

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, as we approach so close to the joy of Our Savior's birth, to hear the glad tidings: "Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given!" Our hopeful words of today, "O come, o come, Emmanuel!", will be answered, for the Christ Child will have come, Emmanuel --God with us. As we prepare to rejoice so soon in the birth of Our Savior, I wish to assure you of my prayers, and to extend my heartfelt wishes for you and your families to enjoy a blessed, merry Christmas. May the good God bless you, and may the peace of the Infant Christ reign in your hearts and homes!

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21—DECEMBER 27 , 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Stephen John McNerny+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, December 22, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am Claire Bergfeld

TUESDAY, December 23, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am C. Paul McCambridge, Jr.+ (20th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, December 24, Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

8 am Alicia Arango
11:30 pm Christmas Carols

THURSDAY, December 25, The Nativity of Our Lord

12 am (Sung, Mass at Midnight) *Pro Populo*
8:30 am (Low, Mass at Dawn) Stephen John McNerny+
10 am (Sung, Mass at Daytime) Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, December 26, St. Stephen, Protomartyr

9 am Stephen John McNerny+

SATURDAY, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8 am Stephen John McNerny+

SUNDAY, December 28, Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 am Stephen John McNerny+
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)

Not currently meeting

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.

Church Cleaning: Please come lend a hand with the cleaning of the church on Monday, December 22, following mass and thanksgiving. Please help make our church beautiful, ready for the celebration of Christ's Nativity!

Changes in Mass Times: On Christmas Eve, mass will be offered at 8 am, and on St. Stephen's Day, Friday, December 26, at 9 am.

Decoration of the Church: The church will be decorated following the morning mass on Christmas Eve. All are invited to join in this happy work!

Confessions on Christmas: In addition to the times beginning one-half hour before the 8:30 and 10 o'clock Masses, confessions will be heard before the Midnight Mass, from 11:15—11:40 pm, Christmas Eve.

Christmas Carols will begin at 11:30 pm, Christmas Eve, followed by the Midnight Mass. Come hear this beautiful celebration of the birth of the Christ Child!

The Blessing of Wine will be done after Mass on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Saturday, December 27. Those wishing to have wine blessed, please place your bottles near St. Joseph's altar before Mass.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held on Friday, January 2, 2015. 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!

FSSP Liturgical Calendars and Ordos for 2015 have arrived, and paid orders are available in the vestibule. Order envelopes are available for those still wishing to make a purchase.

Youth Group Coffee Sales: As a fundraiser, Youth Group members have begun selling 'Mystic Monk' coffee. 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.

Please Pray for the Sick: Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, James Bennier (Father of Mark), Marvin Phelan, Carol Blasl, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Magdalene Rinkevich (mother of Thomas Rinkevich); William Bauer (husband of Shirley Bauer).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday December 14:	\$2304.00
Collection counters December 21:	Frank Feuerborn and Dan Fix
Collection counters December 28:	Philip McNeely and Jeff Kohn

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.