



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

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Friends,

I'll never forget the day Mother Teresa died. In the middle of a seminary soccer game, the church bell began to ring signaling that all of us were called to the chapel. Before too long, the word had spread as to why. Mother Teresa had died. Being an eager seminarian, I rushed to the chapel to lend my spiritual support, but to be honest, I didn't quite understand why. After all, if there were ever a person more clearly a saint than Mother Teresa, I don't know who it would be. Since saints don't need our prayers, I wondered why we were "wasting" our time praying for someone that was so certain to be in heaven already.

As I was praying, however, an answer came to me. Even someone as holy as Mother Teresa did not deserve heaven. No matter how many good works she performed, they were still not enough to make up for even a portion of her smallest venial sins. After all, any sin committed against Almighty God incurs an infinite debt owed. No finite creature can pay an infinite debt. Thus, even someone as profoundly holy as Mother Teresa does not "earn" her way to heaven. Like the rest of us, she is completely dependent on the mercy of God.

With the passing of years, we now know that the prayers offered for the repose of the soul of Mother Teresa were not needed. With her canonization, the Church has proclaimed that Mother Teresa is a saint. Does that mean that those prayers offered for her were wasted? Of course not! From heaven, Mother Teresa could direct those prayers offered for her to those who had most need of them.

It works the same for our beloved dead. All of them, regardless of the good they have done, are dependent on the Lord of His mercy. Thus, it is disadvantageous to assume they are in heaven immediately. After all, if they are in purgatory, they are indeed suffering greatly, although their suffering might be a little different than what we think.

Maybe think about the pain in purgatory this way. There is no more "painful" experience for a small child than counting down the days to Christmas. They are so excited about the joy that is coming that they can hardly contain themselves. Of course, counting down the time only makes the process more agonizing since the more you watch the clock, the slower the clock appears to move.

Something similar happens in purgatory, only the "pain" of waiting is magnified about a billion times! After all, the gift that we are waiting in purgatory for is nothing less than God Himself. Since He is infinitely more joyful than any Christmas gift, the "pain" of waiting for Him is infinitely more intense as well. Compounding this "pain" is the realization that, if we had only done what we should have in this life, we would be enjoying the gift of God right now. But, since we did not, we must wait!

Compounding this "pain", if only slightly, is the fact that the soul waiting in Purgatory can do nothing to shorten this time. Having already run his race on earth, he is now consigned to wait for the help of others to bring him to his completion. One of the vehicles that can help bring him to his destination is our prayers. It is also the most familiar.

Perhaps now we see why the Church so emphasizes the importance of praying for the dead, especially in November. It is also why it is so important for us to have the prayer of the Mass offered for our deceased loved ones, regardless of their holiness. After all, like Mother Teresa, our beloved dead are still dependent on God's mercy, and our prayers for them are not wasted regardless even if they are already with God in Heaven.

Blessings,

Fr. EJA

**PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE OF BULLETIN FOR A NOTE FROM FR. OLSEN
REGARDING A CHANGE IN HOLY FAMILY'S SUNDAY MORNING MASS TIME.**

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • November 3, 2019

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

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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:

Calvin Wiese, Jared Wiehn, Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister,

John Babl, Patrick Washburn, Craig Prather,

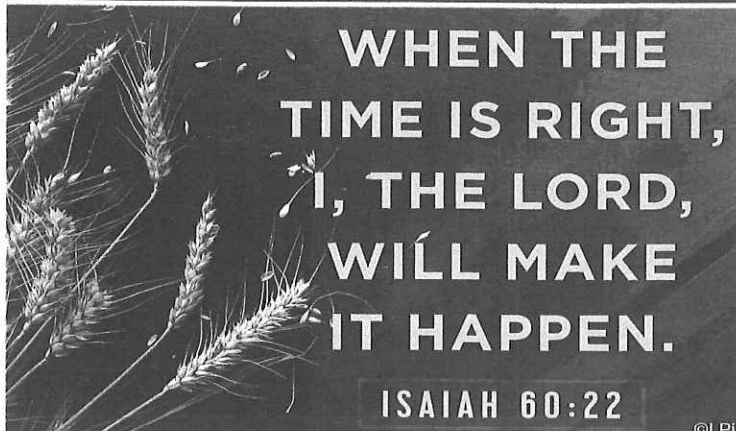
Mitchell Preister, Cody Ramaekers,

Eric and Michelle Oberhauser, Ben Borer, Nicole Thompson,

Aaron Wallin, Steve Bender, Jacob Williams, SFC Van Dyke,

Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce Bartholomew

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



MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 11/02 - All Souls Day:

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

Sun, 11/03: 10:00 AM-+Ray Korth (A)

Mon, 11/04:

8:00 AM-L/D +Luke & +Arlene Weidner Family

Tues, 11/05: 8:00 AM-Andy & Lisa Krings (WA),
Brandon & Katie Morfeld (WA)

Wed, 11/06:

8:00 AM-+Maurice Wieser,
+Leander & +Agnes (A) Eisenmenger

Thurs, 11/07:

8:00 AM-+Herman (A) & +Henrietta Krings (A),
+Gary Krings (A)

Fri, 11/08: NO MASS

Sat, 11/09:

5:30 PM-L/D Jack & +Deb Kessler Family

Sun, 11/10:

10:00 AM-+Eileen Brandl

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 11/02 - All Souls Day:

5:00 PM-Ray Korth & Purgatorial Society

Sun, 11/03:

8:30 AM-Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

Mon, 11/04:

8:00 AM-Robert Pfeifer

Tues, 11/05:

8:00 AM-Don Borer

Wed, 11/06:

6:30 AM-Irene Gasper

8:00 AM-L/D Ray & Mildred Oberhauser Family

Thurs, 11/07:

8:00 AM-Anita Wiese

Fri, 11/08:

8:00 AM-Harry Nienaber

Sat, 11/09:

5:00 PM-Connie Beller

Sun, 11/10:

8:30 AM-Michael Werner, & for the People of Our Parish

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 11/10:

8:30 AM-Meyer Urban & Family

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 11/10:

10:30 AM-Lucille Ciecior

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
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Pastoral Minister: Diane Zach.....(402) 920-0617
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ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

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PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 11/03: *National Vocations Awareness Week
*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
Wed, 11/06: *6:30 PM-PRE
Sat, 11/09: *2 PM-Jake McPhillips & Sam Welch
Wedding
Sun, 11/10: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
Thurs, 11/14: *7 PM-Knights of Columbus Mass Followed
By Meeting

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOV. 9-10

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Ken Classen
Servers-Anna Stricklin, Kiley Heinen
EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Elaine Gilsdorf
Greeters-Tim & Anita Brandl
Gift Bearers-Scott & Tanya Babel

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Ron Denkinger
Servers-Colter Schneider, Addison Schneider
EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Rita Baumgart
Greeters-Bob & Shari Haiar
Gift Bearers-Ken & Jane Backes

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget..... \$1,979,168.63
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$ 730,170.43
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$ 662,590.27
Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 67,580.16

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: R&B - \$10, Youth - \$12.28,
Improvement Fund - \$20, PRE - \$30, All Saints - \$40,
Tuition Relief - \$100, God's Acre - \$120, Loose - \$569,
Church Support - \$2,712, School Support - \$3,170

RESTORATION & BUILDING FUND 2nd COLLECTION: \$431.90

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

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Jared & Tiffani Wiehn - 402-920-0878
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Dave & Vickie Classen - 402-923-1460
Keith & Pam Pfeifer - 402-889-2573
Kent & Carolyn Korth - 402-923-0287

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Tim & Michelle Meyer - 402-920-0387
Aaron & Cara Wieser - 402-270-5628
Andy & Alison Reigle - 402-920-3596

VACUUMERS:

Dan & Ginny Fehringer

SERVING QUILTERS

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

Friday, November 8: Gene & Ardith Schueth

Monday, November 11: Justin & Katie McPhillips

