

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! (Please see the Announcements for a correction to last week's *The Rector's Desk*.) As she began to do last Sunday, and will continue to do the next, so also today our Holy Mother Church prepares us for Christ's Ascension, his departure for heaven. In today's Gospel, at the Last Supper, Our Lord comforts His apostles, telling them that it is expedient that He should go from them, to allow the coming of the Advocate, or "Paraclete". As Christ has been the visible advocate of God the Father; He promises to send the Holy Ghost, the invisible Advocate. We know from scripture that "every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." (Jas. 1:17). No gift is more perfect than the giving of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth: "...When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will teach you all truth" (John 16:13).

The world today is in a crisis of truth. According to Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., "If we ignore or reject truth, our civilization will collapse. Society cannot endure if truth is rejected and lies take its place, because freedom and harmony among men is based upon truth" (cf. John 8:31-32).

Let us do our best to show the truth of Christ to the world, by first knowing, and then especially by living our Holy Catholic Faith. In this way, we will be true to Christ, and will have the joy of hearing His voice, for He assures us: "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37). May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of our Risen Lord,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P



*"If I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go,
I will send Him to you."*

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



St. Francis of Assisi Church

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 18—24, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, May 18, Fourth Sunday after Easter

8:30 am Neil Mollard
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, May 19, St. Peter Celestine, Pope & Confessor

7 am Celebrant's intention

TUESDAY, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena, Confessor

7 am Frau Kaufmann+

WEDNESDAY, May 21, Feria of Paschaltide

7 am Josef Huber+

THURSDAY, May 22, Feria of Paschaltide

7 am Fr. Erik Deprey, FSSP, 10th Anniversary of Ordination

FRIDAY, May 23, Feria of Paschaltide

7 am The Hon. Senator Jeremiah Denton+

SATURDAY, May 24, Saturday of Our Lady

8 am Faith Mulholland

SUNDAY, May 25, Fifth Sunday after Easter

8:30 am Betty Norlund
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 one 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 5 pm

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: 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 - 7:30 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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, June 6, 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!

Do You Have an Internet Filter? Are you and your family protected from harmful material on the internet? Much of the material available on the internet is dangerous to purity and chastity. Your child's innocence is fragile — every St. Francis family with internet in the home is expected to have filtering software for all internet-capable devices, without exception. Information about filtering and accountability software is available at www.covenanteyes.com.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will travel for home visits once again. Hosting families will have the statue in their homes for three weeks each. Further information and a sign-up sheet are available in the vestibule. Please consider honoring Our Lady's image in your own home!

Backlog of Mass Intentions: There are presently enough masses having been requested at St. Francis to fill the calendar through August. No mass request envelopes will be available in the vestibule until the backlog has been substantially reduced. If you are holding mass request envelopes, please discard them; they are dated by month and will not be accepted. Anyone having an urgent mass request, please speak with Fr. McCambridge.

Pray for Life on Tuesdays: Planned Parenthood continues to end about **twenty innocent, human lives** each Tuesday in Lincoln. The mothers come from all over our state. Please pray the rosary, fast, and offer sacrifices for the unborn on that day. Please consider spending some time in prayer at the Planned Parenthood facility between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm on Tuesdays; God bless you!

Please Pray for the Sick: Dennis Rawe, Jason Greene, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry*, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka.

*Mr. Mike Ostry will undergo an MRI of his brain this Tuesday, the first such image since just after his tumor was removed. Please pray that the test show evidence of improvement for his injury.

Correction to Last Sunday's Bulletin: Keen-eyed readers may have raised their eyebrows last week, seeing mention of "St. Paul's" desire that others "may, by the good works which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation." Last Sunday's Epistle, here quoted, is one of St. Peter's, not of St. Paul's. *Mea culpa!*

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, May 11:	\$3579.00
Easter Flowers Donation:	\$25.00
Collection counters May 18:	Doug Pfeifer and John Quinto
Collection counters May 25:	Philip McNeely and Jeff Kohn

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.