



*St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Humphrey, Nebraska*

The Tau

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Dear Parishioners,

The issue of the death penalty can be both very contentious and very misunderstood. It is important for Catholics to understand the Church's teaching on the death penalty and form their consciences in the light of that truth.

The first observation we need to make is that the death penalty, although clearly an issue dealing with human life, is not morally equivalent to abortion. Any attempt to put these two attacks on human life on the same moral footing is ludicrous. While it is true that neither is morally permissible in our society, abortion is not only far more prevalent than the death penalty, it is also far graver and far more serious as well. Why?

Think of it this way. Abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. The death penalty is the taking of a guilty human life. This distinction alone demonstrates these two forms of killing are not equal. After all, the taking of an innocent human life is always evil, while the taking of a guilty human life may be permitted. When?

The answer, of course, is self-defense. Any individual has the right to defend themselves when they are attacked. Additionally, if the attack is threatening enough, and there is no other way to defend yourself, then the killing of the attacker is permitted. This right of self-defense also extends to the state, which is why police officers are permitted to shoot to kill when no other options are available to defend the victim. It is also the basis for the Church's theory on just wars. A country has the right to defend itself if it is sufficiently endangered by an outside threat.

Notice how this applies to the death penalty. If the state cannot defend its citizens from a sufficiently serious criminal threat, then, out of self-defense, the state has the right, and perhaps even the duty, to execute the criminal. Thus, the death penalty, unlike abortion, can possibly be permitted if it is needed for self-defense. The question then becomes can our society protect itself from criminals without resorting to taking their lives?

The answer, of course, is yes. We have an elaborate system of prisons that is fully capable of protecting us from criminal threats in perpetuity. Naturally, some will argue that it is economically disadvantageous to keep heinous criminals in prison for life. Wouldn't it make more financial sense to execute them, and perhaps, even more moral sense by putting them out of their mercy?

We will deal with these questions one at a time. Regarding the financial question, certainly it is economically advantageous to kill the criminal rather than to incarcerate them. However, as Catholic Christians, we are not supposed to reduce human life to an economic calculation. All human life is of inestimable value if for no other reason that Jesus Christ Himself died for it. This also helps us understand why it might be morally beneficial to preserve this life of the criminal for as long as possible. While it is

undeniable that the immediate confrontation with death is perhaps the ultimate occasion for conversion, it is equally true that more time also allows for more opportunities for conversion. In fact, the criminal will have to confront death's immediacy regardless of whether or not the state is the occasion of this confrontation.

In addition to being able to defend ourselves from these heinous criminals, there are other reasons the death penalty is immoral in our society. The first is that it is not administered fairly and often mistakes are made. In fact, DNA evidence that has only recently come into play occasionally exonerates people of crimes for which they were previously convicted. It is possible, even likely, that some innocent convicts were executed.

Additionally, socio-economic circumstances influence the likelihood of execution. The rich criminal that can afford the best representation are far less likely to be executed than the poor criminal who cannot. There is also evidence that some ethnicities are more likely to be executed for similar crimes than other ethnicities.

Finally, there's also the reality of our society's addiction to killing. We live in a culture that loves to kill. Worst of all, we are becoming increasingly desensitized. From the murders on the streets of Chicago, to the terrorism that is increasing in frequency, to abortions that are happening to the tune of ten per day in Nebraska alone, do we really want to give the state another vehicle it can use to execute its citizens?

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Olsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Eric Olsen

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *JC Camp *Tuition Fees Due for 21/22 School Year *Annual/Semi-Annual/Quarterly Tuition Payments Due for 21/22 School Year *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	2 *7 PM-Athletic Board Meeting	3	4	5 *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration	6 *8 AM-Mass for the Souls of the Faithfully Departed *5 PM-Benediction	7
Gym Closed for Floor Refinishing						
8 *Flyers Golf Tournament @ Steepleview *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	9 *Teacher In-Service *1 PM-Gr. 7-12 Orientation	10 *Teacher In-Service	11 *1st Day of School *1 PM-Dismissal *6 PM-Mass on the Grass	12 *Parish Office Begins Fall Hours (Tuesday-Friday, 8 AM-3:30 PM) *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration *NO Knights of Columbus Meeting	13 *8 AM-GS Mass	14
Gym Closed for Floor Refinishing						
15 *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	16 *8 AM-GS Mass	17 *8 AM-GS Mass	18 *8 AM-GS Mass	19 *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration	20 *8 AM-GS Mass	21 *HSF Monthly Tuition Payments Due
22 *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	23 *8 AM-GS Mass *6:30 PM-VB w/ Howells/Dodge (Jamboree)	24 *8 AM-GS Mass	25 *8 AM-GS Mass	26 *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration *6 PM-VB w/ Osceola	27 *8 AM-GS Mass *7 PM-FB @ Wynot	28
STAR District Screening (thru Sept. 17)						
29 *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	30 *8 AM-GS Mass	31 *8 AM-GS Mass				
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2021</h1>						
1 10am For the People of the Cluster Parishes	2 8am +Kelly Korth	3 8am +Sr. Ethel Widlalm	4 8am +Anton & +Roberta Buresh, & +Greg Hemmer (BD)	5 8am L/D +Edna Widhalm Family	6 8am Souls of the faithfully departed +Marlyn Hunke +Paul Ternus +James Zuerlein	7 5:30pm L/D +Ken & Dorothy Pfeifer Family
8 10am +Mary Pfeifer & +Jeanie Engel	9 8am L/D +Harry & +Diane Korus Family	10 8am +George Brockhaus (BD)	11 8am +George Brockhaus	12 8am +Bill Werner	13 8am L/D +Ludwig & +Viola Wemhoff Family	14 5:30pm +Jackie Kresha
15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10am For the People of the Cluster Parishes +George Brockhaus (A)	16 8am +Donald Moravec	17 8am +George Brockhaus	18 8am L/D +Dale & Nell Schumacher Family	19 8am +Kerry Korth	20 8am L/D +Willard & +Lucille Kuchar Family	21 5:30pm L/D +Jack Haiar Family & +Patrick & +Antonette Kelly Family
22 10am +Bill Werner	23 8am For Unity In Our Communities	24 8am +Donna Zach (A)	25 8am +Gene Labenz (BD)	26 8am L/D +Jim & +Kathaleen Frauendorfer Family	27 8am +Terry McPhillips	28 5:30pm For the People of the Cluster Parishes
29 10am L/D +Alvin & Shirley Fischer Family, & +Gene Zach (A)	30 8am +James Connelly	31 8am Jerome & Rose Foltz (62 nd WA)				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2021</h1> <h2>St. Francis of Assisi Parish Birthdays</h2>						
1 Mary Ann Babel Deacon Tim Howard Sarah Kessler Amy Slama Lynn Teply Helen Weidner	2 Bill Babel Tricia Hanis Milton Wemhoff	3 Randy Hooker Maive Lindsley Karen Wemhoff	4 Steve Krings Karen Lang Jessica Wegener	5	6 Clara Classen	7 Roger Baumgart Phillip Keller Janet Krings Isabel Preister Tim Rollman
8	9 Peyton Heesacker Melvin Schrant	10 Emma Baumgart Hannah Baumgart Mason Geilenkirchen Andy Krings	11 Natalie Beranek Eleanor Jaworski	12 September Babel Sarah Classen Alice Jarecki Laney Zach	13 Tina Sachau	14 Brenda Harding Kelli Fischer Jane Ternus Lee Wemhoff
15 Amy Baumgart Terry Foltz Camron Heinen Taya Heinen	16 Melanie Brandl Vickie Classen Trey Harper Carsyn Hemmer Tim Mausbach James Wemhoff	17	18	19 Barrett Svitak Jayne Ternus Dan Wieser	20 Sharon Herchenbach Craig Ternus Ethan Wieseler Colten Wietfeld	21 Daxton Olmer Emily Stricklin Melvin Sueper Rita Widhalm
22 Olivia Braun Lois Korth Marilyn Labenz Glen Weidner	23 Renee Classen Blakely Olmer Ann Preister Margery Rollman Benelli Svitak Cathy Weidner	24 Natalia Baumgart Adalee Goetsch Donna Olmer Don Pfeifer	25 Carter Howard Brian Hula Joyce Keller Brandon Preister	26 Kendra Classen	27 Ivan Arlt Judi Brandl Tim Meyer	28 Dan Fehringer Emerie Small Sheri Wessel
29 Christine Bender Nathan Classen Connie Foltz Elijah Killham Tanner Pfeifer Tammy Weinder Louise Wischart	30 Leon Bender Bill Classen Dawsyn Eisenmenger Bill Engel Rita Huettner Jim Noonan Ferdinand Weidner	31 Milo Herink				

Liturgical Ministers for August 2021- September 2021

Thank you for your ministry to your parish !! It is truly stewardship in action when we have all of the ministries filled at all the Masses!
We ask that you mark your calendars and if you cannot be present to fulfill your obligation, that you trade with someone on the list, or find a replacement.

Weekend	Lectors	Servers	E.M.H.C.	Greeters	Offertory
<u>Sunday</u> August 1, 2021 10 AM	Ethan Bruland	Jett Reichmuth Dominick Preister	Deacon Kent Sachau Chelsea Werner	Glenn & Joyce Ternus	Ken & Sarah Classen
<u>Saturday</u> August 7, 2021 5:30 PM	Ken Classen	Mason Geilenkirchen Gavin Geilenkirchen	Karen Wietfeld Jarod Podliska	Jim & Lisa Classen	Russ & Patti Korth
<u>Sunday</u> August 8, 2021 10 AM	Ron Denkinger	Noah Wieseler Ethan Wieseler	Andy Krings Sheila Goetsch	Mike & Carmen Foltz	Schuyler Wegener Rich Fleicher
<u>Saturday</u> August 14, 2021 5:30 PM	Terri Wilshusen	Phillip Keller Jacob Keller	Glenn & DeAnna Heinen	Tim & Beverly Zach	Dean & Mary Kosch
<u>Sunday-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> August 15, 2021 10 AM	Ginny Fehringer	Drew Engel Matthew Zach	Steve & Karen Wieser	Bob & Shari Haiar	Jerry & Jane Sander
<u>Saturday</u> August 21, 2021 5:30 PM	Jodie Eisenmenger	Eli McPhillips Tucker Czarnick	Deacon Kent Sachau Sally Classen	Michael & Natalie Ramaekers	Randy & Sharon Wegener
<u>Sunday</u> August 22, 2021 10 AM	Gina Eisenmenger	Wyatt Brandl Jaiden Anderson	Dan & Ginny Fehringer	Debbie Huettner Marge Albracht	Paul Ramaekers Mary Classen
<u>Saturday</u> August 28, 2021 5:30 PM	Paul Eisenmenger	Grace Braun September Babel	Deacon Tim Howard Russ Wilshusen	Milo & Rita Herink	Tim & Beverly Zach

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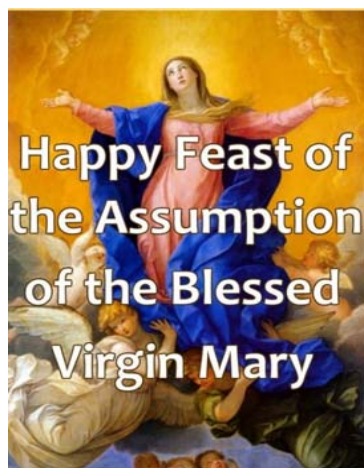
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<u>Sunday</u> August 29, 2021 10 AM	Sharlene Hamling	Tanner Classen Jett Dunn	Deacon Dennis Anderson Katie Morfeld	Dan & Ginny Fehringer	JoJo & Jennifer Dunn
<u>Saturday</u> September 4, 2021 5:30 PM	Bob Haiar	Tucker Czarnick Gage Braun	Doug Eisenmenger Jeanne Brockhaus	Tim & Anita Brandl	Ken & Pat Brandl
<u>Sunday</u> September 5, 2021 10 AM	Corrine Haiar	Ty Classen Tatum Classen	Deacon Kent Sachau Sydney Engel	Pat & Melissa Duesman	Dave & Julie Krings
<u>Saturday</u> September 11, 2021 5:30 PM	Kim Jarosz	Carter Howard Harrison Howard	Deacon Tim Howard Janet Osten	Joe & Lori Classen	Dave & Ronda Lubischer
<u>Sunday</u> September 12, 2021 10 AM	Rita Keller	Eli McPhillips Drew Engel	Jordan Bender Sarah Huettner	Mark & Jeanne Brockhaus	Elaine Eisenmenger Cathie Fuxa
<u>Saturday</u> September 18, 2021 5:30 PM	Larry Korth	Jocelyn Classen Khloe Hooker	Deacon Kent Sachau Michelle Meyer	Gina Eisenmenger Mary Helen Fuchs	Larry & Jeanette Frauendorfer
<u>Sunday</u> September 19, 2021 10 AM	Dave Krings	Jadyn Olmer Ellie Morfeld	Deacon Dennis Anderson Sharon Wegener	Dean & Ann Preister	Mick & Nancy Bender
<u>Saturday</u> September 25, 2021 5:30 PM	Gene McPhillips	Cade Wietfeld Emily Stricklin	Deacon Tim Howard Dustin Ternus	Jerry & Jane Sander	Larry & Sharlene Hamling

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Sunday September 26, 2021 10 AM	Dave Noonan	Dominick Preister Jett Reichmuth	Nathan Classen Glenn Heinen	Ryan & Karla Zach	Dan & Cathy Weidner



O Blessed Virgin Mary, united to the victorious Christ in Heaven, you are the image and first-flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. You shine forth as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim People of God. In your Assumption, you manifest the fullness of redemption and appear as the spotless image of the Church responding in joy to the invitation of the Bridegroom, Your Son, who is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Grant that we may follow your example on earth thereby imitating Your Son as well and being enabled to share your glory, with Him for all eternity. Amen.

July 2021 - 500 Club Winners:

7/03/2021	#132	Deacon Tim & Melissa Howard
7/10/2021	#28	Jason & Heather Jarosz
7/17/2021	#56	Dave & Annette Ternus
7/24/2021	#409	Deacon Kent & Tina Sachau
7/31/2021	#123	Karen K. Weidner

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Back-to-School Prayer

God of all knowledge,
You knew us when we were still in our mother's womb.
You know our comings and our goings.
Grant us wisdom to act on the knowledge we have of You,
and humility to admit when we do not know what to do.
Bless our minds with the knowledge of You and how You sent your Son into the world
to show us the way to You.
Bless all students who are preparing to go back to school.
Bless their teachers and aides that help them to learn.
In addition, give us who are parents the ability to be the first teachers in the faith we
have received from our parents.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother. Amen.

Congratulations to the July 2021 Prize-A-Day Calendar Winners!

Cal. Date	Event	Amount	Calendar #	Winner	City	State
7/01	Weekday	\$50	377	JoAnn Hageman	Omaha	NE
7/02	First Friday	\$75	135	Chad & Katelyn Haiar	Omaha	NE
7/03	Weekday	\$50	826	Jim & Lisa Classen	Humphrey	NE
7/04	Independence Day	\$200	539	Braxton Busselman	Lindsay	NE
7/05	Weekday	\$50	946	Aysha Classen	Norfolk	NE
7/06	Weekday	\$50	282	Rynelda Schumacher	Humphrey	NE
7/07	Weekday	\$50	979	Barb Blazina	Blair	NE
7/08	Weekday	\$50	129	Bob & Shari Haiar	Humphrey	NE
7/09	Weekday	\$50	822	Jim & Lisa Classen	Humphrey	NE
7/10	Weekday	\$50	470	Alyosha Ternus	Marvin	SD
7/11	Sunday	\$75	447	John & Elaine Boyce	Omaha	NE
7/12	Weekday	\$50	852	Lisa Wemhoff	Platte Center	NE
7/13	Weekday	\$50	1153	Dennis & Celie Anderson	Humphrey	NE
7/14	Weekday	\$50	344	Ray & Mary Hemmer	Humphrey	NE
7/15	Weekday	\$50	159	F.M. and Helen Weidner	Humphrey	NE
7/16	Weekday	\$50	25	Dustin & Stacie Tovar	Omaha	NE
7/17	Weekday	\$50	1192	Michael Boyce	Phoenix	AZ
7/18	Sunday	\$75	180	Darlene Christopher	Humphrey	NE
7/19	Weekday	\$50	714	Scott & Gina Weidner	Creston	NE
7/20	Weekday	\$50	11	Christopher Bruner	Grand Forks	ND
7/21	Weekday	\$50	1037	Barrett Svitak & Riggins Svitak	Humphrey	NE
7/22	Weekday	\$50	1090	Tim & Connie Deets Family	Humphrey	NE
7/23	Weekday	\$50	351	Ray & Mary Hemmer	Humphrey	NE
7/24	Weekday	\$50	13	Jeanette Warth	Tulia	TX
7/25	Sunday	\$75	221	Rick Holdcroft	St. Louis	MO
7/26	Weekday	\$50	485	Larry & Jeanette Frauendorfer Family	Humphrey	NE
7/27	Weekday	\$50	874	Jenny & Cory Brummels	Stanton	NE
7/28	Weekday	\$50	789	Alan & Julie Huettner	Humphrey	NE
7/29	Weekday	\$50	763	Tim & Connie Foltz	Humphrey	NE
7/30	Weekday	\$50	809	Steve & Karen Wieser	Humphrey	NE
7/31	Weekday	\$50	95	Carolyn Wemhoff	Tarnov	NE

Thank you for your support!



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP in the
EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL

burns in the month of
August 2021

by the request of and for the intentions of
Dean & Ann Preister Family
in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental
Presence in the tabernacle of our prayer chapel.



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP by the statue of
ST. PEREGRINE

burns in the month of
August 2021

by the request of and for the intentions of
Ron & Ann Denkinger Family
in gratitude for the intercession of St. Peregrine,
and asking God to give his healing grace to all those
who suffer from cancer.



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP in the
CHURCH SANCTUARY

burns in the month of
August 2021

by the request of and for the intentions of
Dick & Sally Classen Family
in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental
Presence in the tabernacle of our Church.



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP in the
HIGH SCHOOL CHAPEL

burns in the month of
August 2021

by the request of and for the intentions of
***Sanctuary Lamp does not burn
in the summer months***
in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental
Presence in the tabernacle of the Chapel where
our student pray.

This August Issue of the Tau is sponsored by Pat & Melissa Duesman. Thank you!

The deadline for putting anything in the Tau is the 20th of the month. If you are interested in sponsoring the Tau or any of the Sanctuary Candles, please contact Karen in the parish office.