



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent— Year B

December 17, 2023

Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved

Clergy & Staff

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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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 19 Dec 10:30 am (N) Funeral Mass for Dolly Baker
 Wed 20 Dec 8:30 am (N) James & Ida McNally +
 Thur 21 Dec 9:00 am (T) Mr. & Mrs. John Corkle +
 Fri 22 Dec 8:30 am (N) Dr. Dwaine Peetz +

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat 23 Dec 5:00 pm (N) Diane Kerkman +
 7:00 pm (T) Jerry & Anna Bourek +
 Sun 24 Dec 8:00 am (T) Joe Grosserode +
 10:00 am (N) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis

Nativity of the Lord

Sun 24 Dec - Christmas Eve
 4:00 pm (N) Ted, Lucy & Scott Allemang +
 7:00 pm (T) Lucille Bennett +
 Mon 25 Dec - Christmas Day
 8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
 10:00 am (N) Albert & Emma Sehi +

Minister Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, see next page --

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Dec. 23 5:00 pm	Sunday, Dec. 24 10:00 am
EMHC's	Dale Kallhoff, Sam Hemenway	Marian Shabram, Elise Ruterbories
LECTOR	Anne Hemenway	Mark Ervin
SERVERS	Isaac Hemenway, Sara Hemenway	Gracelyn Wiebelhaus, Gabriela Parra
USHERS	** LeRoy Clarkson Chap Kaup	**Ted Hughes Gary Gunderson
		**Jack Sehi Vince Sauser
		**Troy Shabram Duane Knievel

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Dec. 23, 7:00 pm	Ed O'Brien Joe O'Brien	Mary Rautenberg	Mike Dusel	Layton Meyer Landon Meyer	
Sunday Dec. 24, 8:00 am	Ron Koch	Rosemary Patras	Walt Patras	Volunteers	Phil Chvala Danielle Johnsen

Greetings from Fr. Pat

Mass times for the 4th Sunday of Advent,
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Saturday, **Dec. 23**, 4th Sunday of Advent at **5:00pm** at **St. Francis**;
 Saturday, **Dec. 23**, 4th Sunday of Advent at **7:00pm** at **OLMC**;
 Sunday, **Dec. 24**, 4th Sunday of Advent at **8:00am** at **OLMC**;
 Sunday, **Dec. 24**, 4th 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 4th 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.

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24 4:00 pm	Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25 10:00 am
EMHC's	Nick Strom, Tim & Amy Baker, Ron Beacom	Jim & Kathy Koenig
LECTOR	Sam Hemenway	Sheila Parks
SERVERS	Charles Carothers, Carter Carothers, Owen Strom	Ashlyn Rudolf, Ashley Caballero-Lazaro, Jaquelin Luna-Duran
USHERS	** LeRoy Clarkson **Ted Hughes Andy Elder Jon Strom	**Jack Sehi **Troy Shabram Gary Gunderson John Anderson

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec. 24, 7:00 pm	Keith Meyer Mark O'Brien	Emily Vaughn	Walt Patras	Merinee Vaughn Larissa Vaughn Machenzie Rautenberg-Dugan	
Christmas Day Monday Dec. 25, 8:00 am	Bill Hatterman	Jolene Schapmann	Stan Schapmann	Volunteers	

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.

No Tues morning Rosary at St. Francis due to funeral.

Poinsettias for Christmas Decorations. Anyone wishing to donate flowers may contact the Neligh Flower Shop (887-4510). They will graciously deliver the plants to the church. Thank you.

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 at OLMC Dec. 20, 2023

Grades K-12 No Classes

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections
Dec 10, 2023*

SFA-Neligh
*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,846.57

OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering
Needed: \$1,137.25

Regular Coll. To be provided next week.

Regular Coll. \$775.45
Holy Day- Imm.
Conception \$224.00
Rel Retirement
Collection: \$352.00

**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 at St. Francis Dec. 20, 2023

Grades K-12 No Classes

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



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 (cancelled)
- Penance Service at St. Francis is cancelled-

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, Sandy Parks, Peg Kuester, Ralph Tichota, Val Mahlendorf, Mark Komisky, Justin Peterson, Bev Hartz, Mary Francis Arens, Sharlene Arehart, Alice Johnston, Pauline Tolfa, Scott Kuester, JoElla Brandt, Family of Dolly Baker

Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden

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

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.**

CARD SHOWER REQUEST: for the occasion of the 50th Birthday of *Regina Schrage Krebs* on Dec. 25th. Send to P.O. 144, Neligh, NE 68756

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 Furstenuau, 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.”



Third 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 or www.stfrancisc.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.