



OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8:30 a.m.

*Consult bulletin for special Holy Day
and holiday schedules.*

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.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 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...

Habits Good and Bad

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Prairie:

I hope you have found a number of silver linings during the pandemic. While these silver linings are possible, the very notion of a silver lining is predicated on the fact that the pandemic has been detrimental to our lives. This is evident to many of us in the realm of our personal daily habits.

As you know, habits can be good or bad. Good habits are called virtues and bad habits are called vices. Unfortunately, the pandemic has been so disruptive for so long, that many good habits have been abandoned and many bad habits have been formed. Though clearly not an exact and universal law, studies of human behavior suggests that it takes about 21 days to form a habit, so we have had more than enough time during the pandemic to become comfortable with new habits, both good and bad.

Among the serious moral concerns are habits involving pornography and pharmaceutical birth control. The idle time provided by the lock-down has made the temptation to access already widely and easily available pornography websites a more serious problem than it was before the pandemic. For practicing and well-formed Catholics, viewing pornography is a serious sin that easily leads to even more serious sins. The regular celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is a significant component in fighting temptations and habits concerning pornography.

Other serious moral concerns include habits around the use of birth control, especially pharmaceutical (the pill). During the pandemic, companies have made various birth control methods available in ways that people experience to be more convenient than before. Just as the convenience of the internet contributed to an increase in the use of pornography, convenience may very well lead to an increase in birth control use. As with pornography, birth control is a serious moral issue and Confession is a significant component in resisting its sinful use.

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.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Collection Goal for MAY	\$ 6,837.50
5/24/2020 Collection Week 48	\$ 3,835.00
Contribution Goal YTD	\$ 367,465.00
Total Contributions YTD	\$ 363,098.38
Budget Deficit	\$ (4,366.62)

Number of Registered Families 479

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

CONGRATULATIONS ANGELA!

On Sunday, June 7, Angela Marie Sybrant will be Confirmed at a special 1 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Prairie. Everyone is welcome!

VIRTUAL GALA JUNE 20, 2020

Due to the cancellation of our annual Gala/Silent Auction this year, we are trying something new. We will be holding an on-line auction with fabulous items to bid on! Be on the lookout next week for the weblink you will need to register to bid on items. Bidding will begin on June 11, 2020 and end on June 20, 2020.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



LECTIO: MARY The Queen Mother

In the Old Testament, throughout the line of Davidic kings, the queen was not the wife of the king, but rather the king's mother. Jesus rules as king of heaven and earth with his mother, Mary, as the queen mother.

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RECTORY RENOVATION PROJECT

It has been 11 years since any major cleaning, painting, or replacement of flooring or furnishings has taken place in our rectory. With Father Lynch moving on to a different parish and Father Kaluza coming back to our parish, we are provided an opportunity to do whatever may need to be done in the rectory. This work would most likely happen in early July. More specifics will come after what exactly needs to be done has been evaluated. If you are interested in volunteering to help or donate toward this project, please call Sue Halloran at 952.873.4435. Thank you!



PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER...



Please pray for the following people:

Aggie Wawzyniak
Maureen Millard
Mike Duffy
Ethan Fisher
Ann Woelfel
Hope Aschenbrener

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

For those of you that have scheduled a Mass Intention for a loved one, please know that Father Brian is offering his daily Mass for the intention scheduled that day.

Mon (1)	8:30 am - d. Kelly O'Neill
Tues (2)	8:30 am - d. Betty O'Neill
Wed (3)	8:30 am - d. Tom Deutsch
Thur (4)	8:30 am - d. Felix and Steve Klehr
Sat (6)	4:15 pm - d. Francis, Leona & Robert Huber
Sun (7)	8:00 am - d. Brent Meyer
	10:00 am - For the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 6/1/2020

MONDAY	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Jn 19:25-34
TUESDAY	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17
WEDNESDAY	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
THURSDAY	2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
FRIDAY	2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
SATURDAY	2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44
SUNDAY	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Jn 3:16-18

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