

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Now we continue the brief season of Septuagesima, with a little more than a week until Ash Wednesday. Today's Gospel is the parable of the sower who went out to sow his seed; we hear in it examples of various ways by which the seed, which is the word of God, can fail to yield a good harvest. The devil may steal the word away, or the soul may lack perseverance in virtue or be consumed with care for things of this world. But the seed which falls upon good ground "are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience." We must be "doers of the word, and not hearers only," and cultivate the virtue of patience. The Lenten penances to which our Holy Mother Church exhorts us, and will in some measure require of us, are a great means of growth in patience. Let us continue to plan well and prayerfully to make a good Lent; may the good God bless you and your families!

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

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 19—25, 2017

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 19, Sexagesima Sunday

8:30 am Marlin McFadden Jr. & Children
 10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, February 20, Feria

7 am Mary Beiriger+

TUESDAY, February 21, Feria

7 am Patrick Jacobsen+

WEDNESDAY, February 22, Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (First Class for FSSP)

7 am Arthur Dycus+
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, February 23, St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

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

FRIDAY, February 24, St. Matthias, Apostle

7:00 am Hazel McCord-Palmer
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, February 25, Saturday of Our Lady

8:00 am Dave Simon+

SUNDAY, February 26, Quinquagesima Sunday

8:30 am Debra Bergfeld
 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 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

Altar Guild and Social Committee Combined Meeting: In the hopes of getting better-organized at St. Francis the kinds of work for which a woman's touch is most helpful, such as the care of sacred linens and vestments, adornment of the altar, flower arrangements, and preparing for social events and hospitality, there will be a meeting today at 12:15pm, for all the ladies currently involved in such work, or wishing to share in it. God bless you for your willingness to help!

A Plenary Indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to members of the Confraternity of St. Peter this Wednesday, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter.

Mass Schedule Note: This week, there will be no 8 am mass on Monday, nor a 12:10 pm mass on Tuesday.

Lenten Mission: A Lenten Mission will be preached at St. Francis by Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, over five evenings, from Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17. All are heartily encouraged to attend! Please plan to have the weekday evenings free that week, so as to partake of the great spiritual benefit of a Lenten mission!

Conference on Prayer: Fr. Jacque Philippe, internationally known author and retreat master, will speak on "Personal prayer and a deep with relationship with God" at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln, 8:00 PM, Monday, February 20. Includes Adoration and a brief reception with Fr. Philippe. Free will offering. Father's books have sold over 500,000 copies, and will be available for sale. Visit his website at www.frjacquesphilippe.com.

Old, Blessed Palms may be deposited in the basket provided in the vestibule. Palms blessed in the prior year are burnt to make the ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and run through April 9. St. Francis associates have been asked to keep the vigil on Wednesdays from 10 am-2 pm, on the public sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, at the Northwest corner of 48th St. and Old Cheney. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule. According to records from the State of Nebraska, Planned Parenthood of Lincoln have committed an average of about 900 abortions annually for years. Please offer your time and prayer to end this great sorrow. God bless you!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, March 3, 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!

Mass Requests: The backlog of masses already requested is sufficient to fill the calendar through July, so no request envelopes will be available for the time being. Anyone desiring to request a mass, please contact Fr. McCambridge.

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

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday February 12:	\$3092.00
Collection counters February 19:	Philip McNeely and John Pepino
Collection counters February 26:	John Quinto 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.