



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

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Friends,

It always amazes me how often the devil quotes scripture to people. Of course, this is seen most clearly in the temptation of Jesus in the desert when the devil quotes Psalm 91 as a way of tempting Jesus to throw Himself off of the parapet of the temple. But, it is also a common plot that the forces of evil continue to use in our day.

Of course, it seems to me that one of the favorite passages the forces of evil like to remind us of is one of the verses from the Gospel of St. Matthew. "If someone strikes you on your right cheek," Jesus says, "turn the other as well." For while it is absolutely true that Jesus wants us to turn the other cheek in the face of persecution, the forces of the evil love to use this passage for another reason. That reason is to get us to remain silent in the face of injustice.

This happens most poignantly in the case of abuse, be it physical, emotional, sexual or substance. For the devil often tries to convince the abused person to remain in their abusive situation by reminding them of Jesus' call, not simply to turn the other cheek, but to forgive as well. This is especially effective when the abusive relationship involves a special friend or a family member. For in those cases, it often seems to be so much nobler, and even so much holier, to the abused simply to endure the abuse out of love for their abuser.

Unfortunately, such thoughts, even when they are supported by Sacred Scripture are always, and I do mean always, provoked, not by God, but by the devil. How am I so sure of this? Well, one of the reasons is seen by looking more closely at the context of Jesus directive to "turn the other cheek".

You see, in this passage, Jesus links the idea of turning the other cheek to the idea of loving our enemies. And understanding this link is crucial to discovering why the Christian is not a pacifist. In fact, there are times where it is not only permissible, but also even obligatory, not simply to withdraw from conflict, but actually to engage in it as well. And just when would it be permissible and even mandatory to use force, and even violence, to resolve a conflict? Hopefully, the answer is clear. When it is done out of the love for our enemy. This really is why the idea of self-defense is included in our morality. For self-defense is not simply for our own protection. It is also for the protection of the enemy that is persecuting us.

To see this more clearly, let us return for a minute to the example of abuse. After all, which is a more loving response to abuse – (1) to turn the other cheek and take it or (2) to stand up against this injustice and fight it? Clearly the answer is the latter and hopefully we understand why. When the abused allows their abuse to endure for the sake of "peace", they are also, if not in their words at least through their actions, giving tacit permission for the abuse to continue. The "peace" they are working so hard to maintain is not really peace at all since injustice is allowed to endure.

In fact, by not doing what they can to stop the abuse, they are not showing proper love for their abuser.

You see, many times, in fact, most of the time, it is only by shedding light on the abuse that the abuser can get the help that they need to stop the abuse. This is why loving one's enemies, never, EVER involves enduring their abuse, even, and perhaps especially, when that abuse is coming from someone you love, be it a parent, a spouse, a teacher, a coach or a clergyman. For when we allow abuse to endure, we are not giving the abuser the encouragement they may need to stop the abuse.

But, in addition to Sacred Scripture, there is another tool in the devil's arsenal that he uses to foster abuse. That tool is secrecy. Of course, the devil likes to get his mucky paws in here and tell us that it is for the abuser's benefit to keep the abuse quiet. Maybe the devil will tell us lies like, "It won't ever happen again," "This time they're really sorry", or, "It would be embarrassing, harmful or traumatic if this abuse is made known." Of course, the reason these lies are so seductive is because they are things we desperately want to believe. Unfortunately, the reality is the more secret the abuse remains, the more harm that is done.

This is a lesson, unfortunately, that the Church herself was reminded of most painfully in the long Lent of 2002 when revelation after revelation of priestly abuse was uncovered. For in the face of abuse, some in the Church, in a misguided effort to protect the reputations of all involved in the abuse, both perpetrators and victims, decided to try to keep abuse a secret. In the meantime, abusers, counselors, and, in some cases, bishops all believed the lies that "Now we're really sorry," "Now is the last time," "It won't ever happen again." Yet, even while abusers promised to change their ways, notice what happened. Very, very few, if any, actually reformed, which meant that their abuse continued and continued for years.

The same thing that happened in the Church can and does happen in our families, in our jobs, and in our schools, in our athletics each and every time we choose "to turn the other cheek" and keep abuse a secret. It's time for it to change. We need to learn how to love our enemies by exposing all forms of abuse to the light of Christ. Naturally, this light will be painful for those living in the darkness of secrecy for so long. But the only way to emerge out of this or any other kind of darkness is to allow the light of Christ to shine.

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.)

Have we tried to look upon others
with the loving eyes
of God?



MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 08/24:

5:30 PM--Don & +Darlene Ternus

Sun, 08/25:

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

Mon, 08/26:

8:00 AM--Mary Kuchar

Tues, 08/27:

8:00 AM--Eileen Brandl

Wed, 08/28:

8:00 AM--Eileen Brandl

Thurs, 08/29:

8:00 AM--Denis Torczon, & Joan Lindhorst-CDA

Fri, 08/30:

NO MASS

Sat, 08/31:

5:30 PM--Dick & Evelyn Hemmer (45th WA)

Sun, 09/01:

10:00 AM--St. Francis Parishioners

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

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

Mon, 08/26:

8:00 AM--Connie Beller

Tues, 08/27:

8:00 AM--L/D Maynard Geilenkirchen Family

Wed, 08/28:

6:30 AM--Ted & Isabel Fehringer Family

8:00 AM--L/D Members of HF Guild

Thurs, 08/29:

8:00 AM--L/D Dwayne Lindhorst Family

Fri, 08/30:

8:00 AM--L/D Novotny Family

Sat, 08/31:

5:00 PM--L/D Alvin Preister Family

Sun, 09/01:

8:30 AM--Jamie & Greg Weidner

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 09/01:

8:30 AM--Nick Wieseler

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 09/01:

10:30 AM--Deceased Shemek & Sliva Families

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

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

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

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

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

Wed, 08/28: *7 PM-Parish Council Meeting

*7 PM-Christian Mothers Meeting

Elaine Gilsdorf will talk about her trip to

Cloisters On the Platte near Gretna, NE

Sun, 09/01: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

God is entrusting to
you the task ... of
working with Him in
the building of the
civilization of love.

—St. John Paul II

LITURGICAL MINISTERS 08/31-09/01

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Bruce Pfeifer

Servers-Jayda Krings, Cael Classen

EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Sharon Wegener

Greeters-Francis & Connie Jaixen

Gift Bearers-Jim & Lois Gronenthal

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Bridget McPhillips

Servers-Wyatt Brandl, Keith Ternus

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Jordan Bender

Greeters-Marge Albracht, Debbie Huettner

Gift Bearers-Allen & Cheryl German

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

08/14/19 thru 08/20/19

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

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$ 292,304.38

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$ 154,162.96

Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 138,141.42

Fiscal Year: Weeks Elapsed-7 / Weeks Remaining-45

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Restoration & Building - \$10,
PRE - \$15, Youth - \$17.14, Bazaar - \$330, Assumption - \$1,386,
School Support - \$2,940, Church Support - \$3,703.50,
Loose - \$3,846.95

DEBT REDUCTION 2nd COLLECTION: \$399.47

2nd COLLECTION: *Next weekend the 2nd collection will go
toward our Restoration & Building Fund.*

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Chris & Missy Braun - 402-923-0173

Tom & Kris Hastreiter - 402-923-1085

Jenny Ternus - 402-910-0415

Ryan & Karla Zach - 402-304-3787

Dave & Mary Helen Fuchs - 402-923-0960

Duane & Lindsey Kosch - 402-910-3303

Scott & Tanya Babel - 402-923-0127

SACRISTY & FLOWERS 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

VACUUMERS: David & Kelli Wegener,
Ross & Sue Wegener

SERVING QUILTERS

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

Friday, August 30: Craig & Shelby Ternus

Monday, September 1: Jeanne Esparza