

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, continuing in making a good Lent. In the Gospel for today's mass, Our Lord tells us: "Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation." Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., observes, "...in these words Our Lord tells us that union is the secret of victory—union with Him above all, for without Him we can do nothing, but also in union with our neighbor. If we would work for the triumph of good, let us collaborate—one heart and one soul—with our superiors and fellow religious. We can often labor with much more efficacy in achieving good if we give up our own personal ideas and act in perfect harmony with others. It may even become necessary sometimes to renounce opinions, plans, and ways which are better in themselves. Let us not be deceived; unity is always to be preferred. Division never leads to victory." (*Divine Intimacy*, pp. 330-331.) (As is surely clear, the unity preferred means unity in a good cause, and not in an evil one.)

What Fr. Gabriel writes of superiors and fellow religious also applies in the life of the laity, especially within the family. Which of us cannot recall times when less insistence upon his own will, and more willingness to renounce it, would have yielded happier results? We recognize that in sports, individual athletes must put their personal interests second to those of the team, for the sake of victory. It is equally true, and infinitely more important, that this spirit of sacrifice must exist among the members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, whose prize for victory is the everlasting crown of glory. With these things in mind, let us renew our efforts to foster unity within our families, among the members of St. Francis Church, and within the Church, in the confident hope of receiving that crown. 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23-29, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Anne Pfeifer
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, March 24, Feria of Lent

7 am Grace Pfeifer

TUESDAY, March 25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, March 26, Feria of Lent

7 am Matthew Pfeifer

THURSDAY, March 27, Feria of Lent

7 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, March 28, Feria of Lent

7 am Roy Mollard

SATURDAY, March 29, Feria of Lent

8 am Louise Pepino

SUNDAY, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8:30 am Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles
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

Stations 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.

Lenten Rosary Crusade: Please 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, and may God bless you!

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Continues, in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion mill, 5631 S. 48th Street. If you are able, please sign up to take an hour of the vigil on Wednesdays between 6 am and 2 pm. God bless you!

Church Cleaning: Please come lend a hand with cleaning the church this Saturday, March 29, following Mass and thanksgiving. Many hands make light work—may God bless your generosity!

Second Collection: There will be a second collection next Sunday, March 30, 2014. This is a combined collection for Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Home Missions, Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications Campaign, and Retirement Fund for Religious.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, April 4, 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 Lincoln Sacred Art Show will take place at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center on Friday April 4th, from 5:30-9pm, and Saturday April 5th, from 10am-5pm. Twenty artists from 9 states, including some of our associates, will be presenting and selling their original Catholic works of art. Please visit www.sacredartshow.com for more information.

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 two more Fridays of Lent: this Friday, March 28, and Friday, April 11. The supper will begin at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

Fund to Support the Ostry Family: Those wishing to assist with the Ostrys' medical expenses at this time may contribute to the "Mike Ostry Fund," at Bank of the Valley in David City (www.bankofthevalley.com, (402) 367-4334). By mail, please send checks to: Bank of the Valley, 1855 N. 4th Street, David City, Nebraska 68632, and 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. 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 16:	\$1618.00
Collection counters March 23:	Dan Fix and John Quinto
Collection counters March 30:	Frank Feuerborn and John Pepino

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.