

SHARED PARISH INFORMATION

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THIS PAGE EVERY WEEK TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISHES, THE SURROUNDING PARISHES, SNIPITS FROM FR. OLSEN, FR. WAYNE & MORE!

***FR. OLSEN IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR A PICTORAL DIRECTORY FOR COMBINED PARISH CLUSTER:** We are attempting to put together a parish pictorial directory of our combined parish cluster. I am looking for a volunteer from each parish to serve as a contact person. If you are interested and able, please let me know at eolsen@archomaha.org.

***STARTS THIS MONDAY! ONLY LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE! - DISCOVERING CHRIST:** A 7-week experience that invites you to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO sign up for this special event. Dates are Mondays from January 7 through February 18 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the St. Francis parish hall. A special invitation goes out to our cluster parishes! The evening includes welcome/introductions, prayer & song, meal, teaching video and small group discussions. To register please call the St. Francis parish office at 402-923-0913. For more information contact Ginny Fehringer (402-920-3366) or Jayne Ternus (402-920-2820).

***THE NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE IN LINCOLN:** Saturday, January 18.

***UNPLANNED SHOWING AT SCOTUS LITTLE THEATER:** The movie *Unplanned* will be shown this Sunday, January 5, in the Scotus Little Theater (1554 18th Avenue, Columbus). Enter at the southeast set of doors. The public is invited! The movie is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson's journey of transformation from being a Planned Parenthood clinic director to an ardent pro-life speaker.

***SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Saturday, January 25. *Inviting all women of the archdiocese.* Are you looking for a way to help the priest(s) at your parish? Come and learn more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate on Saturday, January 25, at St. Patrick's in Fremont (3400 E 16th St, Fremont, NE 68025) from the founder of the apostolate, Janette Howe. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:00 AM with an informational meeting following at St. Patrick's parish hall. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting will conclude before noon. Contact Katie Keller at 402.575.9216 if you have any questions. More information about the apostolate can be found at: sevensistersapostolate.org.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church." — Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

***SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION WITH DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS:** Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk will be hosting a four-night mission, January 27-30 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church featuring Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Deacon Harold—known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon"—is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. A freewill offering will be taken each night of the event to help support and further the ministry of Deacon Harold. For more information contact Philip Zimmerman at philipzimmerman@sacredheartnorfolk.com, or call 402-371-2621.

LECTIO DIVINA AT HOME:

Take some time during the week to practice Lectio Divina. Here are next Sunday's readings to get you started:

1st Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Resp. Psalm: Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mt 3:13-1



Holy Family Parish January 5

*****Parish Office will be closed on Jan 10th & 13th***

Plant Project

Teams 9, 10, 1 and 2 are asked to work the Plant Project Wednesday morning, afternoon and evening. There is a lot of work to be done, please come help with this worthwhile project.

Welcome to Our Parish

Henry David Hemmer, son of Scott & Megan Hemmer

Gift Giver Calendars

Please have your calendar purchases and payments completed and turned in by Jan 13th.

Baby Jesus Shower

A Baby Jesus Shower is being held to support those mothers-to-be who opt for life rather than choosing abortion. You can support them by bringing a baby item for the bassinet in the library of the church. A diaper, baby clothes, wipes, blankets, etc. Once again these will be shared with Bethlehem House in Omaha, a live-in support home for those who choose life. Mothers-while shopping with your children, why not let them choose a gift for Baby Jesus and take it to the bassinet in church.

2019 Giving

The parish books for 2019 will close on Wednesday, January 8. Please have all your 2019 giving to the rectory office by this date. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year!!

Unused Fabric

Do you have boxes of unused fabrics that you would like to donate to a charitable cause? Preferably cotton/cotton blends, flannel, etc. At our Winter Texas Park we use the fabric to make patch quilts for poor children in Childrens Hospital. The Mexicans bring their ill children to the hospital and they come with little. We also donate these quilts to the poor in area schools and have even walked across the Rio Grande into Progreso, Mexico to deliver to the severely impoverished school children there. Contact Mary Weeder 402 920 0540.

Mass Intentions

There are several weekday openings if you would like to have a Mass said in honor of your loved ones. There are also a few weekend Masses available. Stop by the rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays to request.

Guild Rolls

The Guild will be making rolls on Sunday morning, January 12. This will be DINE IN ONLY. Please make plans to come and visit with your fellow parishioners. Circle 5 will be in charge of this event.

Collection Report 12/29

Loose	\$ 256.00
Sunday Giving	2095.00
School Support	7264.83
Fuel/Heating	25.00
Christmas	42257.79
Total	\$51898.62

Take Fr Jim a Meal

Please remember to sign up on the website Takethenameal.com with the recipient name of Novotny and password of 2019. Fr Jim truly appreciates all the meals brought in for him in the past! The meals can be very simple, let's continue to show our appreciation for all the years of sacrifice and dedication Fr Jim gave us.

Holy Family Fun Night

Saturday, Jan 18th

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the Fun Night Auction, Raffle or Prizes, please contact one of the committee member. Tickets may also be purchased from the Lindsay Bank, Holy Family Rectory, Farmers Coop, or a Committee Member.

Duane & Shanda Beller Andrew & Courtney Kurtenbach
Joe & Tara Korus Austin Engel & Kaidi Wolff
Allyn Nissen & Anthony Klassen Kyle & Gabby Lindhorst

If you wish to reserve a delivered meal, hold a meal, or pick up a meal between 6:15 pm and 6:30pm contact Tara Korus (402) 920-0648 before January 17th. Delivered meals will be ONLY for senior citizens not physically able to pick up their meal from school. You will need your ticket information when making reservations and your tickets will need to be turned in when you get your meal. Thank you for your support!

The Fun Night Committee is asking Circles 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 to please bring a donation for the cake walk. Your item can be one cake, two pies, two dozen cookies, two loaves of bread or a \$15.00 Gift Certificate to a local business. Please bring items to the Cafeteria by 5:00pm on Saturday, Jan. 18. Call Courtney Kurtenbach at (402) 380-3336 with questions. Thank you.

A message from Fr Olsen

I just wanted to share an update on the status of the High Altar. At the last Finance Committee meeting, a proposal was accepted from Mark's Custom Woodworking for the construction of a high altar (the outline can be found on the reverse side.) The project cost is \$17,340, and the entire amount has been raised. The altar is scheduled to be in before Easter and will be stained to match the woodwork currently in the church.

As you can see on the outline, there are places for three statues. A statue of the Sacred Heart is going to be in the middle, with a statue of the Blessed Mother His right and St. Joseph on his left. These statues have not been ordered yet, but a few people have expressed interest in donating towards that. One thing that will change in the draft is that, instead of having a relief of the Last Supper in the base, there will be a different design instead.

The high altar serves an important purpose in our church. First, it draws immediate attention to Jesus. As the center of the Church, the high altar is designed to capture the attention of anyone entering the church to help them recognize that the church building is a building different than any other building we are ever. This is one of the reasons why a high altar must be captivating, both in size and in ornamentation. It is supposed to capture the attention of everyone entering the Church immediately so that they can focus on Jesus Christ. I think this design does just that.

The second reason the high altar must be impressive is because of the occupant who resides there. The high altar is, effectively, the bedroom of Jesus Christ. I would hope that if Jesus were to move to Lindsay, we would build Him the nicest house we could. Well, the Church is Jesus house (and also about the nicest building in Lindsay!) Would we really want the bedroom of Our Lord and King to be anything less? Our new high altar accomplishes this while retaining continuity with the integrity and the noble simplicity of our current building.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to let me know. I am excited for this opportunity to draw even more attention to the Lord in our Church.

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