



**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**

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The Baptism of the Lord—Year C

January 13, 2019

*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

Tues 15 Jan ----- 9:00 am (T) Marie Connelly +  
 Wed 16 Jan ----- 8:30 am (N) Living & Deceased Family Members  
 of Earl & Bernice Schindler +  
 9:30 am (NCRC) Residents  
 Thur 17 Jan ----- 9:00 am (T) Edward & Eleanor Starman +  
 Fri 18 Jan ----- 8:30 am (N) Peetz Family  
 Sat 19 Jan ----- 5:00 pm (N) Klayton Parks +  
 7:00 pm (T) Leon Rutjens +  
 Sun 20 Jan ----- 8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis  
 10:00 am (N) Robert Spieker +

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday 19 January, 5:00 pm	Sunday 20 January, 10:00 am
<b>EMHC's</b>	Joe & Bev Hartz, Alice Kallhoff, Kathy Sauser, Jon Strom	Tim & Amy Baker, Linda Wingate Michelle Ternus, Doris Ternus, Tina Wilson
<b>LECTOR</b>	Anne Hemenway	Sheila Parks
<b>SERVERS</b>	Jesse Green, Andrew Henery, Jacob Henery, Ashton Higgins	Jaeden Wilson, Sidney Shabram Elise & Emma Ruterbories
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Ed Schindler Family	Ted Hughes Family
<b>USHERS</b>	Brian Harrison, Randy Kallhoff, Dale Kallhoff, Chad Kaup	Don Zegers, Troy Shabram, Ted Hughes, Andy Elder

Dates & Time OLMC-Tilden	Ushers	EMHCs	Lectors	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Saturday Jan 19 7:00 pm	Stan Schapmann Sam Johnson	Mike Dusel, Vernal Zwingman Joanne Penne	Jolene Schapmann	Nate Decker Evan Decker Landon Meyer Ashton Kuchar	Sam & Danielle Johnson & Family	
Sunday Jan 20 8:00 am	Walt Patras Keith Meyer	Rosemary Patras Mary Rautenberg Sheila Meyer	Emily Vaughn	Marinee Vaughan Carney Black JJ Black Logan Black	Keith & Sheila Meyer	Mary Hecht Mary Fox

The **St. Francis donation envelopes** for 2019 financial year are ready for you to pick up. Please find them in the west vestibule of church. Thank You.



Pray that we may have the courage to speak out for the right to life.



My bulletin column at times will focus on a particular topic or aspect of faith, “Fr. Pat’s Ponderings” so to speak. The below addresses the donation of bodily organs:

*Organ Donation*

The Catholic Church supports and encourages the donation of organs. The Catechism states, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of solidarity.” (CCC 2296) Donation of organs is means to support and love one’s neighbor and to help those in need. Organ donation can be a means to follow the commandment given by Jesus, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt 22:39) Pope Francis has indicated that the act of organ donation is “a testimony of love for our neighbor.”

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death.” (ERD 63)

Organ transplants from living donors can also be done, such as donating a kidney to a family member. The Catechism states, “Organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient.”

Importantly, the principle is that the organ donation “will not sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function [of the donor] and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm done to the donor.” (ERD 30) The integrity and wholeness of the donor is to be safeguarded. The freedom of the donor is to be respected, as the Catechism states, “It is not morally acceptable if the donor or his proxy has not given explicit consent.” (CCC 2296)

Donation of organs to be done at death can create tension between the desire and good of donating organs with having and determining certainty of death of the donor. Pressure can exist to determine death as soon as possible so as to increase the chances of a successful organ donation.

Ethical conduct and protocol provides that the person has died before transplantation. “Such organs should not be removed until it has been medically determined that the patient has died. In order to prevent any conflict of interest, the physician who determines death should not be a member of the transplant team.” (ERD 64) Thus, the importance of separation of medical decision making between the donor and the prospective donee.

“The determination of death should be made by the physician or competent medical authority in accordance with responsible and commonly accepted scientific criteria.” (ERD 62) “Moreover, it is not morally admissible directly to bring about the disabling mutilation or death of a human being, even in order to delay the death of other persons.” (CCC 2296)

Organ donation is a blessing to mankind, but along with this advance includes an awareness of important issues, such as determining when death has occurred for a person.

CCC = Catechism of the Catholic Church

ERD = Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services

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



**The St Francis Knights of Columbus** will be having their **Annual One Rose, One Life Campaign** the weekend of Jan 19th and 20th. With your prayers and financial generosity the Knights can continue to fight the evils of abortion. “Two thousand twenty seven lives have been saved in one year with your help.” There will be a second collection taken up to help with this worthy campaign.

**POPE JOHN XXIII SCHOOL NEWS**

Pope John and St. Boniface Schools are looking for donations of miscellaneous craft supplies, Legos, puzzles and board games. The items will be used with our Makerspace area in the library. All items can be dropped off at the school office. For more information please contact Mrs. Evans at the school (843.5325 or [kevans@picrusaders.org](mailto:kevans@picrusaders.org))

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal	Parish	Goal	Pledged	% Pledged	Goal - Participation	% Participating
	St. Francis	\$8,695.37	\$11,911.00	137%	20.4 %	18.7%
	OLMC	\$2,646.33	\$3,078.00	116.3%	23.8 %	19.5 %

With the combined parish bulletin, we request that all announcements be submitted to the office (sfa or olmc) by Thursday noon of each week. Announcements not received by Thur. may not be published. Thank You.

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

**Jan 19** Brian Hain, Pat Van Ert, Steve Kuester

**Jan 27** Tracy Sehi, Ron Rice, Les Ridder

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

The Christmas season ends after Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 13. We are grateful for all of the poinsettias donated, especially those given in memory of loved ones. **If you donated a poinsettia** and would like to take it home, they will be in the west entryway area for a couple of weeks.

**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. Germaine Berry is 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.

**Thank you** to those who signed up and purchased poinsettias on behalf of family intentions and/or memorials! As we move into ordinary time, Poinsettias will be removed from the altar and **available for pick up** after this Sunday's mass on first come first served basis.

We're **cleaning out storage closets** and removing items that haven't been used for several years (decades?). Miscellaneous decorative items, banners, posters, fabric, ribbons, holiday ornaments, etc are available for pick-up in the northeast corner of landing in the church basement to whomever wants them

**Little Lambs Annual Soup Dinner/Silent Auction.** Little Lambs Preschool and Daycare will be having their Annual Soup Dinner/Silent Auction on **Sun 20 Jan.** We will be serving from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Please come and eat wonderful soup and have great fellowship while supporting Little Lambs!

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.



**Wednesday 16 January**

**Grades K-6 6-7 pm Regular Class**

**Grades 7-12 7:15 to 8:30 pm Regular Class**

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections  
January 6, 2019*

SFA-Neligh  
Weekly offering needed  
\$2,859.33  
This week's collection:  
To be noted in next  
Bulletin.  
Christmas to date  
\$18,233.50

OLMC-Tilden  
Regular Collection:  
To be noted in next  
bulletin  
Christmas  
\$4,491.00

*God bless you for your generosity*



**January 16, 2019**

**Grades K-12 7:00 pm Regular Class**

**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:** Jan 15, 4 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:**

**ASK FOR A PRAYER**



*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, Dr. Dwaine Peetz, Larry Braband., Ray McNally, Joan Stearns, Larry Neyens, Annette Anderson, Diane Reynolds, Karri Reynolds, Family of Jeanette Englehorn, Robin Boschult, Audrey Meyer

*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.

~**Seeking Truth Bible Study**: Building parish life through community study of God's Word. Please join us **Tues 15 Jan, 7 pm** in the St. Francis parish hall. The lesson this week will be "*Ephesians*", ACTS 19, EPHESIANS. 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!

~**January 22-March 25, 2019**

### **Pro-Life Essay Contest**

Give voice to your pro-life values! The Archdiocese Pro-Life Essay Contest is now taking entries from students in grades 7-11. Prizes range from \$20-\$40, and first place entries will be submitted to the Knights of Columbus statewide contest. For the writing prompt and submission details, contact Whitney Bradley, Respect Life Apostolate Coordinator, at [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or call 402.551.9003 x1306.

### **~Pro-Life Breakfast**

In remembrance of Roe vs. Wade, on **Sun 27 Jan** from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 105 Elm Ave. in Norfolk, a hot breakfast of pancake, eggs and ham, will be hosted by Norfolk Area Right to Life with proceeds going toward local pro-life education and billboards. All are welcome!

~**Feb 15-17, 2019**

### **Retrouvaille**

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register call 1-888-317-5654 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

### **~11 Days Alpine Europe Pilgrimage including "The Passion Play of Oberammergau."**

Come along May 18-28, 2020, to take in a spiritual event that happens only every ten years, "The Passion Play of Oberammergau". This international event has been taking place for over 400 years in Germany! This will all be part of a pilgrimage taking in three Alpine countries, Southern Germany, Austria and Switzerland. These are three of the most beautiful countries in all of Europe, and we'll visit great sites such as Heidelberg, the Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Salzburg, Munich and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,499 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 – 4<sup>th</sup> St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email [frdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com)

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