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Sixth Sunday of Easter--Year A

May 17, 2020

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

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*Prayer of Spiritual Communion*

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*



Public Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues 19 May 9:00 am (T) Living Deceased Family  
 Members of Bob Spieker Family  
 Wed 20 May 8:30 am (N) Bernard & Helen + Burbach & Family

Ascension of the Lord

Thur 21 May 9:00 am (T) Bill Sueper  
 5:30 pm (N) Susan, Garrett & Dawn  
 Baringer+

Fri 21 May 8:30 am (N) Karl Frederick +

Private Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 23 May Living & Deceased Family & Extended  
 Family of E.R.W.  
 Sun 24 May 10:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis & OLMC  
 (Live stream)

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections*

SFA-Neligh

OLMC-Tilden

**\*Weekly offering**  
**Needed:** \$2,675.42  
**Regular Coll.:**

No collection numbers  
 at this time.

**\*Weekly offering**  
**Needed:** \$884.62  
**Regular Coll.:**

No collection numbers  
 at this time.

*God Bless you for your generosity!*

**SFA-Neligh**

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

**May 23** Mary Ann Herrera, John Anderson, Carol Anderson  
**May 30** Dan Payne, Sara Musilek, John Horstman, Larry Reuss

**Praying for vocations:** Our traveling Vocation Cross continues it's journey thru our parish families as we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Del & Susie Ames are currently hosting the Vocation Cross. Please contact Kathy Sausser for hosting arrangement. Vocation prayer materials are provided in the vocation cross box.

*Please remember to pray for: St. Francis-Neligh*

Larry Braband, Craig Allemang, Lyla Mechaely, Marty Wagner, Traci Werkmeister, Tanya Gallagher, Kathy Rethwisch, Rose Martin, Patricia Brandt, Family of Helen Miller, Beth Hynes, Colby Laughhunn, Dr. Dwaine Peetz Jr., Carol Diedrichsen, Logan Pelster, Mike Thiele

**OLMC —Tilden**

During this time of confinement, for those wanting to learn more about and deepen their faith: a library of books (and some video materials) are available in the church basement landing. Some new titles have been added. There is no formal check-out process, just borrow and return at your convenience. Stay safe, stay home.

**Praying for Vocations:** Our traveling "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" statue has begun its journey in the parish. Stan and Jolene Schapmann are currently hosting the statue.

*Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden*

Nate Thiele, Nancy Hecht, Matt Evans, Larry Chroetlin, Jenny White, Rick Stahno, Mardell Kohl, Annie Leinen, Jackie Burgmen, Katie Dusel Leonard, Les Wilson, Keryll Meduna, Kathy Rethwisch, Ray Keogh, Bill Sueper

## Our Lady of Fatima

Last week on May 13<sup>th</sup>, we had in the Church calendar “Our Lady of Fatima” recalling the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Mary came to three children on May 13, 1917, date of first apparition, and continued to do so in subsequent months. An important aspect of the apparition is that the Blessed Mother conveyed the need for prayer, particularly the rosary.

Two of the three children, St. Jacinta and St. Francisco (both canonized on May 13, 2017), died young, a couple years after the apparitions of influenza. The third child, Servant of God Lucia (given the title Servant of God on February 13, 2017) would live a long life, 97 years, dying in 2005. She became a religious sister and later a Carmelite nun, living a contemplative life. Her life I think is a testament, a witness to the authenticity of the events. Living the life of a religious, devoted to God in this way and maintaining the truth of Mary’s words and messages. It would not make sense for someone to devote their life to God and at the same time assert a false apparition. Possible, but not very likely.

Also interestingly, Pope St. John Paul II attributed the protection of Our Lady during the assassination attempt on his life on May 13, 1981. He would a year later, May 13, 1982, go to Fatima to thank Our Lady for her protection.

Our Lady of Fatima reminds us of the importance of prayer and particularly the holy rosary. Our Lady is our spiritual mother that will guide and help us. We may also consider prayers to St. Jacinta and St. Francisco given how they died and to Servant of God Lucia as well during this challenging time of health concerns.

–Fr. Pat

*The month of May is special for fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are encouraged to pray the holy Rosary daily. Intimacy with Mother Mary draws us deeper into friendship with Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.*



### Evening Public Mass on May 21

Besides the usual daily Masses (Tuesday through Friday), this coming week there will also be Mass on Thursday evening at 5:30 pm at St. Francis. This may be an opportunity to go to Mass and to celebrate the Holy Day, The Ascension of the Lord.

**May is Foster parent Appreciation Month!** There are many children in Nebraska and all over the country who need a safe and nurturing place to call home. If you have ever thought about becoming a foster parent and providing that safe and nurturing place for a child please reach out to Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (NFAPA) or your local DHHS Office today! You can contact NFAPA at 800-772-7368 (toll free in NE) or 877-257-0176 or through their website [nfapa.org](http://nfapa.org).

Lord, you bless the earth and abundance flows in its fields giving us food we eat, strengthen our farmers and ranchers particularly those facing economic hardship and uncertainty at this time. We pray to the Lord. St. Isidore, patron of farmers and rural communities, pray for us.



Pray for those who work in classrooms and laboratories, teach and practice respect for all human life.