

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! We are preparing liturgically for Christ's Ascension and for the coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost. As Christ would entrust His loved ones to "another Paraclete" -- the Holy Ghost, similarly, before His death on the cross, He entrusted them to one another, saying to the Virgin, "Behold thy son," and to St. John, "Behold thy mother." Clearly, Christ's will is that we live not only with the indwelling of the Trinity, but especially under the guidance of our Blessed Mother. With that in mind, and in honor of Our Lady's month of May, I wish to recall the great need for each family to recite the Holy Rosary together. Pope Pius XII wrote in 1951:

"It is above all in the bosom of the family that We desire the custom of the Holy Rosary to be everywhere adopted, religiously preserved, and ever more intensely practiced. In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel. [13] ...We affirm that the custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight--most pleasing to God-- when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the august Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in common, assembles before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace.... [14] This meditation on the Divine Mysteries of the Redemption will teach the adults to live, admiring daily the shining examples of Jesus and Mary, and to draw from these examples comfort in adversity, striving towards those heavenly treasures "where neither thief draws near, nor moth destroys" (Luke 12, 33). This meditation will bring to the knowledge of the little ones the main truths of the Christian Faith, making love for the Redeemer blossom almost spontaneously in their innocent hearts, while, seeing, their parents kneeling before the majesty of God, they will learn from their very early years how great before the throne of God is the value of prayers said in common" (*Ingruentium Malorum* ["On Reciting the Rosary"] September 15, 1951).

"In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel," wrote the Holy Father. Please take these words to heart, with a firm resolution to continue (or begin!) the daily recitation of the Rosary in your own home. 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)



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MAY 1—7, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

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

MONDAY, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Bill Bergfeld

TUESDAY May 3, Feria (Mass of the Fifth Sunday after Easter)

7 am Allington Family

WEDNESDAY, May 4, Vigil of the Ascension

7 am Walt Azaroff+

THURSDAY, May 5, Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)

7 am Celebrant's Intention
7 pm *Pro Populo*

FRIDAY, May 6, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am Confraternity of St. Peter
9 am Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, May 7, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am Molly Ratigan+

SUNDAY May 8, Sunday after the Ascension

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
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.

Holyday of Obligation: This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, and a Holyday of obligation; Masses will be offered at 7 am and 7 pm.

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!

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/>.

Thank You to those who so generously contributed toward the cost of Rev. Mr. Ike's travel home this Summer; the entire cost was raised. Rev. Mr. Ike expresses his gratitude, and his prayers promise of prayers for you. God bless you!

Missal Found: For a couple of weeks, there has been a beautiful, new hand missal in the Lost and Found, with no identifying information. It is now in Fr. McCambridge's custody. Please, as Father has asked numerous times, write your names in the books you bring to St. Francis, especially your missals!

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.

50th Annual Festival of the Arts: The Cathedral of the Risen Christ is celebrating the 50th Annual Festival of the Arts. This annual event is scheduled for September 10-11. We are looking for new artists! If you are interested or know someone who is please go to, <http://cathedraloftherisenchristpccw.org/> and download an application. Application deadline is May 6. We also have a Youth Artists event this year for 10-18 year olds (first come, first served.)

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>>.

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Gerry Vilda, 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.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday April 24:	\$3950.05
Collection counters May 1:	Jeff Kohn and Troy Butcher
Collection counters May 8a:	Philip McNeely 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.