

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, continuing in making a good Lent. In the Gospel for today's mass, Our Lord tells us: "Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation." Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., observes, "...in these words Our Lord tells us that union is the secret of victory—union with Him above all, for without Him we can do nothing, but also in union with our neighbor. If we would work for the triumph of good, let us collaborate—one heart and one soul—with our superiors and fellow religious. We can often labor with much more efficacy in achieving good if we give up our own personal ideas and act in perfect harmony with others. It may even become necessary sometimes to renounce opinions, plans, and ways which are better in themselves. Let us not be deceived; unity is always to be preferred. Division never leads to victory." (*Divine Intimacy*, pp. 330-331.) (As is surely clear, the unity preferred means unity in a good cause, and not in an evil one.)

What Fr. Gabriel writes of superiors and fellow religious also applies in the life of the laity, especially within the family. Which of us cannot recall times when less insistence upon his own will, and more willingness to renounce it, would have yielded happier results? We recognize that in sports, individual athletes must put their personal interests second to those of the team, for the sake of victory. It is equally true, and infinitely more important, that this spirit of sacrifice must exist among the members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, whose prize for victory is the everlasting crown of glory. With these things in mind, let us renew our efforts to foster unity within our families, among the members of St. Francis Church, and within the Church, in the confident hope of receiving that crown. 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8—MARCH 14, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Milian Auer+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, March 9, Feria of Lent

7 am Jorge Arango

TUESDAY, March 10, Feria of Lent

7 am Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Martinez

WEDNESDAY, March 11, Feria of Lent

7 am Rosemary Margaret Bohaty

THURSDAY, March 12, Feria of Lent

7 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, March 13, Feria of Lent

7 am James Bennier+

SATURDAY, March 14, Feria of Lent

8 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8:30 am James Bennier+
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

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage: The institution of marriage faces grave and immediate threats in the state of Nebraska. Recent court decisions will soon require our state to deny the reality that marriage is the union of man and woman, as instituted by God the Father. Bishop Conley, along with Nebraska's other bishops, have declared **Monday, March 9, 2015**, a "Day of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage." The bishops invite all Catholics to fast for marriage this Monday. May our sacrifice help to protect the institution of marriage in our state, and in our country.

Altar Boys' Training this Month will be on Saturday, March 28, to prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. There will be special practices scheduled for Holy Week liturgies, as well.

The meeting of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers which would normally be held next Saturday, March 14, has been cancelled due to the Ordinations to the Diaconate at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. The next meeting will be Saturday, April 11.

"24 Hours With Jesus": Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited every diocese in the world to offer confessions for 24 Hours on March 13th and 14th, accompanied by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Diocese of Lincoln will do so from 6pm on March 13th until 6pm on March 14th, at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. All are welcome. Please consider going to confession during this time, and inviting a friend or family member who might need the sacrament of confession. "The Lord never tires of offering forgiveness...it is we who tire of asking." —Pope Francis

No Confessions After Stations This Friday; Fr. McCambridge will go to hear confessions at the Cathedral instead.

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

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Continues in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion mill, 5631 S. 48th Street (near the Northwest corner of 48th St. and Old Cheney.) It runs every day through April 4, 6am—6pm; the faithful of St. Francis have been asked to keep vigil on Fridays from 12-5pm. (We are encouraged to join in at any other time as well.) There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule; please help in this prayerful defense of the unborn. May God bless you!

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 March 1:	\$2327.00
Collection counters March 8:	Jeff Kohn and Troy Butcher
Collection counters March 15:	Dan Fix and John Quinto

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.