



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

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Friends,

Competition, like any gift, can be both a strength and a weakness. On the one hand, competition is extremely beneficial. Without competition, the talents of a Michael Jordan or a Tiger Woods would never have the chance to develop so profoundly. On the other hand, competition can become extremely destructive. For instance, many will lie, cheat or steal all in the name of competition. When it is used, not as a motivation for developing talents and skills, but as an excuse to destroy another, competition becomes problematic.

Yet, there is one venue in which competition is always destructive...our spiritual life. This is demonstrated quite profoundly in Jesus' parable of the talents. In this parable, Jesus recounts a rich man entrusting a number of talents to his servants. To one servant, he bequeaths five talents, to another two and to a third one.

What kind of return does the rich man get on his investment? Two of his servants were diligent with their stewardship and doubled the talents entrusted to them. However, the third servant was afraid of failing. He chose to bury his lone talent in the ground. And for his lack of stewardship, this third servant has his lone talent taken from him and given to the first servant.

Now, in Jesus' day, a talent was a term applied to a large measure of wealth. In fact, one talent was approximately equal to one hundred pounds of silver. To put this in perspective, recall that Judas betrayed Jesus for a measly thirty PIECES of silver. Thus, for the rich man to entrust even one talent to his servants would have meant entrusting him with something of supreme value.

Although the talent Jesus is referring to in today's gospel is a huge sum of money, there is a striking parallel between this monetary unit called a talent and the talents we receive from God as gifts. Both are of inestimable value. Both are gifts. And, both require good stewardship if they are to be returned profitably.

There is one crucial difference between these types of talents. While monetary talents are easily quantified, the talents and gifts we receive from God are not. In fact, throughout our life, we are continually deepening our appreciation of the multitude of talents and gifts we have received from God, as well as constantly becoming aware of new ones. This is why competition in the spiritual life is devastating. If we don't even know how we are responding to our own talents and gifts, how can we compare ourselves to others, whose talents and gifts are even more mysterious?

Yet, simply think about how often we compare ourselves to others in spiritual matters. Well, at least I'm not like so and so that doesn't come to Mass or comes to Mass late or leaves Mass early. Or, at least I'm not like so and so who gossips all the time, or whose kids get into trouble, or uses foul language. Or, at least I'm not like so and so who drinks, or who is in an invalid marriage, or runs around. In these and an infinite number of other cases, the comparisons that arise from our competition with others destroy us. How?

First, these comparisons tempt us into a false sense of security. We might muse, "Since I do more, than I am sure to go to heaven." Hogwash! How do we know that God hasn't given us ten talents? Five we might be using very well to accomplish many good things. However, we might have buried the other five in the ground. Wouldn't this make us five times worse than the third servant in this parable?

Second, how do we know what talents and gifts God has given others? It could be that the person who struggles with Mass, kids, language, alcohol or sex was given only 10% of one talent from God but is making the most of it. Even though they are seemingly less productive, they may be much more like the servants who maximized their talents than we are.

The bottom line is this. We simply have almost no idea how God is working in our own lives, let alone how God is working in the lives of others. So, rather than competing with others, we need to use that gift of competition to better ourselves.

In Christ,

# 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.

**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:

Shawn Korth, Ed Ramaekers, Gavin Hottovy,

Keith & Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer, Shirley Pfeifer

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

Craig Prather, Jedd Taff, Cody Ramaekers, Ben Borer,

Nicole Thompson, Steve Bender, Jacob Williams,

Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce Bartholomew,

Calvin Wiese, Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister, John Babl

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



# MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

### Sat, 11/14:

5:30 PM--Bill Werner

### Sun, 11/15:

10:00 AM--+Francis & Lucille Sand (WA)

### Mon, 11/16:

8:00 AM--+Viola Wemhoff (A)

### Tues, 11/17:

8:00 AM-L/D +Alvin & +Terry Fischer Families,  
and +Agnes Eisenmenger (A)

### Wed, 11/18:

8:00 AM-L/D +Matt Schumacher Family

### Thurs, 11/19:

8:00 AM--+Herman, +Henrietta & +Gary Krings

### Fri, 11/20:

8:00 AM-L/D +Ed & +Marjorie Sueper Family

### Sat, 11/21:

5:30 PM--+Doris Boesch

### Sun, 11/22:

10:00 AM-Larry & Sharlene Hamling Family (45th WA)

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

**Sat, 11/14:** 5:00 PM-L/D Don & Margaret Moravec Family,  
L/D COF Members

**Sun, 11/15:** 8:00 AM-L/D Bud & Lori Bender Family,  
L/D Joe & Theresa Wemhoff Family

### Mon, 11/16:

8:00 AM-Eleanor McPhillips

### Tues, 11/17:

8:00 AM-L/D Ken & Marian Hamling Family

### Wed, 11/18:

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

### Thurs, 11/19:

8:00 AM-Shirley Pfeifer

### Fri, 11/20:

8:00 AM-L/D Novotny Family

**Sat, 11/21:** 5:00 PM-L/D Johnny & Darlene Korus Family,  
L/D Marv & Rhoda Gilsdorf Family

### Sun, 11/22:

8:00 AM-L/D Ray, Mildred & Tom Oberhauser Family

## ST. MARY, LEIGH:

### Sun, 11/22:

8:30 AM-Nick Wieseler

## ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

### Sun, 11/22:

10:30 AM-Lucille Ciecior

# ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday - 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

## CONTACTS

### PARISH MINISTERS:

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After Office Hours - Connie Foltz .....(402) 920-3222  
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### ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS:

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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

As is our custom, the Book of the Dead will be displayed during November. We encourage you to enter into the book



the names of loved ones who have died this year. We will display the book during the entire month of November and remember those listed through our prayers.

## PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 11/15: \*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church  
Tues, 11/17: \*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ St. Francis for All EMHCs of Cluster Parishes  
Wed, 11/18: \*6:30 PM-PRE  
Thurs, 11/19: \*8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration  
\*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ Holy Family for All EMHCs of Cluster Parishes  
Sat, 11/21: \*Blue & White Night Virtual Fundraiser  
Sun, 11/22: \*7 PM-"Rosary for Peace" in Church  
**\*One-Act Home Presentation Canceled**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOV 21-22

### Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Kim Jarosz  
Servers-Tucker Czarnick, Cael Classen  
EMHCs-Deacon Kent Sachau, Jodie Eisenmenger  
Greeters-Karen Werner, Gina Eisenmenger  
Gift Bearers-Vern & Corrine Haiar

### Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Rita Keller  
Servers-Tatum Classen, Ty Classen  
EMHCs-Andy Krings, Sheila Goetsch  
Greeters-Mary Anne Haschke, Deb Huettner  
Gift Bearers-Ray & Mary Hemmer

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday Giving .....	\$ 7,061.00
Loose.....	\$ 329.00
Youth.....	\$ 4.00
School Support.....	\$ 1,846.00
PRE .....	\$ 35.00
Heat .....	\$ 100.00
Improvement Fund .....	\$ 25.00
Thanksgiving .....	\$ 750.00
Propagation of Faith .....	\$ 50.00
All Saints .....	\$ 90.00
Total Collection .....	\$ 10,290.00

## CHURCH CLEANING

### WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

**Carl & Anonda Schneider - 605-929-0051**  
Steve & Ashley Krings - 402-920-0342  
Eric & Sarah Frauendorfer - 402-278-2492  
Mark & Lisa Geilenkirchen - 402-910-4975  
Ivan & Sue Arlt - 402-923-1554  
Jim & Karla Foltz - 402-923-0277

### SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:

**Alan & Lori Eisenmenger - 402-920-2811**  
Terry & Rita Huettner - 402-920-2521  
Dan & Cathy Weidner - 402-920-0893  
Mark & Theresa Fendrick - 402-920-0916  
Derek & Aysha Classen - 402-920-1374  
Ron & Sue Zach - 402-920-0749

**VACUUMERS:** Tim & Jill Werner, Leon & Barb Bender



# ST. FRANCIS continued

**\*BAPTISM:** We welcome the newly baptized and pray for the parents who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith: Carsyn Beth Hemmer, daughter of Jeremy & Brooke Hemmer, was born August 16, 2020, and baptized on November 8, 2020.

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** the souls of Tom Haiar, Carroll Kraus (brother of Delores Boesch) who passed away last week. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**\*THANK YOUS:**

- Thank you for the gift given to St. Francis Church in memory of Mary Alice Pfeifer.
- Thank you to those who continue to bring in aluminum cans to be recycled. We received a check in the amount of \$56 from CMI.

**\*PINTS WITH THE PRIEST IS BACK!:** Join us November 23 at 7:00 PM in the St. Francis parish hall. There will be a link via Zoom as well for those who cannot participate in person!

## SCRIP ORDERS

Now is the time to  
order your SCRIP  
for the holidays!



**PLEASE NOTE:**

*SCRIP is only being mailed out on Mondays and Wednesdays (due to Covid-19) so it may take a little longer to receive orders.*

## [ 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ] Blue & White Night

Our 16th annual Blue and White Night is still moving forward, but we regret to inform our attendees that we do not feel it is in our best interest to hold an in-person event with the increase of Covid-19 cases in Humphrey. While we are still working out all the details, one thing we know is we are still working hard to make this night a success. All auction items will have online bidding. Bidding will open on Nov. 14 and close at 9:00 PM on Nov. 21. We will also be posting pictures and making posts on the St. Francis School facebook page with further updates.

Thank you in advance for your support!

## FOOD FIGHT!

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HSF VS LHF



**November 17 - 24**

All students K-12 should bring in non-perishable food items to be donated to local food pantries!

## HSF SCHOOL NEWS & SPORTS

### School News

**HSF vs LHF FOOD FIGHT—Nov. 17-Nov. 24**

- Mon, 11/16: \*8 AM-HS Mass  
Tues, 11/17: \*8 AM-GS Mass  
Wed, 11/18: \*8 AM-GS Mass  
\*1 PM-Dismissal  
Thurs, 11/19: \*NHS Super Casual Day  
\*8 AM-GS Mass  
Fri, 11/20: \*8 AM-GS Mass  
\*One-Act Home Presentation Canceled

### Sports News

NO SPORTS NEWS

## LUNCH MENU & VOLUNTEERS

- Mon, 11/16: cheesy chicken quesadilla, California blend veggies, fruit  
Tues, 11/17: cooks' choice  
Wed, 11/18: chicken nuggets, baked beans, dinner bun, fruit  
Thurs, 11/19: goulash, green beans, dinner bun, fruit  
Fri, 11/20: pizza, fruit, roasted asparagus

*Served with milk. — Lettuce & carrots served daily.*

### CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

- Mon, 11/16: National Honor Society  
Tues, 11/17: National Honor Society  
Wed, 11/18: Betty Sueper, **NEED VOLUNTEER!**  
Thurs, 11/19: Ann Denkinger, Karen Werner  
Fri, 11/20: Betty Sueper, Cathie Fuxa

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- \*Please park in the reserved space by multi-purpose room.
- \*Due to state health & safety regulations, please **do not** bring your preschool age children with you when volunteering.

# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday - 8:30 AM-4:00 PM  
Friday - 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

## CONTACTS

### PARISH MINISTERS:

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Holy Family School Website: ..... lhfbulldogs.wordpress.com

### PARISH STAFF:

School Principal: Andy Bishop  
Parish Council/Finance President: Bob Kurtenbach  
School Board President: Leon Wiese  
Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight: Roy Zach  
Catholic Order of Foresters, Chief Ranger: Virgil Preister  
Ladies Guild President: Angie Reardon  
PRE Coordinator: Tami Wiese  
Youth Ministry Director: Norma Preister  
Daycare Director: Michelle Shemek

## PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### HSF vs LHF FOOD FIGHT—Nov. 17-Nov. 24

Mon, 11/16: \*Jeans Day  
Tues, 11/17: \*8:30 AM-Midnight-Eucharistic Adoration  
\*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ St. Francis for All  
EMHCs of Cluster Parishes  
Wed, 11/18: \*1 PM-Dismissal  
Thurs, 11/19: \*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ Holy Family for All  
EMHCs of Cluster Parishes  
Sat, 11/21: \*9 AM-JH GBB HLHF Tournament

**FUTURE EVENTS:** Jan. 16, 2021: \*Fun Night



*In the Name of Miracles*, Nov. 20 at 7 PM. Witness the true story of a family tragedy transformed by God's mercy, as Maureen Digan and her husband desperately search for a cure through the miraculous intercession of Sr. Maria Faustina.

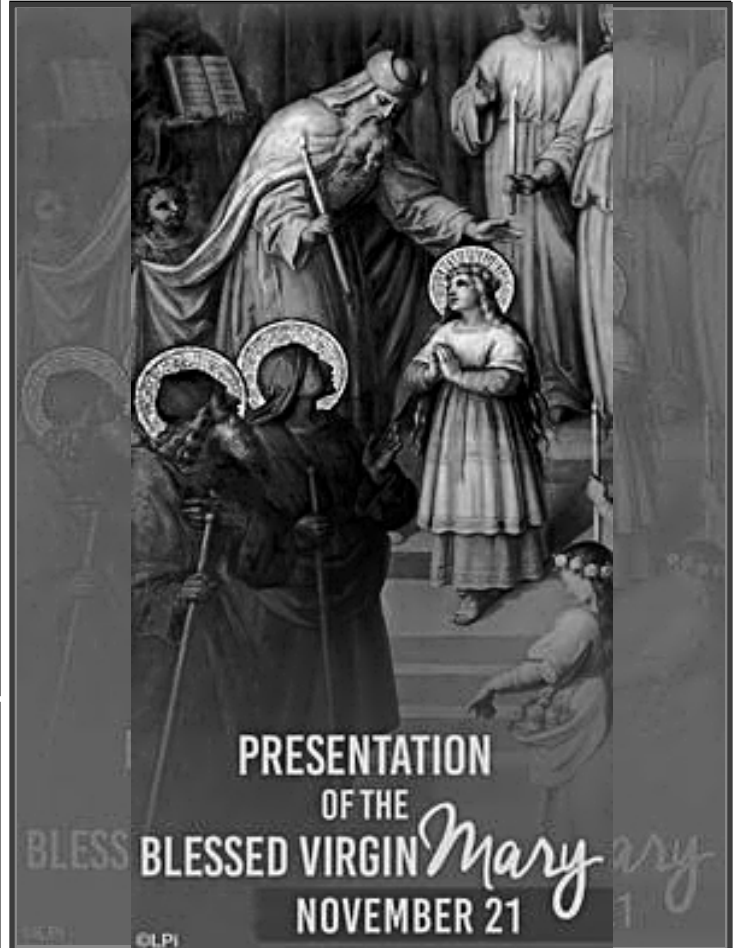
## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOV 21-22

### Sat, 5:00 PM

Lector-Victoria Wiese  
Servers-Cooper Herchenbach, Kellen Herchenbach  
EMHCs-Marge Arlt  
Gift Bearers-Jean Kurtenbach

### Sun, 8:00 AM

Lector-Bill Gaspers  
Servers-Braxton Busselman, Gavin Friesen  
EMHCs-Sherry Lindhorst  
Gift Bearers-Casey & Kaylia Bender



## NOVEMBER PRAYER CROSS

Justin & Cora Korus  
Ken & Alice Korus

Please take home one of the crosses with prayer cards and return to the back of church at the end of the month.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Feel free to clean any time **except when Mass is being offered and during Eucharistic Adoration**. If you are unable to come, **please** get a substitute.

Jane (Harry) Kurtenbach	Nicole Lindhorst
Jeanne Kurtenbach	Angela Luetkenhaus
Cindy Lindhorst	Coni Mastellar
Gabby Lindhorst	Deb McPhillips

# ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

President: Mitch Dohmen Joy Hemmer

Vice President: Robert Brandl Mike Johnson

Secretary: Mindy Stock Adam Korth

Deacon Louis Dohmen Scott Rosenthal

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOV 22

Sun, 10:30 AM

Lector-Kory

Servers-Rachel, Harley

EMHC-Paul, Ashley

Greeters/Gift Bearers-Ben & Suzanne Beltz

**Money Counters for Nov:** Deb Krings, Barb Dohmen

**Church Cleaning:** Kristi Vering & Family

**Helpers:** Steph Jarecki, Jeanette Macken,  
Kelly Macken

## PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tues, 11/17: \*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ St. Francis

Wed, 11/18: \*PRE Classes

\*6:30 PM-Rosary

Thurs, 11/19: \*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ Holy Family

*(These EMHC Meetings are for All EMHCs of Cluster Parishes)*

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Total .....\$ .00

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** With Covid-19 cases very high in the area, masks are still optional at Mass but definitely encouraged. If you or someone in your home are not feeling well, please stay home and watch the Mass on live stream.

# ST. MARY CHURCH

## CONTACTS

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## PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon, 11/16: \*6:30 PM-Finance Meeting

\*7:30 PM-Pastoral Council

Tues, 11/17: \*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ St. Francis

Thurs, 11/19: \*7 PM-EMHC Meeting @ Holy Family

*(These EMHC Meetings are for All EMHCs of Cluster Parishes)*

Wed, 11/25: \*NO PRE Classes

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOV 22

Sun, 8:30 AM

Lector-Emma Labenz

Servers-Ella Higby, Michael Wemhoff

EMHC-Mark Kabes

Gift Bearers-Dee Wendt

Rosary-Mary Ann McMullin

Collection Counters-John Dietrich

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Adults .....\$ 753.00

Plate .....\$ 142.00

Fuel .....\$ 200.00

All Saints .....\$ 500.00

Total Collection .....\$ 1,595.00

**\*HOW CAN I HELP WITH THE LEIGH CARES PROJECT?:** (Formerly known as the Community Giving Tree) Cash donations may be given, donate non-perishable food, paper products, personal hygiene products, individually wrapped snacks or basic school supplies until December 14; shop for gift requests after November 21, volunteer to help collect, organize and distribute items the week of December 14; Pray - the Covid-19 virus has changed many things, but we want faith, hope and love to prevail!

**\*THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** John Dietrich, Emily Wietfeld, Tasha Jedlicka, Rita Reichmuth, Dustin Brabec and Marcus Urban. Please contact them if you have any concerns or thoughts to share!

**\*CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** at <http://bit.ly/stmaryleigh> for general information and a link to our bulletins.

**\*LIKE AND FOLLOW** St. Mary's on Facebook! Just search for "St. Mary's Catholic Church-Leigh, NE".



# CLUSTER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



## THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Your family is invited to join us on  
Thursday, November 26, as we celebrate  
Thanksgiving Mass at our cluster parishes:

8:00 AM-Holy Family, Lindsay

8:00 AM-St. Francis, Humphrey

9:30 AM-St. Mary, Leigh

9:30 AM-St. Michael, Tarnov



## WORSHIP & MEDITATION

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

### AREA EVENT:

**"TRADITION WITH A TWIST":** Join St. Boniface for their 96<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Bazaar! You can still get turkey, dressing, sausage, potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut and ribs, corn, cranberry salad, buns, homemade pie or dessert on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, between 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, but by **pre-ordered carry-outs only**.

Adult-portion meal: \$15. **Text or call 402-370-9003 to order meals before November 10.** For more info, find us on [facebook.com/stbonparishes](https://facebook.com/stbonparishes).

Happy Thanksgiving!



### JOIN IN PRAYING FOR OUR NATION ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

**Every Sunday at 7:00 PM-**

Rosary for Peace in Our Nation  
@ St. Francis Church in Humphrey;

**Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM-**

Rosary by the Grotto  
@ St. Michael Church in Tarnov.

## SUNDAY READINGS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**1st Reading:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 128:1-5  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Thes 5:1-6  
**Gospel:** Mt 25:14-30

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**1st Reading:**  
**Resp. Psalm:**  
**2nd Reading:**  
**Gospel:**

**RETURN  
TO THE STORY**




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