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Third Sunday of Advent—Year A

December 11, 2022

Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved

Clergy & Staff

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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
 SFA-Neligh: 402.887.4521

*Additional Mass .

** Note earlier time.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

*Mon 12 Dec	5:30 pm (N)	Gary Clemens +
Tues 13 Dec	9:00 am (T)	Robert Spieker + & Living & Deceased Family Members
Wed 14 Dec	8:30 am (N)	David Morton
	9:30 am (AC)	Living & Deceased Members of the Dickey Family
**Thur 15 Dec	8:30 am (T)	Jerry McNally +
Fri 16 Dec	8:30 am (N)	Tom & Helena Kaczor +
Sat 17 Dec	5:00 pm (N)	Living & Deceased Members of the Joe Stuhr Family
	7:00 pm (T)	John & Mary O'Brien +
Sun 18 Dec	8:00 am (T)	Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
	10:00 am (N)	Nick & Karen Ramold +
Sun 18 Dec	2:00 pm (N)	Penance Service

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 5:00 pm	Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 10:00 am
EMHC's	Dale Kallhoff, Ron Beacom	Jim Koenig, Kathy Koenig
LECTOR	Milly Clemens	Ron Gilg
SERVERS	Kegan Payne, Bode Koinzan, Wyatt Koinzan	Ashley Caballero-Lazaro, Jaquelyn Luna-Duran Gracelyn Wiebelhaus
USHERS	Chad Kaup Randy Kallhoff	Gary Gunderson Jon Strom
	Tim Kallhoff Vince Sauser	Jack Sehi Chad Shabram

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Dec 17, 2022 7:00	Stan Schapmann Keith Meyer	Jolene Schapmann	Mike Dusel	Elizabeth Kivett Benjamin Kivett	
Sunday Dec 18, 2022 8:00 am	Walt Patras Eddie O'Brien	Mary Rautenberg	Rosemary Patras	Nate Decker Evan Decker	Mary Hecht Mary Rautenberg



*Pray for a growing love of God's little ones, in the womb,
 in the nursing home or at death's door.*

Greetings from Fr. Pat

Advent Penance Service

There will be a Penance Service on Sunday, December 18th at 2:00pm at St. Francis. Begins with a short service, then opportunity for individual confession. Will have one other confessor present (maybe more) besides myself. Take the opportunity for confession in anticipation of our Lord's coming and to receive the grace and mercy of the sacrament.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at St. Francis and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are as follows:

- Saturday, **Dec. 24**, Christmas Eve Mass at **4:00pm** at **St. Francis**;
- Saturday, **Dec. 24**, Christmas Eve Mass at **7:00pm** at **OLMC**;
- Sunday, **Dec. 25**, Christmas Day at **8:00am** at **OLMC**; and
- Sunday, **Dec. 25**, Christmas Day at **10:00am** at **St. Francis**.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us!



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 at this website, 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.

Retirement Fund for the Religious Collection—this weekend Dec 10/11. Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for the Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

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

- 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.

Living Faith Booklets for Jan, Feb, and Mar are now available in the vestibule of church. Pick up your copy today.

St. Francis Advent Baby Shower will be from now till Jan. A play pen for gifts is in the west alcove of the church. We encourage gift donations if you can. Donations go to Birthright in Norfolk. Suggested donations: Diapers, wipes, lotion, sleepers, etc.

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

A box has been placed in the back of church for **Baby Jesus Layette** gifts.

Needed volunteers to help with Christmas decor set up after Mass on Sunday, December 18th. Thank you.

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



OLMC Religious Education, Dec 14

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



St. Francis Religious Education, Dec. 14, 2022

- Grades K-8 4:45 pm Practice Christmas Program.**
- Grades K-8 6:30 pm Christmas Program (Open to Parish)**
- Grade 9 7:15 to 8:15 pm, Regular Class**
- Grades 10-12 7:15 to 8:15 pm, No Class**

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections
Dec 4, 2022*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,770.71	Needed: \$1,058.82
Regular Coll. \$2,345.00	Regular Coll: \$687.00
Pope John \$10.00	Utilities \$1,000.00

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.



Third 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 Voborny, K.M., Shantel Schmit, Kathy Halouska, Sandra Wright Belik.

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 Dittrich.

Announcements



Ascension Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, Dec 12, 2022, 4:00 pm in the St. Francis Catholic Church Hall. **All are welcome!** Please call Bev Hartz, (402-929-0442), Kathy Sauser (402-841-5427), Judy Eggerling (727-744-7371) or Susie Ames (402-929-0038), to answer any questions you might have.



“Just the Messengers”(Praise and Worship Singers) will hold a **Christmas Concert** at the Faith Community Church in Neligh (formerly United Methodist Church) this Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 pm. Refreshments to be served following the concert. We hope you will join us. Free will offering.

POPE JOHN XXIII SCHOOL NEWS

Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School and St. Boniface Elementary School will present their **Christmas Concert, "A Swingin' Christmas"**, on Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Boniface Gym. Students in PreK-12th will present musical as well as band selections. Please join us as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season



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	\$7,395.00	66.44%	28
OLMC	\$3,899.10	\$2,370.00	60.78%	14

Thank you for your generosity!



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.olmctilden.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 Steve Kuester 402-928-0411 or Doug Haselhorst.