

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

“Laetare” — “Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her... I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord.”

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Today, our Holy Mother Church puts upon our lips words of rejoicing, as we have reached the halfway point of the Lenten season. In her wisdom, the Church gives her children both a little respite from their weariness in doing penance, and also encouragement to continue well the second half of their course toward Easter. We see in the words of the Introit a cause for our joy: “we shall go into the house of the Lord.” Here in this house, we find the very dwelling place of God on earth. From St. Paul’s epistle we realize that the children of the Church are styled the “children of the free woman”, and that the Church is the heavenly Jerusalem.

In the Gospel, we hear St. John’s account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, which event was an immediate preparation for Christ’s discourse on the Bread of Life. Here in this Church, we find the Bread of Life, Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. From this, we can see more clearly why we ought to rejoice this day. Although the penances of Lent prepare us for a great sorrow on Good Friday, without Good Friday there would never have been an Easter Sunday, and no Blessed Sacrament in our tabernacles.

Let us take heart, then, rejoicing today as Our Mother Church encourages us! If our Lent has thus far not been what we had resolved, in these days we will find new strength for the task. If our Lent has been good, we will be refreshed to continue, and perhaps do even better. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and of St. Joseph, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(LAETARE SUNDAY)

MARCH 6-12, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

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

MONDAY, March 7, St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Molly Ratigan+
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, March 8, Feria of Lent

7 am David & Dawn Webster
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 9, Feria of Lent

7 am Jorge Arango
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, March 10, Feria of Lent

7 am Michelle Gittins
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, March 11, Feria of Lent

7 am Andrew & Mara Poole Family
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, March 12, Feria of Lent

8 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY March 13, Passion Sunday

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
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: Sunday, March 13 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.) This will be a most fitting help in preparing for Holy Week. (To facilitate our planning, please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you wish to attend.)

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, April 1, 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 28:	\$2224.14
Collection counters March 6:	Philip McNeely and Sr. Stephen Larson, OSB
Collection counters March 13:	Frank Feuerborn and Dan Fix

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.