

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! From the Epistle to the Ephesians today, we hear St. Paul exhort us that we are to be careful to “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

“Very often the cause of division among good people is excessive self-assertion: the desire to do things one’s own way. Given our limitations, there can be nothing so absolute in our ideas that it cannot give way to the ideas of others. If our ideas are good, upright, and brilliant, those of others may be equally good, or even better. Therefore, it is much wiser, more humble and charitable to accept the views of others and to try to reconcile our views with theirs, rather than to reject them, lest we be obliged to give up our personal ways and views. This individualism is the enemy of union; it is a hindrance to good works as well as to spiritual progress.... Be ‘one body and one spirit; as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.’ If God has willed to save and sanctify us all in Christ, uniting us in Him in one body, giving us one same vocation, one faith, and one hope, and being Himself the Father of all, how shall we pretend to save and sanctify ourselves if we are not united with one another?” (Fr. Gabriel of Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., *Divine Intimacy*, p. 923.)

Let us remember today, and each day, the great need for each of us to pray for God’s grace to “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,” and for the good will to cooperate with His grace. 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



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11—17, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 11, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

MONDAY, September 12, Most Holy Name of Mary

7 am Kevin & Colleen Hoff Family
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY September 13, Feria

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

WEDNESDAY, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7 am Murray Children
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, September 15, Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

FRIDAY, September 16, Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Martyrs

7:00 am Antonietta Magan+
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY September 17, Stigmata of St. Francis

8 am Marilee Thorburn+

SUNDAY September 18, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Theresa Damasauskus+
 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 10:30 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 yet 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 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

Second Collection: A second collection will be taken next Sunday, September 17, for the Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations. God bless you for your generosity!

Confirmation Catechism will begin tomorrow, Monday, September 12, from 7-8 pm. Parents of candidates should have received an email yesterday from Fr. McCambridge. In case of any oversight, please call (402) 477-5145, ext. 101.

New Church Cleaning Plan: September 24 will be Ember Saturday, and this is an opportune time to experiment with a new plan for cleaning. Participation in cleaning on Ember Saturdays has been spotty in recent times, and Fr. McCambridge wishes to establish a system whereby individuals, and especially families, take responsibility for particular areas and tasks. Please look for a signup list next Sunday. Anyone already knowing some area for which he wishes to be responsible, please tell Father this week.

The St. Francis Children's Choir will begin its Wednesday classes and rehearsals September 14 in the church basement. Classes/Rehearsals are from 4-5:30 pm, running through December, resuming mid-January. Cost is \$75 per student or \$150 per family. If in need of scholarship assistance, please speak with Fr. McCambridge. There will be a brief meeting for parents in the church basement today after the 10:30 Mass. If unable to attend, please contact Nicholas Lemme to sign up: <nlemme@olgseminary.org >.

The St. Francis Church Picnic will be held Sunday, September 25, 12:00 noon, with a new location -- Roberts Park, at 56th and Sumner! There will be games for the children and the young-at-heart; don't miss the pie contest! Anyone may enter a pie; judges will be objective and impartial (clergy and some gentlemen not related to contestants). Please sign-up on the list in the vestibule (to help plan for sufficient food); please come!

Visit to Benedictines of Mary: Young ladies of St. Francis Church, twelve years and older, are invited to visit the Benedictines of Mary, Gower, Missouri, from Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9. Fr. McCambridge and some women of St. Francis will accompany the young ladies as they spend two full days getting a taste of the life of these Benedictine nuns. We will depart Friday, mid-morning, and return Sunday, late afternoon. Please speak with Fr. McCambridge to sign up!

Women's Retreat: Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, will give an Ignatian retreat for women, Oct. 28-30, to be held at the Columban Fathers' Retreat Center in Bellevue, NE. Check in Friday at 6pm, with retreat ending Sunday by noon. Cost: \$150 (private room). Space limited; please register as soon as possible. Nursing infants welcome. Please contact Edie LaPlante for more details and to register: (402) 613-0569.

The 40 Days For Life Fall Prayer Vigil begins Wednesday, September 28 and ends on November 6. To date, 75 abortion facilities have closed following a 40 Days for Life Campaign outside their doors, with many children saved from abortion, and abortion workers converted, because of this prayerful witness. There will be a kickoff for the vigil from 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 28th at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 4500 Duxhall Dr. There will be speakers and prayers at the church, and weather permitting, a walk to Planned Parenthood for closing prayers. Please bring a flashlight. Please sign up to participate by selecting an hour on www.40daysforlife.com/Lincoln or on the sheet in the vestibule. We have been assigned the hours from 10:00am –2:00 pm on Wednesdays during the vigil.

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 September 4:	\$4951.56
Collection counters September 11:	Philip McNeely and Dan Fix
Collection counters September 18:	John Quinto and Frank Feuerborn

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.