



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, April 6 in the church at 7:00 pm

Spiritual Music

Marked Confession Lines

More Priests

LIVING STATIONS

Friday, April 7 in the church at 7:00 pm (we will not have stations following 5:30 pm Mass)
Our youth will reenact the Stations of the Cross. Great Lenten family activity.

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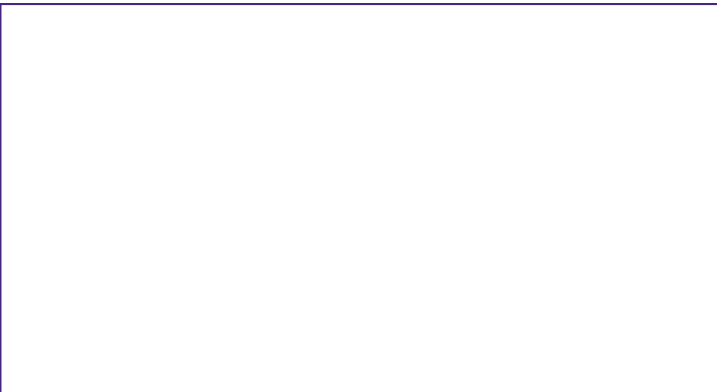
2 AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

Responsibilities to God:

- Have I gone to Mass on Sunday or have I rebelled and been stubborn about going to Mass?
- Did I participate in the Mass?
- Have I prayed every day?
- Have I read the Bible?
- Have I been rebellious toward God and his commands?
- Have I misused the name of God by swearing and cursing?
- Have I told the Father that I love him for creating me and making me his son/daughter?
- Have I thanked Jesus for becoming man, dying for my sin and rising to give me eternal life?
- Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me conquer sin and temptation and to be obedient to God’s commands?

Responsibilities to others and myself:

- Have I been rebellious, disobedient or disrespectful to my parents, teachers and those in authority over me?
- Have I lied to or deceived my parents or others?
- Have I been arrogant and stubborn?
- Have I talked back to my parents or those in authority?
- Have I gotten angry or nurtured and held grudges and resentments? Have I refused to forgive others?
- Have I cultivated hatred?
- Have I looked at others lustfully?
- Have I read pornographic literature or looked at pornographic pictures, shows or movies?
- Have I lustfully kissed or sexually touched someone? Have I had sexual intercourse?
- Have I had an abortion or encouraged another to have one?
- Have I gossiped about others? Have I slandered anyone?
- Have I told lies about others? Have I mocked or made fun of others?
- Have I lied or cheated? Have I stolen anything? Have I paid it back?
- Have I been selfish or spiteful toward others? Have I been jealous?
- Have I gotten drunk, or taken drugs?
- Have I participated in anything that is of the occult: Ouija boards, fortune tellers, séances, channeling, astrology?
- Have I been patient, kind gentle and self-controlled?
- When my conscience told me to do something good, did I do it or did I ignore it?



AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
FOR SINGLE PERSONS

Responsibilities to God:

- Have I gone to Mass every Sunday? Have I participated at Mass?
- Have I prayed every day (15-20 minutes)?
- Have I read the Bible? Have I studied the truths of our faith and allowed them to become more a part of the way I think and act? Have I read any spiritual books or religious literature?
- Have I told God that I want to love him with my whole heart, mind and strength? Do I hold any resentments toward God?
- Have I recognized my need for Jesus and his salvation? Have I asked the Holy Spirit to empower me to live the Christian life?
- Have I been financially generous to the Church? Have I participated in parish or religious activities?
- Have I held resentments toward the Church or Church authorities? Have I forgiven them?

Responsibilities to others and to myself:

- Have I been rebellious, disobedient or disrespectful to anyone in authority?
- Have I lied to or deceived others—friends, boss, or co-workers?
- Have I been arrogant and stubborn?
- Have I gotten angry or nurtured and held grudges and resentments?
- Have I refused to forgive others—parents, relatives, employers, former friend, a former spouse? Have I cultivated hatred?
- Have I felt sorry for myself or nurtured self-pity?
- Have I looked at others lustfully?
- Have I read pornographic literature or looked at pornographic pictures, shows or movies?
- Have I lustfully kissed or sexually touched someone? Have I had sexual intercourse?
- Have I had an abortion or encouraged another to have one?
- Have I gossiped about others? Have I slandered anyone?
- Have I told lies about others? Have I mocked or made fun of others?

Responsibilities to society:

- Have I been a Christian witness to those with whom I work or associate? Have I spoken to anyone about the Gospel and how important it is to believe in Jesus?
- Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my political and social opinions?
- Have I had a proper Christian concern for the poor and needy?
- Have I paid my taxes?
- Have I fostered or nurtured hatred toward my ‘political’ opponents, either local, national or international?
- Have I been prejudiced toward others because of race, color, religion or social status?

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

- Monday, April 3—April 9 bulletin is due
- Friday, April 7—April 16 bulletin is due

BAPTISMS

If you are a registered member here at St. Francis and need to schedule a baptism please call the Church office, 722-4404.

EXAMINATIONS OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

Based on Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep Holy the Lord's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1, the Ascension, Aug. 15, Nov. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.'" (Mt 22:37-40)

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others?

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrong-doing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE 3 FOR MARRIED PERSONS

Responsibilities to God:

Have I gone to Mass every Sunday? Have I participated at Mass? Have I prayed every day (15-20 minutes)?

Have I read the Bible? Have I studied the truths of our faith and allowed them to become more part of the way I think and act?

Have I read any spiritual books or religious literature?

Have I told God that I want to love him with my whole heart, mind and strength? Do I hold any resentments toward God?

Have I recognized my need for Jesus and his salvation? Have I asked the Holy Spirit to empower me to live the Christian life, to be a proper husband/wife and parent?

Have I been financially generous to the Church? Have I participated in parish or religious activities?

Have I held resentments toward the Church or Church authorities? Have I forgiven them?

Responsibilities to my spouse:

Have I cared for my spouse? Have I been generous with my time? Have I been affectionate and loving? Have I told my spouse that I love him or her?

Have I been concerned about the spiritual well-being of my spouse?

Have I listened to my spouse? Have I paid attention to his or her concerns, worries, and problems? Have I sought these out?

Have I allowed resentments and bitterness toward my spouse to take root in my mind? Have I nurtured these? Have I forgiven my spouse for the wrongs he or she has committed against me?

Have I allowed misunderstanding, miscommunication or accidents to cause anger and mistrust? Have I nurtured critical and negative thoughts about my spouse?

Have I manipulated my spouse in order to get my own way? Have I tried to bully or overpower my spouse?

Have I spoken sharply or sarcastically to my spouse? Have I spoken in a demeaning or negative way? Have I injured my spouse through taunting and negative teasing? Have I called my spouse harsh names or used language that is not respectful?

Have I physically abused my spouse? Have I gossiped about my spouse?

Have I undermined the authority and dignity of my spouse through disrespect and rebelliousness?

Have I been moody and sullen? Have I bickered with my spouse out of stubbornness and selfishness?

Have I lied or been deceitful to my spouse? Have I misused sexuality? Have I used sexual relations solely for my own selfish pleasure? Have I been too demanding in my desire for sexual fulfillment? Have I been loving and physically affectionate in my sexual relations or have I used sexual relations in a way that would be demeaning or disrespectful to my spouse? Have I refused sexual relations out of laziness, revenge or manipulation? Have I refused to conceive children out of selfishness or material greed? Have I had an abortion or encouraged others to have one?

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Have I flirted or fostered improper relationships with someone else, either in my mind or through words and actions?

Have I used pornography: books, magazines or movies?

Have I misused alcohol or drugs?

Have I committed adultery?

Have I been financially responsible?

Responsibilities to children:

Have I cared for the spiritual needs of my children? Have I been a shepherd and guardian as God has appointed me?

Have I tried to foster a Christian family where Jesus is Lord?

Have I taught my children the Gospel and the commandments of God?

Have I prayed with them?

Have I been persistent and courageous in my training and teaching? Have I disciplined them when necessary? Have I been lazy and apathetic?

Have I talked with them to find out their problems, concerns and fears? Have I been affectionate toward them? Have I hugged them and told them that I love them? Have I played or recreated with them?

Have I been impatient and frustrated with them? Have I corrected them out of love in order to teach them what is right and good? Have I treated them with respect? Have I spoken to them in a sarcastic or demeaning way?

Have I held resentments against them? Have I forgiven them?

Have I been of one heart and mind with my spouse in the upbringing of the children? Or have I allowed disagreements and dissension to disrupt the training, educating and disciplining of our children?

Have I undermined the role of authority in the eyes of my children by speaking negatively against God, the Church, my spouse or others who hold legitimate authority over them?

Have I been a good Christian witness to my children in what I say and do? Or do I demand one standard for them and another for myself?

Have I been properly generous with my children regarding money and physical and material well-being? Have I been miserly? Have I been extravagant, thus spoiling them?

Responsibilities to society:

Have I been a Christian witness to those with whom I work or associate? Have I spoken to anyone about the Gospel and how important it is to believe in Jesus?

Have I held resentments and anger against those with whom I work, relatives or friends? Have I forgiven them?

Have I been unethical in my business dealings? Have I stolen or lied?

Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my political and social opinions?

Have I had a proper Christian concern for the poor and needy?

Have I paid my taxes?

Have I fostered or nurtured hatred toward my "political" enemies, either local, national or international?

Have I been prejudiced toward others because of race, color, religion or social status?

ADORATION CHAPEL

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"So could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"

~Matthew 26:40

He is living there. He wants us to speak to Him!

Call Sandy Rongish at 990-6647 or Jenny Morgan at 721-8871 if you would like to sign up.

THE LIVING STATIONS

Youth of the parish will perform The Living Stations this *Friday, April 7* at 7:00 pm. (this will take the place of the regular 6:00 pm stations)

~"Come experience the Road to Calvary"

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We will meet this *Tuesday, April 4* from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Agnes Ministry House. The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Nurse Ministry has formed this group for those that struggle with mental health issues and also for those close to them. All are welcome to join us the first Tuesday of every month, no registration is required and you can come to one or all of our gatherings. This is a safe place to come learn and share.

RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church, or learning more about the Catholic faith? All are welcome to join us at the RCIA Meet and Greet this *Wednesday, April 5* in St. Clare Hall. Call the church office to sign up.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Charities Committee grocery sack Lenten Food Drive Sacks need to be returned by *Sunday, April 9* to the table in the front walkway.

MISCARRIAGE & STILLBIRTH SUPPORT GROUP

Child of My Heart is a grief sharing group offering spiritual and emotional support for parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. Our gatherings will be the 2nd Monday of every month in St. Bonaventure Center. We will meet next *Monday, April 10* at 7:30 pm. Questions please call or text Becky at 210-1098.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm; Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 pm; Holy Saturday, April 15, 8:30 pm; Easter Sunday, April 16, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am and 1:00 pm.

THANK YOU TO CARING HANDS VOLUNTEERS

We wish to thank you for the wonderful meals that you provided for us. You never know when you need a little help from others just to get through the day. We appreciate the help and friendship from our St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family.

The Nelson Family

What's Happening

Monday, April 3—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass.

Marian Mantle Rosary Group meets following the 8:00 am Mass to pray for loved ones who no longer practice the faith.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

St. Francis Girls' Ensemble, 8th grade through high school, will rehearse from 7:00-8:00 pm in St. Clare Hall Music Room. All young ladies are welcome to join us.

Tuesday, April 4—The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in St. Bonaventure Center from 9:15-11:15 am.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group prays the rosary each Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome. This week's petition is "Mary our Mother, help us remove from our hearts selfishness and judgment of others. Strengthen our Lenten practice of prayer and penance that we may more fully celebrate the joy of Easter."

Wednesday, April 5—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Thursday, April 6—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

St. Francis 10:00 Choir will rehearse at 7:00 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. Everyone, high school age and up, is invited to sing with us.

Attention men of St. Francis interested in meeting new parishioners. Come join us this month in St. Clare Hall at 7:00 pm. If you have questions please contact Danny Burt, II at danburtii@yahoo.com.

St. Francis Men's Ensemble will rehearse at 8:30 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. All men of the parish are welcome.

Friday, April 7—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass. We will be reading and discussing the Gospel of John.

Saturday, April 8—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed daily at 3:00 pm here at Saint Francis of Assisi beginning *Good Friday, April 14 through Saturday, April 22*. The Novena will be prayed in the church and prayers will be provided. All are invited.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Francis of Assisi will celebrate a special service on *Mercy Sunday, April 23*. The rosary will begin at 2:30 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm and Mass will follow. Fr. Jarrod will be our celebrant. All in the parish and throughout the diocese are invited. **Please note:** Confessions will not be heard at this service. You are encouraged to go to Confession within the octave (8 days before or after April 23) to gain the graces from this devotion. The Divine Mercy Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

"STEWARDED OUR GIFTS: GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE"

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Psalm 130 captures the theme of today's readings. The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel foretells the day of resurrection for the Israelites. Paul's letter to the Romans explains that as Christian stewards, we must not live in the flesh, but in the Spirit of God, who has redeemed us. And finally, in the Gospel of John, we have the vivid retelling of the raising of Lazarus. In all of today's readings, we are reminded that God has the power to overcome sin and death and raise us out of the grave. Our bodies are plagued by sin, but like Lazarus, we have hope that God will call each of us by name, beckoning us into eternal life with Him. We must be grateful for His grace and for the hope it provides, and we must live a life that is deserving of such redemption.

RCIA SUMMER HOSPITALITY HELP

RCIA is looking for individuals to help with hospitality one Wednesday a month. This stewardship opportunity would involve purchasing (with donated gift cards), setting up, and cleaning up drinks/snacks during RCIA classes on Wednesday nights. The classes run from April 12 - October 4 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. You are not required to stay for the entire class (set up from 6:00-6:30 pm and clean up from 8:00-8:30 pm). Contact Melissa with questions or to sign up at jm.lezniak@gmail.com.

RCIA is also seeking Dillon's gift card donations in \$10 increments to cover food, drink, and supply costs. Any donated gift card can be taken to the Church office. Thank you for your generosity!!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

"In the Power of the Holy Spirit" will be presented by Fr. Jarrod on *Sunday, April 30* from 5:00-7:30 pm. This mini retreat is for ages Kindergarten on up; married and single. We will begin with a light meal followed by a talk in the church, ending with a prayer service. Registrations are a must and will take place this weekend April 1 and 2 and next weekend April 8 and 9 after all Masses. Come experience this unique gathering of our church family! We will see you there!

THANK YOU FROM FR. LARRY RICHARDS

I want to thank all the people of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish for welcoming me into your community and being part of the Parish Mission. I also want to thank you for your extreme generosity in the mission collection. God indeed will bless you for your generosity! Please always remember to "PRAY and LOVE!"

Fr. Larry Richards

THANK YOU FROM K OF C

To our guests and parish friends and family for attending and supporting the 2017 Annual K of C Council #4118 Fish Fries. This was a very successful event in support of our seminarians and religious. The meals were exceptional and attendance awesome. Thank you and abundant blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, April 3**

8:00 am David Entriiken
5:30 pm Jake Blake

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 am Keith Bestgen
5:30 pm Patrick Glynn

Wednesday, April 5

8:00 am Ray Schauf
5:30 pm Marcelline Henning

Thursday, April 6

8:00 am Glen & Winnie Alberts
5:30 pm Mai Tran

Friday, April 7

8:00 am For Vocations
5:30 pm Charles & Mary Bieker

Saturday, April 8

8:00 am Rowena Blanchard
5:00 pm Marie Emrich
7:00 pm Mike McNeil

Sunday, April 9

7:00 am Fr. Vincent & Fr. Reinhard Eck
8:30 am Lawrence Albert
10:00 am For the People
11:30 am Donald Tinker
1:00 pm Kelly Ollek

SERVERS/MC**Monday, April 3**

8:00 am K. Forbes/L. Forbes
5:30 pm E. Commodore/L. O'Connor

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 am E. Neville/L. Giroux
5:30 pm A. Mauler/C. Hybl

Wednesday, April 5

8:00 am E. Gregg/K. Wall
5:30 pm B. Booth/J. Hohman

Thursday, April 6

8:00 am L. Zarchan/M. McMullen
5:30 pm B. Zamzow/J. Bracy

Friday, April 7

8:00 am K. McClure/M. Fouquet
5:30 pm K. Schuckman/L. Weakland/M. Shimon Laurie Briggs

Saturday, April 8

8:00 am A. Lyle/D. Lyle Randy Walker
5:00 pm B. Saville/H. Saville/T. Stewart/B. Gregg
7:00 pm C. Pascal/E. Iseman/I. Iseman/S. Aruskevicius

Sunday, April 9

7:00 am E. Staver/J. Lara/R. Malone
8:30 am C. Seiler/D. Dugan/J. Lynch/B. Simon
10:00 am B. Tran/G. Daigle/S. Jordan/D. Mies
11:30 am B. Petty/G. Rogers/Z. Rogers/K. Farley
1:00 pm J. Stephenson/K. Brown/N. Brown/G. Hauge

WEEKDAY LECTORS

Brenda Wasinger

Darlene Bird

Mary Kay Blasi

Patti Bluml

Laurie Briggs

Randy Walker

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Please check in with Priest before Mass. To sign up please call the Church Office at 722-4404

April 8-9—Daniel Betzen Family
April 15-16—James Bitting Family

**MUSIC SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 8—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Bogner
7:00 pm Carole Pracht/Tory Freeman

Sunday, April 9—8:30 am Julie Riedlinger/Melissa Seiler
10:00 am Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir
11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Dominic Bacha
1:00 pm Matthew Ho/Marcia Bradfield

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, April 8**

5:00 pm Clare & Jenny Morgan/Janice McClure
Jean Rees/Marie Bartsch
7:00 pm Elizabeth & Stuart Meether/Ann Daigle
Lisa Hinson/Michael Skaggs

Sunday, April 9

7:00 am Dee & Bill Abildgaard/Jim Rundell
Marybeth & Jim Lubbers
8:30 am Dianne & Dave Carter/Dwayne Dugan
Joseph Hein/Thomas Mayhill
10:00 am Emily Savage/Linda Looney/Sharon Sanders
Stephanie Seiler/Walter Zemanick
11:30 am Barbie & Pat Walden/Kathleen Timmermeyer
Maggie & Robert Orris
1:00 pm Jackie & Pat Burns/JoAnn Forister
Sharon & Jeff Cerre

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, April 8**

5:00 pm Connor Brungardt/Angie Taylor
7:00 pm Sean Hudspeth/Juli McClure

Sunday, April 9

7:00 am Bridget Harvey/Greg Peter
8:30 am Joan Hampton/Helen Cole
10:00 am Catherine Bitting/Chuck Mies
11:30 am Judy Stengel/Matthew Cerre
1:00 pm Troy Harter/Randy Phelps

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday

8:30 pm

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

7:00 am
8:30 am
10:00 am
11:30 am
1:00 pm

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, April 8**

5:00 pm John Vasquez
7:00 pm Dung Vu

Sunday, April 9

8:30 am Sally Stump
10:00 am Pat & Barbie Walden
11:30 am Thylan & Kirby Vu
1:00 pm Michael & Traci Welsby

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday

8:30 pm RCIA

Sunday, April Easter Sunday

8:30 am Margie Whalen
10:00 am David & Amy Weaver
11:30 am William & Bernadine Bachman
1:00 pm Adam & Rachael Wiebe