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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time--Year C

Aug 21, 2022

Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved

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

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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
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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 23 Aug	9:00 am (T)	Todd & Shanna Lammers & Family
Wed 24 Aug	8:30 am (N)	Frank Rempp +
	9:30 am (AC)	Loraine Reynolds +
Thur 25 Aug	9:00 am (T)	Joe & Betty Lennemann +
Fri 26 Aug	8:30 am (N)	Dr. Dwaine Peetz +
Sat 27 Aug	5:00 pm (N)	Living & Deceased members of Kay & Clarkson Families
	7:00 pm (T)	Living & Deceased Family & Extended Family of E.R.W.
Sun 28 Aug	8:00 am (T)	Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
	10:00 am (N)	Deacon Bernie & Helen Burbach + & Families

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Aug 27, 2022 5:00 pm	Sunday, Aug 28, 2022 10:00 am
EMHC's	Kathy Sauser, Jon Strom	Carla Teel, Marian Shabram
LECTOR	Dale Kallhoff	Sheila Parks
SERVERS	Corbin Hoefler, Josselyn Hoefler Alayna Finch	Andrew Henery, Jacob Perzina, Tyson Blakeman
USHERS	Randy Kallhoff Trent Hoefler	Ted Hughes Troy Shabram
		Chad Shabram Jack Sehi
		Vince Sauser Don Zegers

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Aug 27, 2022 7:00	Sam Johnsen Phil Chvala	Jolene Schapmann	Mike Dusel	Abe Johnsen Hank Johnsen Charlie Tegeler	
Sunday Aug 28, 2022 8:00 am	Ron Koch	Mary Rautenberg	Luann Koch	Elizabeth Kivett Benjamin Kivett	Mary Hecht Mary Rautenberg



Pray that all who speak out for the unborn may do so with courage and faith..

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus is asked the question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus replies, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." (Lk 13:23-24). This scripture is similar to the scripture passage in the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus states, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." (Mt 7:13-14)

Unfortunately, it seems today, the mindset is that many will be saved or that it is easy, and only the really bad will not be saved or make it to heaven. Jesus doesn't say the road or gate is wide that leads to life and the road or gate is narrow that leads to destruction. He says "narrow" as to life. So, I think we are to be cautious as to the ease of salvation or ease of obtaining eternal life. Of course, Jesus is merciful and desires all to receive the ocean of God's mercy. But, also, Jesus went to a cross because of sin. A death on a cross shows the consequence of sin, the weight of sin. It seems we live in a culture or society that does not recognize sin or sinful behavior in many ways. But sin has consequences, God does not I think accept sin as if it didn't happen.

Some in our society may outright reject God, what may be called a "hard" rejection of God, and this number seems to be growing, those that are atheists and anti-God, anti-faith, and thus may not recognize or describe certain behavior as sinful. A larger number may fall into what may be called a "soft" rejection of God. Not an outright rejection of God, as there may still be some belief in God, but faith or God does not really impact one's life or how one chooses to live. A mindset that it doesn't really matter if I don't pray, go to church, go to confession or follow the 10 Commandments, for example. A "soft" rejection may be a mindset of stop bothering me about God, let me get back to my own pursuits, material things, pleasures, etc. These things may have some place in life, but in the totality when they become *all* that there is to life, it then seems to result in a "soft" rejection of God. This "soft" rejection I think may too then mean one is on the wrong path, the wide path or going through the wide gate. Again, always knowing of God's ready mercy. But, also, it would seem wise to be cautious as to the ease of salvation or ease of entering heaven. May we pray for God's grace to enter the "narrow" gate.



Thank you to everyone who responded to Pope Francis and Archbishop Lucas' invitation to complete a synod questionnaire or participate in a listening session this past winter. Approximately 8,000 people from across the Archdiocese of Omaha participated. The synthesis of the feedback received can be found at archomaha.org/synod. The synthesis has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as part of the 2021-2023 synodal process.

Journey of Faith Prayer

Lord and Giver of Life, we ask for your guidance as we journey to discover your plan for our parishes and schools. Change can bring about excitement, it can also be the source of anxiety and fear. Help us to move forward with faith, courage and confidence. Give us open minds and clarity as we discern your will for a promising future. May Jesus, the constant companion of the Church since Pentecost, help us to accept the challenges of loving service in new and invigorating ways. May Mary, Mother of the Church, encourage our efforts to listen and learn. In the beginning, you hovered over the waters, giving birth to your plan for creation. You were present to the People of Israel, speaking to them, teaching them, and guiding them. Be present with us now, and give us your light to see the way. Amen.



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

Aug 25 Kenny Parks, Matt Parks, Chad Shabram

Rosary Sodality—Monthly chairwomen will be calling to ask for Fall Festival Raffle prize donations. Please let them know your intentions or place your donation in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope. Thanks! Questions? Contact Sheila Parks 402-929-0482 or Martha Eilers 402-368-5844.

Rosary Sodality needs to fill the office of President for a 2 yr term. Interested people may contact Charlene Hughes at 402-929-0134.

Praying for Vocations: Our traveling Vocation Cross continues it's journey thru our parish families as we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Nick & Kristen Strom are currently hosting the Vocation Cross. Please contact Kathy Sauser for hosting arrangement. Vocation prayer materials are provided in the vocation cross box.

Rolls & Coffee will be served Sept 4 following the 8:00 am Mass.

Catholic Women will meet Sept 6 following Mass.

Praying for Vocations: Our traveling "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" statue is currently being hosted by Gary & Cecile Karabel. Thank you for praying for vocations.



OLMC Religious Education starts Sept 7, 7:00 to 8:00pm All Grades

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections
Aug 14, 2022*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,770.71	Needed: \$1,058.82
Regular Coll. \$1,847.00	Regular Coll. \$962.00
Assumption \$30.00	Assumption \$89.00
Pope John env. \$643.00	Hall Rent \$40.00
Coffee & Rolls \$84.00	

God Bless you for your generosity!

*This amount reflects weekly giving over 51 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.



St. Francis Religious Education starts Sept 7

Grades K-8 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Grades 9-11 7:15 to 8:15 pm Confirmation Class



A Prayer for Rain:

Almighty God:

We are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on you. Look to our, dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen

SFA -Neligh

Rosary every Tue, 10 am in Church, Everyone welcome.
Knights of Columbus: 1st Tues, 8:00 pm
Rosary Sodality: 2nd Tue, 6:00 pm
Parish/Finance Council: August 25, 7:00 pm

OLMC-Tilden

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

ASK FOR A PRAYER



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, Charles Burbach, Rosa Avila, Dan Knapp, Marin Schindler, Jan Dozler, Gloria Lordemann, Roger Allen, Ipo Ross, Lynne McNally, Jacqueline McCullough, Lynda Nordyke, Charles VanErt, Mark Kozisek, Mick Goc, Milton & Jean Reiman, Cindee Schmitt.

Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden

Annie Leinen, Adam Kester, Laura Rutjens, Graham Sayers, Tom Degroot, Robb Paulk, Gary Inlow, Lenny Howard, Braxton Schumacher.

Announcements



Ascension Bible Study on the Gospel of Mathew, starting Sept, 12, 2022, 4:00 pm in the St. Francis Catholic Church Hall. **All are welcome!** By **Sept 1, 2022** please call Bev Hartz, (402-929-0442), Kathy Sauser (402-841-5427), Judy Eggerling (727-744-7371) or Susie Ames (402-929-0038), so that needed books may be ordered or to answer any questions you might have.

~**OACCW** Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention, **Monday, September 19, 2022** will be held in Fremont at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 3400 E. 16th St. OUCCW -Omaha Urban Deanery Council of Catholic Women hosting. **"Behold, I Am with You Always" is the 2022 Convention Theme.** Registration for the 98th OACCW Convention forms are available on-line OACCW.org or from your Deanery President. Return registration form with \$25.00, payable to OACCW, by **September 12**. Mail to: Ann Hobson, 12529 Eagle Run Dr., Omaha, NE 68164, ahobson1@cox.net or call 402-658-1280. Registration begins at 7:30 am., with coffee & rolls, Rosary at 8:00 am. and the morning session, Mass at 11:00 am. with Archbishop Lucas. Guest Speaker: Stacy Thomlison, shares the story of her journey to the Catholic Faith and the Joy that Christ brings to her life. Tom Venzor, Nebraska Catholic Conference. The day also includes Lunch, raffle prizes and a day of Spirituality, Fellowship and Fun. The Eucharistic Miracles Panels will be on display throughout the day to view during breaks.

~**Feed Your Faith: 2022-23 Spiritual Enrichment Program** -- Do you want to deepen your faith life by connecting with others who share the same desire? Consider joining us **on-line** one Saturday morning a month, 9:30 to 11:30, from September through April. We welcome interested men and women to gather, using Zoom, with Sister staff members to share prayer and a facilitated group dialogue about the selected reading. Our selected book is *The Seeker and the Monk: Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton*. Author Sophronia Scott invites reflection and dialogue around aspects of living a spiritual life today, such as prayer; friendship; resisting racism; personal ambition and God's work; reviving a tired faith; activism and service; seeing death without fear; love; being owned by our stuff; nature and finding God's presence. As part of this program you will also be able to schedule a personal silent retreat, with two overnights, at our Benedictine Peace Center in Yankton. **Register by August 24**. For more information see <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program/> Register or contact us at [benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org/](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org) 605-668-6292

~**PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES & FATIMA:** Come along April 24 - May 4, 2023, to some truly beautiful and sacred places! We'll visit both of the Great Shrines to Mary, Lourdes in Southern France and Fatima in Portugal, and many wonderful places in Spain. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way! Cost is \$3,899 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and newsletters on the trip, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

St. Francis Rosary Sodality Meeting -August 9,2022

Tracy Sehi called the meeting to order 6:11 PM Following a decade of the Rosary.
Present: Tracy Sehi, Susan Ames, Milly Clemens and Leann Frey.
The secretary then read the minutes of the June 14,2022 meeting approved as read.
Treasurers' Report: balance of \$6,303.75 on 8/9/2022
Correspondence: Thank you note was read from Grace Shabram for senior rosary.

Old Business

July chairlady was Dodi Jessen. Her group did coffee and rolls on July 3,2022, and sandwiches for bloodmobile in August along with Bev Hartz December's group. August chairlady is Nancy Evans. Nancy and group did coffee and rolls August 7th and lined up delivery of meals on wheels Aug. 1—Aug.15 2022

Religious Library: Tracy will contact Linda Kuester for any needs.

Unable to fill office of Sodality President at this time.

Report on money received from dues and no bake bake sale was given in May. Thank you to those who have paid.

Sign up sheet will be in the front of Church for trip to Stations on the Platte, Thursday September 15,2022.

New Business:

September Chairlady is Melissa Henery, she is helping with rolls and coffee after Mass Sept.4, 2022 along with bingo at Arbor Care the last Monday of the month.

Motion was made by Milly seconded by Leann to give \$50.00 to each CCD teachers again this year. All were in favor.

August is when Sodality usually donates \$500.00 to CCD program if needed. Final report on No bake bake sale is needed as this is where funds come from.

Fall Festival is October 25,2022. Leann Frey gave a report on their progress. Tracy will remind Chairladies to contact their ladies for raffle prizes. Sign up sheets will be put up soon in Church. Leann will be displaying Quilt at the banks and Church.

Prayer was said for Seminarians.

Next meeting will be Sept 13, 2022 @ 6 PM.

Meeting closed 7:18 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Susie Ames

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