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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. - 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**Summer**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

By the time you read this column both BBQ Days and the Major League Baseball All-Star Game will have come and gone, and with them the first half of summer. This is significant because for many of us summer is the season during which it is relatively easily to take a break from daily routines to enjoy some rest and relaxation. If this is the case for you, and you were not able to take a break during the first half of the summer, be sure to make it a priority during the second half.

I know that such breaks are significant for me. When I take a break from my regular routines by getting out of them I am able to evaluate those routines and make decisions about whether or not to continue them. An old fashioned retreat is a great setting in which to do such an evaluation, but in my experience it can also be done during some quiet time while on vacation.

For many of us, calendars get crowded after Labor Day, and the daily schedule we set for the Thursday after Labor Day will be repeated nearly each and every week until Thanksgiving. Something similar could be said about the other days of the week. Rather than uncritically replicating the calendars we kept last year, please be sure to consider how well last year's calendar worked for you and your family, especially with regard to religion.

Especially significant days for religious practice are Fridays, the day we recall Christ's passion and death, and Sundays when we celebrate the Resurrection at Mass. If you have had trouble identifying a time to do religious devotions or study, whether as an individual or a family, please consider dedicating some of your Friday evening to religion. As you may know, I have set aside 3 pm - 8 pm on the First Friday of each month as a time for devotions at the church, including Confession and Stations of the Cross. On Sundays, please keep in mind that we have 4 Masses at which you can fulfill your obligation, including 6pm on Sunday. The 6 pm Sunday Mass is intended to help those who find it difficult to attend Mass on Sunday morning whether because of travel or other reasons. Please take time to identify a regular Mass time that will work well for you and your family this fall and put it in your calendar before summer ends.

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.

CSAF Update

To date, we have collected 80% of our goal to support the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF). Your contribution helps support the 18 designated ministries throughout the Archdiocese. We are very close to meeting our goal! If each family who has not yet participated would make a donation of just \$9.00, our goal would be met!

As a reminder, if we do make our goal, 25% of the contributions towards this appeal is sent back to OLP. Please consider making a donation to the CSAF. There are envelopes located at the back of the church as well as the business offices. For more information on the CSAF, please visit csafspm.org.

Volunteers Needed!

We will be painting portions of the interior of our parish life center this week (July 23-26). If you would like to volunteer, please stop in or call the parish office and let us know you are coming to help. Many hands make light work!

OLP - Faith Formation

All families are warmly welcomed to join *A Family of Faith* next fall! The goals of this program are to encourage and equip parents to live and teach their children the Catholic Faith at home. With one adult meeting and one family meeting each month, this program replaces CCD and will give you all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the Faith. This years focus-The Sacraments.

For more information, contact
Patrick Schroers: 952-873-6564 or
pschroers@ourladyoftheprairie.com.

WALK FOR LIFE

Image Clear Ultrasound (ICU) Mobile Twin Cities invites you to participate in the 2018 Walk and Roll For Life and Family Fun Night on Friday, July 27, from 5-8 PM at McColl Pond Park in Savage. The non-competitive walk will raise funds to pay off the loan on our mobile pro-life pregnancy clinic and help us update our vehicle wrap. The evening includes the walk, live music, a silent auction, and free dinner provided by Chick Fil-A of Burnsville. For more information visit www.icumobiletc.com or call Anne at 651-894-2882.

Attention OLP alumni: We are updating our records for our alumni newsletter and would love to hear what you are currently doing. Visit school.ourladyoftheprairie.com/alumni to update your current contact info to receive updates about Our Lady of the Prairie. Or email alumni@ourladyoftheprairie.com and include your current contact information.

**Teaching Position**

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School is seeking a part-time fifth and sixth grade teacher to teach social studies, science, and technology. Visit the job description at <http://careers.archspm.org/> or contact Wendi Alessio at waleessio@ourladyoftheprairie.com

WHAT: "Stepping Forward for Dementia"

Walk. The event will feature post-walk activities including face painting, balloon twisting and live music by the Vine Garage Band.

REGISTRATION: Pre-register online at www.tlha.org. Registration cost includes a t-shirt, pinwheel and swag bag. Onsite registration is available the day of the event.

WHEN: Saturday, August 4, 2018

8 a.m.—Registration

9 a.m.—Ceremony

9:10 a.m.—Walk begins

10—11 a.m. Post-walk activities

WHERE: The 2 mile walk starts and ends at The Lutheran Home: Belle Plaine (611 West Main Street).

Heading to college? Check out the local Catholic Newman Center on campus. Make new friends and enjoy great events and activities!



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School August, 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
			Adoration 9 am—11 pm Pietra Fitness - 6:30 pm	Adoration 6 pm—11 pm CCW Mtg.—7:00 pm Women's Friendship Group 10:00 am and 6:30 pm	First Friday: 3-8 pm Con- fessions, 3 pm Chaplet, 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross Parish Office Closed	Private Party—Gathering Space—Schroers
5 PREP Sign up weekend After 8am and 10am Masses	6 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm	7 Adoration 9 am—11 pm K of C Meeting—7:00 pm	8 Adoration 9 am—11 pm	9 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm Women's Friendship Group 10:00 am and 6:30 pm	10 Parish Office Closed	11 Private Party—Gathering Space—Zabel
12 PREP Sign up weekend After 8am and 10am Masses Marriage Encounter Meeting—7:00 pm	13 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm Baptism Class, 6:30 pm Gathering Space	14 Adoration 9 am—11 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Adoration 9 am—11 pm Assumption of Mary Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 6:00 pm	16 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm Women's Friendship Group 10:00 am and 6:30 pm	17 Parish Office Closed	18
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26	27 Holy Hour (in the Church) 11:30 am—12:30 pm	28 Adoration 9 am—11 pm	29 Adoration 9 am—11 pm Back to School Picnic Parish Hall—5:00 pm	30 Adoration 6 pm—11 pm	31 Parish Office Closed	



WALK AND ROLL FOR LIFE

AND

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 27

5-8 PM

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needs by offering free
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The Walk and Roll for Life will
help us continue to GO into
the community. The walk
will include:

- A non-competitive
walk/run
- Live music
- Silent Auction
- Dinner provided by
Chick Fil-A of
Burnsville



To register or donate, visit www.icumobiletc.com/events
or call Anne at 651-894-2882 for more information.

STEPPING FORWARD FOR DEMENTIA

Saturday, August 4th

The Lutheran Home Belle Plaine Campus is sponsoring a walk to raise awareness about dementia and those it effects. Walk in memory or honor of a loved on with memory loss. All proceeds will support memory care funding on our campus.

Register at tlha.org

Registration forms are also available at The Lutheran Home: Belle Plaine, Kingsway Retirement Living and KingsPath Senior Living in Belle Plaine.

Location: Walk starts and ends at The Lutheran Home: Belle Plaine (611 West Main Street)
Length: 2 miles

Please contact Betsy Berger at ebberger@tlha.org for more information!

Registration costs are \$20 for adults and \$7 for children, age 12 and younger. Includes T-shirt and pinwheel. Register by July 12.

Event details:

8 a.m.—Registration
9 a.m.—Ceremony
9:10 a.m.— Walk begins
10—11 a.m. Post-walk activities include face painting, balloon twisting and live music by the Vine Garage Band

Packet Pickup—Friday, August 3rd

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: KingsPath Senior Living, 125 Commerce Drive.

Onsite same day packet pick up is available.

Onsite same-day registration is available for \$25 for adults and \$12 for children. T-shirt size not guaranteed for same day registration.



Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for July 2018	\$6,735.00
7/15/18 Collection Week 2	\$7,619.35
Total Contributions July 2018 – to date	\$21,174.75
Contribution Goal for July 2018 – to date	\$20,205.00
Budget Surplus	\$969.75
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

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

- Pietra Fitness 6:30pm

Sunday, July 29, 2018

- Catholic United Financial Mass & Breakfast 8am

Thursday, August 2, 2018

- CCW Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, August 3, 2018

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

Saturday, August 4, 2018

- Sign-Up Sunday after Mass

Sunday, August 5, 2018

- Sign-Up Sunday after all Masses

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm
- Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday, August 12, 2018

- Marriage Encounter 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

- Assumption of Mary - Mass Times: 6:30am, 8:30am, & 6:00pm

Monday, August 20, 2018

- Baptism Class 6:30pm, Gathering Space

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

- Back to school picnic 5:00pm

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

July 28-29

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

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LECTORS: J. Hartmann J. Fogarty T. Buesgens

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Janice Teal 952-873-2998
Lisa Schatz, Georgine Gansen. Jean Hayden

Greeter Ministry

July 29

8 AM - Tom & Ann Woelfel

10 AM - Craig & Julie Otto

Mass Intentions

Mon. (23)	11:00 am - d. Larry Wolf, A of D
Tue. (24)	8:30 am - d. Scott Schoknecht
Wed. (25)	8:30 am - d. Carol Bigaouette-Smith
Fri. (27)	8:30 am - d. Anne Herrmann
Sat. (28)	4:15 pm - d. Norbert Gregory
Sun. (29)	8:00 am - d. Dick Meyer
	10:00 am - For the Parish
	6:00 pm - d. Frances Bigaouette

Readings For The Week Of July 23, 2018

MONDAY	Micah 6:1-4;/Matt. 12:38-42
TUESDAY	Micah 7:14-15;/Matt. 12:46-50
WEDNESDAY	2 Cor. 4:7-15;/Matt. 20:20-28
THURSDAY	Jer. 2:1-3;/Matt. 13:10-17
FRIDAY	Jer. 3:14-17;/Matt. 13:18-23
SATURDAY	Jer. 7:1-11;/Matt. 13:24-30
SUNDAY	2 Kings 4:42-44;/Eph. 4:1-6;/ John 6:1-15

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