



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 24, 2018

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**First Saturday and Change**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

For the last couple years I have felt that for my own well being and that of the parish I should eliminate our 8:30 a.m. First Saturday Mass, and so I have done that. Allow me to explain.

One of the aspects of Catholic Church life that I consider unwise is the redundancy in our offerings for Mass. This sentiment was cemented in me during a previous assignment in which we offered seven Sunday Masses at two different locations. Although two of these Masses had qualities that made them distinct, the other five were quite similar. Not only that, there was another parish less than three miles away that offered three more Sunday Masses that would have met the needs of most people, and the total number of people attending all Sunday Masses only warranted about five of these 10 Masses. The problem as I see it is that the Church puts a great deal of its resources into replicating good-enough nearly indistinguishable Masses for the sake of convenience rather than putting those same resources of time, energy, and talent into fewer but more excellent or unique offerings.

And so it has been the case with the First Saturday 8:30 a.m. morning Mass at Our Lady of the Prairie. Attendance has been poor and some of those who have attended also attended the Saturday evening Mass at 4:15 p.m. It is also the case that both St. John the Baptist in Jordan and St. Anne in Le Sueur offer First Saturday morning Masses, so anyone in Belle Plaine who needs a First Saturday morning Mass should be able to attend one without too much difficulty.

Another factor is the number of Masses I am able to say during any one day. On Saturday I have a limit of two Masses and on Sunday a limit of three. Two Masses scheduled on the first Saturday of the month makes it difficult for me to schedule a funeral Mass or a wedding Mass for those days. The two regularly scheduled Masses on First Saturday also make it difficult for me to help one of my brother priests in one of our neighboring parishes (Union Hill, Cologne, or Carver for example) with their Saturday evening "Farmer's Mass" in the 7 - 9 p.m. time frame.

It is also the case that I have been providing some unique offerings for Scott County and the surrounding area, including Confessions on Wednesday mornings at 6 a.m. and First Fridays from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. and a 6 p.m. Sunday evening Mass. All of this takes time and energy, and I need to have periods of time that allow me to attend to personal needs, such as spending time with priest friends, and preparing for preaching at Mass and other events.

I hope you can understand and accept this change. If it has been your custom to attend Mass on First Saturday morning at OLP, please continue to attend Mass on First Saturdays, whether our 4:15 p.m. Mass or the 8:15 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist in Jordan or 8 a.m. at St. Anne's in Le Sueur.

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

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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.

Fall Registrations NOW available!

We welcome **Father Aaron Wessman** of the GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS, who will speak at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of the home mission work of Glenmary priests, brothers and coworkers.

Father Aaron, a native of Cokato, Minnesota, made Final Oath as a Glenmary Home Missioner in 2011. Father Aaron was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 2012. His first assignment as a Glenmary priest was associate pastor of our missions in Maynardville and Rutledge, Tennessee. Father Aaron has recently spent time in Belgium furthering his studies, and is now the Pastor at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Windsor, North Carolina.

The special collection this weekend is our opportunity to support evangelization in the home missions. Thanks in advance for your support!

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/document-category/registrations-permission-slips/>
or in the Gathering Space

Families Moving Forward

Our Church, once again, encourages its members to participate in the Families Moving Forward program when it hosts 4 homeless families at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church **during the week of July 8th through the 15th**. This effort would be a wonderful way for each of us to live the Gospel of Matthew.

To sign up on line, cut and paste this link into your browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/yatfa2rm>

Thank you!

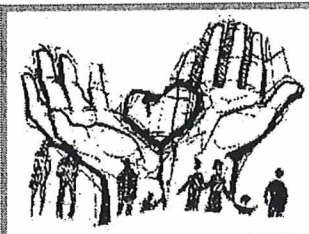
The Music Academy

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



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



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School July, 2018

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, 3:00-8:00 pm,

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm	3 Adoration 9 am—11 pm K of C Meeting—7:00 pm	4 No ADORATION TODAY 8:30 am—Mass Parish Office Closed	5 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm	6 First Friday: 3-8 pm Con- fessions, 3 pm Chapelet, 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross Parish Office Closed	7 Private Celebration in the Church—10:30 am—Father Anthony
8 Marriage Encounter Meeting—7:00 pm Parish Hall	9 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm Baptism Class, 6:30 pm Gathering Space	10 Adoration 9 am—11 pm	11 Adoration 9 am—11 pm	12 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm	13 *****BBQ Days***** Parish Office Closed	14
15 ****BBQ Days**** *Families Moving Forward*	16 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm Baptism Class, 6:30 pm Gathering Space	17 Adoration 9 am—11 pm	18 Adoration 9 am—11 pm Pietra Fitness - 6:30 pm	19 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm Women's Friendship Group 10:00 am and 6:30 pm	20 Parish Office Closed	21
22	23 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm	24 Adoration 9 am—11 pm	25 Adoration 9 am—11 pm Pietra Fitness - 6:30 pm	26 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm Women's Friendship Group 10:00 am and 6:30 pm	27 Parish Office Closed	28
29 Catholic United Mass and Breakfast, 8:00 am	30 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm	31 Adoration 9 am—11 pm				

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for June 2018	\$7,035.00
6/17/18 Collection Week 51	Not Avail.
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 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
- Thursday, August 2, 2018**
- CCW Meeting 7:00pm

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 30-July 1

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

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Pat Krant 952-873-2776
 Mary Klehr, Karen Brenke, Jeanette Gloege

Greeter Ministry

July 1

8 AM - Dave Plunkett
 10 AM - Rick & Ginny Morgan

Mass Intentions

- Mon. (25) 11:00 am - d. Rosella Riesgraf
- Tue. (26) 8:30 am - liv. & d. mem of Bill Kliefoth Family
- Wed. (27) 8:30 am - In Honor of St. Jude
- Fri. (29) 8:30 am - d. Kenneth O'Brien
- Sat. (30) 4:15 pm - d. John Walerius
- Sun. (1) 8:00 am - d. Gary Glisczinski
- 10:00 am - For the Parish
- 6:00 pm - d. Ray Bigaouette

Readings For The Week Of June 25, 2018

MONDAY	2 Kings 17:5-8;/Matt. 7:1-5
TUESDAY	2 Kings 19:9b-11;/Matt. 7:6
WEDNESDAY	2 Kings 22:8-13;/Matt. 7:15-20
THURSDAY	2 Kings 24:8-17;/Matt. 7:21-29
FRIDAY	Acts. 12:1-11;/Tim. 4:6-8;/ Matt. 16:13-19
SATURDAY	Lam. 2:2;/Matt. 8:5-17
SUNDAY	Wis. 1:13-15;/2 Cor. 8:7;/ Mark 5:21-43

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