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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time--Year B *September 26, 2021*

Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved

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WEDDINGS: Contact the Pastor six months before your wedding date.

BAPTISMS: Contact the Pastor to arrange for class time and date.

CONFESSIONS: 30 minutes before Sat. and Sun. Masses; 15 minutes before weekday Masses. Confessions also available by appointment.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!
 Call the Parish Office to register:
 OLMC-Tilden: 402.368.7710
 SFA-Neligh: 402.887.4521

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 28 Sept	9:00 am (T)	Living & Deceased Members of E.R.W.
Wed 29 Sept	8:30 am (N)	Gary Clemens +
	9:30 am (AC)	Bob Spieker + & Living & Deceased Family Members
Thur 30 Sept	9:00 am (T)	Joe & Phyllis Dusel
1st Fri 1 Oct	8:00 am (N)	Dr. Dwaine Peetz +
	8:30 am to 12:15 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12:15 pm	Benediction
Sat 2 Oct	5:00 pm (N)	Charley Grace Nielsen +
	7:00 pm (T)	Rita Eickhoff +
Sun 3 Oct	8:00 am (T)	Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
	10:00 am (N)	Mary Ann Hladovcak +

(N) Neligh | (T) Tilden | (W) Willows | (AC) Arbor Care | (PJ) Pope John

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Oct 2 5:00 pm	Sunday, Oct 3 10:00 am
EMHC	Del & Susan Ames	Ron Beacom, Marian Shabram
LECTOR	Milly Clemens	Ron Gilg
SERVERS	Andrew Henery Jacob Henery, Hunter Maly	Emma & Elise Ruterbories
USHERS	Randy Kallhoff, Chad Kaup Dale Kallhoff, Duane Knievel	Jack Sehi, Don Zegers Bill Kuester, Tim Kallhoff

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday, Oct 2 7:00 pm	Ron Koch Sam Schaecher	Jeanne Oelsligle	Bill Hatterman	Elizabeth Kivett	
Sunday, Oct 3 8:00 am	Walt Patras Phil Chvala	Emily Vaughn	Doris O'Brien	Merinee Vaughn	Danielle Johnsen Phil Chvala



Pray that our society may support those with physical and mental challenges.

Greetings from Fr. Pat

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus states, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43) As pointed out in our catechism, "Jesus often speaks of "Gehenna" of "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. Jesus solemnly proclaims that he 'will send his angels, and they will gather . . . all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire,' and that he will pronounce the condemnation: 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!'" (CCC 1034)

Our understanding is that Jesus is *not* calling for self-harm or mutilation, such as cutting off a hand or plucking out an eye, but is stressing the seriousness of sin and the consequences of sin that leads to spiritual death and separation from God.

Our Catechism points out, "We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death..." (CCC 1033) "To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell." (CCC 1033)

As I have mentioned before, our Church holds that hell exists, as stated in the catechism, "The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, 'eternal fire.' The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs." (CCC 1035) "God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end." (CCC 1037).

From the above, the existence of Hell is part of Church teaching resulting from a choosing or "self-exclusion" from God. Again, it rests with the free will of the person to choose God or not, to choose repentance or sin. Jesus takes the time to focus on the importance to avoid sin. Our society or culture seems to ignore calling something "sin" and the spiritual consequences, which reflects the lack of belief, turning away or abandoning God. Why would Jesus focus on this, if it was not important? Thus, it is part of our faith.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Joseph pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us!



Alberto Avila, Samuel Hemenway, Isaac Hemenway, Sara Hemenway, Jacob Henery and Andrew Henery recently did some cleanup, weeding and sweeping of the parish parking lots and sidewalks, also including some painting.



Good job in being of service to the parish!

St. Francis of Assisi families responsible for cleaning the church in October

- Oct 7** Del Ames, Jim McNally, Tim Knievel
- Oct 14** Tracy Sehi, Sheri Svatos, Don Zegers
- Oct 21** Bill Lyons, Dan Payne, Brian Hain
- Oct 28** Joe Funk, Dan Murray, Brad Higgins

Rosary Sodality Committee for October: Dana Klabenes, Melissa Henery, Tanya Shabram, Kelsey Blakeman, Marian Shabram, Jill Kallhoff, Delori Arkfeld, Debbie Desautels, Bonnie Krebs, Lesley Johnson, Megan Funk, Bev Seier, Charlene Hughes, Julie Klabenes.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE LIBRARY

Thank You to the Rosary Sodality for the generous gift of \$300, new items will be added soon. So grateful to Mary Ann Ashton, retiring from her many years dedicated to the Library. A Warm Welcome to Linda Kuester for joining the team, along with her experience! CHECK OUT from the many items available to you at your Parish Library.



Parishioners Raffle tickets for the Fall Festival are available at the south entrance of church. Please pick them up and Sell, Sell, Sell.

Living Faith Booklets for Oct, Nov, Dec are now available in the vestibule of church. Pick up your copy today.

Praying for Vocations: Our traveling Vocation Cross continues it's journey thru our parish families as we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Matt & Melissa Henery are currently hosting the Vocation Cross (until Oct.1). Please contact Kathy Sauser for hosting arrangement. Vocation prayer materials are provided in the vocation cross box.

Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention in Norfolk NE will be held at Divots, Mon. Sept 27, 2021.

Praying for Vocations: Our traveling "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" statue is currently being hosted by John & Doris O'Brien. Thank you for praying for vocations.



**Religious Education
Sept 29, 2021**

Grades K-12 **7:00 to 8:00 pm.** Regular Class

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections
September 19, 2021*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,626.88	Needed: \$942.31
Regular Coll. \$2,519.00	Regular Coll. \$754.00
Pope John \$50.00	Religious Ed. \$20.00

God Bless you for your generosity!

*This amount reflects weekly giving over 52 weeks. It anticipates other amounts collected, for example, for Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, and other parish donations will be at certain or close to budgeted amounts in addition to this weekly giving amount.



Religious Education Sept 29, 2021

- Grades K-7 **6:00-7:00 pm** Regular Class
- Grades 8-10 **7:15-8:15 pm** Confirmation Class
- Grades 11-12 **7:15-8:15 pm** Regular Class



SFA -Neligh

- Rosary** every Tue, 10 am in Church, Everyone welcome.
- Knights of Columbus:** 1st Tue, 8 pm
- Rosary Sodality:** 2nd Tue, 7:00 pm
- Parish/Finance Council:** TBD

OLMC-Tilden

- Knights of Columbus** (see Neligh)
- Catholic Women meet :** 1st Tue 9:30 am every 3 months, Mar, June, Sept, Dec.
- Parish/Finance Council:** TBD



Please call Susie Ames (402-929-0038), Milly Clemens (887-5069) or the parish office (887-4521) to add names to the prayer list. The below lists are those in need of prayers or continuing prayers. Most recent prayer requests will be included as part of the petitions during weekend masses for three weeks or as long as requested. Thank you for praying for those in need.

Please remember to pray for: St. Francis-Neligh

Adam Kester, Eric Heithoff, Charles Burbach, Kyle Warren, Lariat Rayer, Miranda Mosel Lopez, Josie Weiss, John Faust, JoElla Brandt, Rosa Avila, Charlotte Lahman, Leroy Clarkson, Kay Stearns, Family of Sharon Pollock.

Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden

Annie Leinen, Bill Sueper, Adam Kester, Laura Rutjens, Lynda Swanson, Stormy Fink, Father Frank Lordemann, Mark Arens, Family of Susan Ryan, Family of Steven Jockens, Family of Skip & Marilyn Wingate.

Announcements

~**OACCW 97th Convention** on Monday, **September 27, 2021** at Divot's Conference Center in Norfolk, NE, 4200 West Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701.

The theme: "St. Joseph, Teach Us to Trust" with guest speaker Sharon Doran

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with 8:00 a.m. Rosary followed by Convention at 9:00 a.m.



~ Bible Study program at St. Francis Church in Neligh will begin **Sept 28 at 7 pm**. All from any parish are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Judy Eggerling, Bev Hartz, Susie Ames or Kathy Sauser.

~**Life Chain** will be taking place at St. Francis after Mass on the **3rd of Oct**. We will pray out in front of church by the Highway for thirty minutes. Coffee and Rolls will be served afterwards.



Oct 9 & 10
the **Knights of Columbus** will hold their annual **Tootsie Roll drive** here at **St. Francis**.



Prayer to St. Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and
defend us from every evil. Amen.*



Serran Prayer for Vocations O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen**



If anyone has a news item for the parish Facebook page, please contact Jenny Higgins (402-929-3160) or Roxanne McNally (402-929-0152).

Visit parish website: www.olmetilden.org or www.stfranciscc.org for weekly bulletins, Mass times, liturgical ministers and religious education schedules, Parish & Finance Council news, parish women's organizations, Knights of Columbus events, web links, events & announcements, and more. For SFA parish hall rentals and events call the parish office.
For OLMC call Mary Rautenberg at 402-368-2231 & Loretta Nykodym 402-368-2182.
For OLMC maintenance call Stan Schapmann 402-368-5906. SFA call Del Ames 402-276-0184