

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! In today's Gospel, we are presented with the contrast between pride and humility in the spiritual life. Humility is the foundation of this spiritual life; as St. James tells us, "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (Jas 4:6). We hear Christ's own testimony of this in the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican.

We hear that "two men went up into the temple to pray." But prayer is a lifting of the mind and heart to God. What does the Pharisee say to God? "O God, I give thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican. I fast twice in a week: I give tithes of all that I possess" (Luke 18:11-12). He cannot have Charity, a love of God above all, precisely because he is filled with pride, the love of himself. This opposition between the love of God and love of self marks the line of battle in the spiritual warfare.

He has no Charity for his neighbor, even for God's sake, because to see his neighbor's lowliness simply causes him to exalt himself. But he who exalts himself shall be humbled. What a contrast we see with the Publican, who "standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven; but struck his breast, saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Christ assures us: "I say to you, this man went down into his house justified rather than the other" (Luke 18:14). He that humbles himself shall be exalted.

Who among God's creatures is more highly exalted than His Blessed Virgin Mother? But when she heard her cousin Elizabeth greet her with these words so dear to us, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (Luke 1:42), how did Mary respond? To what does she attribute God's favor for her?

"Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him." (Luke 1:46-50).

If we wish to be saints, we must have charity. If we hope to have charity, we must imitate Our Blessed Mother in humility. It is one of only two virtues in which Christ explicitly bids us to imitate Him: "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart, and you shall find rest for your souls." (Matt 11:29). Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine! May the good God bless you and your families, now and always!

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

TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17—23, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, August 17, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Peg Gaber
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, August 18, Feria

7 am Arlene Andel

TUESDAY, August 19, St. John Eudes, Confessor

7 am Mr. & Mrs. Rex Mulholland

WEDNESDAY, August 20, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Doctor

7 am Fr. Homes

THURSDAY, August 21, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow

7 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, August 22, Immaculate Heart of Mary

7 am James & Nathan Canarsley

SATURDAY, August 23, St. Phillip Benizi, Confessor

8 am Eric Martens

SUNDAY, August 24, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Duggar Family
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

Regular Mass Schedule

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 after 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 (September-May) 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, September 5. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to give some time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

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!

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: Fr. Joseph Terra, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Marilyn Brazil, Ed McMeekin, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, August 10:	\$3599.00
Collection counters August 17:	Frank Feuerborn and Philip McNeely
Collection counters August 24:	Dan Fix and Sr. Stephen Larson, O.S.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.