

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!

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

JULY 28–AUGUST 3, 2013

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, July 28, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Jack Thompson
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, July 29, St. Martha, Virgin

7 am Bill Watterson, family, and employees

TUESDAY, July 30, Feria

7 am For a deceased father

WEDNESDAY, July 31, St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor

7 am For those suffering mental illnesses & for their families

THURSDAY, August 1, Feria

7 am Anne Pfeifer

FRIDAY, August 2, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor

5:30 pm In honor of Our Lady of the Angels

SATURDAY, August 3, Saturday of Our Lady

8 am Todd Johnson and family

SUNDAY, August 4, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am McNeely and Baklinski families
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, 6:05 - 6:30 pm. 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 5:30 pm (for the Summer)

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee and rolls: After the High Mass on Sunday

Catechism

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 7:45 pm

St. Joseph Men's Group (September-May)

Second Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

After Mass on the Third Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6-7 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 this Friday, August 2. 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!

Family Night this Friday: This Friday, August 2, there will be a Family Night at St. Francis. The schedule for First Friday mass and devotions will be changed, with **no 7:00 am mass**, exposition beginning at 9:00 am, Dolorosary at 4:45 pm, Benediction at 5:10 pm, and mass at 5:30 pm. Following mass will be a meatless potluck dinner and time for games for the children. Please bring something to share for dinner and any favorite games for the children!

Catholic Evangelization: The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Catholic Evangelization Booth at the Lancaster County Fair. One more volunteer is needed to man the booth from 11:00 am-1:30 pm, Saturday, August 3, to distribute Catholic literature and religious items, and to answer questions about the Catholic faith. Additionally, two volunteers are sought for 4:00-9:00 pm the same day, as another sponsor was unable to fill its assigned time. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule for details.

Free Screening of Catholic Film "The War of the Vendee" at St. Teresa Parish, Lincoln, this Wednesday, July 31, 7:00pm. "The War of the Vendee" is an award-winning, PG-rated, 90-minute feature film telling the story of the many thousands of martyrs of the French Revolution who gave their lives to restore freedom to the Church. Featuring a glorious musical score, beautiful cinematography, and moving performances by a cast of 256 young Catholics, but without a single drop of blood or even a hint of innuendo or vulgarity, this is a "war movie" that is safe viewing for the entire family! The film's director, Jim Morlino, (creator of the popular "Glory Stories" Audio CDs) will introduce the movie, and will host an informal Q&A session after the screening. This is a perfect Catholic Family event! You can visit the production company's website at "navispictures.com" to watch the trailer, and learn more about the work of Navis Pictures.

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!

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Therahlee Guevara, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, July 21: **\$ 1610.49**

Collection counters July 28: **Sr. Stephen Larson, O.S.B., and Phillip McNeely**

Collection counters August 4: **Jeff Kohn 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.