

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! As we progress through the cycle of Sundays after Pentecost, our Holy Mother Church teaches us of Christ's action upon our souls in our own day, which is lived literally in the time after Pentecost, the time after the Church's birth.

"The passage in the Gospel (*Lk 17, 11-19*) chosen for today's Mass is especially effective in making clear the chief purpose of the Redemption: the healing of souls from the leprosy of sin. From ancient times leprosy has been considered the most fitting figure to represent the hideousness of sin, and indeed it would be difficult to picture anything more horrible and repulsive. Yet, while everybody has such a great dread of leprosy of the body, how indifferent and easy-going even Christians are in regard to leprosy of the soul. How far we are from the deep realization that the saints had of what an offense against God really is! 'Oh!' St. Teresa of Avila exclaimed, 'why can we not realize that sin is a pitched battle fought against God with all our senses and the faculties of the soul; the stronger the soul is, the more ways it invents to betray its King' (*Exclamations of the Soul to God*, 14). One of the fruits of today's Gospel is that of awakening in us a great horror of sin, of arousing in our souls a lively and efficacious repentance for the sins we have committed and a feeling of profound humility upon recognizing our misery. Let us go with the ten lepers to Our Lord and cry out: 'Jesus, Master, have Mercy on us!'" (*Divine Intimacy*, #280, p. 838).

Let us meditate upon the significance of today's Gospel passage, remembering the need to have recourse to Christ, in order to be healed of our spiritual sickness. When realizing that I have offended God, let me run quickly to Our Lord, in the person of the priest, as the lepers did. Once having been healed by confession and absolution, let me remember to return and give thanks to Christ, as did the one leper. 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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18-24, 2013

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, August 18, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Bill and Deb Bergfeld  
 10 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, August 19, St. John Eudes, Confessor

7 am Mulholland anniversary

### TUESDAY, August 20, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Doctor

7 am Megan Spencer

### WEDNESDAY, August 21, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow

7 am Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Munsell

### THURSDAY, August 22, Immaculate Heart of Mary

7 am Fr. Lasance+

### FRIDAY, August 23, St. Philip Benizi, Confessor

7 am Jardon family

### SATURDAY, August 24, St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8 am Mrs. Kathrin Kuenzli

### SUNDAY, August 25, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Robert A. Bruns, Sr.+  
 10 am *Pro Populo*

#### Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

Monday through Friday 7 am  
 Saturday 8 am  
 Sunday *Low Mass* 8:30 am  
                   *Highb Mass* 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 Friday, September 6; 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!

**Visits During the Week:** For the information of those wishing to make visits during the week, when the Rector is present, the church is normally unlocked. For early morning, the front door can be used. Later, the front door is locked and the back door unlocked.

**Greeters Sought for 10:00 Mass:** For the sake of assisting visitors to St. Francis, the Legion of Mary has established a plan for greeters at the Sunday masses. Volunteers are requested for the 10:00 mass; for further information, please speak with Michael Bruns, (402) 423-1283.

**St. Francis Church Picnic:** The annual Church Picnic will be held following the Sung Mass on Sunday, September 8, at Pioneers' Park. St. Francis will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks; the faithful are asked to bring desserts and side dishes. More details will follow; please plan to come!

**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., Ernie Sabatka.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, August 11:	<b>\$3329.00</b>
Collection counters August 18:	<b>Dan Fix and John Quinto</b>
Collection counters August 25:	<b>Phillip McNeely and Jeff Kohn</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.