

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Now we continue the brief season of Septuagesima, with a little more than a week until Ash Wednesday. Today's Gospel is the parable of the sower who went out to sow his seed; we hear in it examples of various ways by which the seed, which is the word of God, can fail to yield a good harvest. The devil may steal the word away, or the soul may lack perseverance in virtue or be consumed with care for things of this world. But the seed which falls upon good ground "are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience." We must be "doers of the word, and not hearers only," and cultivate the virtue of patience. The Lenten penances to which our Holy Mother Church exhorts us, and will in some measure require of us, are a great means of growth in patience. Let us continue to plan well and prayerfully to make a good Lent; 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

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 6, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 31, Sexagesima Sunday

8:30 am James Robinson+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, February 1, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7 am Allington Family
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, February 2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Molly Ratigan+
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, February 3, St. Blaise (with Blessing of Throats following Mass)

7 am Laurence Jennings
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, February 4, St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor

7 am Laurence Jennings
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, February 5, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am John Bohaty+
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, February 6, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am Laurence Jennings

SUNDAY February 7, Quinquagesima Sunday

8:30 am Laurence Jennings
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>Highb Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass (unless otherwise noted), and on Fridays for the first half-hour of evening devotions. 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: 6pm Holy Hour, 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.

The Blessing of Throats, in honor of St. Blaise, will be given this Tuesday, February 3, after each Mass.

New Choir Members Welcome: New members for the St. Francis Choir are sought. Those 14 and older, interested in singing, are invited to contact the Choir Director, Mr. Nicholas Lemme, <nlemme@olgseminary.org>, (402) 797-7700. This is an opportune time to join, as Mr. Lemme will soon begin instructing the choir in the fundamentals of Gregorian chant. He who sings well prays twice!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: The next First Friday will be this February 5, 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!

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and run 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. According to records from the State of Nebraska, Planned Parenthood of Lincoln have committed an average of about 900 abortions annually for years. Please offer your time and prayer to end this great sorrow. God bless you!

Lenten Day of Recollection: On Saturday, February 13, there will be day of recollection offered, to help derive greater spiritual fruit from the season of Lent. The day will include Mass, two conferences, opportunities for confession, and Benediction. (There will be a small fee to cover the meals.) There is a sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule, along with envelopes to cover the fee. All adults and teens of St. Francis are encouraged to come!

Please Pray for the Sick: George Pickard, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson, and for all the sick of our congregation.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday January 24 :

\$2974.81

Collection counters January 31:

Philip McNeely and Troy Butcher

Collection counters February 7:

Dan Fix 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.