

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! In today's Gospel from St. Matthew, Our Lord likens the Kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast, given by a king for his son. "And he sent his servants, to call them that were invited to the marriage, and they would not come." "Behold," says the king, "I have prepared my dinner... all things are ready: come ye to the marriage. But they neglected..." God gives us, by the inspired word of holy scripture, the comparison of his Kingdom with a wedding feast. Is it any wonder, then, that those who ignore, resent, or even hate God in our own day seek to destroy the meaning of marriage itself? How could they tolerate the presence of a visible sign in the world of the union between Christ and his bride, the Church? Such people are like the dog in the manger, having no desire to feed upon the hay, but lying so as to prevent the cattle from doing so. For these people have no desire for what a marriage is: a permanent, exclusive union of two, sharing to bring forth new life, but they do desire to prevent others from enjoying this beautiful gift from God. Let us remember, on one hand, to pray for these pitiable ones, and on the other, to thank God especially for matrimony. 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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25—OCTOBER 1, 2016

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, September 25, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

### MONDAY, September 26, Ss. Jean Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, Martyrs

7 am Confraternity of St. Peter  
8 am Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY September 27, Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

7 am Tyler & Sarah Oglimueller  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### WEDNESDAY, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Duke & Martyr

7 am J. Paul Thomassen+  
8 am Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, September 29, Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel

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

### FRIDAY, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest, Confessor & Doctor

7:00 am J. Paul Thomassen+  
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY October 1, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart Of Mary

8 am Confraternity of St. Peter

### SUNDAY October 2, External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am Lillian Bohaty+  
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

Recommences this month

#### 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.

**Thank you** to all who came to help with the Ember Day cleaning! May God reward you!

**The St. Francis Church Picnic** will be today, September 25, 12:00 noon. Remember that it's at 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).

**Collection for the Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations:** By Fr. McCambridge's omission, at one of the masses last Sunday, there was not a reminder for last week's second collection. Anyone wishing yet to contribute is encouraged please to do so by using the proper envelope from his set. (For those who have no such envelope, there are blank envelopes in the vestibule which can be labelled for this collection.) While we collected \$545 last Sunday, our goal for this year is set at over \$1700. Any shortfall will have to be paid from our regular Sunday contributions. Thank you, and may God reward your generosity!

**St. John Bosco Youth Group:** Thankfully, with the assignment of deacons to assist at St. Francis this year, the Youth Group will recommence regular meetings, open to high school boys and girls, who regularly attend mass at St. Francis. The plan is to have one Saturday evening meeting per month, plus a service activity once per month. The first meeting will be on Saturday, October 15, in the evening (details to follow).

**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 this 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. Many babies have been 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 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 4500 Duxhall Dr. There will be speakers and prayers at St. Peter's Catholic Church, and weather permitting, we will 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Lincoln) or at St. Francis. We have been assigned the hours from 10:00AM – 2:00 PM on Wednesdays during the vigil.

**Life Chain:** Sunday, October 2, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Please join us for an hour of peaceful prayer along "O" Street. We will be praying for the dignity of life between 50th and 51st Streets on the North Side of "O" Street. For questions, visit [www.lincolnrighttolife.org](http://www.lincolnrighttolife.org).

**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!

**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 18:	<b>\$3263.00</b>
Collection for Bishop's Lay Committee:	<b>\$ 545.00</b>
Collection counters September 25:	Rex Mulholland and John Pepino
Collection counters October 2:	Dan Fix and Troy Butcher

## 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.