THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families all are well! We celebrate today Passion Sunday, less than two weeks from the Sacred Triduum, the most solemn time of the Church's year. The Gospel from St. John today recounts Our Lord's encounter in the Temple with those who ask Him, "Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead, whom dost Thou make Thyself?"

Those who deny Christ's divinity, and who assert falsely that Our Lord never claimed to be God, ought to read today's Gospel. When Jesus ultimately answers, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am," the hearers take up stones to cast against Him. This is because Our Lord has just used the divine name for Himself - "I AM," the literal meaning of 'Yahweh'. His audience has well understood Him, but have not believed. Their attempt to stone Him, however, is fruitless, because all things, past, present, and future, come to be only in God's good time.

Let us remember that it is God Who governs all things sweetly, and Who numbers even the hairs on our heads. Let us fear nothing from the world, but continue earnestly in our Lenten exercises, encouraged by the belief that, with God's grace, they will bear good fruits in our souls. May you and your families continue to make a good Lent, and may the good God bless you!

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

PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 13-19, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 13, Passion Sunday

8:30 am	Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
10:00 am	*Pro Populo*

MONDAY, March 14, Feria of Passion Week

7 am	Josh & Kate Allen Family

TUESDAY, March 15, Feria of Passion Week

7 am	Mary Ann Bertels

WEDNESDAY, March 16, Feria of Passion Week

7 am	Scott Livingston

THURSDAY, March 17, Feria of Passion Week

7 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory+

FRIDAY, March 18, Our Lady of Sorrows

7 am	Cherry Neverve
5:15 pm	Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am	Mary E. Slattery+

SUNDAY March 20, Palm Sunday

8:30 am	Richard H. Slattery+
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	*Low Mass*	8:30 am
	High Mass	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.

Second Weekday Masses are Cancelled this week, Monday—Thursday. Fr. McCambridge will likely be absent those days. In case these masses can be offered, efforts will be made to notify those who normally attend.

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be made on the Fridays of Lent at 7 pm.

The Dolorosary will be prayed during the Holy Hour this Friday, at 4:30 pm, in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows.

There Will Be No Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday.

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

Altar Boys' Training for March will be this Saturday, March 19, to prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. There will be special practices scheduled for Holy Week liturgies, as well.

Soup Suppers: Please come and join the faithful of St. Francis Church for our final soup supper of simple, meatless soup and bread. 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: This Saturday, March 19, at 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. This will be a most fitting help in preparing for Holy Week. (If planning to attend, please sign-up in the vestibule.)

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 on 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, Charles Koleczek (dear friend of Fr. McCambridge), 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 March 6:	**$1640.06**
Collection counters March 13:	Frank Feuerborn and Dan Fix
Collection counters March 20:	John Pepino 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.