



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

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Friends,

It may come as a shock to some, and particularly those who grew up at a time when the Mass was recited entirely in Latin, that it is possible for a modern-day priest to be ordained without ever having taken even one introductory class in Latin. It's sad, but true. During my five years in the seminary, I never took one course in Latin. Nevertheless, I am familiar with some Latin phrases. One of my favorites is "carpe diem", which is Latin for "seize the day".

The sentiment expressed by this Latin phrase is profound. For not only does this phrase encourage us to take advantage of the opportunity each moment provides us (after all, none like it will come again), but it also reminds us of the need to avoid two important traps that the forces of evil use to keep us from God; the past and the future.

To understand better why these are traps, simply think a little bit more deeply about God. We know that God is radically different from His creatures in ever so many ways. One of these ways is that God never changes. Think of it this way. If God could change, it would mean there would be something that He could become that He is not already. But, if there were something God could become, He would not be God, since God, by the very definition of the word implies an all-powerful, all-knowing being.

Notice carefully what this means. If God cannot change, then God is also outside of time. After all, the definition of time is simply a measurement of change. So, if God never changes, then there is no time in God either. Thus, our experience of past, present and future is happening simultaneously in God.

This is seen most beautifully every time that the Mass is celebrated. The Mass, because it is a participation in the mystery of God, is something like a divine time machine. The events of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, which took place over two thousand years ago, are made present to us today. In God, these two events are not past at all. Since there is no time in God, when we celebrate Mass events that happened long ago are made present to us today.

Notice what this means about the past and the future. God is not there. This is why the forces of evil concentrate so hard in trying to get us to live in the past or worry about the future. Whether it's the former high school athlete that is trying to relive his or her glory years through their local high school team, or the ordinary sinner that simply can't stop thinking about his or her past failings, the devil would like nothing more than to keep us living in the past. In fact, this is one of his major ploys. If he can get us focused on the past, not only will our efforts be focused on something that cannot be changed, but also, these same efforts will never allow us to see God.

That is, of course, unless he can trick us into concentrating on the future. This he does through our worry and anxiety about what might be. And, how foolish is that? Not only is the future never certain, but in dwelling on it, we are moving away from God, who is ONLY in the present. Is it any wonder, then, why our fear, anxiety and worry grow in proportion to our focus on the future? In living in the future, we are living apart from God.

This is why the Latin phrase "carpe diem" ("seize the day") is so profound. For in concentrating on what we can do now, we avoid these two traps because we remain in the present with God. This, in turn, allows us to turn to Him more fully.

Here's where the season of Advent can be so advantageous. Advent is a time of preparation for the Lord's coming. Of course, there are three major aspects of this coming. The Lord's first coming happened two thousand years ago, on that First Christmas. We also know that He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead at the end of the world. But, as we go through this Advent Season, we must also remember that the Lord is also with us, right here and right now, this very moment, especially when Mass is celebrated. The better we recognize His presence with us right now, the happier we will be.

Blessings,

F. E. J. A.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENT PREP

CONFESIONS:

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: 7:00 AM-7:45 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:

SFC Van Dyke, Joshua Sprunk, Codi Rose Fehringer,
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
(Please call your parish office to add a name.)



MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 11/30:

5:30 PM-L/D +Denis Torczon Family

Sun, 12/01 - 1st Sunday of Advent:

10:00 AM-For the People of the Cluster Parish

Mon, 12/02:

8:00 AM-L/D +Leonard Fuchs Family

Tues, 12/03:

8:00 AM-+Don & +Darlene Ternus

Wed, 12/04:

8:00 AM-L/D +Ken & Dorothy Pfeifer Family

Thurs, 12/05:

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

Fri, 12/06:

6:30 AM-Souls of the Faithfully Departed

Sat, 12/07:

5:30 PM-+Tom Brockhaus

Sun, 12/08 - 2nd Sunday of Advent:

10:00 AM-+Eileen Brandl

(WA): Wedding Anniversary **(A):** Anniversary of Death **(B):** Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 11/30:

5:00 PM-L/D Dwayne & Mary Ellen Frauendorfer Family,
Michael Werner

Sun, 12/1 - 1st Sunday of Advent:

8:00 AM-L/D Lee Hemmer Family

Mon, 12/02: 8:00 AM-L&D Lorene Oberhauser Family

Tues, 12/03:

8:00 AM-Deb Lloyd

Wed, 12/04: 6:30 AM-L/D Holy Family Guild

8:00 AM-John & Mary Pitzel Family

Thurs, 12/05:

8:00 AM-L&D Jeff Jarecki Family

Fri, 12/06:

8:00 AM-Purgatorial Society

Sat, 12/07:

5:00 PM-Bob Olmer, Eileen Wessel

Sun, 12/08 - 2nd Sunday of Advent:

8:00 AM-People of Holy Family Parish

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 12/08 - 2nd Sunday of Advent:

8:30 AM-Helen Wietfeld

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 12/08 - 2nd Sunday of Advent:

10:30 AM-Wayne & Kay Zavadil

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday - 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

CONTACTS

PARISH MINISTERS:

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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
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ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

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PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 12/01:	*1st Sunday of Advent *7 PM—"Rosary for Peace" in Church
Mon, 12/02:	*8 AM-Deadline for December 8 Bulletin *7 PM-Christian Mothers Potluck Christmas Party in Parish Hall
Wed, 12/04:	*6:30 PM-PRE
Fri, 12/06:	*Feast of St. Nicholas *Deadline for December 15 Bulletin
Sat, 12/07:	*7 AM-Finance Board Meeting *5:30 PM-Christian Mothers Soup Supper in Parish Hall *7 PM-Knights of Columbus Poultry Bingo in Parish Hall
Sat/Sun, 07/08:	*Retirement Fund for Religious Collection @ Masses
Sun, 12/08:	*2nd Sunday of Advent *7 PM—"Rosary for Peace" in Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DEC. 7-8

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Mary Helen Fuchs
Servers-Gage Braun, Cael Classen
EMHCs-Deacon Louie Dohmen, Alan Ternus
Greeters-Jim & Marcia Schrant
Gift Bearers-Tim & Anita Brandl

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Bob Haiar
Servers-Jett Dunn, Schuyler Heesacker
EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Chelsea Werner
Greeters-Glenn & Joyce Ternus
Gift Bearers-Stan & Sandy Wemhoff

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/S	\$ 9,168.63
Fiscal YT	\$,135.45
Fiscal YT	\$ 1,619.99
Surplus/I	\$,515.46
LAST WEEK	
RESTORATION & BUILDING FUND	\$

2nd COLLECTION: Next weekend (12/8) the 2nd collection will go toward the Restoration & Building Fund

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHARMEN:

Tim & Diane Mausbach - 402-285-0326

Ken & Bonnie Kosch - 402-270-1508

Jeff & Jami Brandl - 402-923-0126

Dave & Ronda Lubischer - 402-923-0282

Tom & Brenda Harding - 402-923-0259

Keith & Janet Krings - 402-923-0576

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHARMEN:

Jedd & Kelli Fischer - 402-920-2921

Brooke Babel - 402-920-0150

Vern & Corrine Haiar - 402-920-3102

Brad & Renee Stallbaumer - 402-920-0902

Brooks & Adrian Tasa - 402-750-5132

Ron & Judi Brandl - 402-923-1585

VACUUMERS: David & Kelli Wegener,
Ross & Sue Wegener

SERVING QUILTERS

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

Friday, December 6: Glenn & Sharon Theilen

Monday, December 9: Terry & Stacey Brockhaus