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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 OUR PASTOR**Spiritual Reading List**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

Last week I wrote about the the significance of spiritual reading. This week I offer a list of books from which you can choose. These books belong to a number of different genres. Many of these can be purchased on Amazon or through St. Patrick's Guild in Saint Paul.

The Bible; the following are recommended Catholic editions: *The New American Bible, Revised Edition and Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition.*

- *Abandonment to Divine Providence* by Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade [classic on spiritual life].
- *The Action Bible* by David C. Cook [comic book version for young people].
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.
- *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis [the truth about your enemy that he doesn't want you to know].
- *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain [yep, that Mark Twain].
- *The Way of Perfection* by St. Teresa of Avila [classic on spiritual life].
- *The Story of a Soul: the Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux* (The Little Flower).
- *In the School of the Holy Spirit* by Fr. Jacques Philippe [modern classic on spiritual life].
- *With God in Russia* by Fr. Walter Ciszek [inspirational autobiography].
- *The Wise Man from the West* by Vincent Cronin [inspirational biography of Fr. Matteo Ricci].
- *Early Christian Writings: The Apostolic Fathers* by Andrew Louth [ancient Church history from original sources].
- *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly [contemporary spiritual life].
- *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Fr. Henri Nouwen.
- *I Believe in Love* by Fr. Jean D'Elbee [The Little Flower's spirituality].
- *Contemplating the Trinity* by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa [theology].
- *The Better Part* by Fr. John Bartunek [for praying with the gospels].
- *The End of the Present World and the Mysteries of the Future Life* by Fr. Charles Arminjon [scholarly explanation of the last things].
- *General Principles of Sacramental Theology* by Roger W. Nutt [serious theology].
- *Making Sense Out of Suffering* by Peter Kreeft.
- *The Blood and the Shroud* by Ian Wilson [authenticity of the Shroud of Turin].

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

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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.

OLP Fall Festival Block Party!

The Fall Festival will again feature a Silent Auction, which was new last year. Now is the time to put your baskets together! Create a movie night tub: include some popcorn, pop, candy and your favorite DVD. For the adults, perhaps a wine rack with a bottle of wine or gift certificate from a local liquor store. Don't forget game night for the kids; playing cards, board games and candy. Create sports themed baskets, a spa day, even a pet's themed basket with toys or goodies for our four-legged friends. The only limitation is your imagination!

In addition to the Silent Auction this year we will be adding a separate Farmer's Market. For the Farmer's Market we welcome all those delicious handmade food items, baked goods, canned goods and fresh produce.

Thank you for helping make the Fall Festival a successful event!

The Fall Festival Committee

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3–September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray!

Mary Klehr	Ginny Morgan
Judy O'Brien	Sallie Raleigh
Carol Schultz	



In strengthening the priest we strengthen the Church! **Seven Sister Apostolate** is an apostolate in which a group of seven women join together to pray for a priest holding a particular office within

the diocese. The seven women commit for a year to pray a holy hour every week, each on a different day. The holy hour is solely for that one priest's sanctification and for his deepening devotion to the Blessed Mother. If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to this ministry please check out the website, sevensistersapostolate.org or call Loree Heinkel - 952-873-6564 for more information.

Over the past few weeks, we have recently completed painting many of the hallways and rooms in the new parish life center. We want to acknowledge and thank Kurt Aslakson for taking the lead on this needed project. Kurt spent many many hours on this and his time, expertise, and equipment were all equally valued. This was done at a great savings considering what it would have cost if we had to have hired an outside company. Thanks Kurt (and Jean, too)!



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Monday, August 13, 2018



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REGISTER TODAY!

August 20th deadline is fast approaching!

Late Fee (\$25) will apply after the 20th.

FAMILY FORMATION K-6

New this year:

K-2 Workshops during 10 am Mass

After Fr. Brian's children's homily, the children will be led to a room for an activity related to the Sacraments.

The K-1 workshops will be on the first Sunday of the month starting in November. The 2nd grade workshops will be on the second Sunday of the month starting in October.

Save the Date: Class for children in K-6

Protecting Children and Youth Initiative (PCYI) will be held on Saturday, September 22 10 am for the children.

Watch for more details to come.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Retreats

Save the Dates:

September 30th (in-house)

October 27th (Archdiocesan Youth Day in St. Paul)

More details to follow

***Parent and student interviews are scheduled for
Sept. 16, 18, and 23.***

7-8 PREP

Starts Sunday, Sept. 16 (10 am Kick-off Mass)

Sign up for parent/student orientation interviews

August 21, 22, & 28

Go to Time to Sign Up : prepsignup

ttsu.me/orientationinterview

REGISTRATION FORMS online: www.ourladyoftheprairie.com (look under the Faith Formation tab)

Also on the website, check out the Google Calendar with all Church and PREP dates!

Ask how you can get these calendars on your Google Calendar.

Email pschroers@ourladyoftheprairie.com if you have any questions regarding these programs.

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for August 2018	\$6,892.00
8/5/18 Collection Week 6	\$8,933.12
Maintenance Fund	\$1,293.00
Total Contributions July 2018 – to date	\$40,187.10
Contribution Goal for July 2018 – to date	\$40,567.50
Budget Deficit	\$380.40
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, 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
- Prep Registration Deadline

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

- Back to school picnic 5:00pm

Monday, September 3, 2018

- Labor day, Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

- First Day of School

Friday, September 7, 2018

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

Saturday, September 8, 2018

- Fall Festival/Block Party

Sunday, September 9, 2018

- Marriage Encounter Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

- PREP Parent Workshop

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

Aug. 18-19

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

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Carman Meyer 952-873-2792
Dan Gardner, Ag Wawrzyniak, Carol Schultz

Greeter Ministry

August 12

8 AM - Carl & Georgine Gansen

10 AM - Troy & Nora Wermerskirchen

Mass Intentions

Mon. (13) 11:00 am - Emmett & Helen McCue

Tue. (14) 8:30 am - d. Theodore Klehr

Wed. (15) 6:30 am - d. Alice Savage

8:30 am - d. Ray Bigaouette

6:00 pm - liv. & d. mem. of the

Jerry & Pat Anderson Family

Fri. (17) 8:30 am - d. Joseph Shaughnessy

Sat. (18) 4:15 pm - d. Ray, John, & Jerry Connolly

Sun. (19) 8:00 am - For the Parish

10:00 am - liv. William LaJeunesse

6:00 pm - d. Rose Blake

Readings For The Week Of August 13, 2018

MONDAY Ezek. 1:2-5;/Matt. 17:22-27

TUESDAY Ezek. 2:8-3:4;/Matt. 18:1-5

WEDNESDAY Rev. 11:19a;/1 Cor. 15:20-27;/
Luke 1:39-56

THURSDAY Ezek. 12:1-12;/Matt. 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY Ezek. 16:1-15;/Matt. 19:3-12

SATURDAY Ezek. 18:1-10;/Matt. 19:13-15

SUNDAY Prov. 9:1-6;/Eph. 5:15-20;/
John 6:51-58

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