



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent—Year C

December 16, 2018

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

Advent Season :
Additional Confession Times:
 (T) Dec 16 Sun, 7 to 8 pm
 (N) Dec 20 Thurs, 7 to 8 pm.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 18 Dec----- 9:00 am (T) Arlo & Madelyn Rice +
 Wed 19 Dec -----8:30 am (N) Living & Deceased Members
 Blackburn Family
 9:30 am (NCRC) Sandra Clarkson +
 Thur 20 Dec -----9:00 am (T) For Seminarians
 Fri 21 Dec -----8:30am (N) Rose Thomas +
 Sat 22 Dec -----5:00 pm (N) Charley Grace Nielsen+
 7:00 pm (T) Leon Rutjens +
 Sun 23 Dec ----- 8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
 10:00 am (N) Living & Deceased Family members of
 Earl & Bernice Schindler +
Christmas Eve
 Mon 24 Dec----- 5:00 pm (N) Klayton Parks+
 7:00 pm (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
Christmas
 Tues 25 Dec-----Midnight (N) Kelli Fernando +
 9:00 am (N) Albert & Erma Sehi +
 11:00 am (T) Robert Spieker + & Living & Deceased
 Family Members

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday 22 December, 5:00 pm	Sunday 23 December, 10:00 am
EMHC's	Kathy Sauser, Milly Clemens, Alice Kallhoff, Ron Beacom, Simon Beacom	Joe & Bev Hartz, Matt & Angie Belitz, Nick Strom, Kathy Schultz
LECTOR	Susan Ames	Sheila Parks
SERVERS	Colson Krebs, Talon Krebs, Andrew Henery, Jacob Henery	Garret Belitz, Mallory Belitz Corbin Hoefler, Josselyn Hoefler
GIFT BEARERS	Brian Hain Family	Dave Jacobsen Family
USHERS	Gary Gunderson, Ted Hughes Jeff Krebs, Bill Lyons	Trent Hoefler, Tim Kallhoff, Chad Shabram, Troy Shabram

Dates & Time OLMC-Tilden	Ushers	EMHCs	Lectors	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Saturday Dec 22 7:00 pm	Roger Kee Jeff Kee	Rose & Sam Schaecher Loretta Nykodym	Emily Vaughn	Hunter Bennett Reed Bennett Marissa Bennett Landon Meyer	Cindy Decker & Family	
Sunday Dec 23 8:00 am	Dave Miller John Frey	Ruth & Ed O'Brien Sheila Meyer	Ruth Miller	Leevi Frey Cassidy Frey Marinee Vaughn	Keith & Sheila Meyer	Mary Hecht Mary Fox

Greetings from Fr. Pat,



Our Religious Education programs are wrapping up for the first semester. The last class time at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was on December 12th and St. Francis will finish on December 19th. My thanks and appreciation to the teachers:

For Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: **Corinne Frey (Director and 6th Grade), Christina Kivett (K), Cindy Decker (1st), Danielle Johnsen and Shannon Tegeler (2nd), Mary Hecht (3rd), Steve Kivett (4th), Rachel Frey (5th), Kathy Osborn (7-9), Deb Navratil (11-12) and Natalie Dittmer (Music).**

For St. Francis: **Amy Baker (Director), Tina Wilson (K), Kelsey Blakeman and Terra Kimes (1st), Koryn Koinzan and Anne Hemenway (2nd), Sara Musilek and Kenzie Rudlof (3rd), Simon Beacom, Kelly Starman and Jenni Breuer (4th), Melissa Henery and Donna Taylor (5th/6th), Lesley Johnson (7th), Angie Belitz and Beth Ramold (8-10), Becky Kerkman (11-12) and Natalie Bitney (Music).**

Thank you for your willingness to be teachers, to take the time to support the religious education program, saying “yes” to spending your time this way. Thank you for making the sacrifice. The first educators of the faith are the parents, but recognizing we live in community and thus we support each other in growing in the faith. The teachers by extending their time and effort are helping to do just that by assisting the parents in efforts to impart the faith.

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift idea, a few books to consider: *Why I am Catholic (and you should be too)* by Brandon Vogt, *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization* by Thomas E. Woods, Jr. and *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Always good to strive to learn more about the faith, our Church and the spiritual life.

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent this weekend, also called Gaudete Sunday, a time to rejoice. We pause from the more penitential time of Advent to mark that we are ever closer to Christmas. Thus, we mark this Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice as we look in joyful anticipation to our Lord’s coming.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us! St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

MASS IMES SFA-Neligh	Christmas Vigil Mon 24 Dec, 5:00 pm	Christmas Midnight 25 Dec	Christmas Day Tues 25 Dec, 9 am
EMHC's	Tina Wilson, Del & Susan Ames	Jim & Kathy Koenig, Carla Teel, Marian Shabram	Doris & Michelle Ternus, Linda Wingate
LECTOR	Milly Clemens	Mark Ervin	Amy Baker
SERVERS	Jaedin Wilson, Simon Beacom, Brian Heithoff, Ashlyn Rudolf	Emma & Elise Ruterbories, Kaylee Ramold, Sidney Shabram	Alayna Finch, Caleb Payne Megan Payne, Alberto Avila
GIFTBEARERS	Doug Jessen Family	Vince Sauser Family	Jack Sehi Family
USHERS	Gary Gunderson, Ted Hughes Nick Strom, Leroy Clarkson	Vince Sauser, Don Zegers	Jack Sehi, Randy Kallhoff

Dates & Time OLMC-Tilden	Ushers	EMHCs	Lectors	Servers	Gift Bearers
Christmas Vigil Mon 24 Dec 7:00 pm	Walt Patras Stan Schapmann	Rosemary Patras John & Doris O'Brien	Jolene Schapmann	Hunter Bennett Reed Bennett Marissa Bennett Ashton Kuchar	John & Doris O'Brien
Christmas Day Tues 25 Dec 11:00 am	Ron Koch Sam Schaecher	Luann Koch Rose Schaecher Jim O'Brien	Mary Rautenberg	Leevi Frey, Cassdy Frey Elizabeth Kivett	Sam & Rose Schaecher

Archbishop's Annual Appeal	Parish	Goal	Pledged	% Pledged	Goal - Participation	% Participating
	St. Francis	\$8,695.37	\$9,891.00	113.8%	20.4 %	17.2%
	OLMC	\$2,646.33	\$3,078.00	116.3%	23.8 %	19.5 %

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

Dec 20 Mark Ervin, Tim Kallhoff, Donna Vice
Dec 27 Leon Strong, Mike J. Seier, Jennifer Breurer

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned time, please find a substitute.

Wanted: 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. We are asking for white poinsettias this year. Thank you.



Advent Baby Shower will be from now till Jan 2. A play pen for gifts is in the west alcove of church.

Donations go to Birthright in Norfolk.

Praying for vocations: Our **Travelling Vocation Cross** has started its journey thru our parish families again as we continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Brad & Jennifer Higgins family are now hosting the **Vocation Cross**. Please contact Kathy Sauser for hosting arrangement. Vocation prayer cards for your use may be found at the back of church and in the vocation cross box.



The memorial sheet for **Christmas flowers** may be found in the back of the church.

Layette items will once again be collected by the Catholic Women these items will be collected through the Christmas season and will be donated to Birthright of Norfolk. Thank you for donating items for the babies

The American Red Cross will be holding a **blood drive** at Elkhorn Valley Schools on Monday, **Dec.17, 2018**, from 12 noon-6:00pm in the 1987 gym. All blood types are needed, and walk-ins are welcome.

A small **library is available** in the landing of OLMC church basement for the purpose of sharing faith based books. No check-out is necessary, just borrow and return.

Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections December 9, 2018	
SFA-Neligh	OLMC-Tilden
Weekly offering needed \$2,859.33	Regular Collection: \$671.05
This week's collection: \$2,795.00	Immaculate Conception \$206.00
Immaculate Conception \$557.80	Religious Retirement \$279.00
Religious Retirement \$587.00	Christmas Flowers \$40.00
<i>God bless you for your generosity</i>	

RELIGIOUS **Wednesday 19 December**

Grades K-6 6-7 pm Regular Class
Grades 7-12 7:15-8:30 pm Regular Class
Confirmation students after class will help put together Christmas trees for the Church.

SFA-Neligh

Rosary every Tue, 10 am in Church, Everyone welcome.
The Willows: Rosary, Sat at 10 am;
Knights of Columbus: 1st Tue, 8 pm
Rosary Sodality: 2nd Tue, 6:30 pm
Parish Council: Jan 17, 6 pm
Fin. Council: Quarterly, 7 pm

OLMC-Tilden

Knights of Columbus (see Neligh)
Catholic Women meet : 1st Tue 9:30 am every 3 months, Mar, June, Sept, Dec.
Parish Council: TBA
Fin. Council: Quarterly, 7 pm



Please call June Anderson (887-4937) Germaine Berry (887-4293) or the parish office (887-4521) to add names to the prayer list. Names will be listed for three weeks or as long as necessary. Thank you for praying for those most in need

Please remember to pray for: St. Francis-Neligh
 Matt Evans, Jerry Kerkman, Dr. Dwaine Peetz, Larry Braband., Ray McNally, Nate Metschke, Robin Boschult, Sharlene Arehart, Joan Stearns, Larry Neyens

Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden
 Nate Thiele, Nancy Hecht, Matt Evans, Betty Schiltmeyer, Joel Rivera, Larry Chroetlin, Gary Inlow, Allery Klabenes, Michael McNally, Hella Bauer

Announcements

~**Please note**, Rosary Sodality Ladies (or any Parishioner) if you have discontinued your land line and use only a cell phone, please call Donna Vice 402-843-8209 or the parish office 402-887-4521 to update your contact numbers. Thank you.

~**Peace Choir and Friends** of Tilden, NE is having their annual cantata on Sun 16 Dec at 4 pm at the Peace United Church of Christ. This year's selection is "Invitation to a Miracle" by Joseph M. Martin. Following there will be a time for fellowship and Christmas snacks in the Fellowship Hall. There will be freewill offering to benefit Barb Roland, who has been battling cancer. Come to get in the Christmas spirit and support a good cause.

~**Seeking Truth Bible Study:** Building parish life through community study of God's Word. Please join us **Tues 18 Dec, 7 pm** in the St. Francis parish hall. The lesson this week will be "*Apostolic Liturgy*", 1 COR 9-16. In the vestibule of church there is a poster with a pocket with the lesson for the upcoming week for you to fill out if you are interested in joining us. All are welcome!

~**"GIVE THE GIFT OF A RETREAT** Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat: This Christmas season, give yourself or someone you love tickets to a weekend retreat to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, March 22-23, 2019. Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend. Give the gift of experiencing her powerful journey and remarkable message. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration visit www.immaculee.com, or contact RaNae O'Brien at ranaeobrien1@gmail.com."

POPE JOHN XXIII SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to our parents and all who helped with our breakfast, as well as those who came to support us. May God bless you!
The Pope John Seniors

As another season rolls around and "**Christmastime is Here Again**," the St. Boniface and Pope John music students will present their annual Christmas concert on Tues 18 Dec at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome in the St. Boniface Gym as the students, preschool through high school, vocal and instrumental, spread Christmas joy through song!

Seven Sisters Apostolate – Praying for Our Pastor

We are inviting all women of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Francis of Assisi parishes to become part of the Seven Sisters apostolate. We are looking for a core of seven women to commit to offering a weekly Holy Hour exclusively to pray for our Pastor, Father Pat. The commitment of the intercessor is to offer their Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering the complete week -- Sunday through Saturday.

The Hour is ideally prayed in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This generous commitment of a weekly Holy Hour is ideally for one year on a particular day of the week.

We need a core of seven women, but will need others who can substitute. Please pray about this, and if you would like to participate please call or text Doris O'Brien (402)928-0050 (cell).

You can also see more information about Seven Sisters Apostolate on the internet. There are Seven Sisters groups praying for their priests in some parishes in Omaha (including for Archbishop Lucas), Fremont, Lincoln and many other locations across the country – there is a map on their website.

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 & Loretta Nykodym 402-368-2182. For OLMC maintenance call Stan Schapmann 402-368-5906. SFA call Del Ames 402-887-5017.

Third Sunday
of Advent.



