



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

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Friends,

Actions have consequences. Often actions have more consequences than we could ever imagine. For instance, it may seem that the problem of abortion and the crisis of priestly vocations have little if anything to do with each other. Nevertheless, they are profoundly linked. Not only does abortion attack the family, which is the incubator of all vocations, but it attacks the priesthood as well. Think of it this way. Since January 22, 1973, over 60 million unborn babies have been surgically aborted. Ever wonder how many of them would have been priests? The answer is 8,222!!

Notice how dramatically this consequence has been felt in our own area. Today there are two active priests serving four parishes when as recently as thirty years ago there were still Franciscans at St. Francis.

Because of this some have suggested that it would be a good idea to ordain married men as priests. On the surface, this does seem like a good idea. After all, even the worst businessman knows that if you are having trouble filling jobs, it is beneficial to widen the pool of potential employees.

Unfortunately, this mindset fails to realize that the Church is not a business. But suppose for a moment it was. How would married clergy affect the business of the Church? Well, for starters, my salary would probably have to triple if not quadruple. For while I can live quite comfortably on the salary I make as a parish priest, those of you supporting families know that this would not be nearly enough if I was married, let alone had kids.

Oh, and think about kids for a minute. Not only would I likely have kids, but quite possibly I would have lots of kids. After all, I would certainly be following the Church's teaching on contraception and sterilization. Guess who's going to pay for my kids? You guessed it! What about remodeling of the rectory? After all, we will have to raise money for that, too, because it was not designed for families.

There are other business considerations as well. What if my wife and kids like the big city and don't want to move to Platte County? Or what if they like the small town and don't want to move to the big city? What if they like their current school or current friends and don't want to move at all? What if I have marriage troubles and end up civilly divorced or if my wife dies and I'm a single father of six? What if my kids get picked on in school, as they most assuredly would, would I as a priest hold grudges? Or show preferential treatment? You see, even from a "business" perspective, the idea of married priests doesn't really make a whole lot of sense.

Of course, the Church doesn't mandate celibacy for its priests because of something as inconsequential as the business consequences. No. The Church mandates celibacy because of the beauty of what Jesus teaches about marriage in the gospels. Jesus reminds us that marriage is the giving of oneself fully and completely to one's beloved. You see, when couples exchange consent in the sacrament of marriage they sacrifice their very identity, out of love, for their beloved.

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:** 7:00 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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(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:

Mitchell Preister, Cody Ramaekers,

Eric and Michelle Oberhauser, Ben Borer, Nicole Thompson,

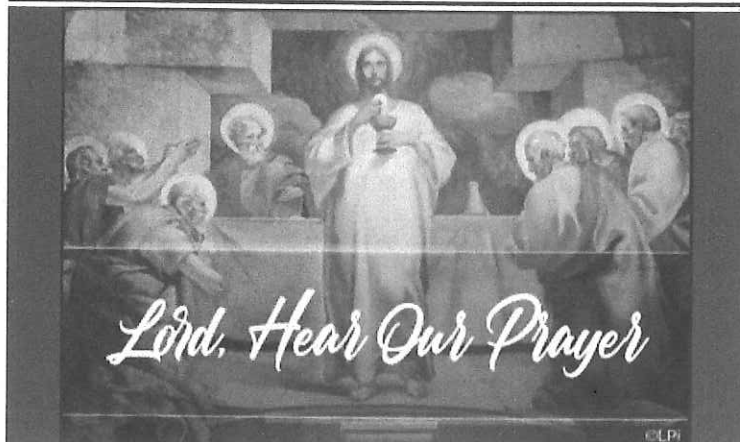
Aaron Wallin, Steve Bender, Jacob Williams, SFC Van Dyke,

Joshua Sprunk, Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce

Bartholomew, Calvin Wiese, Doc Schumacher, Dylan

Preister, John Babl, Patrick Washburn, Craig Prather

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



MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 01/25:

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

Sun, 01/26:

10:00 AM-+Carolyn Gronenthal

Mon, 01/27:

8:00 AM-+Dave Eisenmenger

Tues, 01/28:

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

Wed, 01/29:

8:00 AM-L/D +Ludwig & +Viola Wemhoff Family

Thurs, 01/30:

8:00 AM-+Paul Duesman

Fri, 01/31:

NO MASS

Sat, 02/01:

5:30 PM-Betty Sueper CDA, & Austin Steven Classen (A)

Sun, 02/02:

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

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 01/25: 5:00 PM-Nancy Albracht

Sun, 01/26:

8:00 AM-Alice Marsh

Mon, 01/27:

8:00 AM-Susie Korth

Tues, 01/28:

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

Wed, 01/29: 6:30 AM-Ronald Martins

8:00 AM-Connie Beller

Thurs, 01/30:

8:00 AM-L/D Alvin & Mary Schumacher Family

Fri, 01/31:

8:00 AM-L/D Shawn & Paige Wiese Family

Sat, 02/01:

5:00 PM-L/D Maynard Geilenkirchen Family, and
L/D Norman & Helen Shanle Family

Sun, 02/02:

8:00 AM-Susie Korth

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 02/02:

8:30 AM-Mary Ann Doernemann

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 02/02:

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
Deacon Kent Sachau..... (402) 369-1750
Deacon Tim Howard..... (402) 841-3434
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Pastoral Minister: Diane Zach..... (402) 920-0617
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ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

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Jr./Sr. High School: 402-923-0818
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PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 01/26: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
Mon, 01/27 *6:30 PM-*Discovering Christ* in Parish Hall
Wed, 01/29: *6:30 PM-PRE
*7 PM-Christian Mothers Meeting
Sat, 02/01: *Athletic Board Soup Supper @ Games
Sat/Sun, Feb 1/2: *Home & Foreign Missions Collection @
Masses
Sun, 02/02: *PRE Rolls & Coffee after Mass
*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEB 1-2

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Terri Wilshusen
Servers-Eli Weidner, Owen Weidner
EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Paul Ramaekers
Greeters-Milo & Rita Herink
Gift Bearers-Doug & Darla Eisenmenger

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Jordan Bender
Servers-Carson Wessel, Dominick Preister
EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Katie Morfeld
Greeters-Ken & Jane Backes
Gift Bearers-Dave & Elaine Gilsdorf

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget..... \$1,979,168.63
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$1,223,847.68
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$1,191,941.81
Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 31,905.87

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Immaculate Conception - \$25,
PRE - \$25, Youth - \$40.43, Seminary - \$45, Retirement Fund
for Religious - \$75, St. Francis Improvement - \$190,
Heat - \$225, Loose - \$335.55, Solemnity of Mary - \$1,045.13,
School Support - \$1,940.30, Christmas - \$2,296.01,
Church Support - \$4,422

DEBT REDUCTION 2nd COLLECTION: \$370.85

2nd COLLECTION: *Next weekend's 2nd collection
will go toward the RESTORATION & BUILDING FUND.*

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Tim & Arlene Hamling - 402-923-9142
Ray & Mary Hemmer - 402-923-1009
Harvey & Kathy Gilsdorf - 402-841-8628
Melissa Gronenthal - 402-649-2624

SACRISTY & FLOWERS 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

VACUUMERS: Lyle & Sue Babel,
Dale & Gina Eisenmenger

SERVING QUILTERS

It's Your Turn To Bring A Dessert: 3:30 PM in parish hall.
Friday, January 31: Ryan & Sheila Goetsch
Monday, February 3: Brad & Sarah Keller

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Schools
Week

faith
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