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First Sunday of Advent—Year C

November 27, 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.

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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 29 Nov thru Dec 2 No Masses -Fr. Pat's annual retreat.

Sat 3 Dec 5:00 pm (N) Albert Goetz +
 7:00 pm (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St Francis
 Sun 4 Dec 8:00 am (T) John & Betty Thiele +
 10:00 am (N) Dr. Dwaine Peetz +

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday Dec. 3, 2022 5:00 pm	Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 10:00 am
EMHC's	Lynae Koinzan, Kathy Sauser	Doris Ternus, Michelle Ternus
LECTOR	Dale Kallhoff	Susie Ames
SERVERS	Charlie Carothers, Carter Carothers	Jacob Perzina, Owen Strom
USHERS	Chad Kaup Daryl Booth	Gary Gunderson Dave Jacobsen
		Tim Kallhoff Trent Hoefler
		Jack Sehi Bill Kuester

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Dec 3, 2022 7:00	Billy O'Brien Bill Hatterman	Jeanne Oelsligle	Bri O'Brien	Elizabeth Kivett Benjamin Kivett	
Sunday Dec 4, 2022 8:00 am	Sam Johnsen Walt Patras	Rosemary Patras	Luann Koch	Abe Johnsen Hank Johnsen Charlie Tegeler	Kathy Osborn Cindy Decker



Pray for women who have had abortions,
 that they may turn to a loving God for healing and forgiveness.

Greetings from Fr. Pat

Please see the below letter from Archbishop Lucas regarding the pastoral planning in



ONE CHURCH
ENCOUNTERING JESUS
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES
LIVING MERCY

November 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

I write to you at an important moment in our Journey of Faith process. Teams have been working for months in families of parishes across the archdiocese. They have been imagining how to shape a vibrant future for our parishes while respecting the blessings of the past and recognizing current realities.

For decades we have experienced significant shifts in where people choose to live. Within parishes large and small, family members and neighbors are choosing not to participate in parish life in growing numbers. Also, the segment of Nebraskans who claim no religious affiliation is growing. The number of priests available to serve in parishes has been shrinking and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Understandably, we want to maintain what we are used to in our parishes, no matter their size. That will simply not be possible, nor is it a prudent response to the command of Jesus to share the gospel in every time and place.

As we receive the plans from families of parishes, I plan to review them carefully. I will consider the schedule and administrative changes necessary to meet our planning parameters. I know that this has involved difficult choices for rural parishes particularly. It is likely that Sunday Mass will no longer be offered in several churches in the future, although it will be available nearby. I know that this means a painful loss for faithful parishioners, but I do not see another way to meet our goal of establishing stable pastoral structures for the next ten years.

Beyond structural and administrative changes, I will be anxious to see how families of parishes imagine a way forward in Christ. Our parishes must become missional communities or face continued diminishment. The task for us now is to deepen our relationship with Jesus and learn how to evangelize our neighbors so that they, too, can have life in Jesus. As our parishes begin to work together, rooted in prayer, we will find that the gifts of the Holy Spirit needed for this task are abundant and powerful.

I ask for the support of your prayers as I review the plans and offer any needed revisions. Pray, too, that as the plans are communicated to parishioners in the coming weeks, there will be an openness to receive them thoughtfully so that implementation can begin in mid-2023.

Jesus has promised to be with us in the church until the end of time. He is with us now. He has plans for abundant life for us and for those who do not yet hear his voice. May all of our trust and all of our hope be in him.

With my prayers for a blessed Advent, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

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

- Dec 1** Jeff Krebs, Steve Bright, Tim Baker
- Dec 8** Ed Hemenway, Eric Heithoff, Terry Heithoff
- Dec 15** Mark Ervin, Tim Kallhoff, Donna Vice
- Dec 22** Leon Strong, Mike (Bev) Seier, Jennifer Breurer
- Dec 29** Andy Elder, Jim Koenig, Dane Nielsen.

Rosary Sodality committee for December: Bev Hartz, Kathy Sehi, Jennifer Ervin, Bethany Schacht, Jane Kallhoff, Linda Kuester, Alissa Krebs, Joan Wright, Mary McKillip, Diana Knust, Cynthia Knievel, Sharon Sauser, Sarah Schultz, Jane Ruterbories.

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

Praying for Vocations: Our traveling "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" statue is currently being hosted by Mary Fox. Thank you for praying for vocations.

Coffee and Rolls December 4th following Mass in the parish hall come and join us.

Catholic Women will meet following Mass on



OLMC

Religious Education, Nov 30

Grades K-12 7:00-8:00 pm, Regular Class

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections
Nov 20, 2022*

SFA-Neligh
*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,770.71

OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering
Needed: \$1,058.82

Regular Coll.
Not Available
at this time.

Regular Coll. \$808.31
Fuel/Heat \$80.00
Hall Rent \$20.00
Catholic Charities \$254.00



**St. Francis
Religious Education, Nov 30**

- Grades K-8 6:00 to 7:00 pm, Regular Class**
- Grade 9 7:15 to 8:15 pm, Regular Class**
- Grades 10-12 7:15 to 8:15 pm, Regular Class**

*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

First Sunday of Advent



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: January 26, 2023, 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, Charles VanErt, Mark Kozisek, Mick Goc, Sindee Schmit, Shirley Wuetzr, Jen Jensen, Blake Peterson, Janet Baker Kilpatrick, Fellar Baker, Christine Roberts, Diane Kerkman, Jeff

Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden

Adam Kester, Laura Rutjens, Graham Sayers, Tom DeGroot, Robb Paulk, Gary Inlow, Lenny Howard, Jen Jensen, Lynda Swanson, Bob Huerta, David Rutjens, Kay

Announcements


 **Ascension Bible Study** on the Gospel of Matthew, Nov 28, 2022, 4:00 pm in the St. Francis Catholic Church Hall. **All are welcome!** Please call Bev Hartz, (402-929-0442), Kathy Sausser (402-841-5427), Judy Eggerling (727-744-7371) or Susie Ames (402-929-0038), to answer any questions you might have.

Journey of Faith

Our *Family of Parishes* had three town hall meetings, one at St. Peter's on October 8th in Ewing, one at St. Francis on October 9th in Neligh and one at St. Boniface on October 16th in Elgin. Thank you to those who were able to come to one of the meetings. To review again or for those unable to attend one of the town hall meetings, the slides used in Fr. John Norman's presentation can be found on the Catholic Parishes in Partnership website (www.cppnebraska.org/journeyoffaith/). Other items are located here including slides from the Q&A meeting held in Elgin on Nov 14, 2022.

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.

 **Book of Remembrance during Month of November:** As stated in the Catechism, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification... From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (1031-1032) Let us pray for those who have died. **A Book of Remembrance is available near the baptismal font at St. Francis and by the stairs, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,**

Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal so far, as it gets going these last several weeks. Please know, as an option, that one can participate without making a contribution, by sending in the envelope and noting will pray for the Archbishop/ Archdiocese.

Parish	Goal	Current	Percent of Goal	Number of Donors
St. Francis	\$11,129.62	\$4,545.00	40.84%	22
OLMC	\$3,899.10	\$2,370.00	60.78%	14



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 or www.stfrancisc.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.