



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

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Friends,

I'll never forget the day my very first dog got hit by a car. Being my first dog, it was particularly special to me. We got it when it was only days old. I got to name it. (I named him "Red" after the Huskers!) And, if I do say so myself, it was probably the smartest, best dog that has ever existed.

I knew something was wrong the second I got off the bus and my dad met me at the bottom of our lane. Being all of nine years old, I had outgrown being walked to the house by my parents many moons ago. Not only that, but it was clear that my dad was uneasy. I was struck by this because, as a true Dane, my dad seldom revealed any emotion. But now he seemed nervous. As we walked up our driveway, I soon found out why. My dad explained that Red had been hit by a car, and that there was no way he would ever get better. But, the worst was still to come. For next, my dad said, "so I had to shoot him." I was crushed. Worse yet, I felt betrayed. Sure, Red was hurt, but did my dad really have to shoot him? Only years later did I understand. It was pointless, almost cruel, to allow an animal to suffer.

Curiously, this same kind of mindset is beginning to catch on, not just with animals, but with humans. Too many think that Euthanasia, so-called "mercy killing", is just as applicable to humans as it is to animals. It is clear why. We live in a society that thinks animals are humans and vice versa. How many people now treat their pets like their "children", including (ironically) doing everything in their power to keep them alive. And, how many like to think of humans as "animals", particularly regarding controlling, or, more properly, not controlling, their passions.

The truth is, and I'm amazed I even have to say this, humans and animals are radically different. But, what precisely is the difference? The answer is reason and free will. Humans can abstract more than what their senses perceive. Additionally, humans can choose, or more clearly, not choose what their appetites desire. Even if these two abilities are lost, absent or never developed, the dignity these faculties bring always remains. Since humans are made in the image and likeness of God, they don't lose their dignity just because they've lost their functionality.

This is why it's morally permissible for my dad to shoot Red when he is suffering, but not morally permissible for my dad to shoot grandma when she is suffering. Sure, we could choose a more antiseptic method of ending grandma's life. The reality is, however, whether it is an excessive dose of morphine or a bullet to the head, the only moral difference between the two methods is that one requires less clean-up than the other. Additionally, it makes no difference if my grandma desires death or not. For suicide (assisted or otherwise) as a way of escaping the dark periods of our life, be they at the beginning, the middle or even at the end, is always thumbing our nose at our greatest gift; a gift in the truest sense; our gift of life.

Additionally, there is another level of dignity to human suffering that is not present in the suffering of animals. This dignity is seen most clearly in the example of Jesus Christ. Think of Jesus carrying His cross. Jesus, who was God's only Son, the only perfect man ever to come into existence, chose both to suffer and die. This was not just any death, either, for Jesus suffered one of the most painful deaths imaginable – death by crucifixion. Despite His pain, despite His struggles, despite His "illness" being terminal, He never gave up. Why? Precisely because His suffering was not pointless! Quite the contrary, Jesus' suffering and death won for us our redemption. It was suffering that demonstrated the true depth of Jesus' love for us.

It is the same for all that suffer, but especially for those who suffer at the end of their lives. Here's how. As our bodies grow weaker, we become more and more like Jesus Christ as He grew weaker carrying His cross. As a result, just as Jesus atoned for the sins of all of us through His sufferings, so, too, all of the suffering those close to death endure provide them the opportunity to make up for, not simply their own sins, but the sins of the rest of us as well.

But there's even more. In addition to the opportunity to do penance for either themselves or others, people suffering close to death also help those they love make it to heaven in a different way -- by giving them opportunities to make sacrifices; by giving them opportunities to suffer. Thus, unlike the dog whose suffering is pointless, there is an inestimable value to human suffering, and, although it should never be desired, it is always something that, when forced into, should be embraced.

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:** 7:00 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

Pastor:

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St. Mary Parishioners..... dbrabec@frontiernet.net

St. Michael Parishioners stmichaelstarnov@gmail.com

(For other parish contacts, please see the following pages.)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Richard J. Moser Jr., Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

Cody Ramaekers, Eric and Michelle Oberhauser, Ben Borer,

Nicole Thompson, Aaron Wallin, Steve Bender,

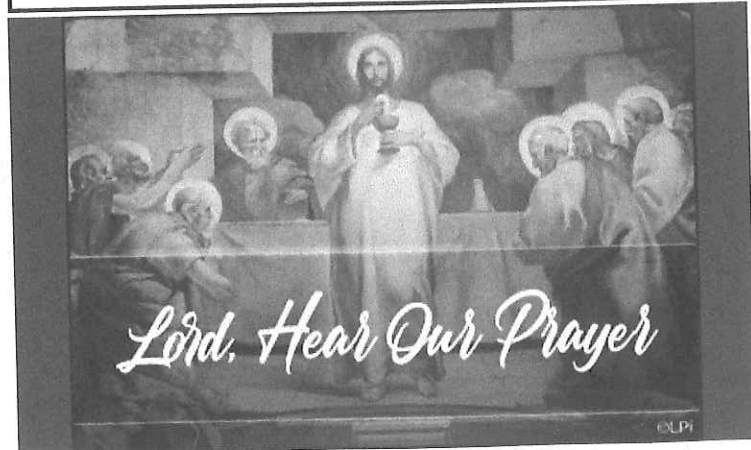
Jacob Williams, SFC Van Dyke, Joshua Sprunk,

Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce Bartholomew,

Calvin Wiese, Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister, John Babl,

Patrick Washburn, Craig Prather, Mitchell Preister

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



MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 01/18:

5:30 PM--Dave Eisenmenger

Sun, 01/19:

10:00 AM-L/D +Bill Heesacker Family

Mon, 01/20:

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

Tues, 01/21:

8:00 AM--Dorothy Shanle (A)

Wed, 01/22:

8:00 AM--Carolyn Gronenthal

Thurs, 01/23:

8:00 AM--Maurice Weiser

Fri, 01/24:

NO MASS

Sat, 01/25:

5:30 PM-L/D +Greg Weidner Family

Sun, 01/26:

10:00 AM--Carolyn Gronenthal

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 01/18:

5:00 PM-Colby Lindhorst

Sun, 01/19:

8:00 AM-L/D Swede & Arlene Kurtenbach Family, Bob Olmer

Mon, 01/20:

8:00 AM-Iron Martins

Tues, 01/21:

8:00 AM-L/D Don Moravec Family

Wed, 01/22:

6:30 AM-L/D Harold & Bernice Korth Family

8:00 AM-Holy Family School Students & Faculty

Thurs, 01/23:

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

Fri, 01/24:

8:00 AM-L/D Doc & Queenie Schumacher Family

Sat, 01/25:

5:00 PM-Nancy Albracht

Sun, 01/26:

8:00 AM-Alice Marsh

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 01/26:

8:30 AM-Mary Helen Hogendorn

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 01/26:

10:30 AM-For the People of St. Michael Parish

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
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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
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Finance Office: Lisa Krings (402) 923-0913
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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
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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, 01/19: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
Mon, 01/20 *6:30 PM-*Discovering Christ* In Parish Hall
Wed, 01/22: *6:30 PM-PRE
Sun, 01/26: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

SERVING QUILTERS

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

Friday, January 24: Francis & Connie Jaixen

Monday, January 27: Stacie Baumgart

SCRIP: December 2019
Sales & Profit SCRIP sales totaled \$17,260.
Total profit from sales came to \$735.44.

SALES & PROFIT for 2019

In 2019 we had a total of \$109,290.46 in sales,
with a **total profit of \$4,311.45** for St. Francis!
Thank you to everyone who supported us in this way!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN 25-26

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Dustin Ternus
Servers-Kylee Wessel, Carson Wessel
EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Karen Wietfeld
Greeters-Tim & Connie Foltz
Gift Bearers-Dan & Cathy Weidner

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Sam McPhillips
Servers-Matthew Brockhaus, Tanner Classen
EMHCs-Deacon Kent Sachau, Dean Korus
Greeters-Stan & Sandy Wemhoff
Gift Bearers-Glenn & Joyce Ternus

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget..... \$1,979,168.63
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$1,174,214.69
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$1,051,391.35
Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 122,823.34

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

Peter's Pence - \$3, Air Conditioning - \$10, All Saints - \$10,
Ascension - \$10, Assumption - \$10, Black & Indian - \$10,
Catholic Communication Campaign - \$10, Cemetery - \$10,
Easter - \$10, Good Friday - \$10, Holy Thursday - \$10,
Immaculate Conception - \$10, Property Insurance - \$10,
Thanksgiving - \$10, Tuition Relief - \$10, World Mission - \$10,
4-in-1 - \$20, Catholic Relief Services - \$20, Retirement Fund
for Religious - \$20, PRE - \$25, Solemnity of Mary - \$30,
Youth - \$32.73, Seminary - \$165, Heat - \$240, Improvement
Fund - \$270, Loose - \$622.25, School Support - \$2,286,
Christmas - \$2,530, Church Support - \$3,164

RESTORATION & BUILDING FUND 2nd COLLECTION: \$464.27

2nd COLLECTION: Next weekend's 2nd collection
will go toward the **ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE** pro-life
campaign.



CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Tom & Sandy Frauendorfer - 402-920-0264

Joan Duesman - 402-923-1631
Jason & Amanda Veik - 402-923-1304
Randy & Geri Bender - 402-920-1557
Barry & Radell Tasa - 402-923-1830
Bill & Marge Albracht - 402-923-1385

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Pat & Mildred Veik - 402-920-1237
Bill & Melissa Preister - 402-920-1560
Dale & Diane Zach - 402-923-0617
Dustin & Sarah Kessler - 402-499-4747
Milo & Rita Herink - 402-923-0891
Deb Preister - 402-920-0599

VACUUMERS: Kent & Tina Sachau, Ken & Jane Backes