



**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
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Second Sunday of Advent—Year B

December 10, 2023

*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

Tues 12 Dec	9:00 am (T)	Jerry & Anna Bourek +
Wed 13 Dec	8:30 am (N)	James & Ida McNally +
	9:30 am (AC)	Robert Spieker + & Living & Deceased Family Members
Thur 14 Dec	8:15 am (PJ)	Mass at Pope John, Elgin
Fri 15 Dec	8:30 am (N)	Dr. Dwaine Peetz +
Sat 16 Dec	5:00 pm (N)	Ed & Dan Sauser + & Sauser Family
	7:00 pm (T)	Dr. James Crabb +
Sun 17 Dec	8:00 am (T)	Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
	10:00 am (N)	Larry Reuss +
	7:00 pm (N)	Penance Service

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Dec 16 5:00 pm	Sunday, Dec 17 10:00 am
EMHC's	Joe Hartz, Ron Beacom	Hannah Hoefler, Bill Kuester
LECTOR	Kathy Sauser	Trent Hoefler
SERVERS	Ashlyn Rudolf	Corbin Hoefler, Josslyn Hoefler, Cason Hoefler
USHERS	** LeRoy Clarkson Dave Jacobsen	**Ted Hughes Randy Kallhoff
		**Jack Sehi Jon Strom
		**Troy Shabram Chad Shabram

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Dec 16, 7:00 pm	Bill Hatterman Mark O'Brien	Brent Luebe	Rose Schaecher Sam Schaecher Sharalyn Fowler	Marissa Bennett Trigg Bennett	
Sunday Dec 17, 8:00 am	Ron Koch	Natalie Dittmer	Luann Koch Doris O'Brien John O'Brien	Evan Decker Nate Decker	Mary Hecht Marilyn Hansen



*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 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at St. Francis. It will begin with a short service, and then an opportunity for individual confession. Myself, Fr. John Norman and Fr. Joe Sund will be available to hear confessions at that time. Receive God's Mercy and also, importantly, the grace from the sacrament, to help one to see things as God sees them. A blessing for the person and their family. Other penance services on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, as options, are at St. John's in Deloit at 12:30pm, at St. Peter's in Ewing at 4:00pm and St. Theresa's in Clearwater at 5:30pm.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us!



Mass times for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent,  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Saturday, **Dec. 23**, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent at **5:00pm** at **St. Francis**;  
Saturday, **Dec. 23**, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent at **7:00pm** at **OLMC**;  
Sunday, **Dec. 24**, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent at **8:00am** at **OLMC**;  
Sunday, **Dec. 24**, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent at **10:00am** at **St. Francis**;  
Sunday, **Dec. 24**, Christmas Eve Mass at **4:00pm** at **St. Francis**;  
Sunday, **Dec. 24**, Christmas Eve Mass at **7:00pm** at **OLMC**;  
Monday, **Dec. 25**, Christmas Day at **8:00am** at **OLMC**; and  
Monday, **Dec. 25**, Christmas Day at **10:00am** at **St. Francis**.

**Obligation to Attend (2) Two Masses over Dec. 23, 24 & 25.**

Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, there are (2) two Mass obligations to fulfill -- the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas over Dec. 23, 24 & 25.

The two obligations can be fulfilled as follows:

— Attend Mass (Dec. 23) the evening before Christmas Eve or (Dec. 24) Christmas Eve morning;

and

— Attend Mass (Dec. 24) Christmas Eve evening or (Dec. 25) Christmas Day.

Based upon this, one could potentially attend Mass twice on the same day on (Dec. 24) Christmas Eve, in the morning and evening. Also a further option to meet the two obligations, one could attend Mass on (Dec. 24) Christmas Eve evening and (Dec. 25) Christmas Day.

It is a little more complicated this year, but please know you are to attend two Masses to fulfill your Mass obligations during this time. But it certainly provides an opportunity to focus on the spiritual importance of this time of year as well!! Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

- Dec 21** Donna Vice, Tim Kallhoff, Mark Ervin, Pat Borer
- Dec 28** Mike (Bev) Seier, Leon Strong, Jennifer Breuer
- Jan 6** Dewey Teel, Cody Schacht, Lyle Meis
- Jan 14** Linda Wingate, Pauline Tolfa, Roger Blakeman

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

Welcome. If you are attending Mass regularly at St. Francis we welcome you and invite you to register into the parish by calling (402-887-4521) or stopping in at the office and asking for a registration form. This includes recent college grads who moved back, people new to the area and newly married couples.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Religious Education at OLMC  
Dec 13, 2023

**K-12 7:00-8:00 pm Regular Class.**

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections  
Dec 3, 2023*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,846.57	Needed: \$1,137.25
<b>Regular Coll. \$7,887.00</b>	<b>Regular Coll. \$2,631.77</b>
	Fuel/Heat \$70.00
	Catholic Charities \$20.00

*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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Religious Education at St. Francis  
Dec 13, 2023

- Grades K-6** No Class (at home with packet materials.)
- Grades 7-9** 7:15-8:15 pm Regular Class
- Grades 10-12** Mercy Meals

**Scam Alert:** If you receive a text message (purportedly) from Fr. Pat Nields seeking a favor and asking you to text back, it is a SCAM. Please do not reply. Unfortunately, there have been a number of these texts recently



The collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** is this weekend Dec 9/10. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious.

**Advent Penance Services on Sunday, Dec. 17th**

- St. John's (Deloit) at 12:30 pm
- St. Peter's (Ewing) at 4:00 pm
- St. Theresa's (Clearwater) at 5:30 pm
- St. Francis (Neligh) at 7:00 pm

**SFA -Neligh**

- Rosary** every Tue, 10 am in Church, Everyone welcome.
- Knights of Columbus:** 1st Tues, 7:00 pm
- Rosary Sodality:** 2nd Tue, 6:00 pm
- Parish/Finance Council:** January 25, 2024 at 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 (649-3194) 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, Christian Manchester, Nyla Borgmann, Larry Luettel, Barb Stuhr, Regina Krebs, Matt Belitz, Gail Borer, Tim Rech, Marin Schindler, Steven Schrunk, Dolly Baker, Sandy Parks, Peg Kuester, Ralph Tichota, Val Mahlendorf, Mark Komisky, Justin Peterson, Bev Hartz, Mary Francis Arens, Sharlene Arehart, Michael Sauser, Alice Johnston, Pauline Tolfa.

*Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden*

Adam Kester, Laura Rutjens, Graham Sayers, Tom DeGroot, Robb Paulk, Gary Inlow, Lynda Swanson, David Rutjens, Boyd Batenhorst, Julie Krueger, Jenny White, Todd DeGroot, Pat Magwire, Nate Thiele, Mark Harlan.

**Announcements**

**St. Francis Advent Baby Shower** will be Dec 2 to Dec 31. 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.

Join us on Wed, **Dec 20th** at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Boniface Auditorium in Elgin for the Pope John/St. Boniface **Christmas Concert**.

**St. Francis History**

Our new St. Francis church was dedicated 60 years ago on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1963 by Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan. Following the age-old custom, the ritual of blessing began at the front entrance with the formal opening of the church doors. The interior walls and rooms were then blessed, and finally the sanctuary and high altar. A Solemn High Mass was then celebrated by the pastor, Fr. Charles Brodersen, assisted by Frs. Ben Martin of Pender, Francis Kubart of Petersburg and Norman Parr of Silver Creek. Msgr. Daniel E. Sheehan, chancellor (later archbishop), was master of ceremonies. Music was provided by the St. Francis choir with Richard Russell at the organ and Kay Finn directing the Flor Peeters Latin High Mass. Choir members were Rita Furstenau, Madelyn Rice, Donna Trueblood, Mae Sehi, and Betty Wells. The choir struggled to learn the music, which was difficult “but really beautiful,” according to Madelyn. “We sang it in three-part harmony... [and] by the time of the dedication, we had it so well memorized that the archbishop asked from which Omaha church Fr. Brodersen had borrowed the choir.”



Second Sunday of Advent



**Archbishop’s Annual Appeal – Status**

Parish	Goal	Current	Percent of Goal	Amount to reach Goal
St. Francis	\$11,176.88	\$10,915.00	97.66%	\$261.88
OLMC	\$3,798.80	\$3,582.00	94.29%	\$216.80



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](http://www.olmctilden.org) or [www.stfranciscc.org](http://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.