

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! In today's Gospel, Our Lord tells us "I leave the world and go to the Father." We are preparing liturgically for Christ's Ascension and for the coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost. As Christ would entrust His loved ones to "another Paraclete" -- the Holy Ghost, similarly, before His death on the cross, He entrusted them to one another, saying to the Virgin, "Behold thy son," and to St. John, "Behold thy mother." Clearly, Christ's will is that we live not only with the indwelling of the Trinity, but especially under the guidance of our Blessed Mother. With that in mind, and in honor of Our Lady's month of May, I wish to recall the great need for each family to recite the Holy Rosary together. There follow some excerpts from Pope Pius XII's Encyclical *Ingruentium Malorum* ["On Reciting the Rosary"] September 15, 1951:

"[1] ...We have never ceased, in the face of approaching evils, to entrust to the most powerful protection of the Mother of God the destiny of the human family.... [12] ...[I]t is above all in the bosom of the family that We desire the custom of the Holy Rosary to be everywhere adopted, religiously preserved, and ever more intensely practiced. In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel. [13] ...We affirm that the custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight--most pleasing to God-- when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the august Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in common, assembles before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace.... [14] Then the home of the Christian family, like that of Nazareth, will become an earthly abode of sanctity, and, so to speak, a sacred temple, where the Holy Rosary will not only be the particular prayer which every day rises to heaven in an odor of sweetness, but will also form the most efficacious school of Christian discipline and Christian virtue. This meditation on the Divine Mysteries of the Redemption will teach the adults to live, admiring daily the shining examples of Jesus and Mary, and to draw from these examples comfort in adversity, striving towards those heavenly treasures "where neither thief draws near, nor moth destroys" (Luke 12, 33). This meditation will bring to the knowledge of the little ones the main truths of the Christian Faith, making love for the Redeemer blossom almost spontaneously in their innocent hearts, while, seeing, their parents kneeling before the majesty of God, they will learn from their very early years how great before the throne of God is the value of prayers said in common."

"In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel," wrote the Holy Father. Please take these words to heart, with a firm resolution to continue (or begin!) the daily recitation of the Rosary in your own home. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of our Risen Lord,

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 5-11, 2013

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, May 5, Fifth Sunday After Easter

8:30 am Doarthy Judd  
10 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, May 6, Feria in Paschaltide

7 am Celebrant's intention  
8:45 am Clarence Paul McCambridge, Sr.+

### TUESDAY, May 7, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

7 am Jessica Palmer  
8 am Celebrant's intention

### WEDNESDAY, May 8, Vigil of the Ascension

7 am Nathaniel Belmont  
8 am Celebrant's intention

### THURSDAY, May 9, Ascension of Our Lord

7 am Emily Taylor  
7 pm *Pro Populo*

### FRIDAY, May 10, St. Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor

7 am Frank Fix+

### SATURDAY, May 11, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles

8 am Elizabeth Fix+

### SUNDAY, May 12, Sunday after Ascension

8:30 am Bernadine Lewis+  
10 am *Pro Populo*

#### Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

**Confessions** are heard one half hour before each mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, and on Fridays, 6:05 - 6:30 pm. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

**The Rosary** is prayed a 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 - 6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6 pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following mass.

#### Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Monday 7:30 pm

#### Altar Guild

As announced

**Coffee and rolls:** After the High Mass on Sunday

#### Catechism

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 7:45 pm

#### St. Joseph Men's Group

Second Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

#### Confraternity of Christian Mothers

After Mass on the Third Saturday of the month

#### St. John Bosco Youth Group

Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

#### Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

#### Choir

Wednesday 6-7 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.

**Holyday of Obligation:** This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, and a Holyday of obligation; the masses will be offered at 7 am and 7 pm.

**Investiture in Miraculous Medal:** Next Sunday, May 12, Miraculous Medals will be blessed, and the rite of investiture with them will be carried out after both masses. The *Mater Dei* praesidium of the Legion of Mary has provided the medals on chains; those who wish to do so may present their own medals with which to be invested.

**Congratulations to Michael Bruns** on his retirement from the Navy! All are invited to attend the mass and retirement ceremony on June 8 at the Offutt Air Force Base Chapel, Bellevue, Nebraska. Mass will be at 9 am (preceded by confessions), with the retirement ceremony at 10 am, and reception at 11. If you plan to attend, please notify Michael Bruns by May 19, (402) 423-1283, or <michael.l.bruns@navy.mil>.

**Instruction in Sewing Sacred Vestments:** Our church is in need of some vestments; a seminarian from Denton, who has been trained by a professional vestment maker, is willing to teach those already familiar with sewing. The instruction will be given at St. Francis, free of charge, between June 25 until July 3. The seminarian's plan is to teach, then supervise, the making of vestments for St. Francis Church. Those seriously interested and available during the period mentioned (or at least part of it) please notify Fr. McCambridge as soon as possible.

**Avoiding Encounters with Sin on the Internet:** Are you and your family protected from harmful material on the internet? Much of the material available on the internet is dangerous to purity and chastity. Your child's innocence is fragile — every family with internet in the home needs an internet filter, without exception. Free filtering software is available at [www.k9protection.com](http://www.k9protection.com), and free accountability software at [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com).

**Pray for Life on Tuesdays:** Planned Parenthood continues to end about **twenty innocent, human lives** each Tuesday in Lincoln. The mothers come from all over our state. Please pray the rosary, fast, and offer sacrifices for the unborn on that day. Please consider spending some time in prayer at the Planned Parenthood facility between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm on Tuesdays; God bless you!

**Coffee Social Donations:** To cover the costs of coffee, sandwich ingredients, and disposable utensils and paper goods, donations from those who partake in the Socials are encouraged and appreciated. Additionally, donations of crackers, cheese, chips, graham crackers, and cookies are always welcome. Thank you for your consideration!

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Matthew Guevara, Shirley Bauer, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson.

## FINANCES

Collection for April 28:	<b>\$2089.00</b>
Collection counters May 5:	<b>Sr. Stephen Larson and John Quinto</b>
Collection counters May 12:	<b>Philip McNeely and Frank Feuerborn</b>

## 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.