



**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph— Year B

December 31, 2023

*Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved*

*Clergy & Staff*

*Fr. Pat Niels, Pastor \*\*pkniels@archomaha.org*

St. Francis of Assisi CC-Neligh  
 Secretary/Bookkeeper: Dorothy Brandt

Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Tilden  
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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

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* (Not a holy day of Obligation)  
 Jan 1 Mon 8:30 am (N) Roger Kay +  
 Jan 2 to 5 No Masses Father on vacation  
 Jan 6 Sat 5:00 pm (N) Living & Deceased Family Members of Donna Vice  
 7:00 pm (T) Jerome Thiele +  
 Jan 7 Sun 8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis  
 10:00 am (N) Dolly Baker +

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

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday, Jan 6 5:00 pm	Sunday, Jan 7 10:00 am
EMHC's	Milly Clemens, Jon Strom	Joe Hartz, Jacob Henery
LECTOR	Susie Ames	Ron Gilg
SERVERS	Bode Koinzan, Wyatt Koinzan	Andrew Henery, Tyson Blakeman
USHERS	**Randy Kallhoff Dave Jacobsen	**Chad Kaup Gary Gunderson
		**Daryl Booth Bill Kuester
		**Tim Kallhoff Nick Strom

MASS TIMES OLMC Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC	Servers	Money Counters
Saturday Jan 6, 7:00 pm	Sam Johnsen Bill Hatterman	Jeanne Oelsgle	Vernal Zwingman	Abe Johnsen Hank Johnsen Charlie Tegeler	
Sunday Jan 7, 8:00 am	John Frey Ron Koch	Ruth Miller	Luann Koch	Layton Meyer Landon Meyer	Mary Rautenberg Emily Vaughn



Pray for all those who cannot see the preciousness of each God-given life.

*Greetings from Fr. Pat*

### **Christmas Décor**

The parishes are so fortunate to have the efforts of **Dodi Jessen** with the Christmas décor at St. Francis and **Deb Navratil** with the Christmas décor at OLMC. My thanks and appreciation to them and to those that assisted them, it adds so much to the joy of the season!! Thank you!

### **Seminary Collection**

Next weekend, January 6 & 7, will be the annual Seminary Collection throughout the Archdiocese to help support those currently in seminary formation for the Archdiocese.

We currently have 22 seminarians and anticipate two will be ordained to the priesthood this coming June, one of them being Deacon Zach Eischeid from Elgin. Please keep Deacon Eischeid in your prayers and please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us!



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Joseph

**Calendar note:** Although the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God is January 1, 2024, because it falls on a Monday this year, it is *not* a holy day of obligation

### **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 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Weekend St. John the Baptist, Deloit
	5:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend St. Peter de Alcantara, Ewing
Sunday	8:00am	Every Weekend St. Theresa, Clearwater
	8:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Weekend St. Bonaventure, Raeville
	8:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 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**

- Jan 6** Dewey Teel, Cody Schacht, Lyle Meis
- Jan 14** Linda Wingate, Pauline Tolfa, Roger Blakeman
- Jan 20** Nick Ramold, Julia Harley, Jon Strom
- Jan 27** Tracy Sehi, Ron Rice, Les Ridder

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**


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

SFA-Neligh *Weekly offering Needed: \$2,846.57	OLMC--Tilden *Weekly offering Needed: \$1,137.25
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<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>Regular Coll</b>	<b>Regular Coll</b>
<b>Regular Coll.</b>	\$3,936.00	To be provided next week
<b>Religious Ret.</b>	\$65.00	
<b>Christmas</b>	\$130.00	<b>From New 2 U:</b> \$500.00
		Parishioner
<b>Dec 24</b>		Donation: \$2,500.00
<b>Regular Coll.</b>	\$3,500.00	<b>Non Parishioner</b>
		Donation: \$2,000.00
<b>Dec 25</b>		<b>St. Mary's</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	\$15,468.00	Cemetery: \$500.00

*God Bless you for your generosity!*

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**The Parish Donations envelopes for 2024** are ready for pick-up. They are by the West doors, in front of the statues of Mary and Joseph.

**2024 Parish Calendars Now Available:** At the doors of the church, please feel free to take one.

**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.

\*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.

**The Seminary Collection is the weekend of January 6/7, 2024.** We have twenty-two seminarians for the Archdiocese. Please consider supporting this collection.



**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, Joyce Bauer.

*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, Bob Kee.

**Thank You.** We wish to thank all of those who donated to the St Francis Advent Baby Shower. Donations will be give to Birthright in Norfolk.

**Prayer to St. Clare of Assisi for  
World Peace**

St. Clare, you prostrated yourself before the Eucharist and begged God's protection when barbarians threatened the safety of your cloistered home. You stayed the enemy by the power of the Blessed Sacrament, restoring peace and tranquility to your city. We ask now your powerful intercession for our country and world. Assisted by your prayer, help us spread the Good News at home and abroad that the Almighty One may care for His people. Then will the family of nations be united under one Father with one common purpose of peace and good will toward all. Amen.



**Archbishop's Annual Appeal – Status**

Parish	Goal	Current	Percent of Goal	Amount over Goal
St. Francis	\$11,176.88	\$11,765.00	<b>105.26%</b>	\$588.12
OLMC	\$3,798.80	\$3,932.00	<b>103.51%</b>	\$133.20



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.stfrancisc.org](http://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.