

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! As she began to do last Sunday, and will continue to do the next, so also today our Holy Mother Church prepares us for Christ's Ascension, his departure for heaven. In today's Gospel, at the Last Supper, Our Lord comforts His apostles, telling them that it is expedient that He should go from them, to allow the coming of the Advocate, or "Paraclete". As Christ has been the visible advocate of God the Father; He promises to send the Holy Ghost, the invisible Advocate. We know from scripture that "every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." (Jas. 1:17). No gift is more perfect than the giving of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth: "...When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will teach you all truth" (John 16:13).

The world today is in a crisis of truth. According to Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., "If we ignore or reject truth, our civilization will collapse. Society cannot endure if truth is rejected and lies take its place, because freedom and harmony among men is based upon truth" (cf. John 8:31-32).

Let us do our best to show the truth of Christ to the world, by first knowing, and then especially by living our Holy Catholic Faith. In this way, we will be true to Christ, and will have the joy of hearing His voice, for He assures us: "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37). May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of our Risen Lord,

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 24 - 30, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 24, Fourth Sunday after Easter

8:30 am Marilee Thorburn+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, April 25, St. Mark, Evangelist

7 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY April 26, Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, Popes & Martyrs

7 am Antonin Scalia+

WEDNESDAY, April 27, St. Peter Canisius, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, April 28, St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor

7 am Tony Kessler

FRIDAY, April 29, St. Peter of Verona, Martyr

7 am Zelig Byrnes
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, April 30, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

8 am Gary Vosper

SUNDAY May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

8:30 am Gary Vosper
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday-Thursday	7 am
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
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 (unless otherwise noted). 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—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 pm.

Other Fridays: Holy Hour at 6 pm, 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 (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Not organized for this year.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome, Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

Catholics Come Home: This program provides Catholics who no longer practice their faith a chance to share and have a priest and supportive team listen. This is a confidential environment offering encouragement, and help along the journey home. All are welcome. You may attend, or submit the name of someone whom you would like to be invited. There is no cost or commitment; come to all or any of the three sessions, as your schedule allows. The three-part series began on Sunday, April 17, and will continue on April 24 & May 1 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament School meeting room, 1725 Lake Street, Lincoln. For questions or more information, please call Rena Smith at 435-8055, Father Sullivan at 474-4249, or check on-line at <http://www.blessedsacramentlincoln.org/>.

Financial Assistance for a Seminarian: One of the Fraternity's recently-ordained deacons, Rev. Mr. Charles Ike, FSSP, has requested help in paying to travel home to Nigeria this Summer. Anyone willing to assist him, please speak with Fr. McCambridge.

St. Gregory the Great Seminary invites you to its Groundbreaking Ceremony today, April 24th at 2 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Seminary in Seward (Hwy 15 and Fletcher Road, 3 miles North of I-80) and will be followed by a reception around 3 p.m. Bishop Conley will bless the ground for the new dormitory and classroom wing, and local and state dignitaries will speak.

Job Opening: St. Mary's School is seeking a Hot Lunch Program Manager for the 2016-2017 school year. Duties include menu planning, cooking, recording food consumption, bookkeeping, and submitting monthly reports. Contact Fr. Dietrich, St. Mary's Church, Lincoln, (402) 435-2125.

Special Schedule for First Friday Adoration in May: The next First Friday will next be May 6, 2016. There will be an extra morning mass that day at 9 am, which the fifth graders from St. Joseph School will attend. Exposition will begin at 10 am, and continue until 6 pm. (There will be no 5:15 pm mass that day.) 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!

Camp Mater Dei: Immaculate Conception Church, the FSSP apostolate in Rapid City, South Dakota, is sponsoring Camp Mater Dei, a girls' etiquette camp designed to teach girls how to model themselves after the Mother of God. The camp will run from June 12-18, 2016, for girls 13-16 years old; Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP, will serve as Chaplain. There are a few openings left. For more information, see the notice posted in the vestibule, or visit the website: <http://campmaterdei.weebly.com>.

"Parish List": The Superior for the FSSP's North American District has asked that a list of households (name and address) be sent to the District Headquarters for each apostolate, similarly to how the Diocese of Lincoln receives such information for all Catholic households within the diocese. Fr. McCambridge will soon send this list to the District Headquarters. The FSSP does not share or sell any such information, but rather uses it to send the District Newsletter, as well as several mailings throughout the year, including the annual Seminarian Tuition Campaign — the largest single source of support for the seminarians' tuition. (Anyone receiving mailings from the FSSP is able to opt out at any time by phone, email, or postal mail, using the contact information included in each month's newsletter.)

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Tim Ecoff (son of Tim and Cindy Ecoff), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson, and for all the sick of our congregation.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday April 17:	\$2539.00
Collection counters April 24:	John Pepino and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters May 1:	Jeff Kohn and Troy Butcher

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.