

Our Lady of the Prairie Parish Religious Education Program

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Dear parents,

Welcome to Our Lady of the Prairie's Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Our mission is to assist parishioners of all ages in building a foundation of faith and a personal relationship with God. Parents, children and the parish community will come together to build this foundation fostering a love and knowledge of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. We will do this through modeling, prayer, teaching and active participation in the Sacred Mysteries offered by the Church founded by Jesus Christ.

Here is a brief outline:

Grades K-6: This year we will continue our "*A Family of Faith*" program. The focus this year will be on the second pillar of the Catechism-The Sacraments. We will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month (evenings) for a parent workshop, and on the last Sunday of the month with a family day (after the 10 am mass).

2nd grade (Sacramental Year): In addition to participation in the "A Family of Faith" program we will offer a series of Sunday workshops (during 10 am mass). We will also offer our regular Saturday sacramental workshops (Reconciliation and First Communion). Details to follow.

7th-8th grade: The curriculum for our 7th & 8th grades will be Chosen. This confirmation preparation program will prepare them for their confirmation in 10th grade. This is a change from previous years.

9th & 10th grades: We will confirm our 9th grade students along with our 10th graders. This is new and is driven by a small 9th grade class size (4-6 students).

Here are a few details:

- Registration deadline is August 20th 2018. Parents are encouraged to register any time before this date.

- Tuition rates are as follows:

K-1, 3 rd - 8 th grades	\$125 per child
2 nd grade	\$175 includes workshops
9 th & 10 th grade	\$250 includes workshops

\$425 family cap.

After August 20th a \$25 late fee will be assessed.

- Tuition assistance is available, but requests must be submitted by August 1st 2018. If you have questions concerning this, please stop in the office and I can help.

- Registration forms are attached to this letter, as well as available online at www.ourladyoftheprairie.com. Look under the PREP tab.
- "Sign-up Sundays" are scheduled for anyone who would like to register after masses on August 4-5 and August 11-12.
- PREP fee waivers will be granted to volunteers as has been done in past years. This will not include any retreat or workshop fees for 2nd and/or Confirmation classes.

Confirmation Students-New this year-Our Lady of the Prairie will offer Confirmation classes to the 9th & 10th grades. Meetings will be on Sundays and will start with 6 pm mass. Schedules and a syllabus will be available at the September interviews with Father Lynch.

In brief:

- Confirmation interviews with Fr. Brian Lynch will be held on Sunday September 16, Wednesday September 18 and Sunday September 23. An online sign-up sheet will go out in August.
- Confirmation retreats will be Saturday October 13, Saturday October 27 (Archdiocesan Youth Day) and Wednesday April 10.
- Class starts on Sunday October 14th @ 6pm. Last scheduled class will be Pentecost June 9.
- Confirmation will be in the spring of 2019. No date has been given to us as of this date. Details to follow.

If you have any questions regarding PREP registration for 2018-19 please stop in the office or email us at pschroers@ourladyoftheprairie.com or lheinkel@ourladyoftheprairie.com.

If you have questions regarding this or any other of our programs please visit our website at www.ourladyoftheprairie.com. Look under the PREP tab. We look forward to a great year.

Thank you,
Patrick Schroers

Loree Heinkel

Student Guidelines & Expectations for on-campus classes 7th 8th 9th 10th:

Students are expected to attend every class. All materials covered and any homework assigned by the teacher will be made up by student.

If a student is to be absent from a class a parent or guardian will call the PREP Office at 952-873-6564 or email at pschroers@ourladyoftheprairie.com before noon on Wednesday. Unexplained and/or excessive absences may result in a conference with the student, parents, Director of Faith Formation, and Fr. Brian Lynch.

PREP students are not allowed to leave the Church grounds during PREP hours without prior approval from Fr. Brian, Pat Schroers or Loree Heinkel.

I-pads, I-phones, headphones, food, drinks, gum, weapons, toys, etc will not be allowed in class or large group. No distractions please.

Cell phones must be turned off during class. If a catechist sees or hears a cell phone it will be confiscated for the duration of class.

Respect the church, school and student property. Leave classrooms as they were found upon arrival.

Respect yourself and others; listen quietly, contribute to class discussion in turn.

Arrive prepared to learn and ready to contribute to the class.

Discipline Policy

1. If needed, the teacher will verbally correct the student by directing the student to stop the unacceptable behavior and to conform to expected behaviors.
2. If the unacceptable behavior continues, the student will be sent to the Director of Faith Formation for the remainder of the class. Contact will be made with the parents/guardians regarding incident.
3. If a student is removed from class again, a conference with the student, parents, Director of Faith Formation, and Fr. Brian may be required before the student is allowed back into class. There is also the possibility of the student being removed from the program.

PLEASE NOTE: If it's announced that school is cancelled/early released or if afterschool activities are cancelled, PREP is also cancelled. No school-No PREP; No after school activities-No PREP

Parish Religious Education Program Registration Form 2018-2019

Parent(s) Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email(s) _____

Home# _____ Work# _____ Cell# _____

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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	Baptized? / Eucharist?	
<i>Ex: Jane Smith</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>01-01-2010</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	____/____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	____/____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	____/____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	____/____	_____

Children live with _____ Both Parents _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Other, please explain: _____

List special needs here: _____

***FOR THE SACRAMENT YEARS OF 2ND GRADE AND 9TH/10TH GRADE, WE NEED A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE. PLEASE ATTACH WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM.**

FEE SCHEDULE

	# students		Total	
K-1 : \$125.00	X	_____	= _____	
2nd : \$175.00	X	_____	= _____	
3rd-8th : \$125.00	X	_____	= _____	
9th/10th : \$250.00	X	_____	= _____	
<i>ABOVE TOTAL =</i>			_____	
Late fee after August 20 (+\$25.00)		+	_____	
Family cap of \$425			_____	
Register at Matt Birk Event only (-\$20 per family)		-	_____	

TOTAL DUE:

PROGRAMS

- **Grades K-6:** *A Family of Faith* \$125.00
Parent workshop (Wed) / Family Day (Sun)

- **Grade 2-** *Sacrament Year & A Family of Faith*
\$175.00 (includes additional workshops/materials)

- **Grades 7-8:** CHOSEN
Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm \$125.00

- **Grades 9-10:**
Sun 6:00 pm Mass /Confirmation class
\$250.00 (includes retreats)

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 PREP".

OFFICE USE: Paid _____ Other Notes: _____

The following releases are required.

Release Form for Media Publication

I _____ release the image, likeness, and character of my son(s) and/or daughter(s) over whom I am legal guardian to be: audio recorded, video taped, and/or photographed for public display or broadcast in print, video, or audio by Our Lady of the Prairie (or third party hired by Our Lady of the Prairie) for the use in advertising, community relations, or promotional purposes for our Church, School, and Parish Religious Education Program.

-Or-

I decline to authorize Media Release: _____

I understand the guidelines and behavior policies for Our Lady of the Prairie Parish Religious Education Program. I agree to abide by them or risk being dismissed from the program.

Date: _____

Parent signatures: _____

Student signatures: _____

Public School email permission for 7th-10th grades:

Our Lady of the Prairie will include your child's public school email address for PREP communications. These communications will be sent to both student and parent alike.

_____ I DO NOT grant permission