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The Epiphany of the Lord—Year C

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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 8 Jan----- NO Masses this week---- Jan 8 thru Jan 11
 Father on vacation.

Sat 12 Jan ----- 5:00 pm (N) Ray McNally
 7:00 pm (T) Living & Deceased Family members
 of Joe & Phyllis Dusel
 Sun 13 Jan-----8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
 10:00 am (N) Richard Miller +

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday 12 January, 5:00 pm	Sunday 13 January, 10:00 am
EMHC's	Del & Susan Ames, Kelsey Blakenman, Milly Clemns, Dale Kallhoff	Kathy Schultz, Carla Teel, Bob Eggerling, Nick Strom, Ron Beacom, Simon Beacom
LECTOR	Tessa Hain	Judy Eggerling
SERVERS	Layne Bullock, Tyson Blakeman Christian Behnk, Miles Kittelson	Alberto Avila, Isaac Hemenway, Sam Hemenway, Trey Svatos
GIFT BEARERS	Jason Krebs Family	Jon Strom Family
USHERS	Brian Harrison, Randy Kallhoff, Gary Gunderson, LeRoy Clarkson	Don Zegers, Troy Shabram, Duane Knievel, Bill Kuester

Dates & Time OLMC-Tilden	Ushers	EMHCs	Lectors	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Saturday Jan 12 7:00 pm	Sam Schaecher Roger Kee	Rose Schaecher John & Doris O'Brien	Jeanne Oelsligle	Owen Hahne Allison Hahne Nate Decker Evan Decker	Sam & Rose Schaecher	
Sunday Jan 13 8:00 am	Dave Miller John Frey	Jolene & Stan Schapmann Ruth O'Brien	Ruth Miller	Leevi Frey Cassidy Frey Elizabeth Kivett	Brendan & Natalie Dittmer Family	Loretta Nykodym Emily Vaughn

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 be the light of life for those immersed in the Culture of Death.



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!

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

Parish	Goal	Pledged	% Pledged	Goal - Participation	% Participating
St. Francis	\$8,695.37	\$10,891.00	125.3%	20.4 %	17.7%
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 12** Linda Wingate, Natalie Bitney, Marge Lichty
- 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.

A **big thank** you to all those who donated to the Advent Baby Shower. There were many beautiful items and all will be donated to Birthright in Norfolk. Thank You!

Rosary Sodality will meet Tues 8 Jan at 6:30 pm

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS January 9, 2019
Grades K-12 7:00 pm Regular Class

<i>Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections December 30, 2018</i>	
SFA-Neligh Weekly offering needed \$2,859.33 This week's collection: \$3790.00 Christmas to date \$18,233.50 Building Fund \$420.00	OLMC-Tilden Regular Collection: To be noted in next bulletin Christmas \$4,491.00 Heat/fuel \$100.00 Flowers \$10.00
<i>God bless you for your generosity</i>	

RELIGIOUS **Wednesday, 9 Jan.**
Grades K-6 6-7 pm Regular Class
Grades 7-12 7:15 to 8:30 pm Regular Class

The nativity set at St. Francis is 100 years old this year. The John Connelly family moved from Tilden to St. Francis parish in the spring of 1913. John was the grandfather of Madelyn Rice (d. Apr. 6, 2018) and Jack Conger and great-grandfather of Ron Rice. The family lived northeast of Neligh on the place where Dave and Lori Schrader now reside. St. Francis was a mission of St. Theresa, so the priests would come from Clearwater to say Mass. Fr. John Vogel was appointed pastor in 1918. He was from Switzerland, very young, shy and not used to American ways. He became a close friend of the Connelly family. Before Christmas in 1918 he and Mr. Connelly and two sons built the small "barn" for the nativity set that was purchased. (The original St. Francis Church, built in 1900, was located at the corner of 6th & J Streets, southwest across the intersection from the high school.)

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:



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, Jeanette Englehorn

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

~**The Seminary Collection** will be held this weekend January 5-6, 2019. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-three men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.

~**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 8 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!

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

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 – 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

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 402-276-0184



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