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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time--Year C

September 4, 2022

*Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved*

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St. Francis of Assisi CC-Neligh  
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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  
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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 6 Sept	9:00 am (T)	Eileen & Louis Johnson +
Wed 7 Sept	8:30 am (N)	Dr. Dwaine Peetz +
	9:30 am (AC)	Robert Spieker + & Living and Deceased Family Members
Thur 8 Sept	9:00 am (T)	Brandon & Lindsey Schaecher
Fri 9 Sept	8:30 am (N)	Janice Lovely + & Family
Sat 10 Sept	5:00 pm (N)	Larry Reuss +
	7:00 pm (T)	John & Mary O'Brien +
Sun 11 Sept	8:00 am (T)	Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
	10:00 am (N)	Emil & Mary Ann Hladovcak +

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Sept 10, 2022 5:00 pm	Sunday, Sept 11, 2022 10:00 am
EMHC's	Del & Susan Ames	Tim & Amy Baker
LECTOR	Milly Clemens	Sheila Parks
SERVERS	Charlie Carothers, Carter Carothers, Hunter Maly	Jacob Henery, Jacob Pierzina Owen Strom
USHERS	LeRoy Clarkson      Chad Kaup Dale Kallhoff        Dave Jacobsen	Jack Sehi              Tim Kallhoff Bill Kuester            Nick Strom

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Sept 10, 2022 7:00	Billy O'Brien Mark O'Brien	Brent Luebe	Bri O'Brien	Landon Meyer Layton Meyer	
Sunday Sept 11, 2022 8:00 am	Sam Johnsen Ron Koch	Mary Rautenberg	Luann Koch	Abe Johnsen Hank Johnsen Charlie Tegeler	Kathy Osborn Cindy Decker



Pray that we may open our hearts to generously welcome all unborn children to the banquet of life.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This week we have what may be considered further "hard" sayings of Jesus. A couple weeks ago, we had the gospel about "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Lk 13:23) and this week Jesus states, **"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."** (Lk 14:26) The message that God is primary, just as the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment comes before the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Love of God, before love of parents, family, etc. Importantly, as I have mentioned in homilies, loving God is ultimately what is best for one's family. Of course, Jesus would have loved Mary and Joseph. Thus, we are to love our parents and family but in the context of following Jesus as a disciple. The better a disciple, the better for one's family.

As mentioned by a commentator I read, this saying may be along the lines of the scripture, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. ... And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." (Mk 9:43-47) The understanding that Jesus is not literally saying cut off one's hand and pluck out one's eye. Thus, it may be similarly that Jesus is not literally saying to "hate" one's family. Rather, stressing how important love of God is, following God is primary as a disciple. And this ultimately will be what is good for one's family.

Jesus also states in our Gospel, another "hard" saying, **"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."** (Lk 14:27) This reference to cross, for those at the time of Jesus, may have led them to think or imagine the cross as to crucifixion of criminals, etc. Today these words may convey that we are to handle as best as we can the challenges of life, the crosses of day-to-day life, but also may be a willingness to do so to the extent as if a real cross. Certainly, a challenging requirement to be a disciple.

This may bring up the question, am I truly living as a disciple or how do I know if am living as a disciple? One way to answer is to consider how someone may be described. If someone is described as a faithful person, a person of prayer, generous, sacrifices for others, etc., that would seem to be a good indication or start of being a disciple. If someone is described primarily with worldly descriptions, may indicate not on the path or being a disciple.

Being a disciple is demanding - thus the "hard" sayings. Also, this goes against that Jesus was just some person, a long time ago, that gave us good wisdom. He is telling us following him is more important than ourselves, family, anything else and to carry our cross and follow him. Only a crazy person or only God could make that demand. So, Jesus was much more than a person with spiritual wisdom, but rather is God.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us !

**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 September**

- Sept 10** Bill Kuester, Paul Ruterboies, Jason Finch
- Sept 17** Jesse Mitchell, Brian Whitesel, Tom Carothers
- Sept 24** Ryan Dietz, Allan Keetle, Joe Hartz
- Sept 29** Joe Evans, Natalie Bitney

Rolls and Coffee will be served Sun, Sept 11 following Mass.



There will be a Rosary Sodality **Spiritual Day to the Holy Family Shrine & The Cloisters on the Platte** Sept. 15, sign up-sheet will be in the back of church.

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

**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**

**Please note, in need of 7th Grade Teacher (approx. 5 student class). Thank you.**

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections  
Aug 28, 2022*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,770.71	Needed: \$1,058.82
<b>Regular Coll.</b> \$2,931.00	<b>Regular Coll.</b> \$590.25
Pope John env \$40.00	

*God Bless you for your generosity!*



**St. Francis Religious Education starts this week Sept 7**

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

**Please note, we are in need of teachers for 7th and 8th grades. Thank You.**



**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:** September 22, 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, Gloria Lordemann, Roger Allen, Jacqueline McCullough, Charles VanErt, Mark Kozisek, Mick Goc, Milton & Jean Reiman, Cindee Schmitt, Shirley Wuetzr, Bev Hartz.

*Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden*

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

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.

~**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 He Wept Retreat**

If you are a parent who has lost a child, please join us at the 'He Wept' retreat. This free retreat will take place on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am-6pm at St. Patrick's Elkhorn. All grieving parents whose children of any age that have died by any cause, including miscarriage, no matter how long ago are encouraged to attend. Meals provided. Space limited. For more information, and to register by September 24, visit [stpatselfhorn.org](http://stpatselfhorn.org).

~**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://yanktonbeneditines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program/> Register or contact us at [benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbeneditines.org/](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbeneditines.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](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com)



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

Visit parish website: [www.olmetilden.org](http://www.olmetilden.org) or [www.stfranciscc.org](http://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 Steve Kuester 402-928-0411