

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

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Friends,

A girlfriend turns to her boyfriend and says, "Does this dress look good on me?" A parent asks a child, "Have you cleaned your room?" A couple celebrating their 50th anniversary asks their children, "Are you throwing us a surprise party?" A telemarketer asks the person answering the phone, "Is the head of the household available?" These questions have one thing in common. They usually tempt the respondent to lie.

But is lying in such situations really such a bad thing? In fact, some might argue that sometimes lying is, not just permitted, but a good thing. For example, isn't lying permissible to spare the feelings of another? What about to protect someone from serious harm? It is certainly permissible to lie then?

The answer is no. It is never, ever, under any circumstances, morally permissible to lie. But, before we explore why, let's first remember what a lie is. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which quotes St. Augustine, "A lie consists in speaking falsehood with the intention of deceiving." Notice that the intention to deceive is essential to the lie. For example, it is not a lie to answer incorrectly on a math exam. Nor is it a lie when someone communicates one idea, and later, changes his or her mind (e.g. a mom doesn't lie to her children in saying she's going to make cookies and then doesn't because she's changed her mind for whatever reason). Thus, not every false utterance is a lie, but only those that are communicated with the intention to deceive.

Lying is always sinful, not simply because it violates the eighth commandment, but also because in runs directly counter to what Jesus has revealed to us in the gospels. Recall that Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." And it is this truth, as Jesus also says, that sets us free.

Notice how true this is. Even when the truth hurts, there is still a sense of liberation because of the confrontation with reality that the truth necessarily brings. For there is nothing more real, and, thus, nothing any of us want to know more, than the truth, even when the truth, like when someone we love is dying, is really darn hard.

This becomes even more profound when we contrast it with the alternative. Notice what happens when we lie. Not only are we not living in the truth, but we are also stealing that truth, which is Jesus, from our neighbor. When we do this, reality is obscured. We must create an alternative reality built around this lie. This is why so many people lead secret or double lives. The lies we've told must be supported by other lies, which lead to other lies, etc... until we find ourselves living as one person in one set of circumstances and a different person in another.

This is what all lies do. They make us slaves. With each lie we tell, we, like a fly caught is a spider's web, become bound to that lie. We tell more lies to cover that lie, which, in turns, entangles us in that web until we are no longer free to be "ourselves" because "ourselves" have been smothered in a cocoon of lies. This becomes a viscous cycle, which the devil, who, not coincidentally, Jesus calls the "father of lies", uses to keep us from approaching God. The more lies we tell, the more fear of exposure we have and the more "protection" from exposure to the truth we think we need. This is really the biggest lie of all. For the devil knows full well that anyone that does expose himself or herself to the Truth will be set free from even the most tangled web of deceit.

Does this mean we have to tell our girlfriends or wives that she looks fat in her dress, spoil our parent's surprise birthday party and be rude to the telemarketer? Of course not! What it means it that we cannot communicate something we know to be false. There is a difference between being forthright and being truthful. For instance, we could tell our loved one that a dress does not fit her style. We could distract our parents with questions such as "Do you really think I'd go to all that work?" or some other diversion. Of course, it would be a far better thing to be rude to the telemarketer than to lie. For the one thing we must always do is to tell the truth. Lying makes us in the image of the "father of all lies", telling the truth makes us in the image of Jesus.

This can be extremely difficult for many reasons. Lying is so simple, so easy. In fact, it can become such a habit that lying is almost reflexive. Additionally, it can be difficult, if not next to impossible to think quickly on our feet so that we might both preserve the truth and deflect harmful sentiments. Remember, however, that this is really the difference between heaven and hell. For the road to perdition, lying, is wide and easy and many traverse it, while the road to heaven is narrow and difficult because it means speaking the truth, and this truth can be difficult.

Blessings, Fr Ela

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.

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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:

Gene Schueth, 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.)



GENERAL INFORMATION MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, HUMPHREY:

Sat, 01/15:

Sun. 01/16:

10:00 AM-+Eileen Brandl

Mon, 01/17: *

8:00 AM-L/D +Alvin & Shirley Fischer Family, +Glenn Hemmer

Wed, 01/19: 8:00 AM-+Terry McPhillips,

In Thanksgiving from Richard Wegener Family

Thurs, 01/20:

8:00 AM-+Pauline Sander, L/D +Ronnie Campbell Family

Sat, 01/22:

5:30 PM-+Kerry Korth, Len & Adele Hassenstab

Sun, 01/23:

10:00 AM-Dick & Sally Classen, +Tom Brockhaus (A)

* Monday Masses may have to be canceled. Please be sure to listen to announcements at weekend Masses to confirm.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LINDSAY:

Sat, 01/15:

5:00 PM-Jim Beller, Melvin Wiese

Sun, 01/16: 8:00 AM-Michael Werner, **Duane & Mary Ellen Frauendorfer**

Tues. 01/18: 8:00 AM-Connie Beller

Fri, 01/21:

8:00 AM-L/D Richard & Geraldine Preister Family

Sat, 01/22:

5:00 PM-Nancy Albracht, Stella Cramer

Sun, 01/23:

8:00 AM-L/D Richard & Geraldine Preister Family, Evelyn Wojcik



ST. MARY, LEIGH:

Sun, 01/23: 8:30 AM-William & Opal Kressig

ST. MICHAEL, TARNOV:

Sun, 01/23: 10:30 AM-Parishioners of St. Michael

^{5:30} PM-+Virgil & +Phyllis Kuta and +Rich Wegener (BD)

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN 22-23

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

CONTACTS PARISH MINISTERS:

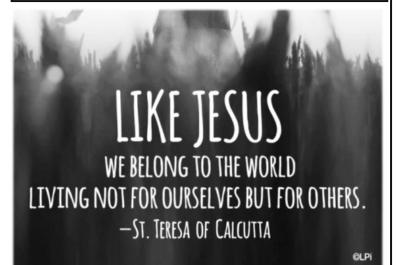
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Deacon Tim Howard(402) 841-3434
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Elementary School:	(402) 923-0611

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 01/16:	*7 PM-Rosary for Peace & Unity in Church
Wed, 01/19:	*6:30 PM-PRE
Thurs, 01/20:	*8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration
Sun, 01/23:	*7 PM-Rosary for Peace & Unity in Church



Sat, 5:30 PM

Lector-Jodie Eisenmenger Servers-September Babel, Jocelyn Classen EMHCs-Missy Braun, Haley Schrage **Greeters-Francis & Connie Jaixen** Gift Bearers-Duane & Lindsey Kosch

Sun, 10:00 AM

Lector-Jordan Bender Servers-Gavin Geilenkirchen, Mason Geilenkirchen EMHCs-Deacon Tim Howard, Steve Wieser **Greeters-Mike & Carmen Foltz** Gift Bearers-Ray & Mary Hemmer

Parish Support

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday Giving\$	5,302.00
Loose\$	580.75
Youth\$	11.37
School Support\$	441.00
Improvement Fund\$	200.00
Christmas\$	1,063.21
Cemetery\$	25.00
Seminary\$	150.00
Solemnity of Mary\$	50.00
Heat <u>\$</u>	125.00
Total Collection\$	7,948.33

CHURCH CLEANING WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING CHAIRMEN:

Francis & Connie Jaixen - 402-923-0609 Cory & Carrie Hastreiter - 402-920-1288 Tim & Margery Rollman - 402-920-2202 Larry & Ann Hemmer - 402-920-2915 Karen K. Weidner - 402-454-2511 Zane & Jennifer Abner - 402-920-1616

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VACUUMER: Andy & Lisa Krings, Brandon & Katie Morfeld

ST. FRANCIS continued

*WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish family: Clayton & Mikaela Korus and their children Locklyn, Ledger and Veda.

***THANK YOUS:**

- Thank you for the gifts given in memory of Mary Lloyd to our school.
- Thank you for the gift given in memory of Dave Fuchs to the Mary Helen Fuchs Scholarship.
- Thank you for the gift given in memory of Ken Westring to our school.
- Thank you for the gift given in memory of Donna Sunderman to our church.
- From the St. Francis Gift Shop: I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the gift shop! Your faithful patronage makes my volunteer job worthwhile and fulfilling knowing that there is a need for it in our parish and community. Please continue to shop the gift shop during rectory hours for a nice selection of sacramental gifts, books, jewelry, baby items, cards and much more. Also, thank you to Karen and Lisa who are there to tend the store every day for me. ~Blessings, Julie Krings

*COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART: Why not start with Jesus! Visit Him in Adoration at St. Francis Church every Thursday. Spend quiet time in reflection with the Lord from 8:30 AM (after daily Mass) to 7:00 PM.



ATHLETIC BOARD SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, January 29 During the Lutheran High Northeast basketball games.

Serving from 4:00 PM thru halftime of the last game.

Serving delicious chili and chicken noodle soup, cinnamon rolls and desserts.

FREE WILL DONATION

Join us for an evening of basketball and fellowship!

HSF SCHOOL NEWS & SPORTS

School News

Wed, 01/19:	*NO PM Bus Service
	*1 PM-Dismissal
Thurs, 01/20:	*Bank of the Valley Deposit Day
Fri, 01/21:	*Northeast Nebraska March for Life
	*Monthly Tuition Processed & Cafeteria
	Payments Due
Sat, 01/22:	*10 AM & 1 PM-First Reconciliation
	*Speech @ Scotus
	Sports News
Mon, 01/17:	*GB Conf. Tournament
	*6 PM-JHGB @ Stanton
Tues, 01/18:	*BB Conf. Tournament
Thurs, 01/20:	*GB Conf. Tournament
Sat 01/22.	*GBB Conf. Tournament Finals @ St. Paul

If you would even like to sign up for a holy hour, please call the parish office at 402-923-0913 to fill a time slot. You can even make it a weekly tradition for the whole family for 2022!

*PLEASE TAKE NOTE: If there is a funeral on a Thursday, which is our scheduled day for Adoration, there will be no Adoration during the normal hours of 8:30 AM to 7 PM.

***READING MATERIALS ON THE KIOSK IN THE BACK OF** CHURCH! You never know what God has waiting for you to discover! Suggested prices posted on kiosk.

LUNCH MENU & VOLUNTEERS

Mon, 01/17:	chicken alfredo, dinner bun, broccoli, fruit
Tues, 01/18:	shepherds pie, dinner bun, corn, fruit
Wed, 01/19:	flying saucers, dinner bun, green beans, fruit
Thurs, 01/20:	chili or chicken noodle soup, cinnamon roll, fruit
Fri, 01/21:	hot ham & cheese sandwich, baked beans, fruit
Served with milk. Salad bar served daily.	

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

National Honor Society
National Honor Society
Bunny Preister, Betty Sueper
Ann Denkinger, Karen Werner
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 LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN 22-23

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Holy Family School Website:	lhfbulldogs.wordpress.com

PARISH STAFF:

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, 01/17:	*6:30 PM-JH B BB @ HHS vs Howells/Dodge
Tues, 01/18:	*8 AM-Midnight-Eucharistic Adoration
	*8 AM-Mass
Wed, 01/19:	*SP Howells Invite
	*1 PM-Dismissal
Thurs, 01/20:	*6 PM-G/B BB @ HHS vs Madison
Fri, 01/21:	*8 AM-All School Mass
	*1 PM-March for Life Norfolk
	*6 PM-G/B BB @ BRLD
Sat, 01/22:	* Fun Night

FUTURE EVENTS:

Feb. 27: *KC Breakfast



ON EWTN: Unplanned-The 40 Days for Life Story, Jan. 18 at 3:30 PM. The true story of Abby Johnson, the young woman whose life was depicted in the

film Unplanned. This remarkable woman walked away from her role in Planned Parenthood and became one of the most ardent pro-life advocates in America today.

Friday, January 21: March for Life, complete coverage beginning at 7:30 AM of the 2021 pro-life event of the year, live from Washington, D.C.

Sat, 5:00 PM

Lector-Lisa O'Brien Servers-Madysen Wiese, Isabella Gaspers **EMHC-Cheryl Schaecher** Gift Bearers-Glenn & Lori Beller

Sun, 8:00 AM

Lector-Gerald Chohon Servers-Jaedyn Friesen, Gavin Friesen **EMHC-Joan Pfeifer** Gift Bearers-Mike & Sherry Lindhorst

JANUARY PRAYER CROSS

Mike & Norma Preister Virgil & Mary Preister Please take home one of the crosses with prayer cards and return to the back of church at the end of the month.

As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live. ST. JOHN PAUL II

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.

Kari Fehringer Verleen Fehringer Linda Finkral Linda Formanek

Theresa Formanek Christine Fossen **Jodie Fowlkes** Jill Frauendorfer

ST. MICHAEL C	HURCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN 23 Sun, 10:30 AM
CONTACTS PARISH MINISTERS: Deacon Louis Dohmen	Lector-Mark Servers-Natalie, Claire EMHCs-Paul, Leslie Greeters/Gift Bearers-Paul & Janelle Schemek Money Counters for January: Tim Sliva, Doug Macken Church Cleaning: Kristin Ceder, Mindy Stock Helpers: Katie Hanzel, Bridget Hanzel, Michele Rosenthal
PRE Director: Michelle Brandlstmich PRE Director: Michelle Brandlrb Parish Hall: Parish Hall Schedule: Ruth Mausbach	
President: Mitch DohmenJoy HemVice President: Robert BrandlMike JohSecretary: Mindy StockAdam Ko	er son WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT



*<u>ARE YOU INTERESTED</u> in a part-time, paid position doing bookwork? If so, please contact Mindy.

ST. MARY CHURCH

CONTACTS

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon, 01/17: *6:30 PM-Finance Meeting *7 PM-Pastoral Council Meeting Wed, 01/26: *NO PRE Classes Due to No School

*<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to Charmayne Brabec on winning the raffle box at the Pancake Breakfast! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Knights of Columbus while enjoying some delicious food!

*2021 GIVING RECORDS will be available soon! If you would like a copy of your giving records, please let Melissa know by contacting her at 402-992-0287.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN 23

<u>Sun, 8:30 AM</u>

Lector-Maureen Machacek Servers-Reese Wietfeld, Ava Kasik EMHC-Linda Wilke Gift Bearers-Mike Kabes Rosary-Susie Fischer Collection Counters-Rita Reichmuth

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Adults\$	666.00
Students\$	10.00
Plate\$	187.00
Christmas\$	120.00
Seminary\$	407.00
Solemnity of Mary\$	120.00
Improvement Fund\$	75.00
Utilities <u>\$</u>	25.00
Total Collection\$	1,610.00

*2022 GIVING ENVELOPES are in the back of church. Please pick yours up today-and maybe also for a friend or neighbor!

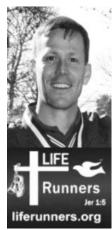
*<u>WELCOME TO OUR PARISH</u>! If you would like to become a member of St. Mary's, please complete a parish registration form found in the entry of church and give it to Father or place it in the collection basket.

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

*PAT CASTLE COMING TO HUMPHREY!! Dr. Pat Castle is the founder of LIFE Runners, the world's largest pro-life team with over 12,000 teammates ages 1-100 in 50 states and 38 nations! In 2006, an encounter with St. Padre Pio during a Pikes Peak ascent inspired him to form the Life Runners team in 2008. His fearless faith and tireless efforts have united and inspired thousands to be heroically pro-life. He dynamically presents amazing faith encounters, encouraging statistics and life-saving experiences. Dr. Pat served in harms way as a career military officers and now serves in harms way outside abortion facilities. He speaks across America. DON'T MISS HIS PRESENTATION ON Wednesday, January 26, at 6:30 PM in the St. Francis high school gym, "Pro-Life Apologetics: Impact Hearts & Minds". Members of all surrounding parishes are welcome to come! First 100 people to arrive receive a free T-shirt!



*NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE WITH GUEST SPEAKER ASHLEY BRATCHER—Thursday, January 20 - Lincoln, NE:

Award-winning actress of "Unplanned". Ashley starred in "Unplanned" despite being told that Hollywood would blacklist her for doing an openly pro-life role. Later, when Hollywood stars threatened to boycott her home state of Georgia because of a new pro-life law, Ashley fought back, even calling boycott leader, Alyssa Milano, personally. In addition, Ashley, whose own mother visited an abortion clinic before changing her mind and carrying her to term, has partnered with Heartbeat International for a scholarship program so women with unplanned pregnancies can continue their education. Come support the pro-life cause, and listen to a brave woman's heart-lifting story!



EBRASKA

CONFERENCE

Our Mission: To advocate for the public policy priorities of the Catholic Church and advance the Gospel of Life through engaging, educating and empowering public officials, the Catholic faithful and the general public.

The Nebraska Catholic Conference (NCC) works to bear the light of Christ in the public square. The days ahead will be very busy for our Nebraska Legislature, and we like to ask you to do three things in the coming days: 1. **Pray.** Pray for all our State Senators as they have an important four months ahead of them. Pray for legislative staff and others who work at the Capitol to help ensure the proper functioning of government and good policy-making. Last but certainly not least, pray for other governmental officials, like our Governor, who will work closely with the State Legislature to help develop & influence policy.

2. **Take action.** You can do this by following the work of the Nebraska Catholic Conference. Through our Catholic Advocacy Network of Nebraska emails, we will provide regular updates on the major issues taking place at the Capitol. We will also alert you when it is time to contact your State Senator and ask them for their support or opposition to legislative bills important to us as Catholics. Your advocacy will be critical this legislative session.

3. **Invite.** Personally invite a family member or friend to join our network by sending them the link <u>necatholic.org/be-an-advocate/join-our-network.html</u>. As Bishop Hanefeldt regularly says, "There is strength in numbers".

Please continue to pray for us at the NCC in the coming months, as we bear the light of Christ in the public square this legislative session.



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