

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, as we approach so close to the joy of Our Savior's birth, to hear the glad tidings: "Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given!" Our hopeful words of today, "O come, o come, Emmanuel!", will be answered, for the Christ Child will have come, Emmanuel --God with us. As we prepare to rejoice so soon in the birth of Our Savior, I wish to assure you of my prayers, and to extend my heartfelt wishes for you and your families to enjoy a blessed, merry Christmas. May the good God bless you, and may the peace of the Infant Christ reign in your hearts and homes!

In the Love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P.



Third Sunday of Advent

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22-28, 2013

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 22 , Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Claire Bergfeld
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, December 23, Greater Feria of Advent (Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent)

7 am C. Paul McCambridge, Jr.+

TUESDAY, December 24, Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

8 am Jeannie (Veyette) Simmons
10 pm Christmas Carols

WEDNESDAY, December 25, Nativity of Our Lord

12 am (Sung, Mass at Midnight) *Pro Populo*
8:30am (Low, Mass at Dawn) Celebrant's intention
10 am (Sung, Mass at Daytime) Teresa DeGiusti, for health

THURSDAY, December 26, St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr

9 am Allington Family

FRIDAY, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

7 am Delphine Alder+

SATURDAY, December 28, Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8 am Delphine Alder+

SUNDAY, December 29, Sunday Within the Octave of the Nativity

8:30 am Delphine Alder+
10 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>Highb Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half hour before each mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, and on Fridays for the first half-hour of evening devotions. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed a half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am - 6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6 pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Monday 7 pm

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee and rolls: After the High Mass on Sunday

Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

Catechism for Children

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:45 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

“Thank You” to all who assisted in the past week to clean the church. May God bless you!

Changes in Mass Times: On Christmas Eve, the mass will be offered at 8 am, and on St. Stephen's Day, Thursday, December 26, the mass will be offered at 9 am.

Decoration of the Church: The church will be decorated following the morning mass on Christmas Eve. (Please see the preceding announcement concerning the mass time.) All are invited to join in this happy work!

Confessions on Christmas: In addition to the times beginning one half-hour before the 8:30 and 10 o'clock masses, confessions will be heard before the Midnight Mass, from 11:15-11:40 pm, Christmas Eve.

Christmas Carols and Music will begin at 10 pm, Christmas Eve, followed by the Midnight Mass. Come hear this beautiful celebration of the birth of the Christ Child!

National March for Life: Several members of our youth group will travel in January to Washington, D.C., to take part in the National March for Life. Please pray for them, especially during their pilgrimage, January 20-25. The youth have rosaries available, knotted from cord, for a suggested donation of \$10 each, to defray the costs of the journey. Please speak with Mr. or Mrs. Rauert, or with one of the members of the youth group. An ideal time to speak with any of these would be during the Coffee Social. God bless you!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held on Friday, January 3, 2014. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule; please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

The Blessing of Wine will be done after mass on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Friday, December 27. Those wishing to have wine blessed, please place your bottles near St. Joseph's altar before mass.

The Legion of Mary is a lay organization assisting its members to live out the total consecration to Jesus through Mary, as proposed by St. Louis de Montfort. Its primary aim is the sanctification of its members. Membership may be active or auxiliary; active membership involves a weekly, one-hour meeting and two hours of active work. Each type of membership has a daily Rosary and prayers to recite, and each type may take on additional spiritual obligations. Those interested in further information about this holy organization, please use the sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule.

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka, Ray Syslo.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, December 15: **\$3703.00**

Collection counters December 22: **Troy Butcher and John Pepino**

Collection counters December 29: **Dan Fix and Sr. Stephen Larson, O.S.B.**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.