



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

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Friends,

One of the many benefits of being a Catholic priest is that I will never again have to interview for a job. This is a blessing, not because interview requires a lot of work, but rather because of the stress of having to maximize your strengths and minimize your weaknesses, presumably without lying.

I was reminded of this unease as I was praying about the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector in the gospel of St. Luke. In this gospel, the Pharisee seems to think that he is interviewing for a job as he recites his prayer to God. He starts by sucking up, then he moves to boasting and then finally slams his competition; all in the same sentence. "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity; greedy, dishonest, adulterous; or even like this tax collector here." Next, the Pharisee gives the list of his impressive accomplishments. "I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income." Wow, which of us can say that? If what he is saying is true he has the position he is striving for in the bag.

Especially when we look at his competition. For the man the Pharisee is competing with is a tax collector. Tax collectors were considered the lowest form of life. Not only did their influence with the Romans allow them to cheat people out of their money and get away with it, but also, they were viewed as traitors to their Jewish race as well.

One can almost picture the disdain the Pharisee as he overhears the "interview" of his perceived competition. There is no sucking up, no listing of credentials and no belittling of competition. In fact, all the tax collector says to God is, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Yet, the tax collector is the one that goes home forgiven, while the Pharisee does not. Why?

There are several reasons, but the most obvious is also the most important. His pride gets in the way. This obvious answer is a little more subtle than it may appear. For the reason the Pharisee doesn't think of himself of a sinner is because (1) either he thinks he doesn't sin, which means he's not only proud but also delusional, or (2) he thinks that his good works make up for any sins he has committed.

This second idea is extremely dangerous. Even the least sin incurs an infinite debt owed to almighty God. This is why the greatest saints perceive themselves as the most wretched sinners. As they grow in holiness, they realize more and more that even the tiniest sin they might have committed, or more likely, omitted, can never be made up for by the totality of their good actions. Not even the combined works of Mother Theresa paid even the slightest portion of the debt she owed to God because of just one of her smallest venial sins. Thus, when the Pharisee gives God his resume, he walks away unjustified. No matter how much good he has done, the only way he walks away from God justified is by asking for forgiveness.

Yet, I often wonder how many of us fall into this very trap. How often do we give God our resume instead of asking for His mercy? I see this in the confessional all the time. Or, perhaps more accurately, I rarely see it the confessional at all. For at a time when I think all of us would agree that the world is awash in wickedness, scarcely anybody receives the sacrament of confession anymore. Think there might be a correlation?

I think one of the biggest reasons so few people make a regular confession is that we are more like the Pharisee than we care to admit. It's not that we think we don't sin, but rather that our sins aren't that big of a deal or that the good we do makes up for them. It is only in humbling ourselves through the confession of our sins, that God can exalt us by forgiving our sins.

Blessings,

Fr. EJA

**Please see last page of bulletin for a note from Fr. Olsen
regarding the 2019 holiday Mass schedules.**

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:

Mark Podliska, Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister, John Babl,

Patrick Washburn, 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

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

PRAY
FOR
SOMEONE
NEW
EVERY
DAY!



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MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 10/19:

5:30 PM--Todd Preister

Sun, 10/20:

10:00 AM-Ryan & Sheila Goetsch (4th WA)

Mon, 10/21:

8:00 AM-Beverly James CDA

Tues, 10/22:

8:00 AM--Art Hill

Wed, 10/23:

8:00 AM--Alvin Shanle (BD)

Thurs, 10/24:

8:00 AM--Mike Kosch (A)

Fri, 10/25:

NO MASS

Sat, 10/26:

5:30 PM--Bob Olmer

Sun, 10/27:

10:00 AM--Adela Zach

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 10/19: 5:00 PM-Connie Beller

Sun, 10/20:

8:30 AM-Meyer Urban

Mon, 10/21:

8:00 AM-Richard Ramaekers

Tues, 10/22:

8:00 AM-Connie Beller

Wed, 10/23: 6:30 AM-Ted & Isabel Fehringer Family

8:00 AM-L/D Lee Hemmer Family

Thurs, 10/24:

8:00 AM-L/D Michael & Regina Dohmen Family

Fri, 10/25:

8:00 AM-L/D Gary & Linda Wiese Family

Sat, 10/26:

5:00 PM-L/D Harold & Bernice Korth Family, and
in Thanksgiving from the Don Moravec Family

Sun, 10/27:

8:30 AM-Duane & Roberta Delp Family

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 10/27:

8:30 AM-Melvin Bahns

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 10/27:

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: Todd Preister(402) 454-1302

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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

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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:

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

Elementary School:402-923-0611

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 10/20: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Wed, 10/23: *5:30 PM-Lasagna Bake in Parish Hall

*6:30 PM-PRE

*7 PM-PEACE Corp Meeting

Sun, 10/20: *Priesthood Sunday

*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

I CAN DO ALL
THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS ME.

—PHIL 4:13

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OCT. 26-27

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Bob Haiar

Servers-Tyson Wietfeld, Cael Classen

EMHCs-Deacon Kent Sachau, Melvin Sueper

Greeters-Lynn Teply, Trevon Foltz

Gift Bearers-Tim & Debbie Huettner

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Sharlene Hamling

Servers-Jett Dunn, Emerson Krings

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Dean Korus

Greeters-Dan & Ginny Fehringer

Gift Bearers-Bryan & Lori Reichmuth

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

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

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income\$ 647,282.29

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses\$ 497,391.29

Surplus/(Deficit).....\$ 149,891.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: World Mission - \$20,
Cemetery - \$25, Ascension - \$25, Assumption - \$25,
Insurance - \$25, Campaign for Human Development - \$25,
Air Conditioning - \$30, Peters Pence - \$50, Catholic Relief
Services - \$50, Heat - \$50, Youth - \$61, Bazaar - \$100,
Improvement Fund - \$200, Loose - \$377, God's Acre -
\$875, School Support - \$3,231, Church Support - \$3,745
RESTORATION & BUILDING FUND 2nd COLLECTION: \$312

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Greg & Stefanie Mundil - 402-920-3186

Jim & Bev Olmer - 402-923-1196

Kevin & Rita Widhalm - 402-920-0608

Scott & Gina Weidner - 402-285-9101

Jarod & Keisha Podliska - 402-920-0280

Larry & Sue Hanzel - 402-920-0651

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Don & Joan Dohmen - 402-923-0848

Jim & Jane Ternus - 402-923-1393

Mike & Sandy Classen - 402-923-0252

Steve & Monica Heesacker - 402-923-1815

Kyle & Sarah Huettner - 402-920-1394

JoJo & Jennifer Dunn - 402-860-3128

VACUUMERS: Lyle & Sue Babel,
Dale & Gina Eisenmenger

SERVING QUILTERS

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

Friday, October 25: Rich & Carolyn Wernhoff

Monday, October 28: Dale & Diane Zach