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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A July 9, 2023

*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  
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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 11 to Fri 14 July —No Masses, Fr is on his annual retreat.

Sat 15 July      5:00 pm (N) Parishioners of St. Francis & OLMC  
                          7:00 pm (T) Living & Deceased Members of the Peterson & Dittrich Families  
 Sun 16 July      8:00 am (T) Fr. Walter Flynn +  
                          10:00 am (N) Nick & Karen Ramold +

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, July 15 5:00 pm	Sunday, July 16 10:00 am
EMHC's	Bob Eggerling, Jon Strom	Linda Wingate, Carla Teel
LECTOR	Susie Ames	Mallory Belitz
SERVERS	Hunter Maly, Owen Strom	Ashley Caballero-Lazaro, Ashlyn Rudolf
USHERS	LeRoy Clarkson      Daryl Booth Chad Kaup              Randy Kallhoff	Jack Sehi              Vince Sauser Trent Hoefer         Ted Hughes

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday July 15 7:00 pm	Phil Chvala Ed O'Brien	Jeanne Oelsigle	Mike Dusel	Volunteers	
Sunday July 16 8:00 am	Sam Schaecher	Rosemary Patras	Walt Patras	Layton Meyer Landon Meyer	Kathy Osborn Cindy Decker



Pray that like the Good Samaritan, we may reach out to those different from us and protect the vulnerable--the mentally challenged, the unborn, and the elderly.

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus states, in our Gospel this weekend, **"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."** (Matthew 11:28-30)

The above may likely be familiar scripture that you have heard before and that sounds familiar. Below are some of my thoughts and reflections:

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."** Applying to our times, in my mind, these words of Jesus convey that God wants to help us have less worry and more trust. That God will help carry the load in that we do not need to go it alone, that Jesus sees the labor and burden of the fallen world and invites us to a relationship with him that will be of help and provide rest for us.

**"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, ...** In reflecting on this part, I come to think about that it is not a matter if we have a "yoke" but what "yoke" it will be. Whether it is the yoke of Jesus or in contrast the yoke we think we want, or the yoke of the world, or the yoke of the enemy. There will always be a "yoke", the question being which yoke.

**"... for I am meek and humble of heart; ...** Jesus tells us he is "meek and humble of heart". To me, I think about that Jesus wants our good and is patient with us. His heart loves and desires our good, it is a humble heart of a good master. He is the master, there is a yoke, but a good master that we "learn" from and loves us. When we take our own yoke, or the yoke of the world or the yoke of the enemy, means a yoke of a cruel master. A cruel master leading one down the wrong path, that will not be for our good. A yoke that is not of God, I think leads in the end to discouragement, disillusionment and despair.

**"...and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."** The yoke of Jesus, following him will help and lead to inner peace in this world and lasting peace in heaven. In contrast, the yoke of the enemy, for example, leads to self-hatred and despair. The yoke of Jesus demands that we follow him, follow his words, teaching, His Church, etc., but his yoke, his path, leads to peace and eternal rest.

The above are some ways to consider the scripture we have this weekend. I invite you to take some time in prayer with this scripture seeking the "yoke" of Jesus.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us!



**Serran Prayer for Vocations** O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen**

**Mass times at Area Churches:**

Saturday	5:30 pm	St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing
Saturday	7:00 pm	St. John the Baptist, Petersburg
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Bonaventure, Raeville
Sunday	10:00 am	St. Boniface, Elgin
Sunday	10:00 am	St. Theresa of Avila, Clearwater
Sunday	11:30 am	St. John the Baptist, Deloit

**Sacrament of Holy Orders**

Have questions about the priesthood, whether God may be calling you? Contact Fr. Pat at the parish office at 402-887-4521 or Rev. Scott Schilmoeller, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese at 402-558-3100.

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

- July 15** Mike (Sue Seier), Linda Wingate, Michelle Ternus
- July 22** Tom Parks, Nick Ramold, Eric Sauser
- July 29** Patti Behnk, Joshua Mitchell, Brian Christiansen
- Aug 3** Steve Bright, Kathy Sauser, Dave Jacobsen

**Rosary Sodality committee for July:** Donna Keetle, Angie Belitz, Erin Ruterbories, Mary Reuss, Vicki Kester, Melissa Kallhoff, Linda Wingate, Marian Pellatz, Regina Finch, Stacey Mitchell, Shirley Lichtenberg, Erin Whitesel, Nancy Evans.

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

**Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, July 17-21st**  
6:30pm - 8pm: come explore space and learn how Milly Way finds her way by trusting God in hard times.

**Thank You!** I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and food that was brought in for the Richard Mandl funeral. Darlene Mandl & family

**Sunday, July 16th:** Let's celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Come join us for a potluck breakfast/brunch at the Parish Hall following the 8 am Mass. Bring your favorite breakfast foods to share. Drinks and ham will be provided.

Needed **Musicians and Cantors** for the 7pm Saturday weekend Masses. Please consider helping with this (even if only periodically). If able, please contact Fr. Pat.

**St. Francis History**

What is the title of this image of the Child Jesus? It is located in the cry room?



Answer on back page.

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections  
July 2, 2023*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,846.57	Needed: —
<b>Regular Coll.</b>	<b>Regular Coll.</b> \$854.00
No numbers at this time.	Utilities \$1,000.00
	Peter's Pence \$184.00
	Hall Rent \$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.



—If you are interested in being a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister (EMHC), to serve the Church in this way, please contact Fr. Pat for the training requirements.

**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 24, 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



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, Roger Allen, Charles VanErt, Mark Kozisek, Jen Jensen, Sandra Wright Belik, Richard Schwager, Christian Manchester, Jack Conger, Nyla Borgmann, Corky Busch, Larry Luettel, Barb Stuhr, LeRoy Clarkson, Lisa Dishman, Dewayne Voborny, Family of Rosa Avila, Regina Krebs, Alice Kallhoff, Lamoyne Ahlers, Matt Belitz

*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, David Rutjens, Boyd Batenhorst, Julie Krueger, Jenny White, Todd DeGroot, John Petersen, Pat Magwire.

**Announcements**

**---Teen's Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend is coming up on July 14-16 at Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale. Upcoming Juniors, Seniors to age 23 are invited.** TEC draws participants into the heart of the Catholic faith: Christ's Paschal Mystery (His passion, death, and resurrection) lived out in the Church while also reflecting on the person of Christ and who He is in their lives, and experience meaningful relationships with others. Retreat fee is just \$75. To register, please pick up an application form in the entrance of church and if you have questions, contact Becky Kerkman (from Elgin) at 843-6043.

**~Province of Omaha --Annual Province Meeting** Monday, July 17, 2023, for Women of Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island Dioceses, Blessed Sacrament Church, 518 W. State St. Grand Island, NE. Registrations and Coffee 8:15 am. Dismissal 3:00pm. Speaker: Father Allan Phan, Asst. Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Crete, NE. Pre-registration required: Before Thursday, July 13, 2023. Send to: Sharon Swett, 829 W. Depot St. Ericson, NE 68637. Contact: Leonarda Arens OACCW 1st VP for more information 402-253-5120

Answer to St. Francis History question: Infant of Prague. The history of this devotion will be in the history book and you can also search online.

***Safe Environment***

A safe environment for children and youth throughout the Archdiocese, and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Francis parishes, is very important. For more information, the Safe Environment policies and guidelines of the Archdiocese can be found at <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/>

Any questions, please let me know. Fr. Pat



**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



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.

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