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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

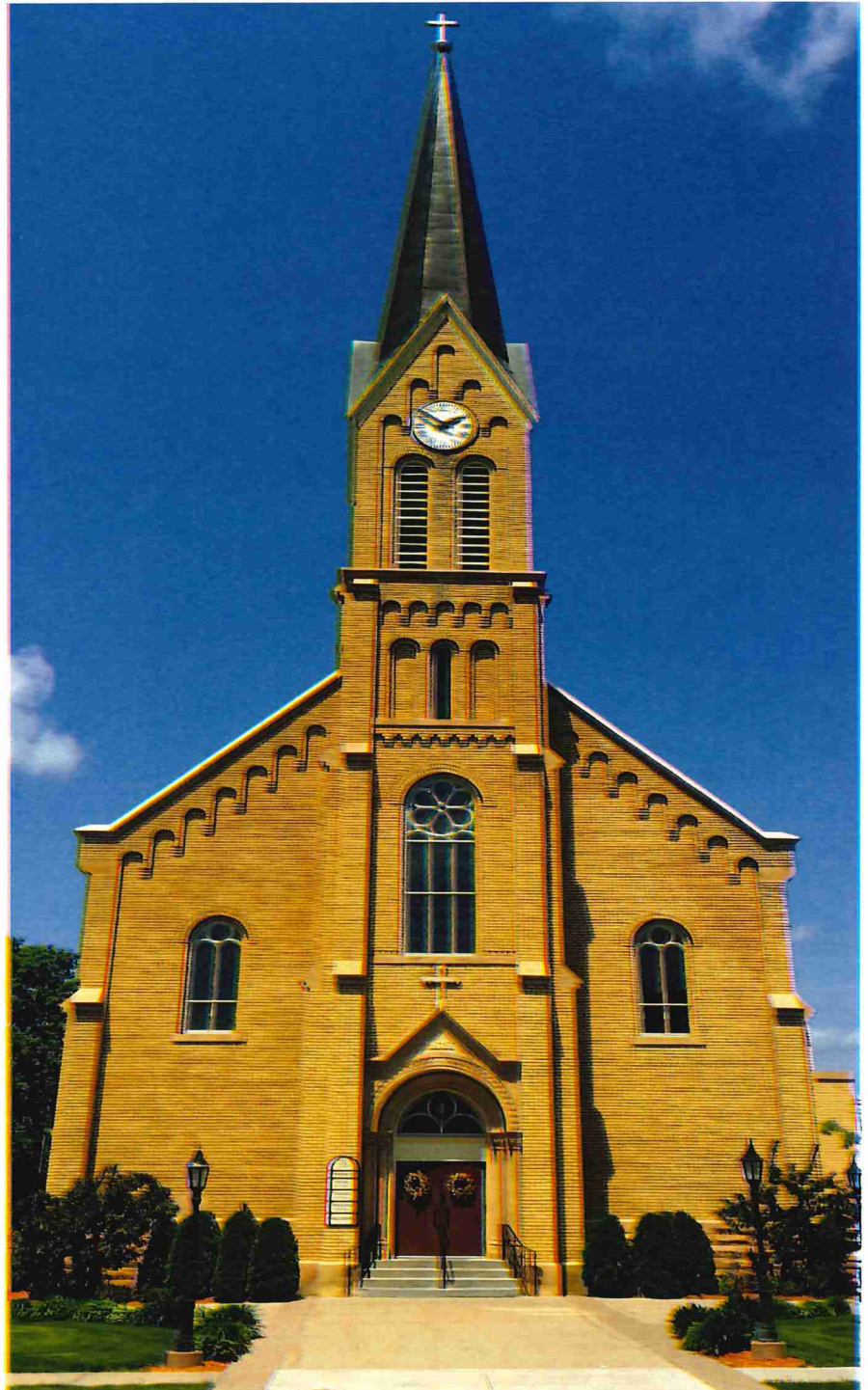
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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 Deacon Bob**HOW TO KICK START YOUR FAITH AT COLLEGE**

As some of our young adults begin their first year in college this year, as parents we always worry about them in more ways than one. How much will they change in their lifestyles, whether it is for the better or not for the better. Yes, we as parents always pray for them, but it is up to them to make their own choices. We may worry about them keeping their faith. We should be encouraged to help them prioritize about keeping their faith. I'd like to share from an article about 9 ways to kick start your faith at college.

- 1) Begin and end with prayer. There are some college students who are not at their best in the morning, but begin with a short prayer by saying: "thank you God for waking me up this morning." If you wish you could Google "examen" because all the top hits are helpful. At the end of the day, just say, "thank you God for helping me in getting through today."
- 2) Frequent the sacraments. There are many things that will change in your life at college, like how you spend your time, what and who you will get to know and what to join. Go to Mass at least every Sunday and once or twice during the week. Regularly try to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, by putting a date on your calendar to do so. Receive the Eucharist often.
- 3) Keep holy the Sabbath. Not only going to Mass each Sunday, but refraining from doing unnecessary work on Sunday. Maybe just spending a little extra time in prayer.
- 4) Mend broken relationships. Ask for forgiveness from those you have hurt in your past life. Sometimes this is a very hard thing to do.
- 5) Minimize your "stuff." Don't take everything with you for your dorm. Having space gives you room to grow.
- 6) Plan to keep in touch. You cannot keep in touch with all your high school friends, but only with those who are very important to you. Don't forget to communicate with Mom and Dad on a regular basis.
- 7) Read for pleasure. Try and choose one book that you will read during the 1st semester that is not for a class. Pick just one book only so you don't overwhelm yourself.
- 8) Seek out a Spiritual Director and Faith Community. A Spiritual Director is a master of discipline who is trained to help you to develop your faith. So, how do you find a Spiritual Director? If there is a Catholic student center, Newman Center, or campus ministry at your college, get in touch with them, and tell them you are looking for a Spiritual Director.
- 9) Reassess often. Being proactive rather than reactive is the key. Those who enter into a mature faith prioritize their faith. Don't put pressure on yourself to do everything right immediately. You won't. So after the end of the first semester, assess how your first semester went. Think back on what you have accomplished and what you must do to do better in the future.

May God and the Holy Spirit guide you in your decisions as you begin your next stage of life.

PEACE,
Deacon Bob Raleigh

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Robert Raleigh - Deacon - 952-873-6688

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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.

Pro-Life Prayer!

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!

Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Oct 5-7, 2018 in Buffalo, MN and Nov 16-18, 2018 in Prior Lake, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Book signing at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center:

Join author and retreatant Rhonda Zweber for a book reading and signing event on Sunday, Sept. 16th from 1:00 - 2:30 PM at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake. Registration not required but appreciated - call 952-447-2182 or e mail secretary@franciscanretreats.net

Have you ever listened to your local Catholic radio station?

Relevant Radio is your station for all things Catholic. Have questions about the Faith answered on "The Patrick Madrid show," "Go Ask Your Father," and "Father Simon Says." Get spiritual direction on "The Inner Life." See how our faith relates to pertinent issues in the news on "The Drew Mariani Show" and "A Closer Look" with Sheila Liaugminas. Pray for others' and your intentions during the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the family Rosary. Much, much more! Prepare to be inspired! Tune into **AM 1330**, get the Relevant Radio App, or listen online at www.relevantradio.com

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.

OLP Fall Festival Block Party Saturday September 8th, 2018

Raffle Tickets are available for pick-up after all Masses. This year's top prize is \$3000! Be sure to stop by the Gathering Space after Mass to pick up your packet.

Take Outs – Take Outs for the Fall Festival Dinner will be available again this year. If you are interested in having a take-out dinner delivered to your home please call Dawn at 507-380-5887 or the parish office 952-873-6564 to arrange delivery. Please call by noon on September 5th, 2018.

Volunteers Needed!

Sign up today in the gathering space to help make this year's Fall Festival a success. We need volunteers to help in the following capacities; silent auction, farmer's market, beer garden, beverage ticket sales, hamburger stand, and cleaning.

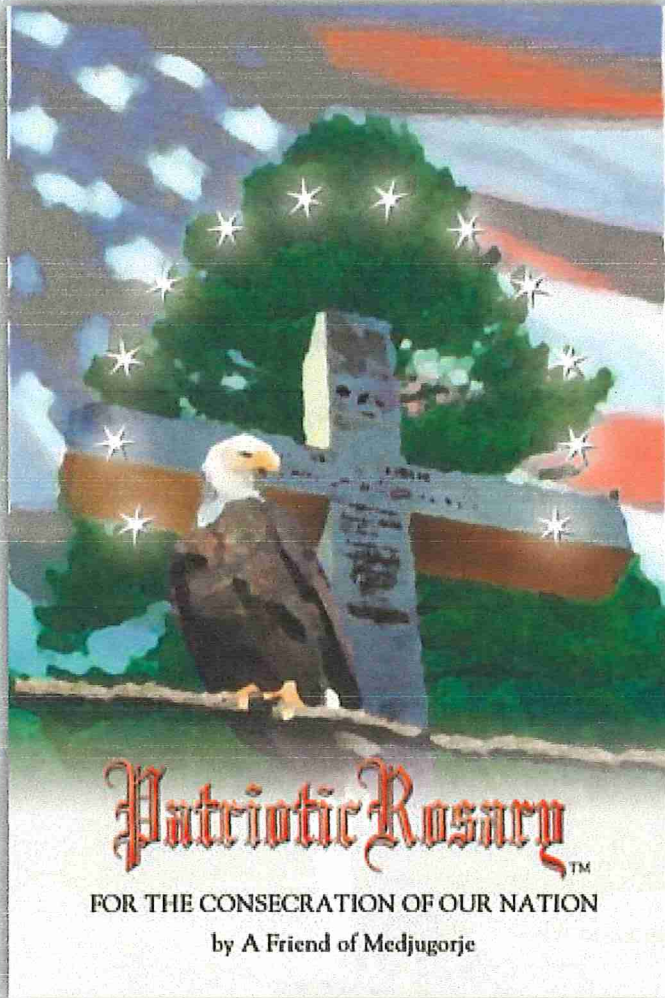
Donations

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!

If you don't have the time or resources to create a basket you can donate a single item and we will pair it to make the perfect basket for the Silent-Auction.

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. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office by Thursday, September 6th. Thank you for helping make the Fall Festival a successful event!

The Fall Festival Committee



Labor Day

11 am Daily Mass

Please join us

At 10 am

To pray

The Patriotic Rosary

Before Mass

All are welcome!



*It is for freedom
that Christ has set us free.
Galatians 5:1*

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE

PRESENTS

The Music Academy!

With Music Director Mrs. Carolyn Gleason

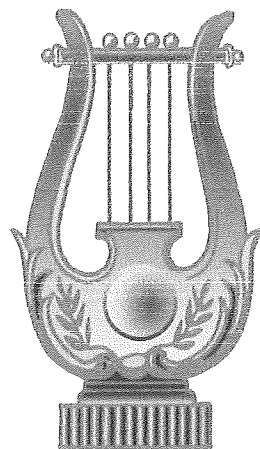
WHAT: A children's choir that will be performing at Masses.

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

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

WHERE: Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School

See other side for more information and registration, thank you!



Praise
God
with
Music

Music Academy Registration Form- 2018 First Semester

with Mrs. Carolyn Gleason, Music Director

Please return by August 15, 2018

Parent(s) Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email(s) _____

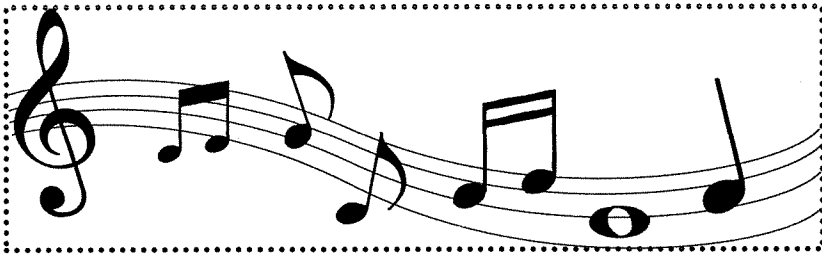
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Registered at OLP Church? Y N If No, where _____

Child Name (First and Last)	Male/Female	Grade 2018-2019	Date of Birth
<i>Ex: Jane Smith</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>01-01-2010</i>

_____	_____	_____	_____
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2018 First Semester SCHEDULE

Practices: 3:15 pm:
 Sept 5, 12, 19, 26,
 Oct 3, 10, 17, 24,
 Nov 7, 14, 28,
 Dec 5, 12

Performances: 10:00 am Mass:
 Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 18

Sing O'Heavens Concert:
 Dec 15

FEE SCHEDULE

# students	x	Total
\$100.00 per semester	x _____	= _____

TOTAL DUE:

All fees must accompany this form. Submit to OLP office or Mail to: Our Lady of the Prairie, 200 E Church St Belle Plaine, MN 56011
 Make check payable to "Our Lady of the Prairie". Questions call Carolyn Gleason, Church number 952-873-6564.

OFFICE USE: Paid _____ Other Notes: _____

Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly Collection Goal for August 2018	\$8,377.50
8/12/18 Collection Week 8	\$5,204.07
Assumption	\$1,025.15
Total Contributions July 2018 – to date	\$56,077.13
Contribution Goal for July 2018 – to date	\$55,837.50
Budget Surplus	\$239.63
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, August 29, 2018

- Back to school picnic 5:00pm

Monday, September 3, 2018

- Labor day, Parish Office Closed
- 10:00 am Patriotic Rosary, 11:00 Daily Mass

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018

- KC Pancake Breakfast
- 7/8 Grade Mass at 10:00am

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

- 7/8 Grade Prep 6:00pm

Sunday, September 23, 2018

- Family Day - Prep after 10:00am Mass

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

- Church Night Meetings 6:00pm



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

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 1-2

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

USHERS:	J. Fogarty J. Hartmann	J. Soller J. Edberg D. Groen P. Guertin	H. Jeurissen J. Klein J. Miller P. O'Brien
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LECTORS: W. Driscoll K. Skluzacek J. Vandermark

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Please Vol.	Deacon Bob	Deacon Bob
R. Klehr	G. Bartels	M. Daly
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R. Koepp	G. Gansen	D. Westphal
K. Heitkamp	S. Vizecky	A. Bigaouette M. Turmes

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Lisa Schatz 952-873-4264
 Georgine Gansen, Jean Hayden, Janice Teal

Greeter Ministry

September 2

8 AM - Jim & Sandy Jeurissen
 10 AM - Doug & Deb Westphal

Mass Intentions

Mon. (27) 11:00 am - d. Patrick Moriarty
 Tue. (28) 8:30 am - d. Mary A. O'Brien
 Wed. (29) 8:30 am - d. Agatha Tholkes
 Fri. (31) 8:30 am - d. Robert Francis Huber
 Sat. (1) 8:30 am - Fr. Brian's Intention
 4:15 pm - d. Henry & Jeanne Dvorak
 Sun. (2) 8:00 am - d. Gary Glisczinski
 10:00 am - For the Parish
 6:00 pm - d. Ray Bigaouette

Readings For The Week Of August 27, 2018

MONDAY 2 Thess. 1:1-5;/Matt. 23:13-22
TUESDAY 2 Thess. 2:1-3a;/Matt. 23:23-26
WEDNESDAY 2 Thess. 3:6-10;/Mark 6:17-29
THURSDAY 1 Cor. 1:1-9;/Matt. 24:42-51
FRIDAY 1 Cor. 1:17-25;/Matt. 25:1-13
SATURDAY 1 Cor. 1:26-31;/Matt. 25:14-30
SUNDAY Deut. 4:1-2;/James 1:17-18;/
 Mark 7:1-8

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