

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families all are well! We celebrate today Passion Sunday, less than two weeks from the Sacred Triduum, the most solemn time of the Church's year. The Gospel from St. John today recounts Our Lord's encounter in the Temple with those who ask Him, "Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead, whom dost Thou make Thyself?"

Those who deny Christ's divinity, and who assert falsely that Our Lord never claimed to be God, ought to read today's Gospel. When Jesus ultimately answers, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am," the hearers take up stones to cast against Him. This is because Our Lord has just used the divine name for Himself - "I AM," the literal meaning of 'Yahweh'. His audience has well understood Him, but have not believed. Their attempt to stone Him, however, is fruitless, because all things, past, present, and future, come to be only in God's good time.

Let us remember that it is God Who governs all things sweetly, and Who numbers even the hairs on our heads. Let us fear nothing from the world, but continue earnestly in our Lenten exercises, encouraged by the belief that, with God's grace, they will bear good fruits in our souls. May you and your families continue to make a good Lent, and may the good God bless you!

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

PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 22—MARCH 28, 2015

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, March 22, Passion Sunday

8:30 am Sr. Bernadette of the Sacred Heart  
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, March 23, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Benjamin Feuerborn

### TUESDAY, March 24, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Rev. Mother Teresa of Jesus, O.C.D.

### WEDNESDAY, March 25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, March 26, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, March 27, Feria of Passiontide

7 am Ben Feuerborn

### SATURDAY, March 28, Feria of Passiontide

8 am John-Henry Feuerborn

### SUNDAY, March 29, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Thomas Kinney+  
 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

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

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

**Soup Supper:** Please come and join us this Friday, March 27, for the final Soup Supper of this Lent, a simple, meatless supper of soup and bread. The supper begins at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

**Women's Retreat:** Fr. Jeffrey Jambon, formerly chaplain to the Benedictines of Mary (Gower, MO), will conduct a women's weekend retreat in Independence, MO, April 24-26. Information is available in the vestibule.

**The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Continues** in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion mill, 5631 S. 48th Street. 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!

**Mass Schedule During the Rector's Absence in April:** Because of a recently-added obligation for the priests at the seminary, several weekdays will be without a mass at St. Francis during Fr. McCambridge's upcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land. there will be no mass at St. Francis on Thursday, April 9, Friday, April 10, Saturday, April 11, and Monday, April 13. (The other days' masses at St. Francis will be as usual.) The faithful may attend mass at the seminary on those exceptional days; mass will be at 8 am on each of them. Mass at the Carmel in Valparaiso is also available, at 7 am Monday-Friday, and 8 am Saturday. Fr. McCambridge regrets the inconvenience.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Leroy Peterson (brother of Bob Peterson), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, 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), Marvin Phelan (father of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff).

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 15:	<b>\$5123.00</b>
Collection counters March 22:	<b>Frank Feuerborn and John Pepino</b>
Collection counters March 29:	<b>Philip McNeely and John Quinto</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.