



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

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Friends,

I must say that my passion for sports has dissipated dramatically over the past several years. This is partially because Nebraska football has been so disappointing recently, but there are other factors as well. I'm increasingly aggravated by the amount of money involved in athletics, which is a sign that sports has become our god. Additionally, the increasing politicization of sports is difficult to stomach.

Take, for instance, the phenomenon of kneeling during the national anthem. As troubling as such behavior is to me, it is completely understandable. After all, I suspect the players that protest this had very different upbringings than I did. I was raised in a family where, after Christmas, the biggest holiday of the year was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I was raised to appreciate the flag as a symbol of the sacrifices made to protect my freedom. As such, it demanded proportionate respect. I wonder if, for those that protest during the anthem, it was the same.

I know the educational system wasn't. I was taught that the United States of America was the greatest country in the world, that Christopher Columbus was a hero, the pioneers were to be admired for the courage and perseverance, that hundreds of thousands of Americans (predominantly white) fought and died in the Civil War to free slaves, that the United States saved the world from both Nazi Germany and Soviet Communism.

Today many are taught almost the exact opposite. Many are taught that the United States is the biggest pillager of the Earth, Christopher Columbus was a symbol of imperialism and oppression, that the United States was founded on the precept of racism because of slavery. In fact, this racism had been systematized to the extent that its effects are damaging the well-being of certain communities, particularly communities of color. Had I been raised like that, would I have the courage to protest the anthem or the flag? The answer, sadly, is no.

But, Father, you may ask, what systematic injustice have you suffered? The answer is infinitely more horrific than the idea of institutionalized racism. That injustice is abortion. After all, regardless if police actually are systematically executing African Americans, it would still pale in comparison to the systematic pressure our society puts on mothers to abort their children...to the tune of 3,000/day in our country alone. Yet have I ever done something as stigmatizing as protesting to raise awareness of this systematic injustice? Perhaps these young athletes are way more courageous for their cause than I am for mine.

Nevertheless, the actions of these athletes are completely and totally misguided. In fact, just as I would say it was completely and totally misguided for Catholics to protest during the National Anthem to raise awareness of the injustice of abortion, so too, is it completely and totally misguided for athletes to do so to raise awareness of institutionalized racism. Why?

The answer comes from the virtue of piety, which is also a gift of the Holy Spirit. Piety allows us, principally, to show reverence to God as the ultimate authority. Secondarily, however, piety extends to other authorities, even very flawed ones. It is the virtue of piety that is empowering Jesus to submit to the flawed authority of Pontius Pilate. This virtue is the root of the virtue of patriotism, which recognizes that our country is a kind of mother.

To be patriotic, however, means to expose injustice. True patriotic Germans were the ones opposing the nationalist Nazis, not tolerating them. We, as Catholics, have the obligation to expose the injustice of abortion. I'm sure those that protest the anthem think they have the obligation to expose injustice as well.

However, there is a time and place for everything. The National Anthem is neither the time nor the place for protest. Rather, it is the time and the place to focus on the good that unites us, rather than the evil that divides us. In fact, it is most fitting to begin secular events, and even religious ones, with the National Anthem. Even though our country is very flawed (e.g. abortion), she is still a "mother" that needs to be appreciated, even if she is also a mother that sometimes needs to be corrected.

Blessings,

*F. 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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### To Submit Bulletin Information:

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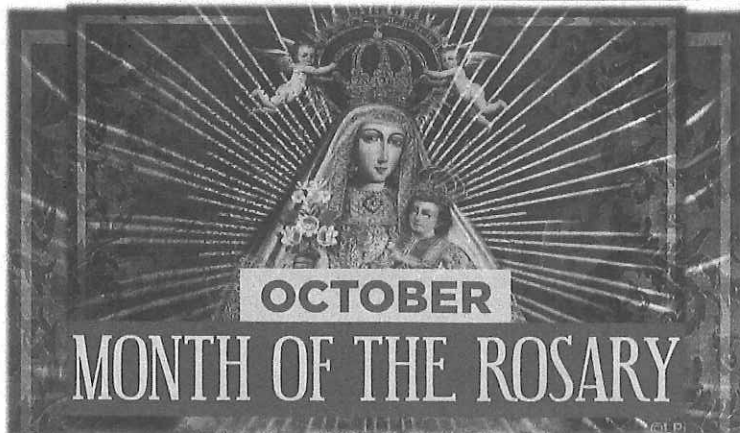
## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mark Podliska, Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

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

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, Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister  
(Please call your parish office to add a name.)



# MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

### 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

### Mon, 10/07:

8:00 AM-Joyce Keller-CDA

### Tues, 10/08:

8:00 AM-+Mary Kuchar

### Wed, 10/09:

8:00 AM-+Bob Olmer

### Thurs, 10/10:

8:00 AM-+Larry Laska Family

### Fri, 10/11:

NO MASS

### Sat, 10/12:

5:30 PM-+Emmert & +Rita Wegener

### Sun, 10/13 - Confirmation Mass:

10:00 AM-+Luke & +Arlene Weidner

**(WA):** Wedding  
Anniversary

**(A):** Anniversary  
of Death

**(B):** Birthday

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

### Sat, 10/05:

5:00 PM-L/D Maynard Geilenkirchen Family

### Sun, 10/06:

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

### Mon, 10/07:

8:00 AM-Don Borer

### Tues, 10/08:

8:00 AM-L/D Jim Hegemann Family

### Wed, 10/09: 6:30 AM-Irene Gasper

8:00 AM-L/D Dwayne Lindhorst Family

### Thurs, 10/10:

8:00 AM-L/D Bud & Lori Bender Family

### Fri, 10/11:

8:00 AM-L/D Chris & Louise Ramaekers Family

### Sat, 10/12:

5:00 PM-L/D Novotny Family

### Sun, 10/13:

8:30 AM-Holy Family Parishioners

## ST. MARY, LEIGH:

### Sun, 10/13:

8:00 AM-Meyer Urban & Family

## ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

### Sun, 10/13:

8:00 AM-Ferd Dohmen

# 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, 10/06: \*Parish Bazaar

\*12 PM-4 PM-Bazaar Meal Served

Mon, 10/07: \*Feast Day of the Holy Rosary

Wed, 10/09: \*6:30 PM-PRE

\*7 PM-Athletic Board Meeting

\*7 PM-Blue & White Night Meeting

Thurs, 10/10: \*7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sun, 10/13: \*10 AM-Confirmation Mass

\*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS OCT. 12-13

### Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Kaydie Brandl

Servers-Gavin Geilenkirchen, Mason Geilenkirchen

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Lynn Teply

Greeters-JoJo & Jennifer Dunn

Gift Bearers-Alan & Julie Huettner

### Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Rita Keller

Servers-Lexi Morfeld, Camille Keller

EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Stan Wemhoff

Greeters-Mike & Carmen Foltz

Gift Bearers-Rich Fleischer, Schuyler Wegener

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

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

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income .....\$ 494,281.90

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses ....\$ 365,666.92

Surplus/(Deficit).....\$ 128,614.98

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

R&B Fund - \$10, Youth - \$16.20, Loose - \$533.60,

School Support - \$1,225, Church Support - \$4,064.21

**SPECIAL MONEY WINDOW 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** \$354.30

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

## CHURCH CLEANING

### WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

**Todd & Maria Preister - 402-454-1302**

Michael & Kelly Brandl - 402-923-0340

Tony & Lynn Teply - 402-920-1992

Dale & Joan Boesch - 402-923-0715

Brandon & Jenny Weidner - 402-920-0640

Jeremy & Brooke Hemmer - 402-841-4907

Gary & Kris Bender - 402-923-1674

### SACRISTY & FLOWERS 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

**VACUUMERS:** Tim & Connie Foltz, Loran & Carol Wemhoff

## SERVING QUILTERS

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

**Friday, October 11:** Ken & Sarah Classen

**Monday, October 14:** Glen & Tammy Weidner

