



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

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Friends,

This will come as a shock to most of you, but, believe it or not, I don't have a big mouth. In fact, when I was eleven years old both my dentist and my orthodontist confirmed that my mouth was so small that several teeth would have to be removed to prevent overcrowding. Worst of all, after enough new teeth emerged, I would still need braces.

It seems to me that something of similar process has been taking place with the Mass for the past hundred or so years. After all, what is the Mass, but the Church's mouth; the way we speak to God and He speaks to us. As early as the turn of the 20th century, Pope St. Pius X noticed that this mouth needed some readjusting. Participation at Mass was subdued to say the least. The priest would generally be up front doing his thing and the congregation in the back would be doing their thing. Seldom, if ever, did the two line up. About fifty years later, the Second Vatican Council met to discern how to address this issue. Of course, the council fathers envisioned a mass where the faithful would display full, active and conscious participation.

This was a brilliant goal. But, to implement this was going to require some major dental work. The role of the priest was dramatically changed. Laity were invited to participate in activities formerly reserved only to clerics. New opportunities for music were introduced. And, the Mass could now be prayed in the common language of the people rather than the official language of the Church, Latin.

Some fifty years after these new teeth of Vatican II have emerged, it became time for the braces. Notice, this is not because any of these teeth are corrupt and need to be removed. Rather, as these new teeth were emerging with the council, the Church was figuratively punched in the mouth by the Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s.

You see, the 'feel good' mentality of this era influenced some of the Church's new teeth in subtle, but destructive, ways. For instance, instead of viewing the Mass as worship, people began to think of the Mass as entertainment. Since entertainment 'felt good' in ways worship often did not; it was thought that, if you wanted people to get more out of Mass, you need to entertain them. Thus, the Mass became a type of show or play and ways of making the Mass more 'entertaining' were often attempted, sometimes in very strange ways.

But, this idea of Mass as entertainment turns worship on its ear. You see, if Mass is 'entertainment' then it is no longer about God. It is about us. If we feel entertained, then we think we got something out of Mass. If we don't, then we think that we did not.

The changes in the Mass from the Old Latin Mass to the new Mass in the vernacular were vulnerable to these shifts. Liberated from an enslavement to Latin, the priest was now able to incorporate his personality into the prayer of the Mass. Additionally, since the new Mass had more flexibility, it tempted the priest into inserting his own spin.

Unfortunately, this turns the priest into a 'showman' and not a minister. This is not only ecclesiastical nonsense, it's dangerous ecclesiastical nonsense! The main character is Jesus Christ. The priest's role is not to entertain the crowd, but to help the congregation encounter Jesus Christ through the Mass. With more flexibility in the rituals and more familiarity with the language, the priest became the focus of the Mass and not Jesus Christ.

This has some clear consequences. After all, if we think of the Mass as entertainment, then we're always tempted to go to the better show. Well, I don't like Fr. No-personality over at St. Whatshisname as much as Fr. Fun-guy over at St. Lets-party, so I'm going there. Since the priest is human and wants affirmation like all humans do, he is tempted to put on a better show than his 'competition'.

As this entertainment mindset is deepened, the Mass ends up being destroyed. After all, the Mass is not about Fr. No-personality or Fr. Fun-guy. It's about Jesus Christ! And He's always there, whether we are entertained or not!! We receive an inestimable blessing from the Mass regardless of how entertained we may feel. For even if we don't receive Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, we are still purified, like spiritual chemotherapy, just by being in His presence. This happens infallibly, at each and every Mass, whether we feel entertained or not!

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:

Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

Joshua Sprunk, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce Bartholomew,
Calvin Wiese, Jared Wiehn, 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 (Please call your parish office to add a name.)

BLESSING FOR OUR NATION

God of all things, we come before you

in thanksgiving for all that you have created.

For the world and its beauty, but especially for the
people around us. We ask you today to give us wisdom
and courage to look at the world and all its problems
and inspire us to dream great ways to improve upon
what you have so graciously given to us.

Make us worthy to call you Father, and bestow insight
upon us to honor your created things.

Bless, protect and gift us ever anew with your love.

We ask all this as members of this country,
in Christ's name. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 11/16:

5:30 PM--+Viola Wemhoff (A)

Sun, 11/17:

10:00 AM--+Bob Olmer

Mon, 11/18:

8:00 AM--+Adela Zach (A)

Tues, 11/19:

8:00 AM--+Art Hill

Wed, 11/20:

8:00 AM-L/D Paul & Bonnie Ramaekers Family

Thurs, 11/21:

8:00 AM-L/D +Maurice & Kitty Wieser Family

Fri, 11/22:

NO MASS

Sat, 11/23:

5:30 PM-L/D Ken & Jane Backes Family

Sun, 11/24:

10:00 AM--+Adela Zach

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 11/16: 5:00 PM-L/D Marv & Rhoda Gilsdorf Family

Sun, 11/17:

8:30 AM-L/D Ray, Mildred & Tom Oberhauser Family

Mon, 11/18:

8:00 AM-L/D Kenny Hamling Family

Tues, 11/19:

8:00 AM-L/D Adam Jarecki Family

Wed, 11/20: 6:30 AM-L/D Jim & Viola Formanek Family

8:00 AM-Vince Preister

Thurs, 11/21:

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

Fri, 11/22:

8:00 AM-L/D Maynard Geilenkirchen Family

Sat, 11/23:

5:00 PM-L/D Maurice Wieser Family,
L/D Clarence Wojcik Family

Sun, 11/24:

8:30 AM-Meyer Urban

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 11/24:

8:30 AM-St. Mary Parishioners

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 11/24:

10:30 AM-For the People of Our Cluster Parishes

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
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Prayer Line: During Office Hours - Parish Office..(402) 923-0913
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Pastoral Minister: Diane Zach.....(402) 920-0617
Gift Shop: Julie Krings(402) 992-4151

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

Principal: Jennifer Dunn.....jdunn@hsfschool.org
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Elementary School:.....402-923-0611

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 11/17: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
Tues, 11/19: *7 PM-Holy Grounds in Parish Hall
Wed, 11/20: *6:30 PM-PRE
Sat/Sun, 11/23-24: *Catholic Campaign For Human
Development Collection @ Masses
Sun, 11/24: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
*7 PM-One-Act Dessert Theater

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOV. 23-24

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Celie Anderson
Servers-Gavin Geilenkirchen, Mason Geilenkirchen
EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Sydney Engel
Greeters-Francis & Connie Jaixen
Gift Bearers-Jack & Cindy Boesch

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Ginny Fehringer
Servers-Jocelyn Dunn, Matthew Brockhaus
EMHCs-Deacon Kent Sachau, Madison Stricklin
Greeters-Marge Albracht, Debbie Huettner
Gift Bearers-Glenn & DeAnna Heinen

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget..... \$1,979,168.63
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income\$ 777,375.96
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$ 680,992.94
Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 96,383.02

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Tuition Relief - \$10, Youth - \$13.54, Cemetery - \$25, All Saints - \$65, Loose - \$299.51, Rest & Bldg Fund - \$404, School Support - \$1,081, Church Support - \$4,258

Next weekend's 2nd collection will go toward supporting Nick Krings, a parishioner of St. Francis who is currently working with FOCUS, a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college students.

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Doug & Darla Eisenmenger - 402-649-8226

Jim & Jane Wiehn - 402-923-0905
Luke & Kari Wieseler - 402-518-0226
Alan & Julie Huettner - 402-923-0163
Sharon Eisenmenger - 402-923-0986
Shawn & Nicole Killham - 492-910-9762
Chad & Sara Classen - 402-270-0135

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Jim Jr. & Jeanne Gronenthal - 402-920-2435

Paul & Jamie Sunderman - 402-920-3265
Austin & Cara Wegener - 402-920-1603
Dale & Kelly Wemhoff - 402-923-1583
Bob & Karen Gronenthal - 402-920-0366
Stan & Sandy Wemhoff - 402-923-0152

VACUUMERS: Tom & Sandy Preister,
Jerry & Loretta Wegener

SERVING QUILTERS

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

Friday, November 22: Paul & Jodie Eisenmenger

Monday, November 25: Ron & Chris Greisen

EVERY DAY, DO
SOMETHING THAT WILL
LEAD YOU CLOSER TO

God