



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

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Friends,

Most Catholics know that the Church obliges them to attend mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This adds up to 58 days in a normal year. However, this number can vary. Because it is the Church, not God, which determines which days we must attend mass, the Church can also dispense from those days. This happens most frequently when a day like All Saints Day falls on a Saturday or a Monday. In that case, the bishop usually decides to dispense with the obligation to attend mass that day since Sunday is also a Holy Day of Obligation.

This may become more apparent in our own country in the following months. If the worry of the COVID-19 disease becomes more heightened, bishops in certain parts of the country, including ours, may dispense from the obligation even to attend mass on Sundays. Of course, this doesn't dispense us from our obligation to keep Sunday holy since that is God's law and not the Church's law. But, it may mean we have to keep Sunday holy differently, perhaps by watching mass on TV, praying the rosary as a family and reading Sacred Scripture. In such cases, receiving Holy Communion spiritually becomes incredibly important.

Spiritual communion is not a new or unforeseen practice in the Church. It has been widely used in the past and is anticipated by the Church even today. What most Catholics may not realize is that the Church requires us to receive Holy Communion only once a year during the Easter Season. This is striking for a couple of reasons. First, it highlights the awesome power of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is so impactful that receiving it just once a year provides sufficient graces. Of course, receiving more frequently is better, provided one is properly disposed.

The second reason this is striking is because it anticipates the possibility, if not probability, that many Catholics might not receive communion at mass. If we are required to mass 58 times but only required to receive Holy Communion once, what other conclusion could we draw?

But, why would a Catholic attend mass and not receive Holy Communion? The United States Council of Catholic Bishops puts it this way. In order to receive Holy Communion, "the Catholic should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible."

In such cases where one is prohibited from receiving Holy Communion, the practice of making a Spiritual Communion is substituted. There are two ways of doing this at mass. First, we can pray silently from our pews expressing our desire to be united with Jesus in Holy Communion spiritually. Second, we can join others in the Communion line and cross our hands over our chest when it is our turn. The priest or EMHC will then acclaim "Praise be Jesus Christ!" or something similar as the Eucharist is held up before you, which give you a chance to express your desire to receive Him spiritually at that time.

If the public celebration of mass is prohibited because of health concerns, spiritual communions can and should be made while watching mass on television on Sundays or other Holy Days of Obligation. However, they can also be made at other times on other days. Spiritual Communions are a wonderful way to develop a longing, and there are many beautiful prayers to assist with this that can be found online.

Please know that if the public celebration of mass is prohibited, Fr. Wayne and I will still be saying masses privately for the end of the circumstances of this prohibition. If it can be arranged, we will ring the main bells of the Church to alert everyone when the consecration is taking place so that you can make spiritual communions at that time. Pray it doesn't come to that.

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

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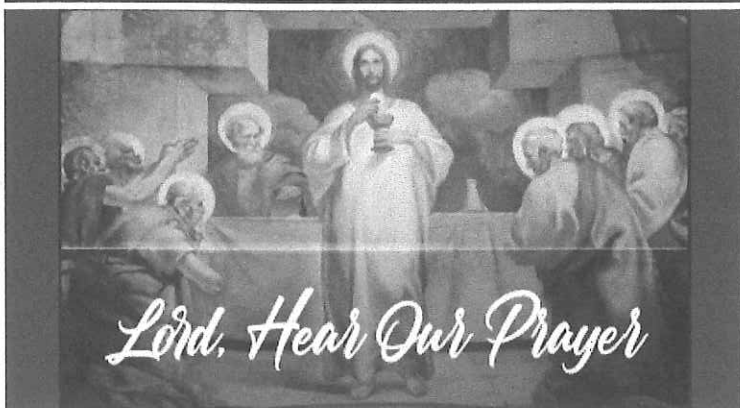
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer

KEEP IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE OUR COUNTRY:

Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister, John Babl,
Patrick Washburn, Craig Prather, Jedd Taff, 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
(Please call your parish office to add a name.)



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 03/14:

5:30 PM-L/D +Leonard Fuchs Family

Sun, 03/15:

10:00 AM-Sister Valeria Foltz

Mon, 03/16:

8:00 AM-L/D Paul & Bonnie Ramaekers Family

Tues, 03/17:

8:00 AM-L/D +Dale & Nell Schumacher Family

Wed, 03/18: 8:00 AM-L/D +Gene & +Mary Ellen Zach Family

6:40 PM (PRE Mass)-L/D +Art Preister Family

Thurs, 03/19:

8:00 AM-+Ludwig & +Viola Wemhoff

Fri, 03/20: 8:00 AM Lenten Mass-+Marlene Olson

7:00 PM-Stations of the Cross & Adoration (During Lent)

Sat, 03/21:

5:30 PM-+Luke & +Arlene Weidner

Sun, 03/22:

10:00 AM-+Carolyn Gronenthal

(WA): Wedding
Anniversary

(A): Anniversary
of Death

(B): Birthday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 03/14: 5:00 PM-Irene Gasper, Ron Reiff

Sun, 03/15: 8:00 AM-L/D Holy Family Guild, L/D Jim Preister Family

Mon, 03/16:

8:00 AM-L/D Vince Bender Family

Tues, 03/17:

8:00 AM-Anita Wiese

Wed, 03/18:

6:30 AM-L/D Swede & Arlene Kurtenbach Family

8:00 AM-Duane Wiese

Thurs, 03/19:

8:00 AM-Rose Marie Greisen

Fri, 03/20:

8:00 AM-Jane Zeller

Sat, 03/21:

5:00 PM-L/D Don Moravec Family, Michael Werner

Sun, 03/22:

8:00 AM-L/D Michael & Regina Dohmen Family

ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 03/22:

8:30 AM-Mary Helen Hogendorn

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 03/22:

10:30 AM-Michael Harris

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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ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

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Jr./Sr. High School:.....402-923-0818
Elementary School:.....402-923-0611

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 03/15: *Right-to-Life Breakfast after Mass
 *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church
 Wed, 03/18: *6:30 PM-PRE
 *7 PM-Athletic Board Meeting
 Thurs, 03/19: *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration Following 8 AM
 Mass
 *7 PM-School Board Meeting
 Fri, 03/20: *8 AM-Lenten Mass
 *7 PM-Stations of the Cross & Adoration
 Sat, 03/21: *500 Club Dinner & Dance
 *Catholic Relief Services Collection @ Mass
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SERVING QUILTERS

It's Your Turn To Bring A Dessert: 3:30 PM in the parish hall. You can plan to serve eight to twelve ladies.

Friday, March 20: Shane & Amy Baumgart

Monday, March 23: Mark & Jeanne Brockhaus

LITURGICAL MINISTERS **MAR. 21-22**

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Larry Korth
 Servers-Carter Howard, Madison Howard
 EMHCs-Paul & Jodie Eisenmenger
 Greeters-Tim & Anita Brandl
 Gift Bearers-Joe & Lori Classen

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Dave Krings
 Servers-Isaac Classen, Jaiden Anderson
 EMHCs-Sheila Goetsch, Nathan Classen
 Greeters-Jim & Lisa Classen
 Gift Bearers-Elaine Eisenmenger, Marlyn Theilen

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget	\$1,979,168.63
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Income	\$1,383,548.38
Fiscal YTD Church/School Total Expenses	<u>\$1,391,071.53</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (7,523.15)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: Youth - \$18.81, PRE - \$30,
 4-in-1 - \$100, Loose - \$658.86, School Support - \$965,
 Church Support - \$3,449

RESTORATION & BUILDING FUND 2nd COLLECTION: \$284



2nd COLLECTION: Next weekend's 2nd collection will go to purchase seeds and other supplies for Fr. Wayne's garden.

CHURCH CLEANING

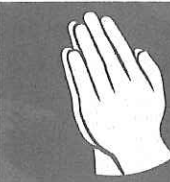
WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Kevin & Linda Bender - 402-923-0276
 Margie Schaecher - 402-923-0871
 Joe & Janet Eisenmenger - 402-923-1004
 Alan & Jessica Anderson - 402-923-0215
 Kerry & Linda Korth - 402-923-0947
 George & Vicki Ternus - 402-285-0476

SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Tom & Ann Olmer - 402-923-335
 Todd & Sara Groteluschen - 402-285-0029
 Deacon Tim & Melissa Howard - 402-841-4012
 Joe & Lori Classen - 402-923-0987
 Jameson & Sara Werner - 402-380-9440
 Jordan & Danielle Bender - 402-920-0614

VACUUMERS: Jim & Deb Herchenbach,
 Ryan & Megan Preister



PRAY FAST GIVE