulty with which she as a Mexican woman can blend into her adopted community makes it easier for her than it is for you or I to experience and articulate the threat to her family's beliefs and values. Whatever the reason for her insights we should recognize it to be true for all of us and take steps to safeguard our own beliefs and values and those of our young people. This is done by establishing a truly Catholic personal identity for ourselves and nurturing and protecting Catholic identity in our young people.

The absolute foundation of a Catholic identity is living the sacramental life of the Church by participating in Mass every Sunday and going to Confession regularly. To help you accomplish this we offer 4 Sunday Masses weekly: 4:15 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Confessions are offered regularly at a variety of times and for several hours on the First Friday of the month.

In addition to the sacraments, a Catholic identity is strengthened through daily prayer. Regularly praying with other family members is a great way to support and encourage one another in having Catholic identities.

For those of you with school aged children, a terrific way to support and strengthen Catholic identity is by sending your children to Catholic school. I would be delighted to speak with any and all of you about the possibility of having your children at our parish school. It is quite possible you have preconceived ideas that make it difficult for you to choose a Catholic education for your children; I can help you with those concerns, but I cannot help unless we have a conversation.

Please live your Catholic identity and foster it in our young people!

All the Best in Christ, Fr. Brian Lynch blynch@olp.church

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our fathers. They gave us life and continue to give us the wisdom to live our lives. By their examples of love, we know ourselves. By their examples of faith, we know You better. Invigorate our fathers with the love and respect of their children so that they may be encouraged, inspired, and greatly blessed. St. Joseph, please intercede for all fathers. Amen.

Avery happy Father's Day to all dads and our spiritual father, Father Brian!

Upcoming Speaker at June 23/24 Masses

Father Aaron Wessman from the GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS will be speaking at all our Masses, telling us about the missionary work Glenmary priests, brothers and lay missionaries are doing to serve the material and spiritual poor right here in the United States! This collection for GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS marks the annual Mission Awareness presentation promoted by our diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Hundreds of U.S. counties do not have a resident priest, and in many of these counties the Catholic Church is not present. That means no celebration of the Eucharist, no sacraments, not even a parish community in which to find fellowship and support. Glenmary Home Missioners are working hard to fill the void—to bring the love of Jesus and His Church to the small towns and rural areas of our nation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to hear of the Glenmary apostolate in Appalachia and the rural South, and to offer our prayers and financial support for their important ministry in the Church. Please be generous.

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OLP Prayer Chain:

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

Fall Registrations NOW available!

FAMILY FORMATION

WHAT: A Family of Faith program

This year we will learn about: **THE SACRAMENTS**

WHEN: Parent workshops, Family Days, and some NEW ADDITIONS!

Starts September 12, 2018!

WHO: Grades K-6

WHERE: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

7-8 PREP

WHAT: PREP Faith Formation Program

WHEN: Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm

WHO: Grades 7-8

WHERE: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

CONFIRMATION

WHAT: PREP Faith Formation Program

WHEN: Sundays 6:00 pm Mass/Confirmation

WHO: 9th & 10th grade

WHERE: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church

REGISTRATION FORMS online

https://ourladyoftheprairie.com/documentcategory/registrations-permission-slips/ or in the Gathering Space

The Music Academy

WHAT: A children's choir that will be performing at Masses.

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

WHO: Any student in Grades 3,4,5,and 6.

WHERE: Our Lady of the Prairie Church and school



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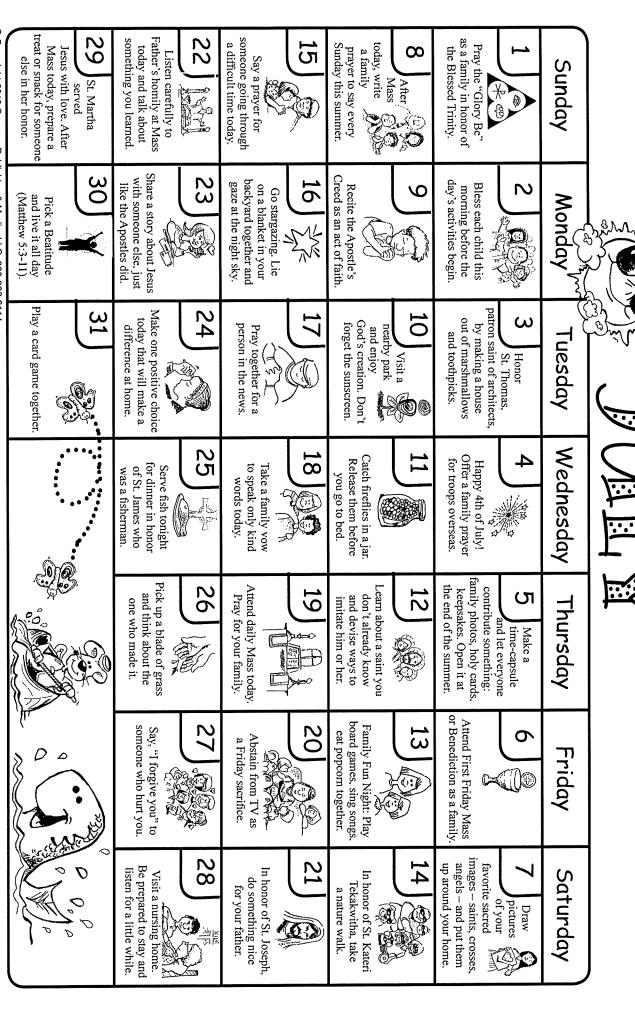
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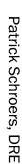
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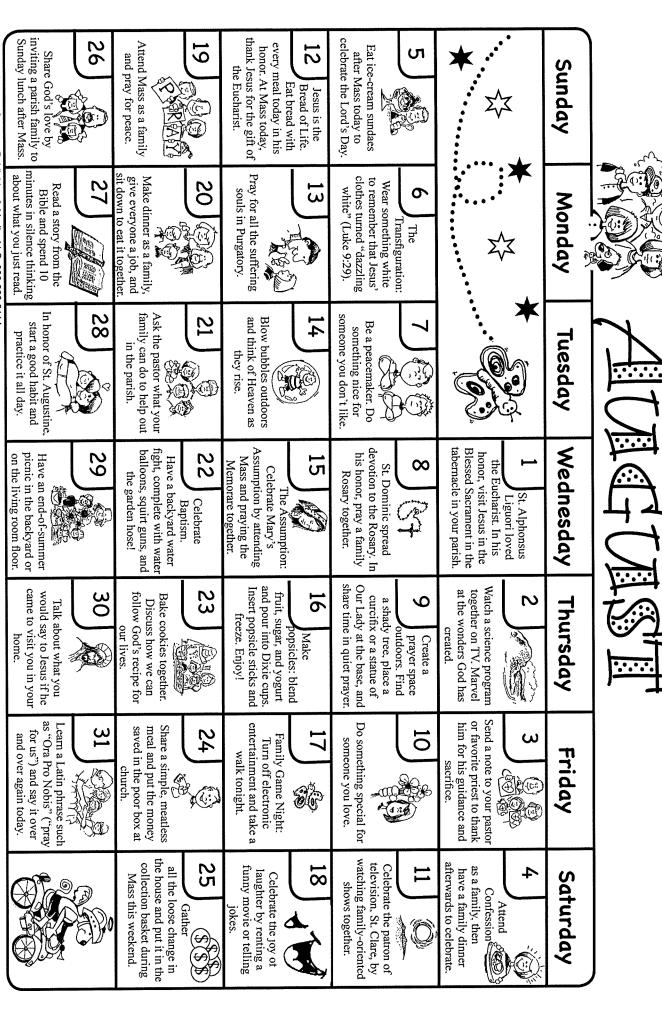
Contact:

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Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for June 2018	\$7,035.00
6/10/18 Collection Week 50	\$6,450.38
Total Contributions July 2017 – to date	\$387,990.72
Contribution Goal for July 2017 – to date	\$384,315.00
Budget Surplus	\$3,675.72
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 17, 2018

Evening Mass 6:00pm

Sunday, June 24, 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

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

 Independence Day - Parish office closed, Regular Mass 8:30am

Friday, July 6, 2018

• First Friday 3:00pm - 8:00pm confessions, 3:00pm Chaplet, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, July 8 - Sunday, July 15, 2018

Families Moving Forward

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Marriage Encounter 7:00pm

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Catholic United Financial Mass & Breakfast 8am

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 23-24

	4:15 p.m.	8:00 am.	10:00 am.
SERVERS:	Server Crew	J. Teal	M. Daly
		C. Hartman	S. Schroers

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Jean Hayden 952-873-6466

Janice Teal, Lisa Schatz, Georgine Gansen

Greeter Ministry

June 24

8 AM - Eric & Lisa May 10 AM - Terry & Karen Feddersen

Mass Intentions

Mon. (18) 11:00 am - d. Carol Bigaouette-Smith Tue. (19) 8:30 am - d. Jerry & Alice McCarthy

Wed. (20) 8:30 am - d. Rose Blake

Fri. (22) 8:30 am - d. Dolores Thomason Sat. (23) 4:15 pm - OLP CCW Volunteers

Sun. (24) 8:00 am - d. Viola Kirby

10:00 am - For the Parish 6:00 pm - d. Ray Bigaouette

Readings For The Week Of June 18, 2018

MONDAY
TUESDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY

1 Kings 21:1-16;/Matt. 5:38-42
1 Kings 21:17-29;/Matt. 5:43-48
2 Kings 2:1;/Matt. 6:1-6
2 Kings 11:1-4;/Matt. 6:7-15
2 Kings 11:1-4;/Matt. 6:19-23
2 Chron. 24:17-25;/Matt. 6:24-34
Isa. 49:1-6;/Acts. 13:22-26;/

Luke 1:57-66



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