



ONE CHURCH: ENCOUNTERING JESUS, EQUIPPING DISCIPLES, LIVING MERCY.

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Friends,

Shortly after arriving in Cedar County, I thought it might be a good idea to figure out how to get to Cedar Catholic High School. After all, if I was going to teach there, it might be somewhat beneficial to actually know where the school is. So, being a typical male, I didn't ask for directions or look it up on any map. I just drove to Hartington thinking "How hard could it be".

As it turns out, it was more interesting than I thought. As I was driving down Highway 57 through Hartington, I see a sign directing travelers to the high schools. So I dutifully turn left and start looking around for buildings that might be schools. Sure enough, I reach the top of a little hill, look to the right and see the church across from what looks to me like a school. I turn my right turn signal on and immediately notice a problem. The street I want to turn on is a one-way street in the opposite direction.

My initial reaction was, "Wow, how cosmopolitan. Tiny little Hartington, Nebraska, has itself a one-way street!" My second reaction was less affectionate because instead of going directly up the hill to the school, I now had to drive all the way around the block. I remember thinking to myself, "What a bunch of rubes. This has got to be the stupidest law ever... a one-way street in the middle of nowhere for no good reason other than to cause inconvenience".

As circumstances would have it, several months later there was a late start to school, which meant that I would be arriving at the same time all of the students did. It was then, as I patiently took my place in the parade of vehicles making their way to school, that I saw the wisdom behind the law I once thought was so stupid. For had that street not been one-way, the chaos from all the traffic coming from all different directions at both the beginning and the end of the school day would be downright dangerous.

It seems to me that this type of thinking is so often the case with the laws of God. Oftentimes the wisdom of God's laws can only be seen in hindsight or with some perspective, if it can even be seen at all. Most of the time our reaction to some of God's laws is much like mine encountering that one-way street. Why is God directing me around the block when it would be so much simpler, easier and more direct to just turn up the street?

This is especially true when Jesus speaks through His bride, the Church. It's important that we understand this image of the Church. Jesus and the Church are married more profoundly than any temporal husband and wife ever could be. As a result, if an earthly couple becomes one flesh through their marriage, how much more so does the Church, Jesus' bride, become one flesh with Him?

Yet, all too often the world tries to divorce Jesus from His Church by imagining that they are somehow distinct. And, one of the most obvious examples of this in our present day is the Church's prohibition of the use of contraception. For all too often, people think that because this comes from the Church, it can be ignored since Jesus says nothing about it directly in scriptures. Unfortunately, that is nonsense. For if the Church is Jesus' bride, the Church is also one with Her spouse. Thus, when the Church speaks on matters of faith and morals, Jesus is speaking as well.

Of course, I understand why people would want to try to separate these two on the issue of contraception especially. For on the surface, the prohibition of contraception seems idiotic. After all, there may be very good reasons God may not want a couple to try to have a child, including severe financial hardships and health considerations. It might be argued that the human race develops technologies all the time to make it easier to do God's will (I for one rejoiced this summer for the invention of modern air conditioning). Isn't contraception the same thing... a human technology that helps us follow God's will? Why not take advantage of this easier route, rather than something more cumbersome and "out of the way" like being open to have more children.

The answer is the same as it was for me with that one-way street in Hartington. The easier route leads to chaos. In our culture today we are beginning to see how true that really is. Simply look at the world around us! From abortion, which is just back-up birth control, to so-called "gay marriage", which is made far more plausible when marriage is divorced from children, the world has become increasingly chaotic. Heck, I'd even make the argument that the rash of gun violence is the fruit of our society's contraceptive addiction. Certainly, the problem of illegal immigration is. The uncomfortable truth is that choosing the easy path of contraception rather than the harder "around the block path" of openness to children has led to chaos.

Now, believe it or not, I don't live in a cave. I know that many in our church disagree with the Church's teaching on contraception, if not in theory, certainly in practice. But, since truth is not necessarily determined by popular opinion, perhaps those that think the Church prohibition of contraception is as foolish as a one-way street in Hartington, Nebraska, might take the opportunity to learn better the Church's teaching about this matter. Who knows, you may discover what I discovered. Both actually make a ton of sense and can prevent a ton of chaos.

Blessings,

Fr. EJA

GENERAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENT PREP

CONFESSIONS:

DAILY: 7:30 AM-7:50 AM (Before All Daily Masses)

SATURDAYS: **Lindsay:** 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

Humphrey: 4:30 PM-5:15 PM

SUNDAYS: **Lindsay:** 7:30 AM-8:15 AM

Leigh: 8:00 AM-8:20 AM

Tarnov: After 10:30 AM Mass

BAPTISMS: To schedule, please contact Rev. Eric Olsen at (402) 923-0913.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the priest six months before wedding in order to fulfill required wedding prep classes.

CONTACTS

Pastor:

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(For other parish contacts please see the following pages.)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Diane Leffler, JoAnn Thomazin, Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

Nicole Thompson, Aaron Wallin, Steve Bender,

Jacob Williams, SFC Van Dyke,

Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce Bartholomew,

Calvin Wiese, Jared Wiehn, Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister,

Craig Prather, Mitchell Preister, Cody Ramaekers,

Eric and Michelle Oberhauser, Ben Borer

(Please call your parish office to add a name.)

FREEDOM consists not in
doing what we **LIKE**,
but in having the **RIGHT**
to do what we **OUGHT**.

-ST. JOHN PAUL II

MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 08/17:

5:30 PM--Todd Preister (A), and +Jackie Kresha (A)

Sun, 08/18:

10:00 AM--Bob Fischer

Mon, 08/19:

8:00 AM-L/D +Ken & Dorothy Pfeifer Family

Tues, 08/20:

8:00 AM--Emmert & +Rita Wegener

Wed, 08/21:

8:00 AM--Dale Schumacher

Thurs, 08/22:

8:00 AM--Maurice Wieser, +Leander & +Agnes Eisenmenger

Fri, 08/23:

NO MASS

Sat, 08/24:

5:30 PM--Don & +Darlene Ternus

Sun, 08/25:

10:00 AM--Gene (A) & +Mary Ellen Zach

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 08/17:

5:00 PM-L/D Alvin Bender Family

Sun, 08/18:

8:30 AM-L/D Ray Korth Family

Mon, 08/19:

8:00 AM-Deb Lloyd

Tues, 08/20:

8:00 AM-Meyer Urban

Wed, 08/21:

6:30 AM-L/D Jim Hegemann Family

8:00 AM-L/D Alex & Monica Mimick Family

Thurs, 08/22:

8:00 AM-L/D Kenny Hamling Family

Fri, 08/23:

8:00 AM-L/D Leo & Bertha Wiese Family, & Bob Olmer

Sat, 08/24:

5:00 PM-L/D Bud & Lori Bender Family

Sun, 08/25:

8:30 AM-L/D Art Korth Family, & L/D Gene Werner Family

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 08/25:

8:30 AM-Melvin Bahns

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 08/25:

10:30 AM-St. Michael Parishioners

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday - 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

CONTACTS

PARISH MINISTERS:

Deacon Dennis Anderson (402) 920-1380

Deacon Kent Sachau..... (402) 369-1750

Deacon Tim Howard..... (402) 841-3434

Parish Council: Dave Krings (402) 992-1376

Ken Classen (402) 923-0313

Finance Board: Bryan Reichmuth (402) 340-6429

School Board: Brandon Morfeld (402) 910-2280

Lindsey Kosch (402) 910-3303

Home & School Association: Suzanne Beltz (402) 640-7360

Sarah Classen (402) 923-0131

Religious Ed Director: Lori Classen (402) 923-0987

Daycare Director: Brandi Eisenmenger (402) 923-0585

Server Coordinator: Georgia Hunsley (402) 920-0108

Bulletin Submissions: Katie Morfeld (402) 923-0913

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Finance Office: Lisa Krings (402) 923-0913

Parish Office Secretary: Karen Wieser..... (402) 923-0913

Alumni Relations Coordinator: Missy Braun (402) 923-0818

Prayer Line: During Office Hours - Parish Office.. (402) 923-0913

After Office Hours - Connie Foltz (402) 920-3222

Pastoral Minister: Diane Zach..... (402) 920-0617

Gift Shop: Julie Krings (402) 992-4151

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

Principal: Jennifer Dunn..... jdunn@hsfschool.org

Jr./Sr. High School:..... 402-923-0818

Elementary School:..... 402-923-0611

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 08/18: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Mon, 08/19: *8 PM-Tour de Maria @ St. Michael, Tarnov

Wed, 08/21: *6 PM-Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
Dinner in Parish Hall

*7 PM-Parish Council Meeting

Thurs, 08/22: *Mercantile Work Day in Parish Hall

Sat, 08/24: *2 PM-Dan Wieser & Marilyn Zwygart
Wedding

Sun, 08/25: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Mon, 08/26: *8 PM-Tour de Maria @ St. Mary, Leigh

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUG. 24-25

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Dave Krings

Servers-Tyson Wietfeld, Ella Foltz

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Janet Osten

Greeters-Jim & Marcia Schrant

Gift Bearers-Pat & Millie Veik

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Kim Jarosz

Servers-Isaac Classen, Ethan Keller

EMHCs-Deacon Kent Sachau, Michelle Meyer

Greeters-Stan & Sandy Wemhoff

Gift Bearers-Rich & Susan Braun

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

08/07/19 thru 08/13/19

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget..... \$1,979,168.63

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$ 104,619.92

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$ 139,206.42

Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ (34,586.50)

Fiscal Year: Weeks Elapsed-6 / Weeks Remaining-46

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Cemetery - \$10, Ascension - \$10,

Air Conditioning - \$10, Youth - \$22.39, PRE - 25, Property

Insurance - \$50, Assumption - \$60, Bazaar - \$100, Loose -

\$313.80, School Support - \$1,421, Church Support - \$3,877

JP II NEWMAN CENTER SPECIAL 2nd COLLECTION: \$255.32

***2nd COLLECTION:** Next weekend the 2nd collection will go toward our parish bazaar games.*

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Jason & Heather Jarosz - 402-750-0963

Michael & Nancy Bender - 402-923-0799

Joe & Crystal Ott - 402-920-0756

Jim & Mary Noonan - 402-920-0455

Glen & Julie Preister - 402-920-0201

Russ & Patti Korth - 402-928-0395

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Larry & Jeanette Frauendorfer - 402-923-0660

Nick & Amanda Frauendorfer - 402-984-1408

Ben & Cynthia Tasa - 402-920-2824

Curtis & Melissa Klug - 402-380-1648

Andy & Shae Wemhoff - 402-920-1847

John & Beth Keller - 402-923-0199

Bill & Karen Werner - 402-923-0117

VACUUMERS: Roger & Rita Baumgart, Stacie Baumgart

SERVING QUILTERS

It's Your Turn To Bring A Dessert: 3:30 PM in parish hall.

Friday, August 23: Scott & Tanya Babel

Monday, August 26: Dale & Gina Eisenmenger

