



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

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Friends,

No good parent is ever going to let a child walk alone through the streets of any big city. While such behavior might be tolerated in the communities of Northern Platte County, bigger cities like New York, Chicago or San Francisco are far too dangerous. Yet, there is a far more dangerous street that our kids in Platte County play in every day. That street is the "information superhighway" which is also known as the internet.

One of the most dangerous stretches of that highway is pornography. To give you some idea of the pervasiveness of pornography, know this. Porn sites receive more views every month than sites like Instagram, Wikipedia, Netflix or ESPN. It has been estimated that more money is generated by Porn than by every professional sport combined. If you think about how much guys like talking about sports, you have some indication of the epidemic of pornography.

I say epidemic purposefully. In fact, I think it is often more helpful to think of pornography as a psychological problem rather than a moral one. Of course, pornography is morally reprehensible and a grave evil. Unfortunately, the shame that comes from this moral evil is often a barrier to healing. Additionally, it is entirely possible the person ensnared by pornography is not fully guilty of that sin.

Imagine the following scenario. A kindergartner is aimlessly walking down the information superhighway looking for information about his favorite game...Minecraft...when he stumbles across something called Minecraft Porn (yes, there is that kind of evil in the world). One click later and the child's life is radically altered. Or, imagine another scenario. A kindergartner is on the bus with a bunch of Jr. High kids that have smart phones. One of them thinks it would be funny to show pornography to the kindergartner. The examples could go on and on. Is it any wonder, then, why the average age a child is exposed to pornography is eight years old? Almost always, no one starts out looking for pornography. But, much like the danger on a big city street, that doesn't mean pornography is lurking down every dark alley waiting to ambush unsuspecting victims.

In either case, the child is traumatized. On the one hand, he is captivated by what he saw because human beings are beautifully designed to be enthralled by sex. On the other hand, he realizes that something is wrong. Even though the child has no idea what he is seeing, he does know that something is wrong since he knows that people without clothing is not normal behavior.

This combination of excitement and curiosity are soon shrouded in guilt and shame. These emotions torment the child. He wants to know more, to see more, but the shame and guilt he experiences tell him to hide it and forget about it. This solution doesn't last long. About a month later, according to statistics, the child revisits pornography, which only piques his curiosity even more. As this cycle repeats itself, pornography becomes a part of his life.

Notice well, much like the child walking through the forest and bitten by a poisonous snake is not guilty of any moral failing, so, too, the child or young adult that is walking aimlessly down the information superhighway is not guilty when he is bitten by the demon of pornography. Treating pornography like some gigantic moral failing is counterproductive. It only allows shame to keep pornography use hidden and let its poisonous effects worsen. The poison must be removed. Like any anti-venom, this can be a long and painful process, but there is always a cure. The sacrament of confession is a wonderful, anonymous way to begin.

Of course, like any disease, prevention is the best medicine. It's never too early for parents to start a dialogue with kids about the dangers lurking on the information superhighway, including pornography. "Good Pictures, Bad Pictures" is particularly good for parents with very small children. Even better, since you wouldn't let your kids walk alone in the streets of big cities because of the danger, don't let them do it on the internet. The dangers there are just as real and perhaps even more sinister.

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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(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:

Brent Kendall, 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 Babi, Patrick Washburn, Craig Prather
(Please call your parish office to add a name.)



ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

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

Mon, 02/03:

8:00 AM--Mary Kuchar

Tues, 02/04:

8:00 AM-Agnes Kuta-CDA, and +Francis J. Korth (BD)

Wed, 02/05:

8:00 AM--Eddie Kresha

Thurs, 02/06:

8:00 AM--Paul Duesman

Fri, 02/07:

6:30 AM-Souls of the Faithfully Departed

Sat, 02/08:

5:30 PM--Dick & +Eunice Olmer

Sun, 02/09: 10:00 AM-L/D +Anton & Roberta Buresh Family,
and +Francis Sand

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

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

Mon, 02/03:

8:00 AM-Norman Kurtenbach

Tues, 02/04:

8:00 AM-Irene Gaspers

Wed, 02/05: 6:30 AM-L/D George & Monica Frisch Family

8:00 AM-Lee Pinger

Thurs, 02/06:

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

Fri, 02/07:

8:00 AM-L/D Catholic Order of Foresters

Sat, 02/08: 5:00 PM-L/D Don Moravec Family, and
L/D Joe Wemhoff Family

Sun, 02/09:

8:00 AM-In Thanksgiving, People of Our Parish

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 02/09:

8:30 AM-Nick Wieseler

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 02/09:

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
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Pastoral Minister: Diane Zach.....(402) 920-0617
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ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

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Elementary School:.....402-923-0611

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 02/02: *PRE Rolls & Coffee after Mass
*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
Mon, 02/03 *6:30 PM-*Discovering Christ* in Parish Hall
Wed, 02/05: *6:30 PM-PRE
Thurs, 02/06: *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration Following 8 AM
Mass
Fri, 02/07: *5 PM-Benediction
Sun, 02/09: **Discovering Christ* Retreat in Parish Hall
*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted--and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." - Lk 2:34-35

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEB 8-9

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Chris Braun
Servers-Anna Stricklin, Kiley Heinen
EMHCs-Deacon Kent Sachau, Jarod Podliska
Greeters-Francis & Connie Jaixen
Gift Bearers-Adam & Karen Wietfeld

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Celie Anderson
Servers-Colter Schneider, Addison Schneider
EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Andy Krings
Greeters-Dan & Ginny Fehringer
Gift Bearers-Dean & Mary Kosch

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget..... \$1,979,168.63
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income \$1,243,475.66
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses \$1,193,631.97
Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 49,843.69

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Youth - \$13.82,
Solemnity of Mary - \$17, Improvement Fund - \$50,
Seminary - \$86, Loose - \$386.24, Heat - \$655,
Church Support - \$5,716, School Support - \$12,840

ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE SPECIAL 2nd COLLECTION: \$482

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

CHURCH CLEANING

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Marv & Norma Jane Classen - 402-923-1090
Jason & Stacey Janata - 402-920-2328
Glenn & Joyce Ternus - 402-454-3831
Betty Labenz - 402-923-0647
Jordan & Crystal Foltz - 402-920-2339

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

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

VACUUMERS: Dave & Elaine Gilsdorf,
Shane & Amy Baumgart

SERVING QUILTERS

It's Your Turn To Bring A Dessert: 3:30 PM in parish hall.
Friday, February 7: Daniel & Jordan Wegener
Monday, February 10: Carl & Kim Jarosz