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Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year A

December 18, 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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sun 18 Dec 2:00 pm (N) Penance Service  
 Tues 20 Dec 9:00 am (T) Chris Hansen +  
 \*Wed 21 Dec 8:15 am (PJ) Mass at Pope John  
 9:30 am (W) Si & Germaine Berry +  
 Thur 22 Dec 9:00 am (T) Seminarian Logan Hepp  
 Fri 23 Dec 8:30 am (N) Everett Dale Beckman +  
 The Nativity of the Lord  
 \*\*Sat 24 Dec 4:00 pm (N) Ted, Lucy & Scott Allemang+  
 7:00 pm (T) Lucille Bennett +  
 Sun 25 Dec 8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis  
 10:00 am (N) Albert & Emma Sehi +

\* Note no Mass at St. Francis on Wed.  
 \*\*Christmas Vigil Mass notice time change.

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Christmas Vigil, Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, 4:00 pm	Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, 10:00 am
EMHC's	Shilo Shabram, Kathy Sauser, Tim Baker	Bob Eggerling, Linda Wingate
LECTOR	Amy Baker	Judy Eggerling
SERVERS	Isaac Hemenway, Sara Hemenway, Andrew Henery	Lucy Koinzan, Ashlyn Rudolf
USHERS	Chad Kaup Nick Strom	Gary Gunderson Andy Elder
		Tim Kallhoff Don Zegers
		Jack Sehi Troy Shabram

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Christmas Vigil, Saturday Dec 24, 2022 7:00 pm	Joe O'Brien Mark O'Brien	Emily Vaughn	Doris O'Brien	Marinee Vaughn Larissa Vaughn Mackenzie Rautenberg-Dugan	
Christmas Sunday Dec 25, 2022 8:00 am	John Frey Dave Miller	Ruth Miller	Vernel Zwingman	Volunteers	Danielle Johnsen Phil Chvala



As we approach the crib of the newborn Jesus,  
 may we pray for all those whose lives are threatened by abortion.

## Greetings from Fr. Pat

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent

I thought I would provide again what I had in the bulletin the last two years at this time that focuses on Jesus coming into the world:

We say in our Creed, "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the Word (Jesus) became flesh:

1. "[I]n order to save us by reconciling us with God" (CCC 457)
2. "[T]hat thus we might know God's love" (CCC 458)
3. "[T]o be our model of holiness"; and (CCC 459)
4. "[T]o make us 'partakers of the divine nature.'" (CCC 460)

**To reconcile us with God:** "Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?" (CCC 457)

**To know God's love:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (CCC 458)

**Our model of holiness:** "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.' ... Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'" (CCC 459)

**To be partakes of the divine nature:** "For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God." (CCC 460)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us



**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**.



#### Christmas Masses at area parishes:

##### Christmas Vigil – Saturday, Dec. 24

4:00 PM at St. Bonaventure, Raeville  
4:00 PM at St. Peter, Ewing  
6:00 PM at St. Theresa, Clearwater

##### Christmas Day – Sunday, Dec. 25

12:00 AM at St. John, Deloit (Midnight Mass)  
8:00 AM at St. John, Petersburg  
10:00 AM at St. Theresa, Clearwater  
10:00 AM at St. Boniface, Elgin

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

**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.

**Catholic Women** will be serving a French Toast breakfast after Mass on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please come and enjoy the fellowship with your parish family. Some of the free will proceeds will be used to purchase some needed kitchen supplies. Thank you for your support.

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



**St. Francis Religious Education,**

**Classes resume Jan 4, 2023**



**OLMC Religious Education**

**Classes resume Jan 4, 2023**



**The Parish Donations envelopes** for 2023 will be ready for pick-up on Dec 31/Jan 1. They will be by the West door in front of the statues of Mary and Joseph. Thank you.

**2023 Parish Calendars Now Available:** At the doors of the church, please feel free to take one.

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections  
Dec 11, 2022*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,770.71	Needed: \$1,058.82
<b>Regular Coll.</b> \$7,693.00	<b>Regular Coll:</b> \$1,315.00
Pope John \$2,000.00	Religious Ret \$656.35
Building Fund \$610.00	Imm. Conception \$40.00
Religious Ret. \$804.00	Hall Rent \$40.00
Coffee & Rolls \$85.00	

*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.



## Fourth 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, Sandra Wright Belik, George Ternus, Kenny Pleiss.

*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, Jan 9, 2023, 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.

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

St. Francis Rosary Sodality Meeting -December 13, 2022

Tracy Sehi called the meeting to order 6:08 PM Following decade of the Rosary. Present: Tracy Sehi, Susan Ames, Sheila Parks, Milly Clemens, Sue Seier, Charlene Hughes and Beth Ramold. The secretary then read the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting, approved as read. Treasurers' Report: Balance \$10,225.70 Correspondence: A thank you from Kelly Starman and her second graders for books on the "Lives of the Saints"

Old Business

- December chairlady was Bev Hartz and she did coffee and rolls Sunday December 4, 2022 along with making sandwiches for blood Mobile in July/August
New Sodality Lists are ready and handed out to those present tonight and a copy will be mailed to new chairwomen for 2023.
Unable to fill office of Sodality President at this time.
A complete Treasurers report on Fall Festival was handed out for review.
New refrigerator installed in Kitchen.

New Business:

- Need to order Rosaries for Seniors.
January Chairlady is Roxanne McNally. She will be doing rolls and coffee after Mass January 1, 2023, and bingo at Arbor Care.
Discussion on getting someone to clean Church carpet. Will get some names.
Poinsettias for Christmas have been ordered. Anyone wanting to donate one for Christmas should call Flower Shop.

Penny a Prayer said and collected for Seminarians.

Next meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 6 PM. Meeting closed 6:50 PM with prayer

Respectfully submitted Susie Ames



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.