

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent; the great, spiritual combat begins anew! The Gospel for today's mass presents Our Lord to us in His forty days' fast, before enduring His Temptation. Doing so, Christ, who has no need Himself of doing penance, gives the example of mortification of the body for the good of the soul: "Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Furthermore, Our Lord Jesus gives us the encouragement that it is not temptations, but only sins which offend God, who will always grant us the grace needed to overcome temptation and to avoid sin.

St. Paul tells us in today's epistle, "Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation." Let these words be a spur to us to make a good Lent. Will it cost us to do penance by additional prayer, almsgiving, and fasting this season? Yes, it will, but the benefit will far outweigh the cost, as we grow stronger in spirit, and more detached from worldly things.

Fathers and mothers, consider the great blessing to yourselves and your children if you were to grow in the love of God this Lent. Sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, think of the added happiness in your lives and those of all your families if you were to make some progress in the spiritual life! Let us do all that we are able, sacrificing whatever we must, to profit from this grace-filled season of Lent. May the good God bless you and your families!

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 9—MARCH 15, 2014

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Jorge Arango  
10 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, March 10, Feria of Lent

7 am Phyllis Nadine Bruns+

### TUESDAY, March 11, Feria of Lent

7 am Daryl Warday+

### WEDNESDAY, March 12, Ember Wednesday of Lent

7 am Dominic Elsener+

### THURSDAY, March 13, Feria of Lent

7 am Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, March 14, Ember Friday of Lent

7 am Pfeifer Children's Vocations

### SATURDAY, March 15, Ember Saturday of Lent

8 am For the men to be ordained Deacons today

### SUNDAY, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am In Honor of Christ the King  
10 am *Pro Populo*

### Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confession and Devotions

#### 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

#### Station of the Cross

Friday 7 pm

**Confessions in Lent** are heard one half hour before each mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, **and on Fridays, 7:30—8:30 pm.** Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

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

#### Lenten Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: (March 7, and April 4) 8 am - 6:00 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 5—6 pm Holy Hour, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

First Saturday (April 5): 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.

**Catechism for Adults** will be held this Tuesday, March 11. It will also be held on March 18, according to the normal schedule.

**Lenten Rosary Crusade:** St. Francis associates are asked to pray Rosaries this Lent for Our Lady's intentions as she made them known at Fatima in 1917. Anonymous tallies should be kept of the number of Rosaries prayed, and the tallies returned by Easter Monday. When several pray a Rosary together, the tally should count each person's Rosary separately. Information is available in the vestibule concerning Our Lady's intentions at Fatima. Please pray; God bless you!

**Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross will be made on the Fridays of Lent at 7pm.

**Lenten Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament:** Please note changes to exposition times for the Fridays of Lent. There will be no exposition on Good Friday.

**Lenten Confession Times Added:** Confession times will include the Fridays of Lent, 7:30-8:30 pm, following Stations.

**Soup Suppers:** Please come and join the faithful of St. Francis Church for simple, meatless suppers of soup and bread, to be served on three of the Fridays of Lent: The first soup supper will be held this Friday, March 14. The supper will begin at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

**Ordinations to the Diaconate** will be held this Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 10:00am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton.

**Church Cleaning:** Due to the Ordinations, our usual Ember Saturday church cleaning will be moved to Saturday, March 29, 2014.

**The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Continues,** in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion mill, 5631 S. 48th Street. The vigil runs every day through April 18, 6 am—10 pm. The faithful of St. Francis have been assigned the hours from 6 am—2 pm on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule; please plan on assisting this prayerful vigil in defense of the unborn. May God bless you!

**Fund to Support the Ostry Family:** To assist with the Ostrys' medical expenses at this time, Fr. Homes, of St. Anthony Church in Bruno, has established a fund, called the "Mike Ostry Fund," at Bank of the Valley in David City ([www.bankofthevalley.com](http://www.bankofthevalley.com), (402) 367-4334). To contribute by mail, send checks to: Bank of the Valley, 1855 N. 4th Street, David City, Nebraska 68632. Please be sure to indicate that the check is for the "Mike Ostry Fund"; these donations are kept anonymous. To donate on-line, visit the website [www.gofundme.com/mike-ostry-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/mike-ostry-fund). Thank you for your prayers for the family, and for your generosity!

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

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, March 2:	<b>\$2300.00</b>
Collection counters March 9:	<b>Doug Pfeifer and Troy Butcher</b>
Collection counters March 16:	<b>Philip McNeely and Jeff Kohn</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.