

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

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Friends,

Believe it or not, when I was a kid, my parents forbid me from watching the "Dukes of Hazard". This was for multiple reasons. First, they were mean!! (haha). Second, the violence and sexual innuendo were unacceptable. Finally, and more importantly, was the blatant disregard for authority it contained. Of course, today, even the most naïve of eight-year olds probably considers the "Dukes of Hazard" hokey. But, I sometimes wonder if this is really because the "Dukes of Hazard" actually *is* hokey *or* have we just become so callous to the presence of evil in our society that it is more difficult for us to recognize the danger?

I would argue for the later. Part of the reason for this is found in Jesus' teaching in the gospel. For recall that in the gospels Jesus warns His disciples of the danger of scandal. "Whoever causes one of these little ones...to sin," Jesus says, "it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." That's how serious a problem scandal is. It is so grave that, according to Jesus, one would be better off dead rather than be guilty of it.

It is important to understand, *however*, that Jesus' understanding of scandal is a little different than our modern understanding of it. For Jesus, scandal is any behavior that encourages another to sin. However, we tend to think of scandal as something shocking perpetrated by important people. This incomplete understanding is a problem. For when we limit scandal to shocking behavior from important people, we will fail to see just how insidious scandal truly is.

You see, the true horror of scandal occurs not when the scandalous behavior is shocking, but, even more importantly, when it is not. After all, when scandal is shocking, it is eagerly and forcefully condemned by society. This is as it should be. For as Jesus Himself implies in today's gospel, few sins are worse than scandal.

But, counter intuitively, when the scandal is not shocking, it is then that scandal becomes even more serious. The reason why is because of the way God has designed us. After all, one of the great gifts God has given to human beings is the gift of a conscience. It is our conscience that encourages us, not only to keep up good behavior when we have done something good, but also convicts us of the evil present when we do bad.

It is here where the danger of scandal reveals its true ugliness. The pain of a guilty conscience is so profound, that we will do almost anything to alleviate it. Scandal provides us with shelter from the pain of our guilty conscience. After all, when others give us scandal, by pretending that our evil actions aren't really that bad, we are encouraged to rationalize that our evil behavior is not really wrong. This is devastating. For if we don't recognize the wrong in what we are doing, why in the world would we ever change? This is why scandal is so evil. It deafens to the call of our conscience to turn away from a bad behavior.

Of course, this problem can be seen in ever so many ways in our society. For instance, simply think about how many behaviors, once taboo in our culture, are now, not only accepted but, in some cases glorified. From women's fashion to couples living together before marriage, from chewing gum in Church to a general lack of respect for our elders, we must be constantly on our guard to the deadening of our consciences through scandal.

This is where frequent use of the sacrament of confession comes in. For not only does the light provided by the grace of this sacrament defend against scandal by enlightening areas that we may have rationalized away as not being as serious as they really are, but also confessing our sins to a priest makes us more accountable by forcing us to annunciate our sins more clearly.

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: **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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Rev. Wayne Pavela..... 402-923-0913

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St. Michael Parishioners stmichaelstarnov@gmail.com

(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:

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,
Nicole Thompson, Aaron Wallin

SAYING IT OUT LOUD

I recently read the prayer: "Lord, let me be a pencil to add JOY to someone's life or at least be an eraser to remove someone's sadness."

What if, instead of *thinking* nice things about others, we *share* these thoughts, if not face-to-face, then in a written note, phone call or text? What if we "gossip" about the positive qualities we see in others? What if we reach out and earnestly mitigate someone's unhappiness or grief? Yes, it positively affects the receivers, but an unexpected side effect is how good it makes you feel! May a pencil prompt us to create joy, erase sadness and encourage others.



~Kim Bender,

Adult Faith Formation Committee Member

MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 08/03:

5:30 PM-For the People of the Cluster Parishes

Sun, 08/04:

10:00 AM-+Greg Hemmer (BD)

Mon, 08/05:

8:00 AM-L/D CDA Members, & +Loretta Zuerlein

Tues, 08/06:

8:00 AM-L/D +Dave Schnitzler Family

Wed, 08/07:

8:00 AM-+Viola Wernhoff

Thurs, 08/08:

8:00 AM-Jerome & Rose Foltz (60th WA)

Fri, 08/09:

NO MASS

Sat, 08/10:

5:30 PM-+Emmert & +Rita Wegener

Sun, 08/11:

10:00 AM-+Luke Weidner

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 08/03:

5:00 PM-L/D Alvin & Dorothy Shanle Family

Sun, 08/04:

8:30 AM-L/D Lee Hemmer Family

Mon, 08/05:

8:00 AM-L/D COF Members

Tues, 08/06:

8:00 AM-L/D Joan (Oberhauser) Semin

Wed, 08/07:

6:30 AM-Purgatorial Society
8:00 AM-L/D Jim & Viola Formanek Family

Thurs, 08/08:

8:00 AM-L/D Duane & Roberta Delp Family

Fri, 08/09:

8:00 AM-Harry Nienaber

Sat, 08/10:

5:00 PM-L/D Marvin & Rhoda Gilsdorf Family

Sun, 08/11:

8:30 AM-Holy Family Parishioners

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 08/11:

8:30 AM-Meyer Urban Family

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 08/11:

10:30 AM-Hemmer/Tomasiewicz Family

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 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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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, 08/04: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" In Church

Mon, 08/05: *8 PM-Adult Faith Formation Meeting

Wed, 08/07: *7 PM-Athletic Board Meeting

Thurs, 08/08: *7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sun, 08/11: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Thurs, 08/15: *PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for Feast Day of
the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**JESUS
CHRIST,**

after having given
us all he could...
willed also to give
us the most
precious thing he
had left, which was

**HIS HOLY
MOTHER.**

—ST. JOHN VIANNEY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUG. 10-11

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Marilyn Eisenmenger

Servers-Spencer Engel, Tyrel Wegener

EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Russ Wilshusen

Greeters-Anna Mae Hamling, Betty Brockhaus

Gift Bearers-Bob & Jody Preister

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Jordan Bender

Servers-Jett Dunn, Camille Keller

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, DeAnna Heinen

Greeters-Mike & Carmen Foltz

Gift Bearers-Bob & Shari Haiar

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

07/24/19 thru 07/30/19

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

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$ 66,855.52

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$ 107,112.21

Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (40,256.69)

Fiscal Year: Weeks Elapsed-4 / Weeks Remaining-58

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Youth - \$13.26, Cemetery - \$20,
St. Francis Improvement Fund - \$25, PRE - \$75, Air Conditioning
- \$140, Property Insurance - \$360, Loose - \$419.10, School
Support - \$1,085, Church Support - \$3,767

TOOTSIE ROLL SPECIAL 2nd COLLECTION: \$305

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

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Eric & Sara Sjuts - 402-923-9274

Paul & Lois Beiermann - 402-923-0921

Dick & Carolyn Wemhoff - 402-246-3005

Bob & Rebecca Classen - 402-923-0933

Dorothy Brandt - 402-923-1473

Craig & Shelby Ternus - 402-992-1998

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Rich & Phyllis Heinen - 402-923-0272

Miles & Kelsi Korus - 402-920-0064

Gary & Janet Zimmerer - 402-923-1021

Justin & Katie McPhillips - 402-270-0894

Glenn & DeAnna Heinen - 402-923-0549

Lee & Janet Osten - 402-285-0179

Dick & Evelyn Hemmer - 402-920-1310

VACUUMERS:

Jerry & Loretta Wegener, Tom & Sandy Preister

SERVING QUILTERS

It's Your Turn To Bring A Dessert: 3:30 PM in Parish Hall.

Friday, August 9: Bruce & RaeJean Pfeifer

Monday, August 12: Kyle & Sarah Huettnner

ST. FRANCIS continued

***BAPTISM:** We welcome the newly baptized and pray for the parents who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith: Griffin Joseph Janata, son of Jason & Stacey Janata, was born May 25, 2019, and baptized on July 28, 2019.

***THANK YOU** for all the support of Totus Tuus this year. Both our day and night programs experienced new record numbers for attendance. A special thanks to all who helped to make this past week a success: the host families, the kitchen helpers, our leaders, Fr. Olsen for the Masses and for hearing confessions, and the food and cash donations. It was all very much appreciated and made the week even better!

***FLYERS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Save the date for our Flyers Annual Golf Tournament, Sunday, August 11! Join us at Steepleview Golf Course for a 4-person scramble, with tee off at 9:30 AM. Call Steepleview Golf Course at 402-923-1914 to sign up (team or individually) and to reserve a cart. Entry fee of \$50 per person includes green fees, prizes, mulligans and a meal. Non-golfers can join us for a meal for \$7.00 at 3:00 PM in the clubhouse.

***BIG RED BASH 2019:** The Catholic Order of Foresters will have their annual Big Red Bash on Saturday, September 7, at the St. Francis Gym. Doors open at 1:30 PM with game starting at 2:30 PM—Huskers vs Colorado. Tickets are \$100 per couple. Twenty \$50 gift certificates will be given away! Plan on coming, and bring your friends! Proceeds go to St. Francis School.

***SCRIP: Thank you to the ladies who volunteered to help after Masses!** We had \$5,800 in SCRIP sales in July with a total profit of \$209.16 from sales!

DON'T FORGET! We will be selling SCRIP after both the Saturday evening 5:30 PM Mass and the Sunday morning 10:00 AM Mass. Stop in the southeast entrance of the lobby to make a quick purchase of the SCRIP you'll need for the week! Some ideas are Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, Werner's True Value and Klub 81.

2019 PARISH BAZAAR

***DINNER COMMITTEE 2020:** We are looking for a group of four ladies to head up the 2020 dinner committee. Please call Karen at the parish office to volunteer.

***COOL WHIP CONTAINERS & ICE CREAM BUCKETS** are being collected as leftover containers for the Bazaar meal. Please bring containers (with matching lid) to the parish office or bazaar room. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THEM ON THE STEPS OF THE RECTORY—BRING UP TO THE PARISH OFFICE.**



HSF SCHOOL NEWS & SPORTS

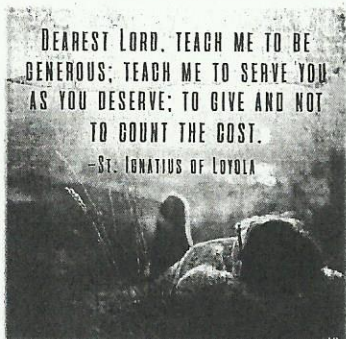
School News

Thurs, 08/08: *Faculty In-service
Fri, 08/09: *Faculty In-service
Tues, 08/13: *First Day of School

Sports News

Aug 4-Aug. 10: *Gym Closed for Floor Refinishing

EXCERPT FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." ~Lk 12:20-21

***SCHOOL BUS DRIVER NEEDED:** Humphrey Public School is looking for a Monday-Friday School Bus Route driver or substitute bus drivers. Interested applicants should contact Greg Sjuts, superintendent at Humphrey Public Schools, at 402-923-1230 or by email at gregsjuts@humphrey.esu7.org. There is a morning and afternoon bus route; each route is approximately one hour in length and pays \$60.00. Applicants must have a safe driving record, complete a successful background check, pass the written and driving test and be able to communicate effectively with students and parents. Applications are available on-line at www.humphreybulldogs.org or can be picked up in the school office. Applications will be taken until the position is filled.

***CAFETERIA NEEDS VOLUNTEER:** The cafeteria is looking for a volunteer to help serve lunch on the *second Friday of every month*. Your help serving lunches would be needed from 10:45 AM to roughly 12:30 PM. Please call Karen at the parish office at 402-923-0913 if you are interested in volunteering.