

# COUNTERING JESUS,

PO Box 116, Humphrey, NE 68642 402-923-0913 www.humphreystfrancis.com

103 E 3rd St. Lindsay, NE 68644 402-428-2455 Ihfparish.wordpress.com

Francis Humphrey | Holy Family Lindsay | St. Michael Tarnov | St. Mary Leigh

309 3rd St. Tarnov, NE 68642 402-923-0913 Mailing Address: PO Box 162

Leigh, NE 68643 402-487-2666 http://bit.ly/stmaryleigh

Friends,

I hate mornings. Especially those dreary, dark, bitterly cold Monday mornings in the middle of February when the sound of the alarm clock literally shocks you into consciousness. You know you have to get up. But it is so hard because every fiber of your being is clinging to your warm, comfy bed.

Of course, not every morning is that bad. In fact, there are some mornings that really can't come fast enough. The same eightyear-old child that must be dragged out of bed for school springs out of bed hours earlier on Christmas morning. I assume that most brides have no problem getting up on their wedding day, even if the night before was rather long. I certainly have no difficulty getting out of bed, even at two in the morning, if I'm going fishing. What makes these kinds mornings so much easier than most others?

The answer is hope. Hope is the reason the eight-year-old child bounces out of bed on Christmas morning. Hope is the reason the bride is eager to get to the church. Hope is the reason I so look forward to fishing (although, in my case, that hope is usually not that well-founded). Without hope, not only is all desire removed, but all of our joy is as well. When there is no hope, we are grumpy,

bitter and depressed. But, with it, we are excited, eager and happy.

If there was anyone that exemplifies the value and the importance of hope it is the Blessed Virgin Mary. In fact, think about how Mary could even get out of bed after watching her Son, the Divine Son of God, be so brutally crucified at the hands of the very people He came to save. If ever there was someone who shouldn't have wanted to face the trials of a new day, it should have been Mary. To lose a child under any situation would be enough to tempt any of us to lose hope. To lose the child you were told by an angel would become the savior of the world would have been unimaginable.

Why isn't Mary bitter, angry and frustrated, not just with the soldiers, but with God? She was told by the Angel Gabriel that her child would be given "the throne of His father David and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." Now this child is dead. Who could really blame Mary if she felt hopeless? Well, the one person who would blame

Mary is Mary. Why? Well, because, it is in the midst of this complete darkness that Mary's perfection of hope shines the brightest.

The theological virtue of hope is probably best defined as trust // trust not in ourselves or in our circumstances // but rather trust in the power of God. Notice what this says about hope. True hope is in the power of God. And, the power of God has absolutely no limitations. It is when Mary has absolutely no hope in herself or any of the earthly realities that surround her that her theological virtue of hope is perfected. Thus, on that first Easter morning, Mary probably springs out of bed, because her hope is, not in herself, her circumstances or anything else, but in God. The resurrection proves that Mary's hope was not in vain. For with the Resurrection, God demonstrates that there is no difficulty, not even the worst human difficulties of suffering and death, that cannot be overcome by the power of God.

Notice what this says about our times of darkness, difficulty and doubt. For all too often the world around us gives us no hope. If our only hope is in these worldly realities, we are going to be bitter, angry and afraid. But, this is foolishness! For we have nothing to fear! For with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have read the last page of the book. The good guys win, and they live happily ever after.

Blessings,



F. EJA

### **GENERAL INFORMATION MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS**

### **SACRAMENT PREP**

CO DAI SAT

SUI

CHECK YOUR PARISH WEBSITE TO FIND CONFESSION TIMES.

**BAPTISMS:** To schedule, please contact Rev. Eric Olsen. MARRIAGE: Please contact the priest six months before wedding in order to fulfill required wedding prep classes.

### CONTACTS

#### Pastor:

.....esolsen@archomaha.org 

### To Submit Bulletin Information:

St. Francis Parishioners......kmorfeld@hsfschool.org 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:**

Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce Bartholomew, Calvin Wiese, 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 (Please call your parish office to add a name.)

> TODAY IS THE DAY OF

# ALLELUIA



### ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 04/11 - Easter Vigil:

8:30 PM-For the People of the Cluster Parishes

Sun, 04/12 - Easter Sunday:

10:00 AM-+Andrew "Cliff" Korth (BD) & +Eddie Kresha

Mon, 04/13:

8:00 AM-+Joe & +Bernie Kosch

Tues, 04/14:

8:00 AM-+Thelma Veik & +Francis Sand

Wed. 04/15:

8:00 AM-+Paul Duesman (A)

Thurs, 04/16:

8:00 AM-L/D +Tom Brockhaus Family

Fri. 04/17:

**NO MASS** 

Sat. 04/18:

**NO MASS** 

Sun, 04/19:

10:00 AM-For the Parishioners of Our Cluster Parishes

(WA): Wedding Anniversary

(A): Anniversary of Death

(B): Birthday

### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 04/11 - Holy Saturday: 8:30 PM-Livestreamed @ St. Francis Sun, 04/12:

8:00 AM-L/D Dave & Rita Van Ackeren Family, & People of Holy Family Parish

Mon, 04/13: (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

6:00 PM-Susie Korth

Tues. 04/14:

8:00 AM-Norm & Mary Ann Kurtenbach

8:00 AM-Benedict Pfeifer, Connie Beller

Thurs, 04/16:

8:00 AM-Mary Fischer

Fri, 04/17:

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

Sat, 04/18:

5:00 PM-L/D Maynard Geilenkirchen Family, **Garry Thompson** 

Sun, 04/19: NO MASS

### ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 04/19:

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

### ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sat, 04/18: NOTE DAY/TIME CHANGE\*\*

6:30 PM-For the Parishioners of St. Michael

## 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
<b>School Board:</b> 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
kmorfeld@hsfschool.org
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
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b> Diane Zach(402) 920-0617
<b>Gift Shop:</b> Julie Krings(402) 992-4151

### ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

Principal: Jennifer Dunn	jdunn@hsfschool.org
Jr./Sr. High School:	402-923-0818
Elementary School:	

### **PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Sun, 04/12: \*Easter Sunday

Thurs, 04/16: \*8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration

GO TO WWW.FACEBOOK.COM AND SEARCH "HUMPHREY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH" TO FIND OUR MASS TIMES.

YOU **DO NOT** NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO ACCESS OUR **FACEBOOK PAGE AND LIVE-STREAMED EVENTS** 

**SCRIP** FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS ST. FRANCIS CHURCH DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES ... at no extra cost to you.

To purchase, call the parish office at 402-923-0913.

March 2020 SCRIP sales totaled \$5,500. Total profit from sales came to \$191.56.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS.

Sat, 5:30 PM

Servers-

EMHCs-

Gift Be

Sun, 1 Lector

> Servers **EMHCs**

Greeters

Gift Bearers-



### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT

Church/School 19/20 Fiscal Year Budget

356.07

198.45

357.62

Fiscal Y Fiscal Y Surplus,

LAST W

**DEBT RI** 2nd COL

### CHURCH CLEANING

### **WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:**

Ethan & Jaycee Bruland - 402-920-0693

Richard & Susan Braun - 402-923-0289 Blake & Cassie Krings - 402-641-5407

Glen & Tammy Weidner - 402-923-0278

Larry & Louise Wisehart - 402-923-0892

Melvin & Karen Sueper - 402-920-3344

Cassy Gade - 402-380-5341

### SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

Dean & Ann Preister - 402-923-0112

Rich & Robin Wegener - 402-920-1036

Steve & Karen Wieser - 402-923-0403

George & Rita Keller - 402-920-2001

Jovce Keller - 402-923-0916

Keith & Brooke Sunderman - 402-920-3773

**VACUUMERS:** Milton & Karen Wemhoff, Betty Sueper

### **SERVING QUILTERS**

N HOLD It's Your Turn To Bring

hall. You can pl

Friday, Mal Monday, M

the parish