



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

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Friends,

A girlfriend turns to her boyfriend and says, "Does this dress look good on me?" A parent asks a child, "Have you cleaned your room?" A couple celebrating their 50th anniversary asks their children, "Are you throwing us a surprise party?" A telemarketer asks the person answering the phone, "Is the head of the household available?" These questions have one thing in common. They usually tempt the respondent to lie.

But is lying in such situations really such a bad thing? In fact, some might argue that sometimes lying is, not just permitted, but a good thing. For example, isn't lying permissible to spare the feelings of another? What about to protect someone from serious harm? It is certainly permissible to lie then?

The answer is no. It is never, ever, under any circumstances, morally permissible to lie. But, before we explore why, let's first remember what a lie is. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which quotes St. Augustine, "A lie consists in speaking falsehood with the intention of deceiving." Notice that the intention to deceive is essential to the lie. For example, it is not a lie to answer incorrectly on a math exam. Nor is it a lie when someone communicates one idea, and later, changes his or her mind (e.g. a mom doesn't lie to her children in saying she's going to make cookies and then doesn't because she's changed her mind for whatever reason). Thus, not every false utterance is a lie, but only those that are communicated with the intention to deceive.

Lying is always sinful, not simply because it violates the eighth commandment, but also because it runs directly counter to what Jesus has revealed to us in the gospels. Recall that Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and life. No one comes to the Father except through me." And it is this truth, as Jesus also says, that sets us free.

Notice how true this is. Even when the truth hurts, there is still a sense of liberation because of the confrontation with reality that the truth necessarily brings. For there is nothing more real, and, thus, nothing any of us want to know more, than the truth, even when the truth, like when someone we love is dying, is really darn hard.

This becomes even more profound when we contrast it with the alternative. Notice what happens when we lie. Not only are we not living in the truth, but we are also stealing that truth, which is Jesus, from our neighbor. When we do this, reality is obscured. We must create an alternative reality built around this lie. This is why so many people lead secret or double lives. The lies we've told must be supported by other lies, which lead to other lies, etc... until we find ourselves living as one person in one set of circumstances and a different person in another.

This is what all lies do. They make us slaves. With each lie we tell, we, like a fly caught in a spider's web, become bound to that lie. We tell more lies to cover that lie, which, in turns, entangles us in that web until we are no longer free to be "ourselves" because "ourselves" have been smothered in a cocoon of lies. This becomes a viscous cycle, which the devil, who, not coincidentally, Jesus calls the "father of lies", uses to keep us from approaching God. The more lies we tell, the more fear of exposure we have and the more "protection" from exposure to the truth we think we need. This is really the biggest lie of all. For the devil knows full well that anyone who does expose himself or herself to the Truth will be set free from even the most tangled web of deceit.

Does this mean we have to tell our girlfriends or wives that she looks fat in her dress, spoil our parent's surprise birthday party and be rude to the telemarketer? Of course not! What it means is that we cannot communicate something we know to be false. There is a difference between being forthright and being truthful. For instance, we could tell our loved ones that a dress does not fit her style. We could distract our parents with questions such as "Do you really think I'd go to all that work?" or some other diversion. Of course, it would be a far better thing to be rude to the telemarketer than to lie. For the one thing we must always do is to tell the truth. Lying makes us in the image of the "father of all lies", telling the truth makes us in the image of Jesus.

This can be extremely difficult for many reasons. Lying is so simple, so easy. In fact, it can become such a habit that lying is almost reflexive. Additionally, it can be difficult, if not next to impossible, to think quickly on our feet so that we might both preserve the truth and deflect harmful sentiments. Remember, however, that this is really the difference between heaven and hell. For the road to perdition, lying, is wide and easy and many traverse it, while the road to heaven is narrow and difficult because it means speaking the truth and this truth can be difficult.

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:

Rev. Eric Olsen ..... 402-923-0913

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### To Submit Bulletin Information:

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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:

Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

### KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

Eric and Michelle Oberhauser, Ben Borer, Nicole Thompson,

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

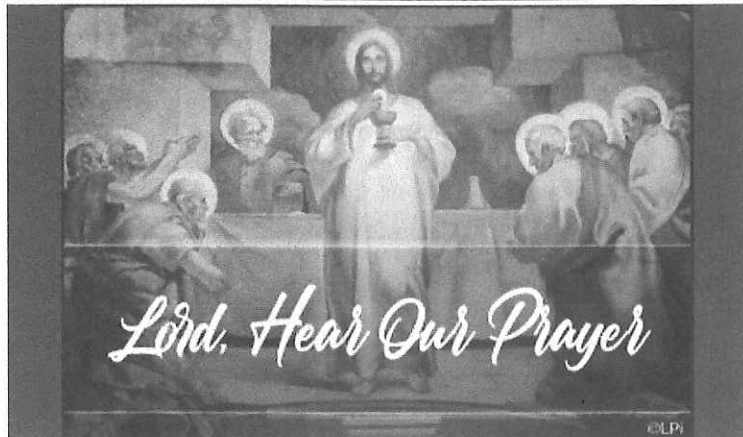
Joshua Sprunk, Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer,

Bryce Bartholomew, Calvin Wiese, Doc Schumacher,

Dylan Preister, John Babl, Patrick Washburn, Craig Prather,

Mitchell Preister, Cody Ramaekers

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



# MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

### Sat, 01/11:

5:30 PM--Dick & +Eunice Olmer

### Sun, 01/12:

10:00 AM--Mary Kuchar

### Mon, 01/13:

8:00 AM-L/D +Don & +Mariette Olmer Family

### Tues, 01/14:

8:00 AM--Sr. Bernice Preister

### Wed, 01/15:

8:00 AM--Wilfred Sand, +Donna Uher, & +Rich Thomas

### Thurs, 01/16:

8:00 AM--Tom Brockhaus (A), +Ervin & +Mary Melcher, & +Don Melcher

### Fri, 01/17: NO MASS

### Sat, 01/18:

5:30 PM--Dave Eisenmenger

### Sun, 01/19:

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

**(WA):** Wedding  
Anniversary

**(A):** Anniversary  
of Death

**(B):** Birthday

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

**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

### Mon, 01/13:

8:00 AM-In Thanksgiving for the Parishioners Who Remembered the Priests with Christmas Gifts

### Tues, 01/14:

5:00 PM-L/D Swede & Arlene Kurtenbach Family

### Wed, 01/15:

6:30 AM-Connie Beller  
8:00 AM-L/D Maynard Geilenkirchen Family

### Thurs, 01/16:

8:00 AM-All Priests

### Fri, 01/17:

8:00 AM-L/D Rich Weeder Family

### Sat, 01/18:

5:00 PM-Colby Lindhorst

### Sun, 01/19:

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

## ST. MARY, LEIGH:

### Sun, 01/19:

8:30 AM-For the Parishioners of the Cluster Parishes

## ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

### Sun, 01/19:

10:30 AM-L/D Gervin & Joyce Kudron Family

# 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:** Deb Herchenbach ..... (402) 923-0320

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

\*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

Mon, 01/13 \*6:30 PM-*Discovering Christ* In Parish Hall

Wed, 01/15: \*6:30 PM-PRE

\*7 PM-Athletic Board Meeting

Sat, 01/18: \*2 PM-Stephanie Baumgart & Tyler Kuper  
Wedding

Sun, 01/19: \*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN 18-19

### Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Corrine Haiar

Servers-Tyrel Wegener, Anna Stricklin

EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Russ Wilshusen

Greeters-Tim & Beverly Zach

Gift Bearers-Dan & Sheri Wessel

### Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Andy Reigle

Servers-Whitney Wegener, Ethan Wieseler

EMHCs-Dean Korus, Sarah Huettner

Greeters-Michael & Natalie Ramaekers

Gift Bearers-Dale & Diane Zach

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

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

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income ..... \$1,078,936.68

Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses ..... \$1,036,857.90

Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$ 42,078.78

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:** Youth - \$17.88, PRE - \$25,  
Solemnity of Mary - \$90, Loose - \$472.90, School Support -  
\$1,090, Christmas - \$1,110, Church Support - \$13,179

### RESTORATION & BUILDING FUND 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:

\$409

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** *Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will go toward  
Debt Reduction.*

## CHURCH CLEANING

### WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING 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

### SACRISTY & FLOWERS 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

**VACUUMERS:** Tim & Connie Foltz,

Loran & Carol Wemhoff

## SERVING QUILTERS

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

**Friday, January 17:** Joe & Crystal Ott

**Monday, January 20:** Lynn Teply



# Mmm...Pancakes!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE FEED

**THIS SUNDAY: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

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