

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! We have come to the beginning of the Church's year, the holy season of Advent, that of preparation for the coming of the Christ-child, Our Infant Lord. Knowing that the season will bring with it much business (or "busy-ness") and many things to do, let us resolve now to take time for frequent reflection on what is most important, and for frequent prayer. This is the time for us to make room in our hearts for Christ, Who will find no room in the inn at Bethlehem. Because Advent is a penitential season, let us remember that, in addition to prayer, almsgiving and fasting are the traditional means of doing penance. By joining earnestly in the spirit of penance and mortification during Advent, we dispose ourselves to better participate in the joy of Christmas. 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 6, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Intention of Confraternity of St. Peter
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, December 1, Feria of Advent

7 am Allington Family

TUESDAY, December 2, St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr

7 am Patty Forsmann+

WEDNESDAY, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Confessor

7 am Marge Harris

THURSDAY, December 4, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

9 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, December 5, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

7 am Benefactors of Christopher Hattrup

SATURDAY, December 6, St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor

8 am Confraternity of St. Peter

SUNDAY, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
 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>High 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 5:50 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)

To be determined

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 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 be held this Friday, December 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!

St. Nicholas Day Party: This Saturday, December 6, is St. Nicholas Day. Please come for mass and First Saturday devotions, followed by a party for the children, and a potluck brunch. Please call Mrs. Annette Kohn for more information.

Youth Group Coffee Sales: Raising funds for a trip to work with the Missionaries of Charity in Chicago, the Youth Group members will sell 'Mystic Monk' coffee, beginning in Advent. Please save your coffee purchases for them, as the coffee will be discounted from the retail price, and the sales will benefit our youth! Please call Mr. or Mrs. Kohn for more information.

Holyday Of Obligation: Monday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm that day.

Christmas Cards from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter are available in sample packets in the vestibule. Each packet contains four cards, and each card tells the recipient of his remembrance in a novena of Masses to be offered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. Information on ordering additional cards is included in the packet. Please feel welcome to take as many as you will use.

Advent Day of Recollection: On Saturday, December 20, there will be a day of recollection to prepare for Christmas. The day will include Mass, two conferences, opportunities for confession, and Benediction. (There will be a small fee to cover the meals.) All Adults and teens of St. Francis are encouraged to come!

Please Pray for the Sick: Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Marvin Phelan, Carol Blasl, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Fr. Joseph Terra, FSSP

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Paul Rauert (grandfather of Mr. Matthew Rauert).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, November 23: **\$2641.00**

Collection counters November 30: **Dan Fix and Sr. Stephen Larson, O.S.B.**

Collection counters December 7: **Frank Feuerborn 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.