



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

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Friends,

Although the words “Catholic” and “Christian” are often used interchangeably, they are not the same. Of course, all Catholics are Christians but not all Christians are Catholics, but there is one more fundamental difference from which all others differences flow. That difference is the understanding of the Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe that the bread and wine offered by the priest at Mass is truly changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Although no change is perceptible to the senses, Catholics understand that this true presence of Jesus is so real that the only difference between the Jesus described in the gospels and the Jesus present in our churches is cosmetic. They don’t look the same.

This is either true or it is false. The fact that Catholics believe this to be true doesn’t make it true any more than the fact that non-Catholics disbelieve it makes it false. This change either happens or it doesn’t, which means either Catholics are right, or Catholics are wrong. There is no other alternative.

Let’s suppose we are wrong. If Jesus isn’t truly present in the Eucharist, this makes us idolaters. We genuflect entering the pew because we recognize the presence of God. We adore, worship and honor the Eucharist at Mass as if it is God. If we are wrong, we are not only idolaters, but the worst of idolaters as well. We are not only worshipping bread as if it were God, we are encouraging others to do the same. If the Catholic Church is wrong about this, then we are truly anti-Christ, and, as such, should be condemned by all Christians, including ourselves.

But, what if we are right. If Jesus truly is present in the Eucharist, maybe that makes us even worse. After all, the insensitivity we show by what we wear in Jesus’ house; how we behave in Jesus’ house; how we consume Jesus in Holy Communion no differently than if we were eating a potato chip; how we receive Jesus with hands dirtied, not from the glory of hard work, but from the filth of sin; into mouths soiled by gossip, lying, name-calling, into hearts infested with selfishness, self-centeredness and self-importance...all with no thought of confessing our unworthiness beforehand. How we receive Jesus unworthily because we know we have sinned gravely and not confessed at all is arguably worse than worshipping bread as God. How often do we give this no thought?

Of course, this insensitivity has very profound, real-world consequences. Is it really a wonder why we are so self-centered, selfish, and narcissistic in everything from the way we drive to being inconvenienced at the grocery store? We seldom see the presence of Jesus Christ in our neighbor, unless they are serving us. There’s next to no effort to love our enemy, as Jesus commands us, precisely because we can’t see the presence of Jesus in them. In short, our insensitivity to Jesus in the Eucharist makes the world more like hell where the presence of God is unseen than like heaven where God is omnipresent.

Fortunately, there is a cure...Eucharistic Adoration. Not only is this “a” cure, it is the ONLY cure. If Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, as we claim to believe, then it is only by being in His presence that we can begin to recognize His presence. Or, to put it another way, Eucharistic Adoration is like spiritual chemotherapy. Simply being in the presence of Our Lord burns away the cancer of our selfishness and makes us more sensitive to the presence of Jesus in our world.

This is also why it is soooooo incredibly difficult for us to commit to making Eucharistic Adoration a priority. The devil knows how powerful it is. He will unleash every lie in his arsenal to prevent us from making that commitment.

The two most obvious lies are (1) we are too busy and (2) we don’t know what to do. Clearly, none of us are too busy for the things we really care about. If we really cared about spending time with the Lord, we would make the time like we would for any important family function. The uncomfortable truth is we just don’t care enough. Additionally, we all know what to do...pray. We just don’t want to do it because it would be uncomfortable, unfamiliar and we don’t want to learn. Heck, even if we went before the Lord and played on our phone it would be immensely more beneficial than playing with our phone in front of the TV.

The fact that we find these two lies so persuasive is the best sign of how important Eucharistic Adoration is. The devil is working overtime to keep this from happening in our parish. Rather than give up, we need to man up. Jesus is never outdone in generosity. One hour a week may seem like a lot, but try it for a year and see what the Lord does in return.

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:

Rev. Eric Olsen ..... 402-923-0913

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

### To Submit Bulletin Information:

St. Francis Parishioners ..... kmorfeld@hsfschool.org

Holy Family Parishioners..... lhfp@lhf.esu7.org

St. Mary Parishioners..... dbrabec@frontiernet.net

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:

Mark Podliska, Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

### KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

Craig Prather, Mitchell Preister, Cody Ramaekers,  
Eric and Michelle Oberhauser, Ben Borer, 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

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



# MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

### Sat, 09/28:

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

### Sun, 09/29:

10:00 AM-Terry & Bunny Preister (45<sup>th</sup> WA)

### Mon, 09/30:

8:00 AM-+LaRose Preister (A)

### Tues, 10/01:

8:00 AM-L/D +Denis Torczon Family

### Wed, 10/02:

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

### Thurs, 10/03:

8:00 AM-L/D +Dale Schumacher Family

### Fri, 10/04 - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi:

8:00 AM-For the Souls of the Faithfully Departed

### Sat, 10/05:

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

### Sun, 10/06:

10:00 AM-L/D +Wilfred & +Romana Hemmer Family

**(WA):** Wedding  
Anniversary

**(A):** Anniversary  
of Death

**(B):** Birthday

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

### Sat, 09/28:

5:00 PM-Joan (Oberhauser) Semin

### Sun, 09/29:

8:30 AM-L/D Ed & Rose Mary Olmer Family

### Mon, 09/30:

8:00 AM-Don & Germaine Wiese

### Tues, 10/01:

8:00 AM-Harry Nienaber

### Wed, 10/02:

6:30 AM-L/D Randy Herchenbach Family

8:00 AM-Ray Korth

### Thurs, 10/03:

8:00 AM-Sue Kopecky

### Fri, 10/04:

8:00 AM-Purgatorial Society

### Sat, 10/05:

5:00 PM-L/D Maynard Geilenkirchen Family

### Sun, 10/06:

8:30 AM-L/D Adam Jarecki Family, Susie Korth

## ST. MARY, LEIGH:

### Sun, 10/06:

8:30 AM-Loretta Bahns

## ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

### Sun, 10/06:

10:30 AM-Dennis Hanzel

# 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, 09/29: \*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Wed, 10/02: \*6:30 PM-PRE

Fri, 10/04: \*Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sun, 10/06: \*Parish Bazaar

\*12 PM-4 PM-Bazaar Meal Served

Perpetual Eucharistic  
Adoration with exposition  
needs a great push. People  
ask me: 'What will convert  
America and save the  
world?' My answer is prayer.  
What we need is for every  
parish to come before Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament in  
holy hours of prayer.

Mother Teresa

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS OCT. 5-6

### Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Bridget McPhillips

Servers-Colter Schneider, Abilyn Schneider

EMHCs-Deacon Kent Sachau, Sally Classen

Greeters-Dorothy Brandt, Betty Brockhaus

Gift Bearers-Steve & Amy Brockhaus

### Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Larry Korth

Servers-Tanner Classen, Isaac Classen

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Andy Krings

Greeters-Joe & Lori Classen

Gift Bearers-Randy & Katie Zach

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

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

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income ..... \$ 456,887.76

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses .... \$ 328,933.57

Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 127,954.19

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:** Restoration & Bldg - \$10,  
Youth - \$16.59, World Mission - \$40, Tuition Relief - \$50,  
God's Acre - \$60, Air Conditioning - \$60, Loose - \$415.50,  
School Support - \$2,005, Church Support - \$4,435.50

**SPECIAL MONEY WINDOW 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** \$549

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** Next weekend the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will go  
toward our Debt Reduction.

## CHURCH CLEANING

### WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

**Ralph & LeeAnn Adams - 402-923-0325**

Randy & Krista Hooker - 402-923-9132

Larry & Sharlene Hamling - 402-285-0453

Ron & Chris Greisen - 402-246-5015

Ryan & Sheila Goetsch - 402-920-0320

Laura Brandl - 402-923-0836

Steve & Amy Brockhaus - 402-923-0168

### SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

**Bryan & Lori Reichmuth - 402-920-1576**

Don & Donna Wemhoff - 402-923-0362

Tyler & Natalie Beranek - 402-920-0113

Beverly James - 402-920-0587

Ken & Sarah Classen - 402-923-0131

Betty Brockhaus - 402-923-1156

Bill & Amy Classen - 402-923-0176

**VACUUMERS:** Andy & Lisa Krings, Brandon & Katie Morfeld

## SERVING QUILTERS

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

**Friday, October 4:** No Quilting

**Monday, October 7:** No Quilting