

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Today's Gospel presents us with the fact that we must choose whom (or what) we will serve as our master in this life. We "cannot serve both God and mammon." We know that we are to serve God, and yet we face a struggle:

"The struggle is hard sometimes, even in souls that are decidedly advanced in the things of God. Why? Because the path that leads to the kingdom of God is rough and tiring; it is often shrouded in darkness, rendering it impossible for the soul to discern the progress already made. Then the soul must proceed in the night, believing and hoping. Meanwhile, its gaze falls on the other road, which is broader and more comfortable, strewn with sensible goods which can be seen and touched, gathered and enjoyed immediately, by merely stretching out one's hand. The soul feels the temptation and realizes that alone it could not resist, but if it takes refuge in God, if it yields to the guidance of the Spirit, it will be saved, although not without sacrifice. 'I say then, walk in the Spirit,' continues St. Paul, 'and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.... Now the works of the flesh are manifest...' and the Apostle gives a very unattractive list of them. It is always true: material goods present themselves like flowers, attractive, yes, but doomed to quickly vanish and decay; it is not worthwhile to stop and enjoy them. That is why 'they that are Christ's have crucified their flesh, with the vices and concupiscences.'" (Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., *Divine Intimacy*, pp. 859-860.)

If we walk in the Spirit, as St. Paul exhorts us in today's Epistle, we will yield good fruit, the fruits of the Holy Ghost. These are good works performed under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost and with a certain delight. They are twelve in number: charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity (kindness and gentleness of character), goodness, long-suffering (the disposition to bear wrongs patiently), mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity. Which of us does not wish to grow in these ways? Let us then seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice. We can trust that if we do so, God our heavenly Father will give us also of the things the world seeks, and in the measure which is best for our happiness, both in this life and in the next. 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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 30—SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, August 30, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Mrs. Linda Hitter+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, August 31, St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor

7 am Marie Nolan+

### TUESDAY, September 1, Feria

7 am Gabriel Arango

### WEDNESDAY, September 2, St. Stephen of Hungary, King & Confessor

7 am Patrick F. Brennan+

### THURSDAY, September 3, St. Pius X, Pope & Confessor

7 am Allington Family

### FRIDAY, September 4, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am Patrick F. Brennan+

### SATURDAY, September 5, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am Patrick F. Brennan+

### SUNDAY September 6, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Marie Nolan+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

#### Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

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 6:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

#### 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** (September-May)

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

**Sunday 10 am Low Masses:** The choir will be on recess through August, and so on Sundays both masses will be low masses through that time.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held next this Friday, September 4. 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.

**Payments for Window Restoration Pledges** should please be made in the envelopes specially printed for them, and kept separate from any other kind of contribution. When paid by check, a separate check must be written, payable to "St. Francis Church," with "Window Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for observing these guidelines, necessary for proper accounting of payments. Thank you; God bless you!

**The Confraternity of Christian Mothers** would like to invite the women of St. Francis to join them in prayer, spiritual growth, and good company. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, September - May, following the 8 am mass. The goal of the Confraternity is to unite women in prayer, and to support, guide, and inspire them in fulfilling their duties and practicing virtue. The first meeting for this school year will be on Saturday, September 12. Babysitting is available upon request, free of charge. For questions on membership, please speak with Mrs. Eileen Quinto. The topics for upcoming meetings are:

Sep. 12: Listen to Fr. Michael Gaitley's CD *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*;

Oct. 10: Mrs. Eileen Quinto will speak about the Four Temperaments as they pertain to raising children;

Nov. 14: Dr. Dennis McInerny, Professor of Philosophy at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, will speak.

**First Communion Catechism:** Those parents with children who will be seven years of age or older by April 24, 2016, and who have not yet made First Holy Communion, please call Fr. McCambridge to discuss preparation for reception of that sacrament. God bless you!

**Pray for Life on Tuesdays:** Planned Parenthood kills perhaps 16 children on each Tuesday on which abortions are committed in Lincoln. The mothers come from all over our state. Please pray the rosary, fast, and offer sacrifices for the unborn on that day. Please consider spending time in prayer at the Planned Parenthood facility between 7 am and 3 pm on Tuesdays (a group Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am). God bless you!

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:** Msgr. Raymond Hain, Msgr. David Hintz.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday August 23:

**\$3614.00**

Collection counters August 30:

**Phillip McNeely and Troy Butcher**

Collection counters September 6:

**Dan Fix and Rex Mulholland**

## 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.