

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, continuing in making a good Lent. In the Gospel for today's mass, Our Lord tells us: "Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation." Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., observes, "...in these words Our Lord tells us that union is the secret of victory—union with Him above all, for without Him we can do nothing, but also in union with our neighbor. If we would work for the triumph of good, let us collaborate—one heart and one soul—with our superiors and fellow religious. We can often labor with much more efficacy in achieving good if we give up our own personal ideas and act in perfect harmony with others. It may even become necessary sometimes to renounce opinions, plans, and ways which are better in themselves. Let us not be deceived; unity is always to be preferred. Division never leads to victory." (*Divine Intimacy*, pp. 330-331.) (As is surely clear, the unity preferred means unity in a good cause, and not in an evil one.)

What Fr. Gabriel writes of superiors and fellow religious also applies in the life of the laity, especially within the family. Which of us cannot recall times when less insistence upon his own will, and more willingness to renounce it, would have yielded happier results? We recognize that in sports, individual athletes must put their personal interests second to those of the team, for the sake of victory. It is equally true, and infinitely more important, that this spirit of sacrifice must exist among the members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, whose prize for victory is the everlasting crown of glory. With these things in mind, let us renew our efforts to foster unity within our families, among the members of St. Francis Church, and within the Church, in the confident hope of receiving that crown. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



St. Francis of Assisi Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 5, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 28, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Maria Paula Fix
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, February 29, Feria of Lent

7 am Lee Machado+
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, March 1, Feria of Lent

7 am Richard & Deborah Rojas Family
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 2, Feria of Lent

7 am Scott & Kimberly Hahn Family
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Gail Austin

THURSDAY, March 3, Feria of Lent

7 am Charles & Karen Prezzia Family
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, March 4, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am Illya Azaroff
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, March 5, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am Bill Bergfeld

SUNDAY March 6, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8:30 am Allington Family
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confessions, and Devotions

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

Monday and Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday and Thursday	7 am, 12:10 pm
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7pm

Confessions in Lent are heard one half hour before each mass (except as noted above), **and on Fridays, after Stations.** 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 4) 8 am - 5:00 pm, Benediction at 4:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 4-5 pm Holy Hour, Benediction at 4:50 pm.

Lenten Exposition (cont'd)

First Saturday: (March 5) 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.

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be made on the Fridays of Lent at 7 pm. The Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary) will be suspended during Lent, giving place to the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Please note changes to exposition times for the Fridays of Lent. There will be no exposition on Good Friday.

Lenten Confession Times added: Confessions will be heard on Fridays, after Stations, until the line is ended.

Soup Suppers: Please come and join the faithful of St. Francis Church for simple, meatless suppers of soup and bread, every Friday during Lent. The suppers will begin at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

Chicago Mission Trip Information Meeting: Today, after the 10:00 am mass, there will be an informational meeting for teenagers (14-18) interested in making the trip, and for their parents. The trip will be from Tuesday, June 21 through Saturday, June 25, to work with the Missionaries of Charity in Chicago at their soup kitchen, and in taking meals to the homeless. Parents and children, if you are considering the trip, please attend this meeting. God bless you!

Shroud of Turin Presentation: On Saturday, March 19, 7:00 pm, Mr. Jim Bertrand will give a presentation on the Shroud of Turin. The presentation includes a full-size replica of the shroud, and a talk by Mr. Bertrand. (He gave this presentation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary with outstanding reviews.)

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil continues and runs through March 20. St. Francis associates have been asked to keep the vigil on Wednesdays from 10 am-2 pm, on the public sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, at the Northwest corner of 48th St. and Old Cheney. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule, and offer your time and prayer to end this great sorrow of abortion. God bless you!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held this Friday, March 4, 2016. 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!

Please Pray for the Sick: George Pickard, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, 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 February 21:	\$2435.75
Collection counters February 28:	Troy Butcher and John Quinto
Collection counters March 6:	Philip McNeely and Sr. Stephen Larson, OSB

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.