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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Year C December 30, 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
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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

New Years Eve
 Mon 31 Dec-----5:30 pm (N) Michael Peetz +
 New Years Day
 Tues 1 Jan -----8:00 am (N) Special Intention S.M. & her family
 10:00 am (T) Special Intention
 Wed 2 Jan -----8:30 am (N) Gene Bonkiewicz +
 9:30 am (NCRC) Mark Sehi +
 Thur 3 Jan -----9:00 am (T) Leon Rutjens +
 **Fri 4 Jan -----7:30 am (N) Elaine Glanz +
 No 1st Fri Adoration or Benediction
 Sat 5 Jan -----5:00 pm (N) Burgett Peetz +
 7:00 pm (T) For Our Priests
 Sun 6 Jan-----8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
 10:00 am (N) Kelli Fernando +

** Note --Friday Mass time Change.

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday 5 January, 5:00 pm	Sunday 6 January , 10:00 am
EMHC's	Dr Russ & Joan Vetick, Bill Kuester Dane & Jennifer Nielsen	Matt & Angie Belitz, Jim & Kathy Koenig, Marian Shabram, Tina Wilson
LECTOR	Dale Kallhoff	Ron Gilg
SERVERS	Jaxon Nelson, Brian Heithoff, Colson & Talon Krebs	Sydney Sands, Ashley Caballero Garret & Mallory Belitz
GIFT BEARERS	Tim Knievel Family	Matt Booth Family
USHERS	Brian Harrison, Randy Kallhoff, Eric Heithoff, Dave Jacobsen	Don Zegers, Troy Shabram, Tim Kallhoff, Trent Hofer

Dates & Time OLMC-Tilden	Ushers	EMHCs	Lectors	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Tuesday Jan 1 10:00 am	Bill Hatterman Phil Chvala	John & Doris O'Brien Ed O'Brien	Mary Rautenberg	Hunter Bennett Reed Bennett Marissa Bennett	Bill & Gloria Hatterman	
Saturday Jan 5 7:00 pm	Roger Kee Jeff Kee	Vernal Zwingman Mike Dusel Joanne Penne	Loretta Nykodym	Nate Decker Evan Decker Landon Meyer Ashton Kuchar	Roger & Geri Kee	
Sunday Jan 6 8:00 am	Walt Patras Ron Koch	Rosemary Patras Mary Rautenberg Jim O'Brien	Emily Vaughn	Carney Black JJ Black Logan Black Merinee Vaughn	Walt & Rosemary Patras	Kathy Osborn Cindy Decker

Greetings from Fr. Pat,



Merry Christmas! My hope is you had a blessed Christmas and were able to reflect a bit on the importance of the season, even amongst holiday activities. The 5pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Francis was overflowing, people using chairs, up in the choir loft and downstairs too. Glad so many were able to come to this mass and for those that were able to come to the other masses at St. Francis and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to celebrate the Lord's Nativity.

If you haven't had the opportunity to pick-up the book *Signs of Life* by Scott Hahn, as a gift from me to the parish, please do so, there are more remaining by the front entrance at St. Francis and at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. My hope is this book may be of help to grow in understanding of our Catholic faith.

My thanks and appreciation to those that extended their time in decorating the parishes for Christmas. At St. Francis, my thanks to **Dodi Jessen**, for leading the effort and providing her artistic talent, assisted along the way by **Roxanne McNally, Shelly Grosserode, Bev Hartz, Leann Frey, Beth Ramold, Angie Belitz, Becky Kerkman** and many of the Confirmation students that helped put together Christmas trees. My thanks to **Deb Navratil** for her great job and leading the effort at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and for those assisting her along the way as well, **Kathy Osborn** and **Ed & Ruth O'Brien** family members. The environment at each parish certainly conveyed a help to me to enter into the season. Thank you for your efforts!!

Next weekend, will be the annual Seminary Collection to help support those in seminary formation for the Archdiocese of Omaha. There are currently 23 seminarians for the Archdiocese, with a cost for the academic year of \$1,122,375.00, an average of \$48,798.91 per seminarian. Certainly not cheap to provide schooling, room and board, health insurance, etc. Last year the parishes of the Archdiocese contributed \$404,510.03 to this effort. Although the financial considerations are important and due attention is needed, of utmost importance is prayers for the seminarians as they discern God's will. In so many ways the future and vitality of our local Archdiocese will depend on the number of future priests. Please pray for the seminarians and for an increase of laborers in the vineyard.

As we approach 2019, hard to believe another year in already upon us, can be an opportunity to make resolutions, to try to focus better in certain areas. A new year, for me, can be that fresh start, renewed energy and focus to try to do things better, with God's help of course. May this year we seek a greater closeness to the Lord and growth in holiness, to seek sacramental graces through the Eucharist and confession, as a regular part of life through the year. And devotion to Mary, as our mother, spiritual mother. We are never alone, abandoned, orphaned, without hope with Mary our mother. She will always point us to her son, what good mother would not want the good for her children? Also maybe a time to reduce "screen" time – phone, internet, television. A question to consider, is what I am doing something I will be glad I spent so much time doing when I reflect back on my life? With God's grace and help may we start the year well, Happy New Year!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	New Year's Eve, Mon 31 Dec, 5:30 pm	New Year's Day, Tues 1 Jan, 8:00 am
EMHC's	Milly Clemens, Alice Kallhoff, Kathy Sauser	Bob Eggerling, Carla Teel, Linda Wingate
LECTOR	Tessa Hain	Judy Eggerling
SERVERS	Christian Behnk, Jesse Green, Jase & Dane Schmoltd	Daniella Parra, Andrew Henery, Jacob Henery, Charlie Carothers
GIFTBEARERS	Marian Shabram	Don Bauer
USHERS	Gary Gunderson, Ted Hughes Jon Strom, Dale Kallhoff	Don Bauer, LeRoy Clarkson

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 5** Dave Schrader, Dewey Teel, Lyle Meis
- 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.

Rosary Sodality committee for January:

Carla Teel, Janet Kallhoff, Fran Gilg, Nancy Parks, Tessa Hain, Pam Kuester, Laura Parks, Sharon Klein, Kathy Sauser, Mary Ann Ashton, Pat Sehi, Pat Van Ert, Germaine Voborny, Anne Hemenway

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.

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

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 16, 2018*

SFA-Neligh
Weekly offering needed
\$2,859.33
This week's collection:
\$4,987.75
Christmas to date
\$14,888.50

OLMC-Tilden
Regular Collection:
\$1,137.28
Christmas
To be noted next
Bulletin.

God bless you for your generosity



Classes will resume Wednesday, 9 Jan.

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:

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, Family of Jerry Kerkman, Dr. Dwaine Peetz, Larry Braband., Ray McNally, Nate Metschke, Joan Stearns, Larry Neyens, Annette Anderson, Diane Reynolds, Lynell Strong Homolke, Family of Nate Metschke

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, Family of Nate Metschke

Announcements

~**The Seminary Collection** will be held the weekend of 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!

~**Love, Fertility, and Responsibility PLUS Technology**

Are you interested in learning more about your fertility? Come and learn the Marquette Model of Natural Family Planning at St. Stephen the Martyr, 16701 S Street, Omaha on January 19th. The Marquette Model is a holistic and healthy way of planning a family that empowers women and couples to achieve or avoid pregnancy by recognizing signs of fertility. Three Marquette Model sessions will cover: NFP basics, NFP for current users and Marquette Model for breastfeeding/postpartum mothers. Session cost is \$30. Limited spaces fill quickly! For more information and to register by January 15th, contact Bekah at RebekahKnobloch@MarquetteNFP.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

The Holy
Family



Happy
New Year