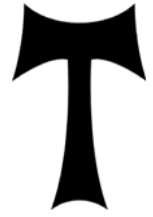




*St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Humphrey, Nebraska*

## *The Tau*

**January 2025 Volume 17, Number 5**



Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to begin a New Year, there are so many things that come to mind: What will my New Year's resolution be, and will I be able to keep it?

We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We are reminded that she is also our mother. What a wonderful thing to know, that we are also Mary's children. As we reflect upon this, it may take us to the moral reality of children, birth and the right to life. On January 22 we remember and pray to God that we might respect all life, from the moment of conception to our moment of natural death when we leave this life and return to the Father.

Ever since the early 1990's, I have taught about the right to life in a logical way, as it is logical to believe in life. Just think of it who say a woman has a right to an abortion really don't understand rights. Rights are given to us by God, not just society, and society doesn't have the moral primacy that God's law or natural law have in and of itself. A person has the right to have relations or not, this is a truth and a reality. The result of having relations can have consequences of the actions one has freely taken. I use to tie this whole idea into the aspect of if one commit's a crime and then goes to prison or some other consequence as a result of their free-will choice (action). One does not get to choose whether they accept this consequence; it is given, and they have no choice. This is true of all of life. The free will choices we make in our daily lives do have consequences, and we need to accept them.

This last November we voted on constitutional language to help begin protecting the life of the unborn, and we should continue to move forward in this important moral issue. So as we move through this month of January, the month in which we celebrate, so many times, the importance and sacredness of life, let us pray for the softening of hearts to follow God's purpose that all life is sacred from the miraculous moment of conception to the natural ending of death.


Christ's Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Stan Schopf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		New Year's Eve *4 PM-Mass on Eve of the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary	1 *Feast of the Solemnity of Mary *NO SCHOOL *Parish Office Closed *10 AM-Mass	2 *NO SCHOOL *8 AM-12 PM-Parish Office Open *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration *7 PM-Benediction	3 *First Friday *NO SCHOOL *8 AM-12 PM-Parish Office Open *10 AM-First Friday Mass *10:30 AM-5 PM-Adoration *5 PM-Benediction	4 *2:30 PM-GBB @ Hartington
5 *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	6 *School Resumes *NO Bus Service *8:10 AM-GS Mass	7 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *6:15 PM-GB w/ Norfolk Catholic	8 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *6:30 PM-PRE	9 *8:10 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration *7 PM-Benediction	10 *GS Bank of the Valley Deposit Day *10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-GBB @ Howells/Dodge	11 *3 PM-GBB w/ Burwell
12 *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	13 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-WR @ Oakland/Craig	14 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-JHGB @ GACC	15 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *Gr. 3 & 4 Confession *2:30 PM-JHGBB w/ St. Ed *6:30 PM-PRE	16 *8:10 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration *6:15 PM-GB @ Pierce *7 PM-Benediction	17 *10 AM-GS Mass *4:30 PM-GBB @ Clarkson/Leigh	18
19 *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	20 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *6 PM-BB Conf. Tournament @ TBA	21 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *6 PM-GB Conf. Tournament @ TBA *Tuition Payments Due	22 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *6 PM-Booster Club Meeting *6:30 PM-PRE	23 *8:10 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration *6 PM-BB Conf. Tournament @ TBA *7 PM-Benediction	24 *GS Bank of the Valley Deposit Day *9:30 AM-WR @ Madison *10 AM-GS Mass *6 PM-GB Conf. Tournament @ TBA	25 *6 PM-GB/BB Tournament @ Central Valley
26 *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	27 *8:10 AM-GS Mass	28 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-GBB @ Newman Grove/ St. Ed	29 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *6:30 PM-PRE	30 *8:10 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration *6:15 PM-BB w/ Norfolk Catholic *7 PM-Benediction	31 *10 AM-GS Mass *Parent Luncheon *9 PM-Night Fever (Night Adoration)	
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2025</h1> 						
			<b>1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>  10am For The People Of The Parish Families	<b>2</b>  8:10am +Richard Sueper	<b>3</b> 10am Souls of the faithfully departed +Dan Beller +Jon Veik +Fr. Jim Novotny	<b>4</b>  6:15pm +Fr. Vernon Olmer
<b>5</b>  10am For The People Of Our Parish Family	<b>6 Epiphany</b>  8:10am +Kerry Korth	<b>7</b>  8:10am +Kenny Brandl	<b>8</b> 8:10am +David Wiese & In Thanksgiving from the Marvin Classen Family	<b>9</b>  8:10am +Dick Sueper & +Rich Wegener	<b>10</b>  10am +Mark & +Marcelline Foltz & +Ron Denkinger	<b>11</b>  6:15pm L/D +Kathleen Lynch Family
<b>12</b>  10am +Kelly Jo Gardner	<b>13</b>  8:10am +Eleanor Jaworski & +Julie Frauendorfer	<b>14</b>  8:10am +Dan Engel	<b>15</b>  8:10am +Vern Haiar (A)	<b>16</b>  8:10am L/D +Stanley & +Clara Beller Family	<b>17</b>  10am +Ivan Beller	<b>18</b>  6:15pm L/D +Mark Brockhaus Family & +Barbara Svoboda
<b>19</b>  10am L/D +Vic & +Eileen Brandl Family & L/D Jim & +Jeanie Engel Family	<b>20</b>  8:10am +Dan Engel	<b>21</b>  8:10am +Fr. Vernon Olmer (A)	<b>22</b>  8:10am +Len & +Adele Hassenstab	<b>23</b>  8:10am L/D +Vic & +Eileen Brandl Family & +Ray & +Eleanor Jaworski Family	<b>24</b>  10am +Jamie & +Karen Weidner	<b>25</b>  6:15pm +Vern Haiar
<b>26</b>  10am Dan & Sheri Wessel Family	<b>27</b>  8:10am +Len & +Adele Hassenstab & L/D +Art & +LaRose Preister Family	<b>28</b>  8:10am +Kenny Brandl	<b>29</b>  8:10am L/D +Ludwig & +Viola Wemhoff Family	<b>30</b>  8:10am +Gerald & +Virginia Frauendorfer	<b>31</b>  10am +Georgia Ann Bender	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2025</h1> <h2>St. Francis of Assisi Parish Birthdays</h2>						
			1 Charlotte Ternus	2 Julie Preister Linda Bender	3 Katherine Klug Carson Weidner	4 Crystal Foltz Dustin Kessler Joan Korth Pam Wemhoff Ryan Zach
5 Tim Deets Randy Preister Boyd Wegener	6 Terry Brockhaus Krista Hooker	7 Matthew McPhillips Brisa Reigle Brooke Sjuts Ava Ternus	8 Bob Foltz Crystal Harper Mary Hemmer	9 Grant Howard Olivia Wemhoff	10 Jasmine Heesacker Lennon Korus Mikaela Korus Lainey Podliska Sharon Theilen	11 Graham Jenkinson Victoria Ternus
12	13 Beverly James Asher Korus Russ Wilshusen	14 Emily Droescher Bill Fischer Kelli Foltz Renee Gilsdorf Brad Keller Linda Moeller June Molczyk	15 Adam Wietfeld	16 Rich Fleischer Russal Foltz Brooke Hemmer Hannah Weidner	17 Kallie Dole	18 Luke Wegener Jill Werner Taylor Werner
19 Lois Beiermann	20 Grace Boesch Beth Keller Kevin Small Daniel Wegener	21 Jarrett Fittje Jedd Fischer Donna Wemhoff	22	23 Kline Abner Terry Eller Mark Geilenkirchen Jackson Kosch Terry Sjuts Barry Tasa Laura Ternus	24 Chris Braun Dorothy Hemmer Jody Preister	25 Jodie Eisenmenger Hadley Frauendorfer Veda Korus Blake Krings Dorothy Pfeifer
26 Tita Secuya	27 Roman Abner Barrett Brandl Spencer Eisenmenger Autumn Fittje Jim Olmer	28 Pat Duesman Kevin Kosch	29 Jim Classen Jeannette Helmer Lyle Hillen Preston Wegener	30 Reese Beranek Jason Fittje Christina Hastreiter	31 Tim Hamling Bob Zach	

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Cemetery Board Minutes**  
**December 3, 2024**

The St. Francis cemetery board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, in the parish meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fr. Stan Schmit. Members present were Fr. Stan Schmit, Alan Ternus, Craig Ternus, Doug Eisenmenger, Steve Wieser, Karen Wieser and George Keller. Gib Preister was excused and Michael Wegener was absent.

Fr. Stan led the board in an opening prayer.

The minutes stand approved as written. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve Wieser and seconded by Doug Eisenmenger.

**Old Business:**

Four rows of cement slabs were installed this fall at the St. Francis Cemetery.

The Knights of Columbus donated funds towards the storage shed at St. Francis Cemetery.

**New Business:**

Reviewed the price per cemetery plots. There will be no price increase at any of our cemeteries.

Thrasher has been contacted to give us an estimate on what the cost would be to level some monuments that are leaning at our cemeteries. We will see if it is a feasible cost.

Carl Jarosz will help with snow removal at our cemeteries.

Looking at possibilities to keep the dirt and rock in separate bins next to the storage shed.

It is our goal that by June 2025 the dirt pile near the top of the new acre area will be moved to the storage shed area.

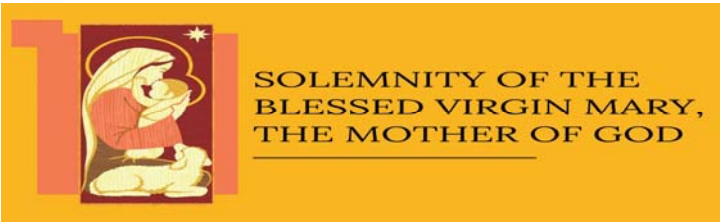
The board has discussed the need for a volunteer to help Doug Eisenmenger in marking graves, etc. at the St. Francis Cemetery. If anyone is willing to help please contact a board member.

This upcoming spring a load of rock will be needed at St. Francis Cemetery.

The board discussed what we have for finances.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM with a prayer lead by Fr. Stan Schmit.

Respectfully submitted  
Karen Wieser, Secretary



SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**Mass Times:**

**Tuesday, December 31**

4:00 PM-St. Francis, Humphrey  
5:30 PM-St. Michael's, Tarnov

**Wednesday, January 1**

8:00 AM-Holy Family, Lindsay  
8:30 AM-St. Mary's, Leigh  
10:00 AM-St. Francis, Humphrey  
10:30 AM-Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Clarkson



**The Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast**

**THE KC's INVITES EVERYONE TO  
JOIN THEM FOR THE  
PANCAKE FEED HELD IN THE  
ST. FRANCIS PARISH HALL**

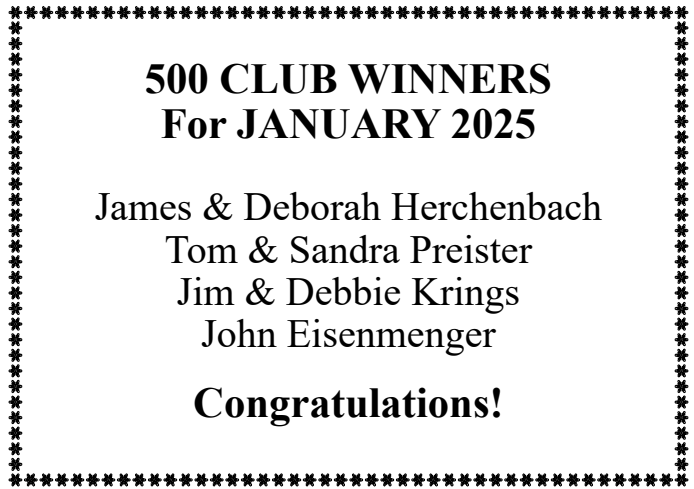
***Sunday, January 12, 2025  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM***



**Prayer for Catholic Schools**

Dear Lord,

Bless those who work and learn in our Catholic schools. Give our teachers the grace every day to be models of You to all they meet. Give our students the desire to learn their lessons, and also to grow closer to You through our Mother and our older siblings, the Saints. Give our administrators the guidance they need, to balance the needs of the school with a life modeled on You and Your compassion. Give our school parents the understanding to make the most of school based on You for the academic and spiritual lives of their children. Amen



**500 CLUB WINNERS  
For JANUARY 2025**

James & Deborah Herchenbach  
Tom & Sandra Preister  
Jim & Debbie Krings  
John Eisenmenger

**Congratulations!**



Prayer for the child in the womb.

Jesus, You are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvelous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all. Together with Mary, Your Mother, in whose womb You took on our human nature, help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with You, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

# Liturgical Ministers for January 2025 - February 2025

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.	Hospitality/Greeters	Offertory
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> <b><i>Solemnity of Mary</i></b> <b>January 1, 2025</b> <b>10 AM</b>	Jennifer Dunn	Jacob Classen Jameson Dunn Jett Dunn	Andrew Kosch Jayda Krings	Ken & Jane Backes	Gene & Maureen McPhillips
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> <b>January 4, 2025</b> <b>6:15 PM</b>	Jodie Eisenmenger	Kenna Olmer Emerie Small Jameson Small	Deacon Kent Sachau Jordan Bender	Dorothy Brandt Karen Werner	Loran & Carol Wemhoff
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> <b>January 5, 2025</b> <b>10 AM</b>	Isabel Preister	Jadyn Olmer Jacob Preister Nathan Preister	Deacon Dennis Anderson Lynn Teply	Ryan & Karla Zach	Aaron & Cara Wieser
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> <b>January 11, 2025</b> <b>6:15 PM</b>	Paul Eisenmenger	Max Wegener Alivia Wiehn Cade Wietfeld	Deacon Dennis Anderson Glenn Heinen	Francis & Connie Jaixen	Leon & Barb Bender
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> <b>January 12, 2025</b> <b>10 AM</b>	Noah Wieseler	Dominick Preister Milo Ramaekers Brisa Reigle	Deacon Tim Howard Bella Foster	Dean & Ann Preister	Dave & Julie Krings
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> <b>January 18, 2025</b> <b>6:15 PM</b>	Bob Haiar	Tate Wietfeld Tyson Wietfeld Peyton Foltz	Deacon Kent Sachua DeAnna Heinen	Joe & Lori Classen	Tom & Ann Olmer
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> <b>January 19, 2025</b> <b>10 AM</b>	Jordan Bender	Tate Schumacher Knox Bruland Brenna Wieseler	Deacon Tim Howard Matthew Brockhaus	Mike & Carmen Foltz	Ken & Diane McGill
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> <b>January 25, 2025</b> <b>6:15 PM</b>	Kim Jarosz	Kayden Frauendorfer Gavin Geilenkirchen Mason Geilenkirchen	Deacon Tim Howard Nathan Weidner	Jim & Marcia Schrant	Ferd & Helen Weidner
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> <b>January 26, 2025</b> <b>10 AM</b>	Gage Braun	Grant Keller Kelsey Kosch Jordi Jo Reichmuth	Danielle Wessel Noah Wieseler	JoJo & Jennifer Dunn	Jordan & Danielle Bender


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<b><u>Saturday</u> February 1, 2025 6:15 PM</b>	Rita Keller	Grace Braun Olivia Braun Kinnley Classen	Emma Classen Jayda Krings	Mary Korus Lynn Teply	Betty Brockhaus Michelle Meyer
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 2, 2025 10 AM</b>	Andrew Kosch	Jaiden Anderson Bennett Brandl Wyatt Brandl	Dan Fehringer Jennifer Dunn	Jordan & Danielle Bender	Jeanne & Matthew Brockhaus
<b><u>Saturday</u> February 8, 2025 6:15 PM</b>	Larry Korth	Camden Mundil Carter Howard Harrison Howard	Deacon Tim Howard Paul Eisenmenger	Pat & Melissa Duesman	Ross & Sue Wegener
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 9, 2025 10 AM</b>	Dave Krings	Knox Bruland Trevor Czarnick Tucker Czarnick	Deacon Kent Sachau Ginny Fehringer	Glenn & Joyce Ternus	Joe & Lori Classen
<b><u>Saturday</u> February 15, 2025 6:15 PM</b>	Gene McPhillips	Kenna Olmer Emerie Small Jameson Small	Deacon Kent Sachau Leah Kosch	Tim & Connie Foltz	Jim & Marcia Schrant
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 16, 2025 10 AM</b>	Jonathan Krings	Jacob Classen Jameson Dunn Jett Dunn	Jeff Korus Danielle Bender	Laurie Eisenmenger Mary Ann Haschke	Taylor & Chelsea Werner
<b><u>Saturday</u> February 22, 2025 6:15 PM</b>	Bruce Pfeifer	Max Wegener Kelsey Kosch Jordi Jo Reichmuth	Deacon Louie Dohmen Ella Foltz	Betty Brockhaus Dorothy Brandt	Sonny & Rita Herink
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 23, 2025 10 AM</b>	Isabel Preister	Jadyn Olmer Jacob Preister Nathan Preister	Deacon Tim Howard Jonathan Krings	Tim & Anita Brandl	Dale & Diane Zach



## Congratulations to the December 2024 Prize-A-Day Calendar Winners!

Cal. Date	Event	Amount	Calendar #	Winner	City	State
12/01	Sunday	\$75	865	Kris Hastreiter	Humphrey	NE
12/02	Weekday	\$50	470	Makenna Wietfeld	Humphrey	NE
12/03	Weekday	\$50	248	Jonathan & Alex Wenzl	Monroe	NE
12/04	Weekday	\$50	667	Heath Heinen	Humphrey	NE
12/05	Weekday	\$50	953	Grayson Bender	Humphrey	NE
12/06	Weekday	\$50	24	Eric Sueper	Omaha	NE
12/07	Weekday	\$50	513	Sue Wegener (Ross)	Humphrey	NE
12/08	Immaculate Conception	\$200	949	Gene & Ardith Schuth	Humphrey	NE
12/09	Weekday	\$50	208	John & Elaine Boyce	Omaha	NE
12/10	Weekday	\$50	481	Jim Schrant	Humphrey	NE
12/11	Weekday	\$50	611	Kevin & Linda Bender	Humphrey	NE
12/12	Weekday	\$50	671	Jerry & Michelle Foral	Omaha	NE
12/13	Weekday	\$50	845	Elaine Eisenmenger	Humphrey	NE
12/14	Weekday	\$50	238	Jeff & Joanna Murnan	Elkhorn	NE
12/15	Sunday	\$75	960	Mattie Bender	Humphrey	NE
12/16	Weekday	\$50	38	Steve & Amy Brockhaus	Humphrey	NE
12/17	Pope Francis' Birthday	\$200	363	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kosch	Humphrey	NE
12/18	Weekday	\$50	587	Larry Frauendorfer Family	Humphrey	NE
12/19	Weekday	\$50	338	Ron & Ann Denkinger	Humphrey	NE
12/20	Weekday	\$50	286	Carol Christopher	Baldwin	WI
12/21	Weekday	\$50	736	Dorothy Pfeifer	Norfolk	NE
12/22	Sunday	\$75	742	Eric & Sara Sjuts	Humphrey	NE
12/23	Weekday	\$50	893	Karen Wieser	Humphrey	NE
12/24	Weekday	\$50	385	Cindy R. Sand	Lenexa	KS
12/25	Christmas Day 	\$2,000	298	Emily Hamling	Kansas City	MO
12/26	Weekday	\$50	185	Karen Werner	Humphrey	NE
12/27	Weekday	\$50	503	Carly Wemhoff (Mark)	Schuyler	NE
12/28	Weekday	\$50	445	Eric Kessler	Humphrey	NE
12/29	Sunday	\$75	410	Brenna Classen	Humphrey	NE
12/30	Weekday	\$50	683	Jeff & Jami Brandl	Humphrey	NE
12/31	Weekday	\$50	706	Eleanor Jaworski	Humphrey	NE

Thank you for your support!



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

burns in the month of  
January 2025

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Mike & Sandy Classen***

***L/D of the Mike & Sandy Classen 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  
January 2025

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Keith Frauendorfer***

***in memory of +Julie Frauendorfer***  
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  
January 2025

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Mary Helen Fuchs***

***+Dave & Mary Helen Fuchs 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  
January 2025

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Steve & Karen Wieser***

***L/D Steve & Karen Wieser Family***  
in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental  
Presence in the tabernacle of the Chapel where  
our student pray.

**This January Issue of the Tau is sponsored by Lyle & Sue Babel.  
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.**