



*St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
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Dear Parishioners,

When you think about it, our world is full of signs. It is not surprising, then, that Christianity also makes use of this phenomenon. Of all the signs that represent christianity, none is more identifiable than the cross. Christianity's link with the cross is so intimate, so cherished, that it can never be separated.

Interestingly, Christianity did not use the cross as its sign until early in the fourth century. It was then that a junior emperor named Constantine received a vision. While preparing for battle against a far superior foe, Constantine heard a voice saying, "in this sign, conquer." Along with this voice came a vision of the cross of Jesus Christ. Constantine immediately affixed this sign of the cross on his soldiers' breastplates and on their flags. Then, led by the cross, Constantine charged into battle. Sure enough, Constantine's army secured a victory so complete that it led to the reunification of the Roman Empire under his leadership. It only made sense, then, that when Constantine converted to Christianity and legalized Christianity a few years later, he also made the cross its official emblem.

There could be no more perfect symbol for the Christian than the cross. For the cross represents everything it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It symbolizes the power of our human weakness, the strength in our humility. Think about this for a minute. Jesus Christ, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, does not cling to this status. Rather, He gives it up to become something infinitely less dignified, a human being.

But, the humiliation Jesus Christ endures doesn't end there. Jesus also condescends to suffer the most terrifying, most horrific of all human experiences – the experience of death. Of course, Jesus' death was not just any death. Rather, it was one of the most horrific and one of the most humiliating deaths imaginable – the death reserved only for the most heinous of criminals - - death on the cross.

Yet, with all His glory stripped away and nothing further left to give, Jesus is exalted by God and restored to His rightful place at His Father's right hand. You see, only in this most profound of humiliations was Jesus able to manifest the depths of His strength, and in this most profound of weaknesses demonstrate the limitlessness of His power.

This is the best part. For the power demonstrated by the humiliation of Jesus Christ on the cross is so strong that it even transcends time. For the Christian, the wood of the cross becomes the new tree of life. For just as Adam and Eve could eat from the fruit of the old tree of life and never die, so, too, the Catholic Christian can eat from the fruit of the new tree of life, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and live forever. For the power that emanates from the triumph of the weakness of Jesus Christ has no limitation, not even time.

All these insights are contained in the most beautiful, most profound sign of Christianity, the cross, which we celebrate in a special way on September 14. Hopefully, the sight of the cross serves to provide us with the same encouragement in our own adversity that it did to the emperor Constantine eighteen centuries ago . . . “in this sign, conquer!”

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Olsen", followed by a horizontal line.

Rev. Eric Olsen

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *8 AM-GS Mass *6:30 PM-Safe Environment Training in Cafeteria	2 *Bank of the Valley Deposit Day *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration *8:45 AM-Eucharistic Procession *5:30 PM-CC @ Wisner-Pilger	3 *8 AM-First Friday Mass for the Faithfully Departed/GS Mass *8:30 AM-5 PM-Adoration *3 PM-JHCC @ Madison *5 PM-Benediction *7 PM-FB @ Emerson-Hubbard	4 *10 AM-VB @ Cedar Bluffs
5 *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	6 *Labor Day *NO SCHOOL	7 *7:30 AM-4 PM-Scholastic Book Fair in Gym Lobby *8 AM-GS Mass *5 PM-VB @ Burwell-St. Ed Triangular	8 *Picture Day *7:30 AM-4 PM-Scholastic Book Fair in Gym Lobby *8 AM-GS Mass	9 *2 PM-8 PM-Scholastic Book Fair *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration *1 PM-Dismissal *NO PM Bus Service *2 PM-8 PM-Parent/Teacher Conferences *7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Meeting	10 *7:30 AM-4 PM-Scholastic Book Fair in Gym Lobby *8 AM-GS Mass *3 PM-JHCC @ Norfolk Catholic *4 PM-CC @ Norfolk Catholic Inv *4 PM-FB w/ Palmer	11 *9 AM-JHVB @ Clarkson *9 AM-VB @ Fremont Bergan Tourney
12 *Confirmation Retreat @ St. Michael *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	13 *8 AM-GS Mass *3 PM-JHVB @ Riverside *4 PM-JHFB @ Riverside	14 *Grandparents Day *8 AM-GS Mass *3:30 PM-JHVB @ Fullerton *5:30 PM-VB @ Fullerton	15 *8 AM-GS Mass	16 *Bank of the Valley Deposit Day *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration *4:30 PM-CC @ Pender *5:30 PM-VB w/ Riverside	17 *8 AM-GS Mass *7 PM-FB w/ Wasau	18 *Homecoming *2 PM-Krings/Bierman Wedding
19 *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	20 *8 AM-GS Mass	21 *Husker Spirit Day *8 AM-GS Mass *Monthly Tuition Payments Due *7 PM-Finance Meeting	22 *7 AM-1 PM-NHS Blood Drive *8 AM-GS Mass *1 PM-Dismissal *NO PM Bus Service	23 *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration *5 PM-VB @ Bloomfield *6 PM-Archbishop's Dinner for Education	24 *8 AM-GS Mass *Plum Creek Festival *2:30 PM-FB @ Riverside *4:30 PM-CC @ Boone Central Inv. *5:30 PM-JHCC @ Boone Central	25 *Big Red Bash *10 AM-VB @ Wisner-Pilger Tourney
26 *7 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	27 *NO Bus Service *8 AM-GS Mass *1 PM-CC @ UNK Invite *3:30 PM-JHVB w/ Howells-Dodge *4:30 PM-JHFB w/ CWC	28 *8 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-JHCC @ Pierce	29 *NHS Super Casual Day *8 AM-GS Mass	30 *BoV Deposit Day *GS Adopt-A-Child Day *8 AM-HS Mass *8:30 AM-7 PM-Adoration *4 PM-CC @ Battle Creek Invite *4:30 PM-JHFB w/ Howells-Dodge *5 PM-VB @ NC/Heartland Lutheran Tri. *5:30 PM-JHCC @ Battle Creek		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2021</h1> 						
			1 8am +Jeanie Engel	2 8am +Tom Veik (BD)	3 8am Souls of the faithfully departed +Lois Micek +Marcelline Foltz +Larry Gilmofer +Harold Frauendorfer	4 5:30pm L/D Paul & Bonnie Ramaekers Family
5 10am For the People of the Cluster Parishes	6 <b>Labor Day</b> 8am In Thanksgiving from the Karen L. Weidner Family	7 8am L/D +Edna Widhalm Family	8 8am +Kathaleen Frauendorfer (A)	9 8am +George & +Liz Brockhaus (WA) & +Rich Wegener	10 8am L/D +Ludwig & +Viola Wemhoff Family	11 5:30pm +Todd Preister & Lyle & Sue Babel (45 <sup>th</sup> WA)
12 10am L/D +Alvin & Shirley Fischer Family & Dick & Sally Classen	13 8am L/D +Harry & +Diane Korus Family	14 8am L/D +Dale & Nell Schumacher Family	15 8am +Bill Werner	16 8am L/D Paul & Bonnie Ramaekers Family	17 8am L/D +Joe & +Phyllis McPhillips Family	18 5:30pm +Kerry Korth & +John & +Betty Albers
19 10am +Gene & +Mary Ellen Zach (WA) & +LaRose Preister (A)	20 8am +James Connelly	21 8am L/D +Felix & +Faye Krings Family	22 8am +Anton & +Roberta Buresh (WA) & +Kenny Bender	23 8am L/D Earl Widhalm Family	24 8am L/D +Willard & +Lucille Kuchar Family	25 5:30pm L/D Jim & +Jeanie Engel Family
26 10am +Jamie Weidner	27 8am +Andrew Volnek	28 8am +Donald Moravec	29 8am L/D +Flavian & +Philomena Shemek Family	30 8am L/D +Stanley & +Clara Beller Family		

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<h1>September 2021</h1> <h2>St. Francis of Assisi Parish Birthdays</h2>						
			1 Emmitt Bender Myla Geilenkirchen Andrew Kosch Marie Larson	2	3 Anita Brandl McCoy Classen	4 Chance Boesch Tom Preister Brantley Reigle
5 Matthew Jarecki Leah Kosch Ronda Lubischer Adrian Tasa Kenzie Wietfeld	6	7 Gayln Moeller	8 Schuyler Heesacker Romaine Lubischer Eric Sjuts	9 Jack Boesch Lori Classen Annette Ternus	10 Mcoy Abner Cash Hastreiter Oliver Tasa Jay Werner	11 Chad Classen Joe Classen
12 Janelle Foltz Hunter Klug Eloise Krings Aaron Wieser	13	14 Jocelyn Classen Hailey Foltz Tom Hastreiter Donna Kyncl	15	16 Kambry Westring	17 Don Dohmen Alexis Sjuts	18 Carmen Foltz Taya Harper
19 Lisa Geilenkirchen Rich Heinen Vance Kessler Chayse Wemhoff	20 Joan Duesman Phyllis Heinen Grace McPhillips Jane Sander Brianna Sjuts	21 Sara Groteluschen	22 Glenn Theilen	23 Jim Engel Brenna Wieseler	24 Bennett Wegener	25 RaeJean Pfeifer Addison Schneider
26 Jaycee Bruland Brandi Eisenmenger Rose Foltz Gene McPhillips Sue Wegener Devin Wiehn	27 Ann Babel Bailey Bender Ali Brandl Julie Fittje Katie McKay Larry Wischart	28 Mark Fendrick Todd Groteluschen Jaxon Jarecki Charlie Sunderman Alan Ternus Karen K. Weidner	29 Rhylan Hooker Ryken Olmer	30 Gina Eisenmenger Rylan Neuhaus Sharon Wegener Kari Wieseler Millie Veik Peyton Zach		

**St. Francis of Athletic Board Minutes**  
**August 2, 2021**

The St. Francis athletic board held a meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021, in the high school library. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eric Kessler. Members present were Eric Kessler, Kevin Bender, Ann Denkinger, Deacon Tim Howard, Melissa Howard, Kevin Kosch, Paula Kosch, Josh Wessel, Erica Wessel, Mark Pfeifer and Melissa Pfeifer. Linda Bender and Ron Denkinger were excused.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Deacon Tim Howard presented the treasurer's report.

Beginning balance 6/30/21	\$19,789.99
Credits	\$ 3,835.91
Debits	\$ 1,299.50
Ending Balance	\$22,335.40

A motion to approve was made by Mark Pfeifer and seconded by Paula Kosch.

The expenses were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Kevin Kosch and seconded by Mark Pfeifer.

The Flyer golf tournament is scheduled for August 8, 2021. The tournament is full, and various responsibilities were discussed.

A BIG thank you to all the donors and participants of the golf tournament as it is our major fundraiser of the year.

Pepsi has delivered a new cooler to the football field. It was discussed about the issues we have had with the cooler in our concession stand in the gym. Eric Kessler will check into that when Pepsi distributor comes on August 17.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2021, at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Eric Kessler, Substitute Secretary

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
**Finance Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2021**

The meeting of the finance board opened with prayer led by Fr. Eric Olsen at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. President, Bryan Reichmuth, called the meeting to order.

Those present were Fr. Olsen, Dan Fehringer, Duane Kosch, Lisa Krings, Todd Preister, Bryan Reichmuth, Kevin Small, Tim Werner and Carol Wemhoff. Excused members were Paul Ramaekers and Ashley Krings.

The May minutes stand as written.

**Election of Officers:**

On a motion by Kevin Small and seconded by Dan Fehringer, Bryan Reichmuth was re-elected as president.

On a motion by Bryan Reichmuth and seconded by Carol Wemhoff, Kevin Small was re-elected as vice president.

On a motion by Carol Wemhoff and seconded by Tim Werner, Ashley Krings was elected as secretary.

**Financials**

The fiscal year-to-date financial reports were reviewed, discussed and approved.

**Pastor's Comments**

The parish has received notification that the second round PPP loan from the government has been forgiven.

Several small group meetings were held this summer with Fr. Olsen, Fr. Steve and parents that have children attending Holy Family and St. Francis schools discussing financial stability and the coop proposals.

Mrs. Maureen McPhillips has accepted the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position for the 2021-2022 school year.

There have been no applicants for the custodial openings at St. Francis. Contacts were made to consider hiring a cleaning service, however, there were none available in our area due to the lack of workers available in those businesses. Adjustments have been made at this time, and we will continue to advertise this position.

Our school cafeteria has one full time opening. We thank all the cafeteria staff and volunteers who have stepped forward.

Notification was received that the students will receive free lunches for the 2021-2022 school year through a federal school lunch program.

It has been decided that a general survey will be dispersed in September to all St. Francis parish envelope holders and parents from other parishes who have children in our school.

We are cooping teachers from Lindsay Holy Family for grades 9-12 business and science and Junior High religion. Fr. Olsen is teaching the senior Religion class at both schools, and Fr. Steve is teaching 9-11 Religion at both schools.

Finance board member, Paul Ramaekers, has resigned. There will be a notice in the upcoming bulletin asking parishioners to submit their name to the parish office if they are interested in filling this seat on the board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7 PM.

The meeting closed with a prayer and blessing led by Fr. Olsen at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Wemhoff, Secretary

**August 2021 - 500 Club Winners:**

8/07/2021	#51	Tim & Sheila Hassenstab
8/14/2021	#460	Joe & Janet Eisenmenger
8/21/2021	#454	Gary & Janet Zimmerer
8/28/2021	#229	Jim & Deb Herchenbach

**Congratulations and thank you for your**



# Liturgical Ministers for September 2021- October 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
<b><u>aturday</u> September 4, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Bob Haiar	Tucker Czarnick Gage Braun	Doug Eisenmenger Jeanne Brockhaus	Tim & Anita Brandl	Ken & Pat Brandl
<b><u>Sunday</u> September 5, 2021 10 AM</b>	Corrine Haiar	Ty Classen Tatum Classen	Deacon Kent Sachau Sydney Engel	Pat & Melissa Duesman	Dave & Julie Krings
<b><u>Saturday</u> September 11, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Kim Jarosz	Carter Howard Harrison Howard	Deacon Tim Howard Janet Osten	Joe & Lori Classen	Dave & Ronda Lubischer
<b><u>Sunday</u> September 12, 2021 10 AM</b>	Rita Keller	Eli McPhillips Drew Engel	Jordan Bender Sarah Huettner	Mark & Jeanne Brockhaus	Elaine Eisenmenger Cathie Fuxa
<b><u>Saturday</u> September 18, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Larry Korth	Jocelyn Classen Khloe Hooker	Deacon Kent Sachau Michelle Meyer	Gina Eisenmenger Mary Helen Fuchs	Larry & Jeanette Frauendorfer
<b><u>Sunday</u> September 19, 2021 10 AM</b>	Dave Krings	Jadyn Olmer Ellie Morfeld	Deacon Dennis Anderson Sharon Wegener	Dean & Ann Preister	Mick & Nancy Bender
<b><u>Saturday</u> September 25, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Gene McPhillips	Cade Wietfeld Emily Stricklin	Deacon Tim Howard Dustin Ternus	Jerry & Jane Sander	Larry & Sharlene Hamling
<b><u>Sunday</u> September 26, 2021 10 AM</b>	Dave Noonan	Dominick Preister Jett Reichmuth	Nathan Classen Glenn Heinen	Ryan & Karla Zach	Dan & Cathy Weidner
<b><u>Saturday</u> October 2, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Bruce Pfeifer	Tate Wietfeld Tyson Wietfeld	Paul Ramaekers Kevin Small	Trevin Foltz Dorothy Brandt	Tom & Ann Olmer

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<b><u>Sunday</u> October 3, 2021 10 AM</b>	Todd Preister	Noah Wieseler Ethan Wieseler	Deacon Tim Howard Jeff Korus	Ken & Jane Backes	Vern & Georgia Hunsley
<b><u>Saturday</u> October 9, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Terri Wilshusen	Gavin Geilenkirchen Mason Geilenkirchen	Deacon Kent Sachau Sharon Wegener	Francis & Connie Jaixen	Steve & Monica Heesacker
<b><u>Sunday</u> October 10, 2021 10 AM</b>	Dustin Ternus	Drew Engel Tatum Classen	Colten Wietfeld DeAnna Heinen	Laurie Eisenmenger Marge Albracht	Ken & Diane McGill
<b><u>Saturday</u> October 16, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Makenna Wietfeld	Jacob Keller Tucker Czarnick	Deacon Tim Howard Lynn Teply	Tim & Connie Foltz	Rich & Phyllis Heinen
<b><u>Sunday</u> October 17, 2021 10 AM</b>	Jordan Bender	Jaiden Anderson Eli McPhillips	Melvin & Karen Sueper	Tim & Anita Brandl	Tim & Sheila Hassenstab
<b><u>Saturday</u> October 23, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Chris Braun	September Babel Jocelyn Classen	Bob Haiar Nathan Weidner	Sonny & Rita Herink	Tim & Marge Rollman
<b><u>Sunday</u> October 24, 2021 10 AM</b>	Ethan Bruland	Wyatt Brandl Tanner Classen	Deacon Dennis Anderson Sydney Engel	Mark & Jeanne Brockhaus	Terry & Michelle Wemhoff
<b><u>Saturday</u> October 30, 2021 5:30 PM</b>	Celie Anderson	Gage Braun Grace Braun	Deacon Dennis Anderson Alan Ternus	Chris & Amy Slama	Leon & Barb Bender
<b><u>Sunday</u> October 31, 2021 10AM</b>	Ron Denkinger	Carter Howard Harrison Howard	Deacon Tim Howard Chelsea Werner	Tim & Beverly Zach	Laura Brandl Lynn Teply

## Congratulations to the August 2021 Prize-A-Day Calendar Winners!

Cal. Date	Event	Amount	Calendar #	Winner	City	State
8/01	Sunday	\$75	1129	Fr. Eric Olsen	Humphrey	NE
8/02	Weekday	\$50	165	Junior & Helen Weidner	Humphrey	NE
8/03	Weekday	\$50	455	Alaina, Gavin & Jada Rosendahl	Columbus	NE
8/04	Weekday	\$50	623	Alyssa Brandl	Humphrey	NE
8/05	Weekday	\$50	332	Steve & Sandy Albracht	Humphrey	NE
8/06	First Friday	\$75	170	Junior & Helen Weidner	Humphrey	NE
8/07	Weekday	\$50	243	Brylie Reigle	Humphrey	NE
8/08	Sunday	\$75	854	Mary Reichmuth	Omaha	NE
8/09	Weekday	\$50	833	Carter, Tanner & Jacob Classen	Humphrey	NE
8/10	Weekday	\$50	250	Jaxon Hassenstab	Lincoln	NE
8/11	Weekday	\$50	496	Bob Zach	Humphrey	NE
8/12	Weekday	\$50	812	Kelly & Dale Wemhoff	Humphrey	NE
8/13	Weekday	\$50	1067	Dan & Tama Krings	Lincoln	NE
8/14	Weekday	\$50	958	Alice Labenz	Humphrey	NE
8/15	Assumption of Mary	\$400	314	Kevin & Gina Langin	Omaha	NE
8/16	Weekday	\$50	136	Richard & Marilyn Albers	Humphrey	NE
8/17	Weekday	\$50	633	Eleanor Jaworski	Humphrey	NE
8/18	Weekday	\$50	509	Gary & Gina Torczon	Platte Center	NE
8/19	Weekday	\$50	983	Bob Wilson	Peabody	MA
8/20	Weekday	\$50	735	Trevin & Tara Foltz	Humphrey	NE
8/21	Weekday	\$50	1038	Geri Bender, Kendra Knopik & Barrett Svitak	Genoa	NE
8/22	Sunday	\$75	61	Jesse Shanle	Lindsay	NE
8/23	Weekday	\$50	279	Eloise Rollman Seward	Omaha	NE
8/24	Weekday	\$50	145	William Shemek	Tarnov	NE
8/25	Weekday	\$50	365	Sarita Kenton	Overland Park	KS
8/26	Weekday	\$50	1021	Bill & Amy Classen	Humphrey	NE
8/27	Weekday	\$50	79	Sydney Wallin	Madison	NE
8/28	Weekday	\$50	265	Nick & Jenna Olmer	Humphrey	NE
8/29	Sunday	\$75	233	Richard or Evelyn Hemmer	Humphrey	NE
8/30	Weekday	\$50	1017	Tristen, Ty & Tatum Classen	Humphrey	NE
8/31	Weekday	\$50	972	Steve & Ashley Krings	Humphrey	NE

**Thank you for your support!**



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** in the  
***EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL***

burns in the month of  
September 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  
September 2021

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Dean & Ann Preister 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  
September 2021

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Jr. & Helen Weidner 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  
September 2021

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Ken & Jane Backes***

in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental  
Presence in the tabernacle of the Chapel where  
our student pray.

**This September Issue of the Tau is sponsored by the Dave & Vickie Classen Family  
in memory of +Kenton Classen. Thank you!**

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