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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday:
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 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 the 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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A Message from the Pastor...

A Cautionary Fable

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

There once was a company that sold the original widget. This company had been around for so long that it had an enormous sales force with multiple representatives in every town. The company trained each salesperson for several years before expecting any return on its investment in its salespeople. It was the responsibility of the local sales manager to make sure each salesperson received what he or she needed to sell widgets. Much of this was accomplished by way of a mandatory weekly one hour meeting, though there were a variety of weekly opportunities for continuing education in multiple platforms, and most all if it free. Unfortunately, many failed to show up even for the mandatory weekly meeting, and sales suffered.

However, the times were difficult for sales. Other companies started making widgets that were shinier and more modern looking. Not only that, there were many people who had lost interest in widgets and were instead interested in other things. The manager understood the difficulty of his sales force and had a plan. He told his salespeople, "Don't worry about selling our widgets to enemies, strangers, neighbors, or even friends. Just sell them to your children and grandchildren. That will be enough. I will take responsibility for the rest."

To the manager, it seemed like a more than reasonable expectation. Though the original company business model presumed that each salesperson would have the passion, assistance, and desire to sell widgets to anyone and everyone, given history and circumstances, the company could survive if each salesperson simply sold widgets to his or her own immediate family members.

Unfortunately, only a fraction of the sales force accepted this plan. Many if not most decided that they couldn't or shouldn't or wouldn't sell widgets at all, not even to their own children! And though many of these same salespeople thought their children and grandchildren needed the original widget, they thought someone else, perhaps the manager himself or one of his few assistant managers, ought to sell widgets to each and every family member of the sales force.

But the company was not set up to function that way. Even if at times in the not-too-distant past it had tried to work that way, relying on super salespeople (mostly women) who completely dedicated their lives to the company at great personal cost, those days were gone, and there was no going back.

I wonder what will happen to the original widget company?

All the Best in Christ,

Fr. Brian Lynch

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Lay Leadership Positions

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Leticia Fogarty	Rick Morgan	Bob Smith
Jim Gerres	Joe Murphy	Chuck Valek

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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.

Please Hold in Prayer...

Please pray for the following people:

Ag Wawrzyniak
Lois Kechly
Elaine Berge
Bernice Schmidt
Mike Tuma
Lois Kechley
Colleen Murphy-McCrreight
Kathy Fogarty-Thomason
Rosie Klehr
Jeanette Gloege
Mary Beisel

If you know of someone who would like to have their name added to the prayer list, please notify the bulletin editor. A name will be listed for four weeks. Before calling or emailing the name, please seek the permission of the person.

Catholic Services Appeal Update

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) continues. As of April 29th, we have received 61% of our goal! Thank you to the 112 OLP families who have already participated in supporting the 20 ministries that receive funding through the CSA Foundation.

If you have not yet turned in your 2019 pledge, there are additional appeal envelopes at the back of the church or at the parish offices. Feel free to drop off completed envelopes at the parish offices or simply drop them in the Sunday offertory collection basket.

As a reminder, OLP will receive a rebate of 25% of the funds collected, but only if we achieve 100% of our goal. Our goal is $17,364 and we have received $10,588, leaving us with $6,776 to achieve our goal.

To learn more about the CSAF and the 20 ministries it helps to support, please visit them at csafspm.org

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For more information, please contact our Grand Knight Eric May at 952-873-3423.

GRIEF, HOPE & HEALING

A nondenominational grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a spouse or significant other. This group is led by widows who understand what you are going through. The group offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from your loss. No registration is necessary.

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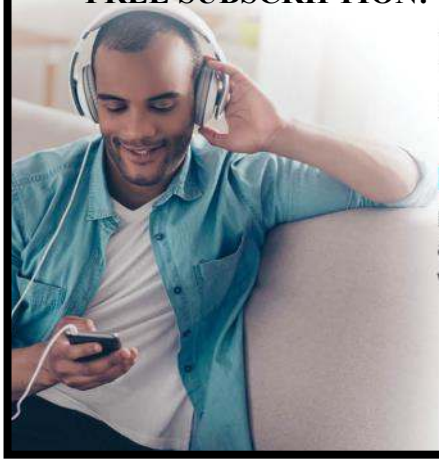

Fatima: Living the Message

By Fr. Jason Brooks

Heed Your Mother's Advice

Fr. Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years and why Our Lady's message is still as relevant as ever.

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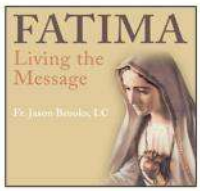

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THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

--MAY 2019—

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WILL *YOU* PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION

O Lord, may You find shelter and rest gently within the heart of your priest. Make him, O Lord, a priest according to Your heart: meek, humble, zealous, so that all he does will be for Your honor and glory. Mold him into a man of prayer and labor, insensible to earthly things, and sensible only to Your love and to the graces of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Fron Our Lady of the Rosasry Library, Prospect, KY)

Council of Catholic Women

THANK YOU!

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Morning for Justice, Peace and Healing

Special Guest Speaker

Janine Geske (Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice)

Welcome & Opening Comments by

Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Tim O'Malley

Tuesday, May 7

9 – 11 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

411 4th Ave SW, New Prague, MN 56071

(Next to Dairy Queen)

Restorative Justice is a healthy way to address the needs of those traumatized by violent crime. Talk about what has happened in the past, what is happening in the present and what steps we can take to influence the future. Engage in conversation with others as we move towards peace and healing.

Open to the public – All are welcome

This event is for all who have been impacted by violent crime, including: victims/survivors of emotional and physical abuse, as well as their family and friends, city officials, law enforcement, legal experts, staff and members of all church congregations.

Hosted by:
The New Prague Catholic Community along with the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Our Gifts to the Lord

Collection Goal for April	$ 6,712.50
4/28/19 Collection Week 44	**$ 4,979.00**
Contribution Goal YTD	$ 360,525.00
Total Contributions YTD	$ 342,971.99
Budget Deficit	**($ 17,553.01)**
Maintenance Collection	$ 1,964.00

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 olp.church

Please remember Our Lady of the Prairie in your will and other estate planning.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 5, 2019
- First Communion Mass at 11:30 am

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
- Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 12, 2019
- Marriage Encounter, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
- Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 19, 2019
- PREP Family Day, 10:00 am Mass

Monday, May 27, 2019
- Memorial Day Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel, 9:30 am
- Parish/School Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Church Night Meetings

Tuesday, June 4, 2019
- Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 9-14, 2019
- Totus Tuus

Sunday, June 23, 2019
- Corpus Christi Procession at 11:00 am

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 with us* on the home page.

Ministry Schedule

May 11, 12

	4:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
SERVERS:	Server Crew	J. Teal Isabel T..	M. Daly S. Schroers
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	S. Cole	Nora W.
	B. Fahey	R. Morgan
		T. Feddersen

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS:
Janice Teal, 952.873.2998, L. Schatz, G. Gansen

Greeter Ministry

May 12
8 AM - Mark and Leticia Fogarty
10 AM - Pat and Sandy Schroers

Mass Intentions

Mon	(6)	11:00 am - d. Bert Neisen
Tues	(7)	8:30 am—d. Betty Halloran
Wed	(8)	8:30 am - d. Alfred Miron
Fri	(10)	8:30 am - d. Agnes Orthaus
Sat	(11)	8:30 pm - d. Alphonse and Marie Stocker
Sun	(12)	8:00 am - d. Peggy Adams, Barb Quast and Helen Eisel
		10:00 am - For the Parish
		6:00 pm - d. Bill Neisen

Readings for the week of 5/6/2019

MONDAY	Acts 6:8-15;/Jn. 6:22-29
TUESDAY	Acts 7:51-8:1a;/Jn. 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY	Acts 8:1b-8;/Jn. 6:35-40
THURSDAY	Acts 8:26-40;/Jn. 6:44-51
FRIDAY	Acts 9:1-20;/Jn. 6:52-59
SATURDAY	Acts 9:31-42;/Jn. 6:60-69
SUNDAY	Acts 13:14b-17;/Rv. 7:9, 14b-17;/ Jn. 10:27-30;

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