

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! In today's Gospel, Our Lord tells us "I leave the world and go to the Father." We are preparing liturgically for Christ's Ascension and for the coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost. As Christ would entrust His loved ones to "another Paraclete" -- the Holy Ghost, similarly, before His death on the cross, He entrusted them to one another, saying to the Virgin, "Behold thy son," and to St. John, "Behold thy mother." Clearly, Christ's will is that we live not only with the indwelling of the Trinity, but especially under the guidance of our Blessed Mother. With that in mind, and in honor of Our Lady's month of May, I wish to recall the great need for each family to recite the Holy Rosary together. Pope Pius XII wrote in 1951:

"It is above all in the bosom of the family that We desire the custom of the Holy Rosary to be everywhere adopted, religiously preserved, and ever more intensely practiced. In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel. [13] ...We affirm that the custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight--most pleasing to God -- when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the august Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in common, assembles before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace.... [14] This meditation on the Divine Mysteries of the Redemption will teach the adults to live, admiring daily the shining examples of Jesus and Mary, and to draw from these examples comfort in adversity, striving towards those heavenly treasures "where neither thief draws near, nor moth destroys" (Luke 12, 33). This meditation will bring to the knowledge of the little ones the main truths of the Christian Faith, making love for the Redeemer blossom almost spontaneously in their innocent hearts, while, seeing, their parents kneeling before the majesty of God, they will learn from their very early years how great before the throne of God is the value of prayers said in common" (*Ingruentium Malorum* ["On Reciting the Rosary"] September 15, 1951).

"In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel," wrote the Holy Father. Please take these words to heart, with a firm resolution to continue (or begin!) the daily recitation of the Rosary in your own home. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of our Risen Lord,

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



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



St. Francis of Assisi Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 25—31, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, May 25, Fifth Sunday after Easter

8:30 am Betty Norlund
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, May 26, St. Philip Neri, Confessor

7 am Maria P. Fix

TUESDAY, May 27, St. Bede the Venerable, Confessor & Doctor

7 am For the conversion of sinners

WEDNESDAY, May 28, Vigil of the Ascension of Our Lord

7 am Allington Family

THURSDAY, May 29, Ascension of Our Lord

7 am Pauline Henderson+
7 pm *Pro Populo*

FRIDAY, May 30, Feria after the Ascension

7 am Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, May 31, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Those to be ordained priests of the F.S.S.P. today

SUNDAY, June 1, Sunday after Ascension

8:30 am Kenneth Henderson+
10 am (Low mass) *Pro Populo*
12 Noon (First Mass of Fr. D. Nolan) Celebrant's Intention

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 6:15 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.

Holyday of Obligation: This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, and a Holyday of obligation; masses will be offered at 7 am and 7 pm.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: Ordinations for the Fraternity of St. Peter will be at 10 am this Saturday, May 31, 2014, St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 701 N. 40th Street, Omaha. Among those to be ordained are the two deacons who have served at St. Francis since September, the Rev. Messrs. Daniel Nolan and Michael Flick, FSSP. All are welcome!

Change in Mass Time this Saturday: Because of the time and place of the ordinations, as described in the previous announcement, mass at St. Francis this Saturday will be at 7 am, rather than at 8 am.

Ordination Dinner: All the faithful of St. Francis are invited to join (soon-to-be) Fr. Daniel Nolan, FSSP, in celebrating his ordination by a dinner on Saturday, May 31, from 6-10 pm, at the Denton Community Center in Denton, Nebraska. Questions may be directed by email to <Ordination2014@gmail.com>.

First Solemn Mass next Sunday: Rev. Mr. Daniel Nolan will celebrate his First Solemn Mass here at St. Francis Church next Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon. Questions? Please email <Ordination2014@gmail.com>.

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!

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.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, May 11:	\$2411.50
Collection counters May 25:	Philip McNeely and Jeff Kohn
Collection counters June 1:	Dan Fix and Frank Feuerborn

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.