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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**The State of Grace and our
Need for the Sacraments**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

Last weekend I mentioned that the reason we attend Mass every weekend is because we want to live forever. Unfortunately this is not understood by people as it was just 60 years ago. Many, many people have been deceived into thinking that nearly everyone who dies goes to Heaven automatically. This is not the case. Be sure of this: no one goes to Heaven automatically. As St. Paul said in his Letter to the Romans, "all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God." If any of us does go to Heaven, it will be because of Jesus.

At the moment of death each and every human being, whether Catholic, atheist or otherwise, will be judged by Jesus himself. At that particular judgement, Jesus will reveal to the deceased in which of just two possible states he or she has died: the state of grace or the state of unrepented mortal sin. Those who die in the state of grace will receive Jesus' gift of eternal life in Heaven. Those who die in the state of unrepented mortal sin are not capable of receiving the gift of eternal life and are destined for Hell.

As a consequence, your #1 responsibility in life, even more significant than your responsibility to be "happy" or "nice" or "successful" or "healthy" is to remain in the state of grace. Unfortunately, it is easier to live in a state of unrepented mortal sin than it is to live in the state of grace.

Jesus put you in the state of grace through the Sacrament of Baptism which freed you from the guilt of original sin. Once a person is baptized, Jesus uses the Mass and Confession to keep you in the state of grace and return you to the state of grace. By attending Sunday Mass you satisfy your responsibility to worship Jesus in the way he commanded; to fail to do so without being excused because of poor health is a grave evil, and those who fail to attend Sunday Mass even during the summer should assume they are in the state of mortal sin by this grave omission. If you do miss Sunday Mass without being excused, and decide you want to go to Heaven rather than Hell, you should make a good Confession as soon as reasonably possible. By way of a good Confession, Jesus will return you to the state of grace.

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

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Director

FAITH FORMATION, 952-873-6564

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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.

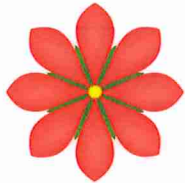
ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lonsdale, MN.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018. Mass at 10:00 AM. Stands open at 11:00 AM. Serving Pork & Dumplings, Hamburgers, Hot Beef Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Nachos & Cheese, Pie & Ice Cream, Sno-Cones & Floats, and Refreshments! Featuring Games for Kids, Big Wheel, Chicken Plop, Book of Prizes, Used-A-Bit, Bingo, Chance Booth, Homemade Czech Baking, Country Market & Crafts. Live Entertainment featuring the **Jolly P's** and **Colton Tupy and the Sandcreek Connection**. Drawing at 4:30 PM.
 Please join us for a fun-filled day for the whole family!

*Father Aaron Wessman of the **Glenmary Home Missioners** wishes to extend his thanks to the parish families of Our Lady of the Prairie who generously contributed to the home missions. Father Aaron assures us of his prayers and requests that we pray for Glenmary, all those served by Glenmary in the home missions, and for an increase in vocations to missionary priesthood and brotherhood.*

Fr. Brian

Faith Formation Position
 St. Bernard/Ascension Faith Formation Program in Cologne/NYA is seeking a Director of Faith Formation for Middle School/High School. Visit the job description at <http://careers.archspm.org/> or contact Kara at officeadmin@ascensionnya.org or 952-250-3620

Join the St. Catherine Council of Catholic Women as they host a Country Garden Tour & Luncheon on Saturday, July 28 from 9am – 3pm. The tour features five local country gardens for all to enjoy at your leisure. Lunch will be provided from 11:00am – 1:30pm at St. Catherine Catholic Church as well as a craft, plant, and bake sale. Tickets may be purchased via phone or online order. Contact Margaret at 952-461-2214 or visit www.stcatherineccw.wixsite.com/gardentour for online ticket orders or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stcatherineccw for more information. Money raised will go to support the updating of the stained glass windows in our beautiful 150-year-old church. Thank you to our sponsor the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and their continued support of our church.



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!

Marriage Encounter Weekend
 It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love, with each other Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. Faithful Shepherd School - Eagan, MN - July 27-29, 2018 or Kings House - Buffalo, MN - July 13-15, 2018. To sign up visit: twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.



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

KC - 2018 BBQ Stand Schedule

FRIDAY

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Gene Fahey

Chris Fahey

Dan Fahey

Doug Schultz

Joe Fahey

John Fahey

8:00 – 10:00

Gary Bartels

Brad Schultz

John Ernst

Josh Bartels

Pat O'Brien

Shawn Bartels

10:00 – CLOSE

Mike Daly

Dennis Moriarty

Don Meger

Gerry Eiden

Zach Teal

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SATURDAY

12:00 – 2:00

Eric May

Jason Palo

Joe Vandermark

2:00 – 4:00

Bill Menke

Dick Schmit

James Koepp

Jim Covington

Joe Pumper

Patrick Mulroy

4:00 – 6:00

Joe LaJeunesse

Bill Shields

John Bigaouette

Mike Pingalore

Terry Feddersen

John Driscoll

6:00 – 8:00

Dan Flynn

Joe Murphy

Chad McGowen

Pat Schatz

Rick Morgan

Ryan Stevens

Tom Schultz

8:00 – 10:00

Dave Brueggemeier

Jeff Luskey

Kenneth Skluzacek

Scott Williams

David Endres

Tom Endres

10:00 – CLOSE

Troy Wermerskirchen

Steve Heinkel

Stuart Roell

Zak Heinkel

SUNDAY

12:00 – 2:00

Bill McCue

Brian Berger

David Prokosh

Kevin Berger

Michael Berger

Timothy Samson

2:00 – 4:00

Al Bartolomei

Ashton Pankonin

David Endres

David Herrmann

John Murphy

Tom Endres

4:00 – 6:00

Bob Effertz

Dick Effertz

Larry Brazil

Stanly Effertz

Steve Gerken

Karl Kolden

6:00 – 8:00

Jim Mahoney

John Bailey

John Walsh

Kent Blada

Richard Burmeister

Roger Malz

Tim Halloran

8:00 – 10:00

Dan Ruchling

Jim Witt

Kurt Aslakson

Mike Wentworth

Rick Ollig

Robert Caola

10:00 – CLOSE

Bob Smith

Luke Stelten

Mark Stelten

Pat Schroers

July 13, 14, 15, 2018

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for July 2018	\$6,735.00
7/1/18 Collection Week 1	\$5,891.28
Peter's Pence	\$1,432.07
Total Contributions July 2018 – to date	\$5,891.28
Contribution Goal for July 2018 – to date	\$6,735.00
Budget Deficit	\$843.72
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, July 8, 2018

- Marriage Encounter 7:00pm

Sunday, July 8 - Sunday, July 15, 2018

- Families Moving Forward

Friday, July 13 - Sunday, July 15, 2018

- BBQ Days

Monday, July 16, 2018

- Baptism Class 6:30pm in the Gathering Space

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

- Pietra Fitness 6:30pm

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

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 14-15

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

USHERS:	J. Fogarty J. Hartmann	J. Soller J. Edberg D. Groen P. Guertin	P. O'Brien P. Turmes J. Covington B. Covington J. Gerres
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LECTORS: C. Schultz J. Aslakson J. Vandermark

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

S. Schultz	G. Gansen	M. Daly
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Carol Schultz 952-873-6704
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Greeter Ministry

July 8

8 AM - Chuck & Monica Valek

10 AM - Jim & Paula Covington

Mass Intentions

Mon. (9)	11:00 am - d. Theodore Klehr
Tue. (10)	8:30 am - d. Rose Blake
Wed. (11)	8:30 am - d. Wayne Bohlke
Fri. (13)	8:30 am - liv. & d. mem of Jerry Wagner Fam.
Sat. (14)	4:15 pm - d. Kenneth O'Brien
Sun. (15)	8:00 am - OLP CCW Volunteers
	10:00 am - For the Parish
	6:00 pm - d. Joseph Shaughnessy

Readings For The Week Of July 9, 2018

MONDAY	Hosea 2:16;/Matt. 9:18-26
TUESDAY	Hosea 8:4-7;/Matt. 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY	Hosea 10:1-3;/Matt. 10:1-7
THURSDAY	Hosea 11:1-4;/Matt. 10:7-15
FRIDAY	Hosea 14:2-10;/Matt. 10:16-23
SATURDAY	Isa. 6:1-8;/Matt. 10:24-33
SUNDAY	Amos 7:12-15;/Eph. 1:3-14;/ Mark 6:7-13

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