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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 is Essential to Christian Life**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

I'm writing this bulletin column on July 31, the day on which the Universal Church remembers St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, also called the Jesuits. Ignatius lived in Spain during the Protestant "Reformation." As a young soldier, like St. Francis of Assisi 300 years prior, Ignatius was injured in battle, and during the many weeks of his bedridden recovery, he had lots and lots of time on his hands. Without the convenient contemporary distractions of radio, television, computer or telephone, Ignatius had books. Though attracted to stories about heroic knights and their romantic interests, because of their availability, Ignatius eventually found himself reading books about Jesus and the lives of the saints. He noticed that unlike books about knights and their ladies, religious stories had a positive enduring influence on him. This became a significant experience in his life, one that guided him as he helped others to make better choices that would help them to become better friends with Jesus and his friends, the saints.

Despite it becoming less and less popular, reading is crucial for human beings to reach their intellectual and spiritual potential; the very Word of God is something that is read. While we can benefit from reading scripture regularly (even daily), there are many other significant Christian writings, ancient and modern, that can help us to become better friends of Jesus.

Certain times and seasons are traditionally considered more suited for reading, and summer is considered one of those seasons when people take time to relax on vacation. In Minnesota, winter (especially January - March) is another season that lends itself to reading, as the weather makes a number of outdoor activities unattractive, unpleasant, or even dangerous.

Please challenge yourself to do some spiritual reading before summer ends. If you start with the Bible, consider beginning with the Gospel of Mark rather than page 1. Next week I hope to offer a number of books from which you can choose. If spiritual reading is not already a familiar and regular practice, I hope that it will soon become one for you and your family.

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch

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Loree Heinkel - Religious Education Assistant

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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.

Have you heard? There is a holy hour each Monday following Mass from 11:30am - 12:30pm. If you would like to spend part of your noon hour or take a break in your busy day to enjoy quiet time with our Lord, please contact Ginny Morgan at 701-212-3109. Our new schedule for this ministry will be out the end of August. For those who are already part of this ministry please let me know if you wish to continue. Thanks.

Catholic United Financial is having a sock drive! Collecting NEW socks to be given to homeless shelters. Most important part of keeping warm during the winter is having warm feet! Collection box will be located in the back of church. **Through August 16.**

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!



Prayer For Our Priests:

One Hour/One Priest/Each Week

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.

OLP Fall Festival Block Party!

The 2018 Fall Festival is right around the corner – **Saturday, September 8th.**

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!

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

2018 OLP Fall Festival/ Block Party Raffle Tickets

Our annual Fall Festival/Block Party is quickly approaching! This year's festivities will take place on **Saturday, September 8th!** At next weekend's Masses, we will have raffle tickets for each parishioner household available for pickup. Please be sure and stop by to pick yours up. Thank you for supporting this most important fundraiser!



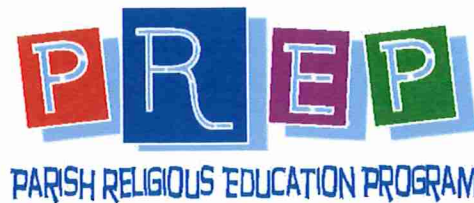
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Monday, August 6, 2018



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REGISTER TODAY!

August 20th deadline is fast approaching!

Sign-Up Sundays: Aug 5th and 12th

FAMILY FORMATION K-6

- Starts Wed, Sept. 12 at 6:15 pm
 - Parent Workshop

New this year:

K-2 Workshops during 10 am Mass.

The Four Pillars of the Catechism

Year 1: The Creed (Last year's theme)

Year 2: The Sacraments (This year's theme)

Year 3: Life in Christ

Year 4: Christian Prayer

CONFIRMATION

- First meeting is Sun, Oct. 14 at 6:00 pm

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

On-line sign up will be available soon.

Sundays 6:00 pm Mass

Faith Sharing small groups

7-8 PREP

- Starts Sun, Sept. 16 at 10 am Mass

New this year: Watch for more information about parent/student orientation interviews.

"CHOSEN" will be our curriculum.

First day of class, Wed, Sept. 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
AUGUST 20, 2018**

***Supplies need to be ordered soon!**

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

REGISTRATION FORMS online

www.ourladyoftheprairie.com (look under the Faith Formation tab)

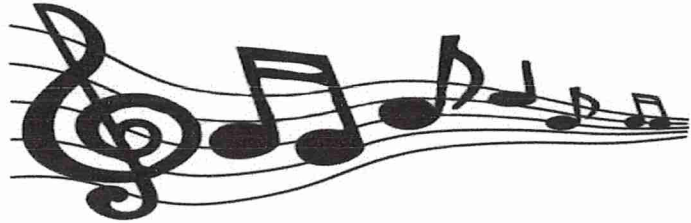
or in the Gathering Space or office

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



OLP CHOIRS

Join us for our 2nd Annual
CHILLIN' and GRILLIN'



Wednesday, August 22nd @ 5 pm

1042 Pinehurst Lane - Jordan

We will provide hamburgers/brats & water.

Spouses and kids are welcome!

Please bring a side or dessert to share,
your beverage of choice,
and your lawn chairs.



RSVP by August 15, 701.212.3109 (Ginny Morgan)

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) _____
Home# _____ Work# _____ Cell# _____
Home# _____ Work# _____ Cell# _____
Registered at OLP Church? Y N If No, where _____

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



FEE SCHEDULE

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

TOTAL DUE:

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 23, Oct 28, Nov 18

Sing O'Heavens Concert:

Dec 15

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 July 2018	\$6,735.00
7/22/18 Collection Week 5	\$4,601.25
Maintenance Fund	\$1,293.00
Total Contributions July 2018 – to date	
\$30,873.96 Contribution Goal for July 2018 – to date	
\$33,675.00	
Budget Deficit	\$2,801.04
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 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
- 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

Saturday, September 8, 2018

- Fall Festival/Block Party

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. 11-12

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

USHERS:	J. Fogarty J. Hartmann	D. Groen P. Guertin T. Halloran A. Hennen	P. Turmes J. Covington B. Covington J. Gerres
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LECTORS: W. Drisoll M. Makowski R. Morgan

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Deacon Bob	Deacon Bob	Deacon Bob
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K. Heitkamp	G. Gansen	J. Vandermark J. Covington

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:

Diane Hanson 952-873-6515
 Sue Halloran, Pat Fogarty

Greeter Ministry

August 12

8 AM - Mark & Leticia Fogarty

10 AM - Eric & Jean Johnson

Mass Intentions

Mon. (6) 11:00 am - liv. & d. mem of Robert, JoAnne, Blunt Family

Tue. (7) 8:30 am - d. Carol Bigaouette-Smith

Wed. (8) 8:30 am - d. Wayne Bohlke

Fri. (10) 8:30 am - d. Rosella Riesgraf

Sat. (11) 4:15 pm - d. Alphonse & Marie Stocker

Sun. (12) 8:00 am - For the Parish

10:00 am - OLP-CCW Volunteers

6:00 pm - d. Frances Bigaouette

Readings For The Week Of August 6, 2018

MONDAY Dan. 7:9-10;/2 Peter 1:16-19;/
 Mark 9:2-10

TUESDAY Jer. 30:1-2;/Matt. 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY Jer. 31:1-7;/Matt. 15:21-28

THURSDAY Jer. 31:31-34;/Matt. 16:13-23

FRIDAY 2 Cor. 9:6-10;/John 12:24-26

SATURDAY Hab. 1:12-2:4;/Matt. 17:14-20

SUNDAY 1 Kings 19:4-8;/Eph. 4:30-5:2;/
 John 6:41-51

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