

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! This week we celebrate the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In his meditation on the feast, Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., has these words for us:

“That blood which the Word, when He became incarnate, took from our human nature, He gave back to us—every drop of it—as the price of our redemption. And He gave it back, not as if constrained by anyone, but freely, because He willed to, because He loves us. ‘Christ...hath loved us,’ says St. John, ‘and washed us from our sins in His own Blood’ (*Ap* 1:5.) All the mysteries of our redemption are mysteries of love, and, therefore, all urge us to love. But the one on which we meditate today is especially moving, since it makes us consider the Redemption from its most terrible aspect- the shedding of the Blood of Jesus, which, from Calvary, flowed forth to crimson the whole world, to sprinkle all souls. Christ has redeemed us, ‘neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by His own Blood,’ St. Paul exclaims in the Epistle (*Heb*, 9:11-15.) This is a great truth which, if really understood would more than suffice to make us genuine saints. We must have a ‘sense’ of Christ’s Blood, that Blood which He shed to the last drop for us, and which, through the sacraments, especially Penance, continually flows over our souls to cleanse them, purify them, and enrich them with the infinite merits of the Redeemer. ‘Bathe in His Blood, immerse yourself in His Blood, clothe yourself in the Blood of Christ,’ was St. Catherine of Siena’s continual cry.” (Fr. Gabriel of Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., *Divine Intimacy*, pp. 1140-1141.)

As we pause to meditate upon the magnitude of Christ’s offering for our redemption, let us seek to correspond in our little way, offering our sufferings and sacrifices to Him in loving gratitude. For we, after all, “have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.” (*Heb* 12:4.) 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

FIFTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28—JULY 4, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, June 28, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am James Bennier+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, June 29, Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

7 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, June 30, Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle

7 am Msgr. Pleskac

WEDNESDAY, July 1, Most Precious Blood of Our Lord

7 am M. Butcher

THURSDAY, July 2, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Alex Pfeifer

FRIDAY, July 3, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am Colleen Kessler

SATURDAY, July 4, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am Celebrant's Intention

SUNDAY July 5, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Pope Francis
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

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Friday, July 3. 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.

Peter's Pence: The annual "Peter's Pence" collection for the support of the Holy See will be taken today. Please be generous in your support of the apostolic work of the Holy See!

Weekly Prayer Intention for Religious in the Diocese: June 28—July 4, Sr. Guadalupe of the Holy Eucharist, Jr. Professed Novice and Sr. Bernadette of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Novice, Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Sisters invite you to an evening pilgrimage to their chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, and to participate in the Solemn Preached Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel held from July 8—16th. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is each evening at 7 pm (except Sunday at 4 pm). On July 16th, Solemn Pontifical Mass by our Bishop Conley at 6 pm. Fr. Joseph Lee, FSSP will preach the Novena.

Online Traditional 9th Grade Religion Course: Holy Angels Online Academy will be offering a traditional Catholic 9th grade religion course beginning this fall. See details at www.holyangelsonlineacademy.org. Enrollment will be limited to 20 students. Flyers are available in the vestibule.

Pray for Life on Tuesdays: Planned Parenthood kills children by abortion on Tuesdays 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 9:30 am and 3:00 pm on Tuesdays; God bless you!

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, 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: Patrick Brennan, Antoinette Voudren (grandmother of Jennifer Butcher), Terry Hornback (father of Mrs. Liz Feuerborn), Claire Bergfeld (mother of Bill Bergfeld).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday June 21:	\$5030.44
Collection counters June 28:	Jeff Kohn and Dan Fix
Collection counters July 5:	John Quinto 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.