



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

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Friends,

What do you suppose the chances are of LeBron James, the best basketball player in the world, giving up his job in the NBA, to take a much more thankless and less lucrative job like an ordinary person? Of course, it doesn't seem very likely. Not only would he have to sacrifice millions if not billions of dollars, but he would also have to sacrifice the comforts of a luxurious lifestyle as well.

Seen in this light, the love of Jesus Christ takes on a new depth. Jesus' sacrifice of assuming our human nature is infinitely crazier than anything done by LeBron James. However, Jesus' humiliations don't end when He condescends to become one of His silly, talking creatures. In fact, they only begin. You see, even though Jesus is truly God, He is also truly man. As a true man, Jesus was not permitted to avoid the process of maturing that all human beings undergo.

As we all know, the way anyone fully matures is by listening and obeying, not just his parents but his teachers and his elders as well. And this might be a little more difficult for Jesus than we might think. After all, His humanity, just like ours, is limited by a multitude of factors, including heredity. For instance, if Mary wasn't athletic, chances are Jesus wasn't athletic. If Mary wasn't good in school, chances are Jesus wasn't good in school.

Of course, obeying would be no picnic for Jesus either. Sure, His mother is sinless, everyone else responsible for raising Jesus is not. Joseph is not. His teachers are not. The scribes, Pharisees and other religious leaders are not. And yet, Jesus always chooses to obey them, even when they are wrong. This is seen most perfectly with His crucifixion. Jesus humbly obeys the unjust sentence of Pilate, in part, because Pilate is the one with such authority.

Perhaps now we can see better why humility is so central to the Christian understanding of spirituality. For the way a person is best able to demonstrate the depth of his love, best able to become more like Jesus, is by the practice of humility. Notice what this means about obedience. Obedience is the handmaid of humility. After all, the one sure-fire way to humble oneself is by being obedient to those entrusted with authority, whether they be parents, bosses, politicians or churchmen. This is especially true when such folks seem unreasonable or even unjust in their demands. For it is then that we have the best opportunity to become like Jesus Christ, who was obedient even to the point of accepting an unjust sentence of death.

Nowhere is the opportunity to obey more prevalent than within the context of our families. Not only are children called to obey their parents, but also husbands and wives are called to obey each other as a sign of their love for their beloved. In fact, there aren't many sacrifices harder than submitting our will to the will of another. Last, but certainly not least, all of us, as members of God's family, are called to obey the Church, who God has bequeathed as our mother.

Unfortunately, we often struggle as much listening to this mother as we did listening to our biological mothers as kids. After all, how many of us struggle, or even refuse, to pay attention at all, to our mother's advice on the serious issues plaguing our world like abortion, contraception, so called "gay-marriage", consumerism, materialism, the environment, the death penalty, just wars, and just about anything else?

But, perhaps just like the teenager who discovers in his twenties that his parents suddenly got a heck of a lot smarter since his teenage years, maybe we, too, can discover that the Church, our mother, has a little more insight than we might have previously thought. This is why, if there is an issue in the Church that you struggle with, I encourage you to follow Jesus' example of humility, by setting aside what you think you know for a moment and read with an open mind what the Church says on that particular subject. The internet is full of authentic and easy to understand explanations of our Catholic faith. Sometimes all it takes a little humility to begin to listen.

Blessings,

Fr. EJA

GENERAL INFORMATION MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

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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To Submit Bulletin Information:

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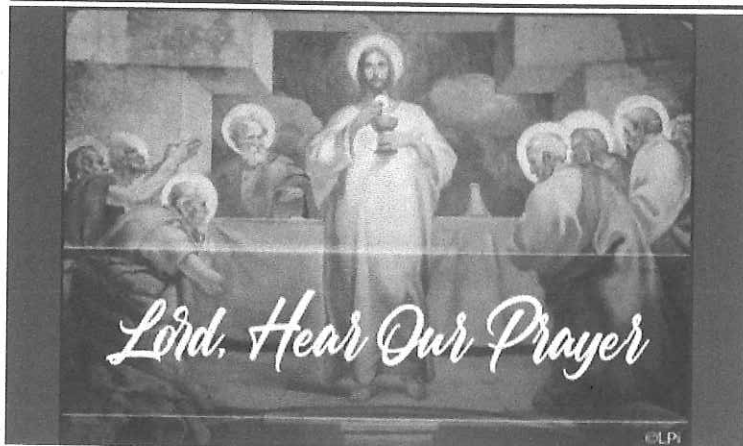
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

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,
Cody Ramaekers, Eric and Michelle Oberhauser
(Please call your parish office to add a name.)



ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 01/04:

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

Sun, 01/05:

10:00 AM-Deloris Herchenbach-CDA, and +Francis Sand

Mon, 01/06:

8:00 AM-+Paul Duesman

Tues, 01/07:

8:00 AM-Jane Sander-CDA

Wed, 01/08 :

8:00 AM-+Art Hill

Thurs, 01/09:

8:00 AM-L/D +Vic & +Ann Keller Family

Fri, 01/10:

NO MASS

Sat, 01/11:

5:30 PM-+Dick & +Eunice Olmer

Sun, 01/12:

10:00 AM-+Mary Kuchar

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 01/04:

5:00 PM-L/D Leo & Bertha Weise Family

Sun, 01/05:

8:00 AM-L/D Michael & Regina Dohmen Family, and
L/D Bud & Lori Bender Family

Mon, 01/06: 8:00 AM-Darlene Korus

Tues, 01/07:

5:00 PM-Don Borer

Wed, 01/08: 6:30 AM-L/D Mark & Mary Weeder Family

8:00 AM-Irene Gaspers

Thurs, 01/09:

8:00 AM-L/D Pat McPhillips Family

Fri, 01/10:

8:00 AM-L/D Wayne Milburn Family

Sat, 01/11:

5:00 PM-L/D Ted & Isabel Fehringer Family

Sun, 01/12:

8:00 AM-L/D Mark Finkral Family, People of Holy Family Parish

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 01/12:

8:30 AM-Melvin & Loretta Bahns

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 01/12:

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

Ken Classen (402) 923-0313

Finance Board: Bryan Reichmuth (402) 340-6429

School Board: Todd Preister (402) 454-1302

Lindsey Kosch (402) 910-3303

Home & School Association: Suzanne Beltz (402) 640-7360

Sarah Classen (402) 923-0131

Religious Ed Director: Lori Classen (402) 923-0987

Daycare Director: Brandi Eisenmenger (402) 923-0585

Server Coordinator: **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER**

Bulletin Submissions: Katie Morfeld (402) 923-0913

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Finance Office: Lisa Krings (402) 923-0913

Parish Office Secretary: Karen Wieser (402) 923-0913

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

Gift Shop: Julie Krings (402) 992-4151

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, 01/05: *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Mon, 01/06 *6:30 PM-*Discovering Christ* In Parish Hall

Wed, 01/08: *6:30 PM-PRE

Thurs, 01/09: *7:30 PM-School Board Meeting

*7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Meeting

*8 PM-Finance Board Meeting

Sat/Sun, 11/12: *Special Collection: Seminary Collection @
Masses

Sun, 01/12: *8 AM-12 PM-Knights of Columbus Pancake
Feed in Parish Hall

*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Wed, 01/15: *7 PM-Athletic Board Meeting

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN 11-12

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Dave Noonan

Servers-Tyson Wietfeld, Colten Wietfeld

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Terri Wilshusen

Greeters-Jerry & Jane Sander

Gift Bearers-Loran & Carol Wemhoff

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Bruce Pfeifer

Servers-Lexi Morfeld, Keith Ternus

EMHCs-Deacon Dennis Anderson, Ginny Fehringer

Greeters-Lynn Teply, Marge Albracht

Gift Bearers-Tim & Sheryl Wemhoff

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget..... \$1,979,168.63

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$1,010,618.41

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$1,033,066.26

Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ (22,447.85)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Restoration & Building Fund - \$10,
All Saints - \$25, Retirement Fund for Religious - \$45,
Immaculate Conception - \$80, Youth - \$164.61, Heat - \$200,
Thanksgiving - \$300, Loose - \$630.04, Church Support - \$3,635,
School Support - \$6,320.71, Christmas - \$26,726.61

PLATTE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL 2nd COLLECTION:

\$538.40

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

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Tom & Linda Kosch - 402-920-1238

Dean & Mary Ann Kosch - 402-920-2945

Tim & Connie Deets - 402-750-2902

Tim & Sheryl Wemhoff - 402-285-0097

Casey & Jackie Wegener - 402-993-2991

Allen & Gina Christensen - 402-923-9121

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Jim & Karla Foltz - 402-923-0277

Carl & Anonda Schneider - 605-929-0051

Steve & Ashley Krings - 402-920-0342

Eric & Sarah Frauendorfer - 402-278-2492

Mark & Lisa Geilenkirchen - 402-910-4975

Ivan & Sue Arlt - 402-923-1554

VACUUMERS: Andy & Lisa Krings,

Brandon & Katie Morfeld

SERVING QUILTERS

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

Friday, January 10: Milo & Rita Herink

Monday, January 13: Tim & Anita Brandl



Mmm...Pancakes!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE FEED

January 12 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join us in the parish hall for a delicious
pancake breakfast! Free will offering.