

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, we hear of the wicked servant who, owing his master an enormous amount of money, pleaded for time to repay, and was instead forgiven the debt. Having thus been treated, he went out and encountered a fellow servant by whom he was owed a hundred days' wages, practically nothing compared to the debt he was forgiven. We know the rest: the wicked servant refused mercy to his fellow, and was severely punished for it, sent to the torturers until he should have repaid the entire debt.

It is important to realize that the sum of ten-thousand talents would have been a debt impossibly large to repay. Understanding this, we see clearly the analogy with our state before God. "All have fallen short of the glory of God." Having offended God, who is infinite, and infinitely good, each one of us has incurred what amounts to an infinite debt. I am incapable of repaying the debt of my sins, but God, our merciful Father, forgives them. How much more should I forgive those who have offended me, when their offense is little, in comparison with the debt I owe to God for my sins?

The measure we use in mercy will be the one by which mercy is meted out to us. Our Lord teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Let each of us seek to forgive his brother from his heart — 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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 9—15, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 9, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

MONDAY, October 10, St. Francis Borgia, Confessor

7 am Maria Paula Fix
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY October 11, Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Fr. Brancich, FSSP
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, October 12, Feria

7 am Fr. McCambridge, FSSP
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, October 13, St. Edward the Confessor, King

7 am Bill and Debbie Bergfeld
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, October 14, St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

7:00 am Pierce Mulholland
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY October 15, St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin

8 am Catherine Arango

SUNDAY October 16, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
 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.

Catechism Classes: Parents wishing to enroll their children, grades 1– 8, in catechism classes, please call Fr. McCambridge at his office, (402) 477-5145, ext. 101, to give the children's names, ages, and grades.

St. John Bosco Youth Group: The Youth Group, open to high-schoolers regularly attending mass at St. Francis, will meet this Saturday, October 15, at 6:00 pm, for Rosary, pizza supper, and meeting, concluding at 9:00 pm. So that plans can be made for the supper, please call the Church Office, (402) 477-5145, option 5, then option 1, and leave a message indicating who will attend. God bless you!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: will next be held Friday, November 4, 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!

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 continues, through 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. We of St. Francis have been assigned the hours from 10:00AM – 2:00 PM on Wednesdays; please sign up on the list in the vestibule.

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 October 2:	\$3752.80
Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations:	\$1000.00
Collection counters October 9:	John Quinto and Frank Feuerborn
Collection counters October 16:	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.