

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent; the great, spiritual combat begins anew! The Gospel for today's mass presents Our Lord to us in His forty days' fast, before enduring His Temptation. Doing so, Christ, who has no need Himself of doing penance, gives the example of mortification of the body for the good of the soul: "Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Furthermore, Our Lord Jesus gives us the encouragement that it is not temptations, but only sins which offend God, who will always grant us the grace needed to overcome temptation and to avoid sin.

St. Paul tells us in today's epistle, "Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation." Let these words be a spur to us to make a good Lent. Will it cost us to do penance by additional prayer, almsgiving, and fasting this season? Yes, it will, but the benefit will far outweigh the cost, as we grow stronger in spirit, and more detached from worldly things.

Fathers and mothers, consider the great blessing to yourselves and your children if you were to grow in the love of God this Lent. Sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, think of the added happiness in your lives and those of all your families if you were to make some progress in the spiritual life! Let us do all that we are able, sacrificing whatever we must, to profit from this grace-filled season of 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22—FEBRUARY 28, 2015

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, February 22, First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Thanksgiving for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, February 23, Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7 am Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY, February 24, St. Matthias, Apostle

7 am Thanksgiving for the graces to do penance and to pray

### WEDNESDAY, February 25, Ember Wednesday of Lent

7 am Thanksgiving for the graces bestowed on the Associates of St. Francis Church and for the Associates

### THURSDAY, February 26, Feria of Lent

7 am Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, February 27, Ember Friday of Lent

7 am Marcella Azaroff

### SATURDAY, February 28, Ember Saturday of Lent

8 am Barbara McMeekin

### SUNDAY, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild  
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

#### Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confessions, and Devotions

(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

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7 pm

**Confessions in Lent** are heard one half hour before each mass, and on Fridays, 7:30—8:30 pm. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

**The Rosary** is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

#### Lenten Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**First Friday:** (March 6) 8 am - 6:00 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.  
**Other Fridays:** 5-6 pm Holy Hour, Benediction at 5:50 pm.  
**First Saturday:** (March 7) Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

#### Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Not currently meeting

#### Altar Guild

As announced

#### Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

#### Catechism for Children (September-May)

Wednesday 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.

**No Vespers to be Sung this Sunday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.**

**Postponement for St. Francis Church Work Day:** Because of deaconal ordinations scheduled for March 14 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, the workday announced in last week's bulletin will be rescheduled for some later date.

**Ember Saturday Cleaning** this Saturday, February 28th; all are encouraged to come lend a hand!

**Lenten Day of Recollection:** On Saturday, March 7, there will be day of recollection offered, to help derive greater spiritual fruit from the season of Lent. The day will include Mass, two conferences, opportunities for confession, and Benediction. (There will be a small fee to cover the meals.) Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule for details; all adults and teens of St. Francis are encouraged to come!

**Survey for the 2015 Synod on Marriage and Family Life:** All Catholics in the Diocese of Lincoln are invited to participate in a survey, in order to assist the 2015 Synod on Marriage and Family Life. The results of our survey, along with similar surveys from around the world, will be discussed by Pope Francis and the bishops present at the synod. Your thoughts on marriage and family life will help the Universal Church to support families and to proclaim the Gospel. The survey can be found on the diocesan website, [www.lincolndiocese.org](http://www.lincolndiocese.org).

**Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross will be made on the Fridays of Lent at 7 pm.

**The Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary)** will be suspended during Lent, giving place to the Stations of the Cross.

**Lenten Confession Times added:** Confession times will include the Fridays of Lent, 7:30-8:30 pm, following Stations.

**Soup Suppers:** Please come and join the faithful of St. Francis Church for simple, meatless suppers of soup and bread, to be served on three of the Fridays of Lent: this Friday, February 27, and the Fridays of March 13 and 27. The suppers begin at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration:** will next be held Friday, March 6, 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!

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Marvin Phelan (father of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:** James Bennier (father of Mark).

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday February 15:

**\$3231.00**

Collection counters February 22:

**Frank Feuerborn & John Pepino**

Collection counters March 1:

**Philip McNeely and Dan Fix**

## 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.