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Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

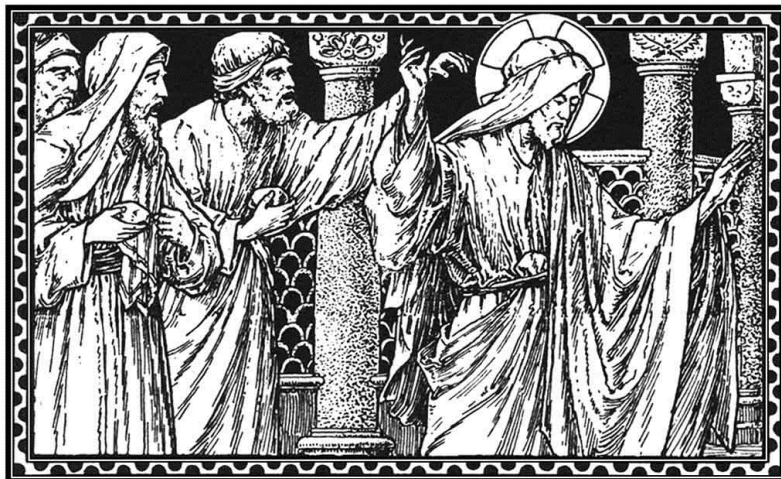
I pray that you and your families all are well! We celebrate today Passion Sunday, less than two weeks from the Sacred Triduum, the most solemn time of the Church's year. The Gospel from St. John today recounts Our Lord's encounter in the Temple with those who ask Him, "Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead, whom dost Thou make Thyself?"

Those who deny Christ's divinity, and who assert falsely that Our Lord never claimed to be God, ought to read today's Gospel. When Jesus ultimately answers, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am," the hearers take up stones to cast against Him. This is because Our Lord has just used the divine name for Himself - "I AM," the literal meaning of 'Yahweh'. His audience has well understood Him, but have not believed. Their attempt to stone Him, however, is fruitless, because all things, past, present, and future, come to be only in God's good time.

Let us remember that it is God Who governs all things sweetly, and Who numbers even the hairs on our heads. Let us fear nothing from the world, but continue earnestly in our Lenten exercises, encouraged by the belief that, with God's grace, they will bear good fruits in our souls. May you and your families continue to make a good Lent, and may the good God bless you!

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

PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 6—APRIL 13, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 6, Passion Sunday

8:30 am Allington Family
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, April 7, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Cynthia Judd

TUESDAY, April 8, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Corey Martinez

WEDNESDAY, April 9, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Dorothy Judd

THURSDAY, April 10, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, April 11, Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Allington Family

SATURDAY, April 12, Feria of Passiontide

8 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY, April 13, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Special Intention of the Allington Family
10 am *Pro Populo*

Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confession and Devotions

Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

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| Monday through Friday | 7 am |
| Saturday | 8 am |
| Sunday | <i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High 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:

Fridays: Exposition is cancelled for Friday, 11 April, and there will be none on Good Friday.

First Saturday: 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!

Dolorosary this Friday: This Friday is the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Dolorosary will be prayed after mass that morning.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, May 2, 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!

Lenten Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Please note changes to exposition times for the Fridays of Lent. There will be no exposition either this Friday, April 11, or 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. The last soup supper will be held this Friday, April 11. The supper will begin at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations.

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, Ryan Weeks, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Mr. Peter John Van Vliet (father of Fr. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP). For any who might wish to express their condolences, Fr. Van Vliet's address is **PO Box 41062, Houston TX 77241-1062.**

FINANCES

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| Collection for Sunday, March 30: | \$2479.35 |
| Combined Second Collection: | \$ 344.00 |
| Collection counters April 6: | Doug Pfeifer and Sr. Stephen Larson, OSB |
| Collection counters April 13: | Philip McNeely and Troy Butcher |

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.