

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! This week's Gospel from St. Luke gives the account of Christ's Sabbath-day healing of the man with dropsy. In response to the disapproval of the scribes and Pharisees at His having worked this cure on the Sabbath, Our Lord goes on to tell them a parable against seeking the "the first places at the table." Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., comments:

"To be rooted in love, we must also be rooted in humility, for only he who is humble is capable of really loving God and his neighbor. The Gospel continues with a practical lesson in humility, condemning those who seek the first places. We should not think that this refers only to material places; it refers also to those places which our pride seeks to occupy in the esteem and regard of others. It is really humiliating to note how our self-love always tries to make us take a higher place than that which is due us, and this to our own confusion, 'for he that exalteth himself shall be humbled.' 'Let us always take the lowest place,' says St. Bernard, 'there is no harm in humbling ourselves and believing ourselves less than we really are. But there is exceeding harm and great evil in wishing to elevate ourselves, even if only a finger's breadth, above what we are and in preferring ourselves to even one. There is no danger in stooping too much to pass through a low doorway, whereas there would be great danger in lifting our head even an inch above the lintel, as we would strike against it and injure our head; similarly, we should not be afraid that we shall humble ourselves too much, but should fear and abominate the slightest movement of presumption.' Let us, like the saints, ask God to send us a humiliation every time our pride tries to raise us above others; this will be the surest way to become rooted in humility. At the same time, we shall be rooted in charity and shall thus possess the two fundamental characteristics of a Christian soul." (*Divine Intimacy*, pp. 902-903.)

If I wish to grow in humility, the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be a wonderful means. I can resolve and remember frequently to say the brief prayer at the end of the Litany of the Sacred Heart: "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine!" 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4—10, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 4, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Jonathan Rowe+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, September 5, St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop & Confessor

8 am Debra Bergfeld

TUESDAY September 6, Feria

7 am Debra Bergfeld
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, September 7, Feria

7 am Debra Bergfeld
8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Jaimie Iuranich
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, September 9, St. Peter Claver, Confessor

7:00 am Debra Bergfeld
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY September 10, St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor

8 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY September 11, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday & Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday & 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> 10:30 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.

Mass Schedule for Monday, Labor Day: There will be only one public mass on Labor Day, at 8 am.

Mass Schedule Change: As announced last week, please remember that beginning next Sunday, September 11, the second Sunday mass will be at 10:30 am, changing from its present time of 10:00 am. Fr. McCambridge is grateful for your patience in making this change. God bless you!

Twenty-Ninth Annual Marian Mass, Rosary, & Candlelight Procession: Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 pm at the Waverly Marian Center. Information is available on the notice posted in the vestibule.

Cathedral Art Festival: Please join the Cathedral of the Risen Christ Parish in celebrating 50 years of great art on September 10 and 11. Please see the notice in the vestibule for more details.

Confirmation Catechism will begin on Monday, September 12, 7-8 pm, continuing on Monday evenings (except October 17), until the Confirmations on November 12. To register any fifth grader or above, not yet registered, please call Fr. McCambridge, (402) 477-5145, ext. 101.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: will next be held Friday, October 7, 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!

St. Francis Church Picnic: Our picnic will be held Sunday, September 25, 12:00 noon, with a **possible change in location** from Pioneers Park to another Lincoln park. **Please sign-up on the list in the vestibule** (we need to plan for enough food!) Please plan to come!

The 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil begins Wednesday, September 28. More details are forthcoming.

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday August 28:	\$1726.49
Collection counters September 4:	John Quinto and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters September 11:	Philip McNeely 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.