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Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year B

December 24, 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

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 & Erma Sehi +
 Tues 26 Dec No Mass
 Wed 27 Dec 8:30 am (N) Dewayne Voborny +
 9:30 am (AC) Emil & Mary Ann Hladovcak +
 Thur 28 Dec 9:00 am (T) Thomas Corkle + & Bill Corkle +
 Fri 29 Dec 8:30 am (N) Harlan Krebs + & Extended Family
 Sat 30 Dec 5:00 pm (N) Fred & Mable Scarlett +
 7:00 pm (T) Hella Bauer +
 Sun 31 Dec 8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
 10:00 am (N) Sandra Belik +

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
 Mon 1 Jan 8:30 am (N) Roger Kay +

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



MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Dec. 30 5:00 pm	Sunday, Dec. 31 10:00 am
EMHC's	Del & Susie Ames	Carla Teel, Michelle Ternus
LECTOR	Milly Clemens	Doris Ternus
SERVERS	Hunter Maly	Charles Carothers, Carter Carothers
USHERS	** LeRoy Clarkson Daryl Booth	**Ted Hughes Dale Kallhoff
	**Jack Sehi Tim Kallhoff	**Troy Shabram Trent Hoefer

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Dec. 30, 7:00 pm	Bill Hatterman Sam Schaecher	Jeanne Oelsligle	Rose Schaecher	Volunteers	
Sunday Dec. 31, 8:00 am	Keith Meyer John Frey	Ruth Miller	Vernel Zwingman	Merinee Vaughn Larissa Vaughn, Mackenzie Rautenberg-Dugan	Kathy Osborn Cindy Decker

Greetings from Fr. Pat

Merry Christmas! Please know of my well wishes for a blessed Christmas. This is a special time of year -- joyful and hopeful. We recall that Jesus comes to dwell with us. I was reflecting on the term- **tabernacle**. First, that Mary herself becomes a tabernacle, by her “yes,” as she carries Jesus in her womb. Second, in all the tabernacles throughout the world, in Catholic churches, where the holy Eucharist is reserved, the incarnation of our Lord’s continuing presence among us. And, lastly, that Jesus desires to dwell in our hearts, that we become tabernacles, seeking his presence and life in us. Jesus comes to save us, to restore us with his presence. The joy of Christmas!

With another year around the corner, please also know of my prayers and well wishes for a **Blessed and Happy New Year!**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us!

Mass times Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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**.



The Nativity
of the Lord

New Mass Schedule - Starting in February for Rural Family “K”

As part of the planning for our area, coordinating with the planning team for Rural Family “K”, the following new Mass Schedule will begin for our area on the first weekend of February 2024 (Feb. 3-4 weekend):

Saturday	5:30pm	Every Weekend Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tilden
	5:30pm	1 st /3 rd /5 th Weekend St. John the Baptist, Deloit
	5:30pm	2 nd /4 th Weekend St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing
Sunday	8:00am	Every Weekend St. Theresa, Clearwater
	8:00am	1 st /3 rd /5 th Weekend St. Bonaventure, Raeville
	8:00am	2 nd /4 th Weekend St. John the Baptist, Petersburg
Sunday	10:00am	Every Weekend St. Francis, Neligh
	10:00am	Every Weekend St. Boniface, Elgin

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

- 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
- Jan 20** Nick Ramold, Julia Harley, Jon Strom

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.

There is a **collection box** for layette items to be gifted to Birthright. It will remain through the Christmas season. Thanks everyone.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Religious Education at OLMC

Grades K-12 Classes resume Jan 10, 2024

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*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections
Dec 17, 2023*

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

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

Dec 10
Regular Coll. \$3,819.00
Holy Day \$739.00
Religious Ret. Coll.
\$926.00
Building Fund \$953.00

Regular Coll. \$992.00
Christmas flowers \$45.00

Dec 17
Regular Coll. Not Available
at this time.

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.

Parish directory photos are being accepted again until further notice. Publication is a few weeks off yet. We would love to have your photo if you haven't submitted one yet (leagle2@mcnallylaw.net). Contact Roxanne if you would like to have your picture taken in church after Sat. or Sun. Mass. 402-929-0152.

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

Please pray for all those who have died, especially for:

Dolly Baker

Husband, Gordon "Feller"
Daughters, Liz, Kate, Jane, Jennifer, Angela
Son, Mathew

May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed receive the mercy of God. Amen

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, Regina Krebs, Matt Belitz, Gail Borer, Tim Rech, Marin Schindler, Steven Schrunk, Sandy Parks, Peg Kuester, Val Mahlendorf, Mark Komisky, Justin Peterson, Mary Francis Arens, Sharlene Arehart, Alice Johnston, Braxton Longsdorf, Sharon Charf, Scott Kuester, JoElla Brandt.

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.

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.

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent



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.