

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, enjoying a blessed Christmastide. I wish to express my thanks and prayers for all of you who have given so generously of your time and effort to make our church, liturgies, and music so beautiful in this season. May the good God bless you and your families with a prosperous new year, one in which all advance in the love of God!

In the Love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

“Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent” (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1—7, 2017

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 1, Octave Day of Christmas

8:30 am Arthur Dycus+
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, January 2, Holy Name of Jesus

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

TUESDAY, January 3, Feria in Christmastide

7 am Mary Beiriger+
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 4, Feria in Christmastide

7 am Fr. James Fryar, FSSP
8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, January 5, Feria in Christmastide

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

FRIDAY, January 6, Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Allington Family
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, January 7, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:00 am Fr. Jared McCambridge, FSSP

SUNDAY, January 8, The Holy Family

8:30 am Associates of St. Francis of Assisi
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, except the 8 am masses on Monday and Wednesday, and the First Friday 5:15 pm 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

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

A Plenary Indulgence is available for public recitation or singing of the *Veni Creator Spiritus* on January 1. This will be sung after Mass today.

Collection Envelope Sets for 2017: "Please excuse my failure to have gotten the new envelopes in a timely way; they should arrive soon. For the time being, please use the 'home-made' envelopes provided in the vestibule. Feel welcome to take one home to prepare for next week. Thank you; God bless you!" — Fr. McCambridge

Epiphany House Blessing: Those desiring the House Blessing at Epiphany, please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held this Friday, January 6, 2017. 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 Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report to law enforcement any allegation of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect in connection with church related activity, please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number [1-800-652-1999](tel:1-800-652-1999), and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery [\(402\) 488-0921](tel:402-488-0921), so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

Mass Requests: There is currently a four-month backlog of mass intentions. All are requested to always kindly use the envelopes provided in the vestibule for this purpose, and to observe the limits given thereon to the number of masses requested. Thank you for your kind consideration!

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Elise Clarke, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday December 25:	\$5403.75
Collection counters January 1:	Philip McNeely and Dan Fix
Collection counters January 8:	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.