

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Now we continue the brief season of Septuagesima, with a little more than a week until Ash Wednesday. Today's Gospel is the parable of the sower who went out to sow his seed; we hear in it examples of various ways by which the seed, which is the word of God, can fail to yield a good harvest. The devil may steal the word away, or the soul may lack perseverance in virtue or be consumed with care for things of this world. But the seed which falls upon good ground "are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience." We must be "doers of the word, and not hearers only," and cultivate the virtue of patience. The Lenten penances to which our Holy Mother Church exhorts us, and will in some measure require of us, are a great means of growth in patience. Let us continue to plan well and prayerfully to make a good 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

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 23—MARCH 1, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 23, Sexagesima Sunday

8:30 am Amelia Ecoff
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, February 24, St. Mathias, Apostle

7 am Aloysius J. and Leota A. Breitfelder

TUESDAY, February 25, Feria

7 am Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, February 26, Feria

7 am Marilyn Monismith+

THURSDAY, February 27, St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

7 am Godchildren of Frank and Liz Feuerborn

FRIDAY, February 28, Feria

7 am The Poor Souls

SATURDAY, March 1, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am Fr. George D. Byers

SUNDAY, March 2, Quinquagesima Sunday

8:30 am Kaleb McNeely
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 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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, March 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!

Fund to Support the Ostry Family: As many are aware, fellow St. Francis associate Mike Ostry underwent surgery last week for the removal of a brain tumor. It is uncertain at the moment how much of the medical costs will ultimately fall upon the Ostrys. To assist with the Ostrys' 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, (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. Using this means, the donor may choose to remain anonymous or to be identified. Thank you for your prayers for the family, and for your generosity!

Old, Blessed Palms may be deposited in the basket provided in the vestibule. Palms blessed in prior years are burnt to make the ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

School Teacher Position Available: Ashland St. Mary Preschool position open for director / teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. Persons qualified for the position should send resume to St. Mary Church, 1625 Adams St., Ashland, 68003, or email stmaryashland@windstream.net. Application deadline is March 1. Info on the preschool can be found at <http://home.windstream.net/stmaryashland>.

The Catholic Quiz Bowl will be held again this year at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The ages for team members are between 12 and 18, in junior and senior divisions. For further information, please see the posting in the vestibule, which includes contact information for Mrs. Linda Bennier.

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

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, February 16:	\$2764.50
Collection counters February 23:	Frank Feuerborn and John Thompson
Collection counters March 2:	Sr. Stephen Larson, OSB 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.