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Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist—Dear B

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Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved

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Collect:

O God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people, we pray, the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

WEDDINGS: Contact the Pastor six months before your wedding date

BAPTISMS: Contact the Pastor to arrange for class time and date

CONFESSIONS: 30 minutes before Sat. and Sun. Masses; 15 minutes before weekday Masses. Confessions also available by appointment.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!
 Call the Parish Office to register:
 OLMC-Tilden: 402.368.7710
 SFA-Neligh: 402.887.4521

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues 26 June -- 9:00 am (T) Living & Deceased members
 Dickey Family
 Wed 27 June -- 8:30 am (N) Robert Spieker +
 9:30 am (W) Sheila Davis +
 Thur 28 June -- 9:00 am (T) Arlo Rice +
 Fri 29 June --- 8:30 am (N) Ralph & Delores Busch +
 Sat 30 June -- 5:00 pm (N) Dr. Dwaine Peetz
 7:00 pm (T) Al Schiltmeyer +
 Sun 1 July ——— 8:00 am (T) Parishioners of OLMC & St. Francis
 10:00 am (N) Klayton Parks +

**Second collection next weekend July 1, for Peter's Pence.
 Please be generous.**

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Saturday 30 June, 5:00 pm	Sunday 1 July, 10:00 am
EMHCs	Bill Kuester, Gracie Bullock, Kathy Sauser Dr. Russ & Joan Vetick	Linda Wingate, Kathy Schultz, Jon Strom, Ron Beacom, Michelle Ternus, Carla Teel
LECTORS	Dale Kallhoff,	Doris Ternus
SERVERS	Leonardo Luna, Jesse Green, Ashton Higgins	Myles Kittelson, Jacob Henery, Simon Beacom
GIFT BEARERS	Eric Heithoff Family	Tom Parks Family
USHERS	Bill Lyons, Randy Kallhoff, Spencer Smith, Nick Strom	Vince Sauser, Tim Kallhoff, Troy Shabram, Chad Shabram

Dates & Times OLMC-Tilden	Ushers	EMHCs	Lectors	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Saturday June 30, 7 pm	Bill Hatterman Phil Chvala	Joanne Penne Mike Dusel Jim O'Brien	Mary Rautenberg	Hunter Bennett Reed Bennett Marissa Bennett	Bill & Gloria Hatterman	
Sunday July 1, 8 am	Dave Miller John Frey	Rosemary & Walt Patras Ed O'Brien	Ruth Miller	Merinee Vaughn Leevi Frey	Ed & Ruth O'Brien	Loretta Nykodym Emily Vaughn

*From the
Pastor*

Silence: A Lesson of the desert

On this Solemnity of Saint John the Baptist, the Church wants us to learn from him lessons of the desert, so that we can fulfill our calling here on earth. He was the greatest prophet of the Old Testament. He saw Jesus and had the singular grace to baptize Him in the Jordan River. We the baptized are prophets of the New Testament. John has a lot to teach us on how to be effective prophets in our world today. John, like the other OT prophets spent their formative years in the desert. This was to train them in discernment, listening, and prayer. The desert evokes for us a hostile and harsh environment with no water, dangerous and blinding sand storms, dangerous creatures, and even demons. Any desert inhabitant is likely to encounter these challenges. A true prophet of God must be trained to discern the things of God from the things of the world. He/she though in the world, cannot be of it, Jesus said. He cannot speak mundane language, but the language of the Spirit. Since those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God (Rom 8). This training cannot happen anywhere else but in the desert. Just like the astronauts train in water to learn how to walk and operate in space (zero gravity), so prophets must train in the desert to learn how to listen and do God's work.

The most important mission of a prophet is to listen and speak what he hears from God. All Christians are prophets by virtue of baptism. As such, we speak only God's word and not ours. Jesus, the Prophet of God, and the Son of God, not only spent forty days and forty nights in the desert, His thirty years of life in Nazareth before His public ministry was formation also in getting to know human nature. The Letter to the Hebrews says that Jesus learned obedience by what He suffered (Heb 5:7-9). In our day and age, we may not have the opportunity like the desert Fathers to spend formative time in real-life deserts (even though its an act of the will than a chance event), but at least we can enter into the desert of our hearts, that 'place' of encounter within us, that secret place Jesus speaks about: the inner room, where the Father sees all that is done in secret. Taking time for retreats once in a while is a good spiritual practice to teach us how to listen, so that we can speak God's word as prophets like John. John the Baptist prepared for the First coming of Jesus thru his preaching, we, prophets of the baptized of today, are called to prepare, in union with Mother Mary, for the hidden (middle) coming of Jesus. That is, His coming into our hearts. Deserts are good. To have desert experiences are good. Silence is a lesson of the desert; it fosters charity in our hearts, and makes us ready to live the Beatitudes, especially, poverty of spirit, and purity of heart and intentions.

Fr. Christopher

Announcements

St. Peter's Christian Mothers in Ewing will be hosting a free will donation **breakfast** Sunday, June 24th from 8 am-12:30 pm at their St. Dominic's Hall. The breakfast is to assist in raising money for kitchen updates in the hall. Hope to see you there.

Important Notice--No Masses will be held at St. Boniface, Elgin, July 2-13 due to a Lighting Project. Weekend Mass Schedule for July 7 & 8 will be as follows: Sat, July 7,--5:30 pm at St. Bonaventure, Raeville, Sun, July 8,-- 8:00 am Mass at St. Bonaventure, Raeville, Sun., July 8, 10:00 am Mass will NOT be held.

Gratia Retreat for Girls. Incoming 4-6th grade girls are invited to a retreat just for them, to be held this summer at Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale. When: Friday, July 13 at 9:00 a.m. until Saturday, July 14 with closing Mass at noon. Girls will learn how to be "full of Grace" with model, Mother Mary. Activities include confession and adoration, Mary crowning, bible study, crafts, skits, and a campfire with s'mores! Embrace your femininity while meeting new friends and growing closer in relationship to Mary and Jesus! For questions or application, please contact: Chelsea Preister -- acpreister@gmail.com 402-270-7250, Cheryl Veik --momveik@gmail.com 402-843-8023 or Karen Eischeid --karensuzyq@hotmail.com 402-843-5987. Forms also available on stbonparishes.com. Sponsored by the St. Boniface and St. Bonaventure Vocation Committee.

You are invited to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage Sept. 9th in at St. Cecilia's in Omaha and Sept. 16th at Sacred Heart in Norfolk. This event honors couples who are celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage, and this year we are also welcoming our 1-year anniversary couples! Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass at 2pm. Registration required by Friday, July 27th, 2018. Click here for more information. Sponsored by the Center for Family Life Formation.

I want to **thank everyone** for your prayer, kind words, cards and all the things you did for me while serving as your Pastor and all the things you have done since, especially your prayers - how powerful are these things. Your thoughtfulness made my 50th Anniversary celebration special. God Bless you! Love, Fr Mac (McCluskey)

With the new combined parish bulletin, we request that all announcements be submitted to the office (sfa or olmc) by Thursday noon of each week. Announcements not received by Thur. may not be published. Thank You.

St. Francis of Assisi families responsible for cleaning the church in June

June 28 Lyle Meis, Tim Steffl, Pat Borer
If you are unable to fulfill your assigned time, please find a substitute.

We are still in need of a cleaning person for the church hall and CCD class rooms . It is a paid position and takes 3 to 4 hours per week during the school year and less during the summer. If you can be that person please contact Donna Vice or the church office.

Ladies **if you brought a dessert** to the Ham & Beef dinner please check your 9x13 cake pan to **see if it has Jessen** written on the bottom. It was a gift with a matching lid and Dodie Jessen would like it returned to her. She has your pan (Nordiac Ware is written on the handles) to give you in exchange.

Praying for vocations: Our **Travelling Vocation Cross** has started its journey thru our parish families again as we continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Del and Susie Ames are now hosting the **Vocation Cross**. Please contact Kathy Sauser for hosting arrangement. Vocation prayer cards for your use may be found at the back of church and in the vocation cross box.

First Sunday of the month—July 1: Coffee and Rolls. Please join our families for fellowship & a good time to celebrate family with coffee and rolls after Mass.

A small **library is available** in the landing of OLMC church basement for the purpose of sharing faith based books. No check-out is necessary, just borrow and return at your discretion. If you have questions or want to donate books, please call Deb Navratil 402-841-1705.

Attention: OLMC Parish, Church Cleaning, June 25-30th. Catholic Women have been assigned areas to clean your chairperson will be calling to set a date for cleaning.

- *Altar & Side Pews Team 1
- *Sacristy Team 2
- *East Side Team 3
- *West Side Team 4
- *Entry Way Funeral Corp
- *Cry room, Bathroom Confessional & Balcony Assigned Volunteers.

Wipe down kneelers both top & bottom, lift up cushions, wipe down the pews, dust windows sills & panels, vacuum carpet. There will be wood cleaner for pews and kneelers at the church. Please bring other needed supplies. Coming soon rectory cleaning. Please volunteer.

<u>SFA-Neligh</u>	<u>OLMC-Tilden</u>
The Willows: Rosary, Sat at 10 am; Holy Mass Wed. May 16 at 9:30 am	Knights of Columbus (see Neligh)
Knights of Columbus: 1st Tue, 8 pm	Catholic Women meet : 1st Tue 9:30 am every 3 months, Mar, June, Sept, Dec.
Rosary Sodality: 2nd Tue, 7 pm	Parish Council: TBA, 7 pm
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Sunday / Holy Day & Other Collections June 17, 2018

<u>SFA-Neligh</u>	<u>OLMC-Tilden</u>
Weekly offering needed: \$2,894.65	This week's collection: \$478.05
This week's collection: \$1,787.00	
Pope John env. \$1,150.00	

God Bless you for your generosity

Please call the parish office to add names to the prayer list. Names will be listed for three weeks or as long as necessary. Thank you for praying for those most in need

Please remember to pray for: St. Francis-Neligh
 Dodi Bauer, Matt Evans, Sandra Clarkson, Gail Borer,
 B. J. Koch, Jerry Kerkman, John Wells, Bernard Burbach,
 Dr. Dwaine Peetz, Percy Payne, Al Kluthe, Hazel Smith,
 Jeannie Hoffman.



Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden
 Nate Thiele, Nancy Hecht, Matt Evans, Betty Schiltmeyer,
 Joel Rivera, Les Wilson, Tiffany (Sanne) Pruitt & Larry
 Chroetlin, Steve Kivett, Gary Inlow, Kathy Gaylen Wolfe,
 Pat Borgelt

Visit parish website: www.olmctilden.org or www.stfrancisc.org for weekly bulletins, Mass times, liturgical ministers' and religious education schedules, Parish & Finance Council news, parish women's organizations, Knights of Columbus events, great web links, events & announcements, and more. For Parish hall rentals and events ca(sfa) call the parish office, (olmc): call Mary Rautenberg (402-368-2231) & Loretta Nykodym (402-368-2182); for maintenance call Stan Schapmann (402-368-5906) olmc; & Del Ames (402-887-5017) sfa

