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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A July 23, 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
 SFA-Neligh: 402.887.4521

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 25 July	9:00 am (T)	No Mass-Fr. on vacation
Wed 26 July	8:30 am (N)	No Mass-Fr. on vacation
Thur 27 July	9:00 am (T)	Jerry & Anna Bourek +
Fri 28 July	8:30 am (N)	Living & Deceased Members of the Clarkson & Kay Families
Sat 29 July	5:00 pm (N)	Marcia Redler +
	7:00 pm (T)	Todd & Shanna Lammers & Family
Sun 30 July	8:00 am (T)	Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
	10:00 am (N)	Jerry McNally +

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, July 29 5:00 pm	Sunday, July 30 10:00 am
EMHC's	Dale Kallhoff, Anne Hemenway	Hannah Hoefler, Aiden Kuester
LECTOR	Sam Hemenway	Trent Hoefler
SERVERS	Isaac Hemenway, Sara Hemenway	Corbin Hoefler, Josslyn Hoefler
USHERS	LeRoy Clarkson Dave Jacobsen	Chad Kaup Nick Strom
		Jack Sehi John Anderson
		Vince Sauser Troy Shabram

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday July 29 7:00 pm	Sam Johnsen	Mary Rautenberg	JoAnn Penne	Abe Johnsen Hank Johnsen Charlie Tegeler	
Sunday July 30 8:00 am	Volunteers	Jolene Schapmann	Stan Schapmann	Volunteers	Mary Hecht Mary Rautenberg



Pray for a growth in understanding among all people that human life begins at conception.

Some items on prayer, as stated from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website:

"There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly, lest they come to resemble the three first kinds of soil in the parable of the sower. But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus.

Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. . . . Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him.

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2707-2708

What is *lectio divina*?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
4. Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text."



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

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

- July 22** Tom Parks, Nick Ramold, Eric Sauser
- July 29** Patti Behnk, Joshua Mitchell, Brian Christiansen
- Aug 3** Steve Bright, Kathy Sauser, Dave Jacobsen
- Aug 10** Dewey Teel, Randy Kallhoff, Marian Shabram
- Aug 17** Miles Peterson, Doug Jessen, Shantell Boggs

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



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.

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections
July 16, 2023*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,846.57	Needed: \$1,137.25
Regular Coll. \$2,722.00	Regular Coll. \$829.25
	Hall Rent \$65.00

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.

St. Francis History

Our old church had no basement until 1941. The St. Francis ladies, formerly called the Guild, held their fundraisers such as card parties and dinners in St. Peter's Episcopal parish hall located next door to St. Peter's on the east. It is now the location of the Pierson Wildlife Museum Learning Center.



—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, Regina Krebs, Alice Kallhoff, Matt Belitz, Ray Brandt, Gail Borer, Jan Merrill.

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, Pat Magwire.

Announcements

~~ **Sound of Freedom** is currently showing in the Norfolk Theatre. The movie is about a former Homeland Security agent who goes to Colombia and rescues more than 50 kids from child sex traffickers, based upon a true story. Importantly, the movie shines a light upon this sinful and dreadful circumstance/practice.

~~**LITTLE LAMBS POP UP BAKE SALE**

Little Lambs Daycare and Preschool is having a "Pop Up Bake Sale" Saturday, July 29th from 9am to 11am in place of the cake walk this year between the playground and Tilden city auditorium. Please help support Little Lambs by bringing your favorite treat in a disposable 9 x 13 pan. Please have your treats to daycare by 5pm on Friday, July 28th or to the Tilden City Auditorium by 9am on Saturday, July 29th. THANKS for helping us make this BAKE SALE a success! Questions? Call Judy Stout at 402-750-4291

~~**LITTLE LAMBS DAYCARE and PRESCHOOL** has immediate openings for full time & part time staff. Come join our team and get 6-month AND 12-month bonus! Improved starting wage and pay scale!!!! Call Lindsey Eisenhauer at 402-368-2234. Email is littlelambs_tilden@hotmail.com or ask a board member for details. We'd love to have you on our team!

~~**WISDOM FOR CRISIS TIMES, July 28 - 30, 2023, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler**

Thomas Merton & Dorothy Day: Contemplative Wisdom for Crisis Times, *July 28 – 30*, retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with author, poet, and Benedictine Oblate *Judith Valente*. In their many writings, Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton speak directly to the personal and social challenges we face in today's world. We will delve into what they have to say about healing division and conflict, meeting social needs, seeking peace, the importance of prayer and taking time to pause. We will look at how we too can become "contemplatives in action" and work to heal a broken world. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now by calling (402) 352-8819.

~~**Lindsay Holy Family Parish Annual Bazaar** is Aug 20, 2023. Serving a delicious Roast Beef and Sausage meal from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in an air-conditioned gym. We also have a Concession Stand, Beer Garden, Inflatables, and Carnival Games that start at 3:00 for the enjoyment of all. Meal ticket cost for adults is \$10, children 6-10 are \$5.00 and children 5 and under are free.

~~**Calling all mental health professionals, clergy, and post-abortion healing volunteers!** Nebraska is revitalizing our post-abortion healing ministries, and we're building a network of informed, trained professionals and volunteers. Join us for a free orientation to equip you with the tools to support those on their journey of healing after abortion. Sign up to attend one of two workshops on August 22nd in Gretna, or August 23rd in North Platte. Find more information and sign up at NECatholic.org/Events

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



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.
For OLMC maintenance call Stan Schapmann 402-368-5906. SFA call Steve Kuester 402-928-0411 or Doug Haselhorst.