

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

As we come to the end of it today, I pray that you and your families are well, having enjoyed a blessed Christmastide! Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called Candlemas, because of the blessing of candles which precedes the mass. Christ had no need in Himself to be redeemed as a firstborn among the Israelites, as He had no need of a cleansing by baptism at the hand of St. John the Baptist. Similarly, in bearing her Son, the Blessed Virgin Mary had incurred nothing needing to be purified. Yet she, in imitation of her Son, underwent the rites called for by the law of Moses, because she was the perfectly faithful daughter of God the Father. Let us follow Our Lord's example and Our Lady's, striving always to discern the will of the Father, and to do it. 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

PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FEBRUARY 2—8, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am In honor of Our Lady of Good Success
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, February 3, St. Blaise (with Blessing of Throats following mass)

7 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, February 4, St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor

7 am Roger Judd

WEDNESDAY, February 5, St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7 am John Bohaty+

THURSDAY, February 6, St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor

7 am John Birzer

FRIDAY, February 7, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am Alex P. Kohn+

SATURDAY, February 8, St. John of Matha, Confessor

8 am John Wesley Blewett+

SUNDAY, February 9, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Father Juan Vazquez Rubio
10 am *Pro Populo*

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 a 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 7 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.

The Blessing of Throats, in honor of St. Blaise, will be given this Monday, February 3, after the 7 am Mass.

Christmas Decorations in the church will be taken down Monday, February 3, following mass and the Blessing of Throats. Any help from those willing to assist will be greatly appreciated!

Catechism for Adults will be held this Tuesday, 7 pm.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Friday, February 7, 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!

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: The Ritual of Solemn Reception for new members of the Confraternity will be performed this Saturday, February 8, 2014 following the 8:00am Mass, prior to the regular meeting. Membership in the Confraternity is open to the women of St. Francis who are either married or widowed.

Media Training Workshop for Defending and Explaining the Catholic Faith: Catholic Voices, USA is offering an intensive, two-day media training workshop at the Blessed John XXIII Center from 2/28-3/1. Twenty-five articulate, lay Catholics will be coached on media skills and messages on many important issues being debated in the public square. Applications are due by February 3. For more information and to apply, please visit www.CVUSA.org.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are provided in the vestibule for the purpose of requesting masses. Please use these envelopes for all mass requests, rather than phone, written note, or email. Please deposit completed envelopes, including the stipends, in the mailbox outside the Church Office. To request particular dates, the request must please be submitted not later than the second-from-the-last Sunday of the preceding month. Thank you for your courtesy in observing these procedures!

Pro-Life Poster Contest and Essay Contest: In cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, the Diocese is sponsoring a Pro-Life Poster Contest for children in grades 1-8, and a Pro-Life Essay Contest for children in grades 7-11. Information is available in the vestibule.

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

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, January 26:	\$ 2891.67
Collection counters February 2:	Doug Pfeifer and John Quinto
Collection counters February 9:	Frank Feuerborn and John Thompson

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.