

# ENCOUNTERING JESUS, EQUIPPING DISCIPLES, LIVING MERCY.

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Friends.

One of the characteristics that distinguishes the Catholic Church from other Christian denominations is our understanding of the saints. While other Christian denominations would certainly recognize the reality of saints, only Catholics realize they remain intimately united with us. In fact, saints are really our older brothers and sisters that already won the race we are running and now wait at the finish line, cheering us on.

One of the ways we thank them for their encouragement is by celebrating that they received His eternal reward – the day of their death. You see, much like the greatest athletes of professional sports celebrate annually the day they entered their hall of fame, so too the Church annually celebrates the day one of her own, the saint, entered the ultimate Hall of Fame – the kingdom of heaven.

There are, however, three notable exceptions to this general rule. Two are perhaps obvious because we not only celebrate their birthdays, but also the days of their conception as well. Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, is also celebrated at His conception nine months earlier with the feast of the Annunciation. Mary, whose birthday we celebrate on September 8, is also celebrated nine months "earlier" on December 8, with the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The third saint whose birthday we celebrate is St. John the Baptist. Unlike Jesus and Mary, however, St. John the Baptist was not conceived a saint. Like all of us, John the Baptist was conceived with Original Sin. Yet, since the Church celebrates his birth with a feast day, we know that he was born a saint.

Precisely when did this transformation occur? Well, think for a moment about the events surrounding Jesus' birth. After the Angel Gabriel visited Mary, she immediately went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was also pregnant at the time with St. John the Baptist. Do you remember what happened when these two pregnant women met? According to the gospel of St. Luke, Elizabeth said to Mary, "The moment your greeting hit my ear, the child in my womb leapt for joy." This is the moment the Church tells us that John becomes a saint, which is why he leaps for joy. Having been "baptized" by Jesus in the womb of his mother, John the Baptist was born a saint.

Believe it or not, this little verse has tremendous ramifications for our society today. Think about what is happening. There is communication between two pre-born children. Only life that is already human is worthy, not simply of being sanctified as St. John the Baptist was, but also of being honored and celebrated as saints, as the Church does with Jesus and Mary. This is part of the reason why the Church has always taught that human life begins at conception. Of course, science confirms this truth.

Yet, if both faith and science confirm that life begins at conception, how could any rational person, but especially those claiming to share our Catholic faith, support its destruction. Yet since the anniversary of Roe v Wade in 1973, over 60 million pre-born children have been destroyed by surgical abortion, and with the support of many professing the Catholic faith.

Unfortunately, it gets even worse. With abortion as an established norm, the attack on human life has expanded to the harvesting of embryonic stem cells. This process can only be compared to the cannibalization of one class of human beings so that we might use their parts in order to fix another class of human beings. Clearly no moral person could support the use of one class of people as spare parts for another class of people. Yet, if we truly believe what God is telling us through our Catholic faith, this is precisely what is happening through the process of embryonic stem cell research. For the only differences between embryos and us are cosmetic. They are younger and look differently than we do.

Compounding this phenomenon is the acceptance of fertilization methods that result in the creation of multiple embryos so that the best, most viable one may be implanted in the mother. I wonder what becomes of this "lucky" child's brothers and sisters that were left behind in a cryogenic hell?

What is our reaction? Do we buy into the rationalizations that these embryos, these tiny masses of cells that our faith tells us are human beings, are disposable since they are going to be destroyed anyway? Or, do we believe the faith we claim to profess, by standing up for those who are defenseless, those who are voiceless, those who are condemned, and those who are really our least brothers and sisters. I pray that more people will do the latter, since, as Jesus says in the gospel of Matthew, "whatever you do for these least brothers of mine, you do for Me."

In Christ, F. EIA

## **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. 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:

Bonnie Ramaekers, Shirley Pfeifer, Mike Leake, Gavin Hottovy, Keith & Julie (Werner) Frauendorfer, Bob Oberhauser, Moni Albracht

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

Ben Borer, Nicole Thompson, Jacob Williams, Jediah Brown, Codi Rose Fehringer, Fr. Curt Dwyer, Bryce Bartholomew, Calvin Wiese, Doc Schumacher, Dylan Preister, John Babl, Patrick Washburn, Craig Prather, **Cody Ramaekers** 

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



### ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

### Sat, 09/18:

5:30 PM-+Kerry Korth and +John & +Betty Albers

Sun, 09/19: 10:00 AM-+Gene & +Mary Ellen Zach (WA) and

+LaRose Preister (A)

### Mon, 09/20:

8:00 AM-+James Connelly

#### Tues. 09/21:

8:00 AM-L/D +Felix & +Faye Krings Family

### Wed, 09/22:

8:00 AM-+Anton & +Roberta Buresh (WA) & +Kenny Bender

### Thurs, 09/23:

8:00 AM-L/D Earl Widhalm Family

### Fri, 09/24:

8:00 AM-L/D +Willard & +Lucille Kuchar Family

### Sat, 09/25:

5:30 PM-L/D Jim & +Jeanie Engel Family

### Sun, 09/26:

10:00 AM-+Jamie Weidner

(WA): Wedding Anniversary

(A): Anniversary of Death

(B): Birthday

### **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:**

Sat, 09/18: 5:00 PM-L/D Arthur & LaRose Preister Family, L/D Jim Preister Family

Sun, 09/19: 8:00 AM-L/D Pat & Eleanor McPhillips Family, Chuck Dohmen

### Mon, 09/20:

8:00 AM-L/D Erwin & Margaret Zach Family

### Tues, 09/21:

8:00 AM-Norman Kurtenbach

### Wed, 09/22:

8:00 AM-Tawny Zach

### Thurs, 09/23:

8:00 AM-Karen Weidner

### Fri, 09/24:

8:00 AM-L/D Tony & Orma Klassen Family

### Sat, 09/25:

5:00 PM-L/D Ed & Rose Mary Olmer Family, Mary Clare Post

Sun, 09/26: 8:00 AM-L/D Vernell & Lugene Korth Family, L/D Larry & Mary Fischer Family

### ST. MARY, LEIGH:

### Sun, 09/26:

8:30 AM-Herb & Loretta Bottleson

### ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

### Sun, 09/26:

10:30 AM-Parishioners of St. Michael

## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEP 25-26

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

### CONTACTS

### **PARISH MINISTERS:**

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### PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 09/19: \*7 PM-Rosary for Peace & Unity

in Church

Tues, 09/21: \*7 PM-Finance Board Meeting

Wed. 09/22: \*PRE

Thurs, 09/23: \*8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration

Sat, 09/25: \*5 PM-Doors Open for Big Red Bash @

**HSF Gym** 

\*7 PM-Rosary for Peace & Unity Sun, 09/26:

in Church

Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Gene McPhillilps Servers-Cade Wietfeld, Emily Stricklin EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Dustin Ternus Greeters-Jerry & Jane Sander Gift Bearers-Larry & Sharlene Hamling

### Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Dave Noonan Servers-Dominick Preister, Jett Reichmuth EMHCs-Nathan Classen, Glenn Heinen Greeters-Ryan & Karla Zach Gift Bearers-Dan & Cathy Weidner

### WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday Giving\$	4,159.00
Loose\$	464.25
Youth\$	9.02
School Giving\$	1,720.00
Bazaar\$	275.00
Air Conditioning\$	100.00
Assumption\$	70.00
Tuition Relief <u>\$</u>	131.00
Total Collection\$	6,928.27

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

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

Terry & Rita Huettner - 402-923-0559

Dan & Cathy Weidner - 402-923-9245 Mark & Theresa Fendrick - 402-923-0848 Derek & Aysha Classen - 402-920-1374 Ron & Sue Zach - 402-923-0900

Alan & Lori Eisenmenger - 402-923-9558

### **SACRISTY & FLOWERS CHAIRMEN:**

Pat & Mary Preister - 402-923-0807

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VACUUMERS: Dan & Sheri Wessel, Mary Classen

## BIG RED BASH FUNDRAISE



Michigan State

Saturday, Sept. 25. Doors open at 5:00 PM, game starting at 6:00 PM. Come watch Huskers take on the Michigan State Spartans at the HSF gym! For tickets call Kevin & Paula Kosch (402-270-3726) or Nick & Jenna Olmer (402-920-3176). Meal and drinks provided. There will be twenty \$50 drawings for all who attend!

## ST. FRANCIS continued

\*THANK YOUS: Thank you for the gifts given in memory of Mike

Leick to St. Francis Church.

- Home & School would like to thank all the parents and businesses who made the Michael Wegener Auction a success! We raised almost \$4,000 again! We would also like to thank Michael & Lori Wegener, and everyone at MWI, for giving us the opportunity to serve the meal at your fall sale. Thanks again and God bless! ~HSF H&S
- Dave loved St. Francis Church and felt blessed to be a lifelong member. During this past week, the church community has overwhelmed us with generosity and an outpouring of sympathy. Thank you for the cards, visits, memorials, food, flowers, continued thoughts and prayers and so much more. May the blessing you've given us return to you. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the rosary, Deacon Kent for the prayer service, Jill Werner for the beautiful music; Jacob & Jason Sjuts for serving Mass, Fr. Olson for celebrating the funeral Mass, and the ladies who prepared and served the delicious lunch. In lieu of individual thank yous, a Mass will be offered at a later date.

~The Family of Dave S. Bender

\*BAPTISM: We welcome the newly baptized and pray for the parents who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith: Brody Andrew Wemhoff, son of Andrew & Leashalea Wemhoff, was born July 27, 2021, and baptized on September 12, 2021; and James Daniel Weidner, son of Brandon & Jennifer Weidner, was born on July 16, 2021, and baptized on September 12, 2021.

\*AUGUST SCRIP SALES: We had \$8,655 in SCRIP sales in August, with a total of \$374.92 in profit. Thank you to those

## HSF SCHOOL NEWS & SPORTS

### **School News**

Mon, 09/20: \*8 AM-GS Mass

\*7 PM-Senior Parent Meeting in HS Library

Tues, 09/21: \*Husker Spirit Day

\*8 AM-GS Mass

\*Monthly Tuition Payments Due

Wed, 09/22: \*7 AM-1 PM-NHS Blood Drive

\*8 AM-GS Mass \*1 PM-Dismissal

\*NO PM Bus Service

Thurs, 09/23: \*8 AM-HS Mass

\*6 PM-Archbishop's Dinner for Education

Fri, 09/24: \*8 AM-GS Mass

\*Gr. 1-6 Plum Creek Festival in Seward

\*FFA Feed-A-Farmer @ CVA

#### **Sports News**

Thurs, 09/22: \*5 PM-VB @ Bloomfield Fri, 09/24: \*2:30 PM-FB @ Riverside

\*4:30 PM-JH/HS CC @ Boone Central Inv.

Sat, 09/25: \*10 AM-VB @ Wisner-Pilger Tourney

## **2020 PARISH BAZAAR**

\*YOU CAN NOW PICK UP YOUR BAZAAR WORK CARD in the back of church. In addition to your own, perhaps take and deliver cards to neighbors or friends who may not be able to get their own.

\*DOOR PRIZES FOR KIDS RUN: Donations of door prizes are needed for our Kids Run participants. If you would be willing to donate any toys, gift cards, etc., you can drop off your item(s) at the high school, grade school or parish office.

ALSO...entry forms for the Kids Run were sent home from school with students last week. Additional copies are available in the school offices. PLEASE pre-register to guarantee that your child will get their t-shirt before the race and to avoid a last-minute rush the morning of the bazaar!

\*WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S

BAZAAR DINNER COMMITTEE! We currently have no volunteers for the Dinner Committee. If you have not yet taken your turn, please seriously consider volunteering SOON so that you will be able to shadow this year's committee and learn the ropes. Call the parish office at 402-923-0913 to sign up!

\*WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR GAMES

<u>COMMITTEE</u>: We are looking for two couples to take the place of outgoing couples. Call Natalie Ramaekers at 402-276-5694 to volunteer.

**SAVE THOSE CONTAINERS!**: Please keep donations of ice cream buckets/whipped cream containers with their lids coming in! The dinner committee is still *very much in need of these!* 

\*CAKE WALK RETURNING TO 2021 BAZAAAR!: Please bring donations the day of the bazaar! (Find some great ideas on Pinterest!)

## **LUNCH MENU & VOLUNTEERS**

Mon, 09/13: popcorn shrimp, dinner bun, California blend

veggies, fruit

Tues, 09/14: goulash, dinner bun, green beans

Wed, 09/15: beef burrito, refried beans, queso cheese, fruit Thurs, 09/16: shredded chicken on a bun, seasoned curly fries

Fri, 09/17: cooks' choice

Served with milk. Salad bar served daily.

### **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS**

Mon, 09/13: National Honor Society

Tues, 09/14: National Honor Society

Wed, 09/15: Joan Duesman, <u>NEED VOLUNTEER</u>
Thurs, 09/16: Carmen Foltz, RaeJean Pfeifer
Fri, 09/17: Helen Weidner, Rita Herink

### **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 LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEP 25-26

### 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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#### **PARISH STAFF:**

School Principal: Andy Bishop

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Ladies Guild President: Sherry Lindhorst

PRE Coordinator: Tami Wiese

Youth Ministry Director: Norma Preister **Daycare Director:** Michelle Shemek

## PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Mon, 09/20: \*4 PM-JH FB @ St. Ed

\*5 PM-JH SB Tri @ Malcom

Tues, 09/21: \*8 AM-Midnight-Eucharistic Adoration

\*5 PM-SB vs Pierce @ Genoa \*5 PM-VB Tri @ Logan View

Wed. 09/22: \*1 PM-Dismissal

Thurs, 09/23: \*4:30 PM-SB Tri @ St. Paul

\*5 PM-VB @ Summerland

Fri, 09/24: \*4:30 PM-CC @ Albion

\*7 PM-FB vs East Butler @ HHS

Sat, 09/25: \*SB EHC Tourney @ West Point

**FUTURE EVENTS:** 

Nov 13-14: \*Festival of Trees

Sat. 5:00 PM

Lector-Tina Schumacher Servers-Seth Preister, Gavin Friesen **EMHC-Bruce Masteller** Gift Bearers-Jack Beller

### Sun, 8:00 AM

Lector-Linda Formanek Servers-Briley Dohmen, Marley Hall **EMHC-Vitoria Wiese** Gift Bearers-Jacob & Karla Hall

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday Giving Loose..... Youth..... School Suppo PRE ..... Heat..... Catholic Relie Total Collectic



## SEPTEMBER PRAYER CROSS

Terry & Lori Herchenbach Justin & Cora 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.

Alice Korus Sue Korus Cora Korus Tara Korus Kristy Korus Cathy Korus Mikayla Korus Kathy Korus



"WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME." - MK 9:37A

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ST. MICHAEL CHURCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEP 26

## **CONTACTS**

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

**President:** Mitch Dohmen Vice President: Robert Brandl Secretary: Mindy Stock

**Deacon Louis Dohmen** 

Joy Hemmer Mike Johnson Adam Korth Scott Rosenthal

Sun, 10:30 AM

Lector-Ladora

Servers-Ashley P, Natalie

EMHCs-Mike, Bill

Greeters/Gift Bearers-John & Ruth Mausbach

Money Counters for September: Tim Sliva, Doug Macken Church Cleaning: Ruth Gronenthal, Leslie Groteluschen Helpers: Michelle Brandl, Linda Frauendorfer,

Julie Sliva, Lisa Sims

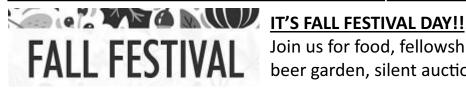
## PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 09/19: \*Fall Festival

Wed, 09/22: \*4 PM-5:30 PM-PRE

\*7:30 PM-Rosary

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT



Join us for food, fellowship, live music, beer garden, silent auction, raffles and fun!



## ST. MARY CHURCH

### **CONTACTS**

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPT 26

Sun, 8:30 AM

Lector-Maureen Machacek

Servers-Brianne Kuhr, Sydney Messerlie

**EMHC-Mark Kabes** 

Gift Bearers-Matt Wietfeld

Rosarv-Susie Fischer

Collection Counters-Rita Reichmuth

## PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon, 09/20: \*6:30 PM-Finance Meeting

\*7:30 PM-Parish Council Meeting

\*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR **LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH** you can join the RCIA classes. Talk to Fr. Olsen if you are interested in joining the group.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Students..... Mass Intention ..... Fuel ..... Total Collection .....

- \*THE BUSHES IN FRONT OF CHURCH NEED SOME MAJOR TLC OR REPLACEMENT: If anyone is willing to take care of them, please talk to Marcus Urban.
- \*ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS TWO CAPTAINS AND CO-CAPTAINS: This is not a difficult task, and you can have help along the way if you want it! Please talk to your current circle leader to tell them you will help out!
- \*WELCOME TO OUR PARISH! If you would like to become a member of St. Mary's, please complete a parish registration form found in the entry of church and give it to Father or place it in the collection basket.
- \*THIS IS THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH! December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021.

## **CLUSTER PARISH** ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



# JOIN US AT ST. MICHAEL THIS SUNDAY FOR SOME FALL FESTIVAL FUN!!

A spaghetti dinner will be served from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Also a beer garden, live music, raffles and a silent auction!

We hope to see you there!

# ROSARY BY THE GROTTO EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Come join us in praying the rosary Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM at St. Michael Church in Tarnov!
Surrounding parishes join us!





# LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



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