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*“Love him totally
who gave himself
totally
for your love!”*

– St. Clare of Assisi, Third Letter to St. Agnes (3LAg 12-15)

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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace and joy be with you!

I wish to express thanks to **Terry Westbrook-Lienert, Tony Lienert**, and to everyone who helped with the fraternity picnic at Belle Isle on Sunday, July 17. Unfortunately, because I was on vacation, I was unable to attend the picnic. I am looking forward to hearing your stories about this fun event.

Reflection

“Gaze upon him, examine him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him.”

From the second letter of St. Clare to St. Agnes of Prague

“Place your mind before the mirror of eternity;
Place your soul in the brilliance of glory;
Place your heart in the figure of the divine substance;
And transform your entire being into the image of the Godhead itself
through contemplation.”

From the third letter of St. Clare to St. Agnes of Prague

On August 11, we will celebrate the feast of St. Clare of Assisi, the co-founder of the Franciscan Movement and the mother of the nuns of the Second Order (Poor Clares).

St. Clare was born in Assisi in 1193, the eldest daughter of noble parents. As the daughter of wealthy parents, Clare was educated in reading and writing. When Clare heard Francis preach at the Church of San Giorgio, she felt something stir within her and vowed to live the Gospel message in a radical way. At age 18, Clare renounced her nobility and wealth to live poorly and humbly, adopting the way of life proposed by Francis of Assisi. Among Clare's many virtues were compassion, tenderness, love for the poor, deep devotion to the Eucharist, her total surrender to God and trust in Divine Providence.

Pope John Paul II said of St. Clare: “her whole life was a Eucharist because...from her cloister she raised up a continual ‘thanksgiving’ to God in her prayer, praise, supplication, intercession, weeping, offering and sacrifice. She accepted everything from the Father in union with the infinite ‘thanks’ of the only begotten Son.”

St. Clare and her sisters owned nothing in this world and depended entirely on God's providence and the generosity of others to provide for their needs. Unlike the friars who traveled around the country to preach the Gospel, the Poor Clares lived in a secluded monastery and dedicated their lives to prayer.

St. Clare teaches us the importance of making time in our busy lives to sit quietly to gaze upon God. As Secular Franciscans, our vocation calls us to an active life in the world, but we also need time to just be with the Lord. All of us are very busy and finding time to sit quietly requires some rearranging of our daily schedule to make time for the One who is most important. Perhaps a few easy ways to achieve this is to arrive at your parish church 15 minutes before Mass begins or stay 15 minutes after just to sit quietly in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, or to attend Eucharistic Adoration at your local parish, or to sit quietly and gaze upon a crucifix in your own home.

St. Clare gives us an appreciation for the value of contemplation in our lives, to find time to rest in God. As Secular Franciscans, we are called not just to know the Gospel message but to reflect on its meaning and to live the Gospel message in our daily lives.

St. Clare teaches us that contemplation of God and his Word are transforming. Spending time in prayer is not enough, prayer must have an effect on how we live and interact with one another in our daily lives. As we spend more time in contemplation and reflection, allowing the Word of God to dwell in our hearts, the more our thoughts and actions will be transformed into the likeness of Christ. The more we experience Christ's peace, joy, love, forgiveness

and mercy, the more we will share and show that peace, joy, love, mercy and forgiveness with others.

St. Clare of Assisi, humble servant of Christ, pray for us. St. Clare of Assisi, brilliant light of holiness, pray for us. St. Clare of Assisi, model of Franciscan Gospel living, pray for us.

Remember to pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order. Looking forward to seeing you at the fraternity gathering on Sunday, August 20.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
maryann



Fraternity Picnic on Belle Isle, July 2011



Gary Johnson

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I Ideal
X XOXO

Happy 6th Anniversary!

(August 27)

Love, Wifie
Claire

Memorials have been received from Jo Marie Nardi for Maragaret Diegel, Patricia Doyle, Catherine Hammes, George Kaminski, James MacGinnis, Joan Mocerri, Frank and Frankie Plisko [father and nephew of Barbara Middleton].



Our Deceased:

Cecil R. McComb, Jr. († May 27, 2011)
 Genevieve Ochenkowski († July 7, 2011)
 Edward Manning († July 16, 2011), son of Ilene
 Fr. Malcolm Maloney, OFM Cap († July 23, 2011)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Les and Josie Lafata
Peter Aluzzo	Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Kay Balas	Tony Lienert
Gertrude Beattie	Rose Longo
Evelyn Bishop	Joseph Marra
Mary Lou Catino	Sophie Martin
Rocco Cesaro	Maria McNally
Wesley Faust	Mabel Michaels
Marie Fontanive	Barbara Pardington
Mary Gillen	Eleanor Pulido
Natalie Grabowski & Family	Rosie Patin
James Heymes	Bob Peckham
Caroline Hojna	Terry Pfaendtner
Dora Sue Jay	Joseph Pierce
Anna May Jezak	Eleanore Pulido
Donna Marie Johnston	Mary Saber
Denise Joseph	Francis Scallion
Mary Klein	Gene Snyders
Lorraine Korte	Alice Vier
Jerry & Helen Koslowski	Helen Wardowski
Mary LaBudie	Joseph Wisk
	Steve & Ronnie Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Amber Daniels, granddaughter of Ilene Manning
 Shannon Ertzbischoff, niece of Julia
 John Gold, husband of Rose
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 William Pierce Hunter, great-grandson of Mary Hebert
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston

Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Steven Matusin
 Sal Militello, great grandnephew of Jo Marie Nardi
 Janet Nassen
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Family of Joanne Schumacher
 Victoria Snigier, mother of Sylvia
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Andrew Arcznski	Thomas Greenia
Christopher Beattie	Michael Manning
James Anthony Brannigan	John Marra III
Thomas Chmielarczyk	Joseph Marra, Jr.

Please help to keep our list up-to-date. Call:

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335



**EMMA
4 YEARS OLD**

Two-year-old Emma underwent surgery and chemotherapy for a tumor, and needed radiation. Her parents were concerned about the effects of the radiation. They asked for a referral to St. Jude's which reduces the risks through the use of focalized radiation. At St. Jude, Emma underwent surgery to remove the rest of the tumor, when doctors discovered that the tumor was actually a glioblastoma. Emma underwent six weeks of focalized radiation and is currently receiving chemotherapy. She visits St. Jude every two weeks for intravenous chemotherapy and also takes oral chemotherapy at home.

"To be able to come here and not have a worry about whether you can afford it, or where you're going to stay, or how you're going to eat. It's amazing," said Emma's mother. "Coming to St. Jude, Emma just feels so comfortable. She has no fear here. She loves it." Emma is a sweet-natured girl who loves to play with her baby dolls, brothers and little cousins.



Celebrating Irene Mecha



Irene was born on December 12, 1934 at her parents' home on Detroit's eastside, the youngest of five children (Frank, Florence, Robert and Frederick) born to Stancel and Mary Ann Mecha. She attended St. Anthony Grade and High Schools. Immediately following her graduation from high school, she began working in the Accounting Department of Detroit Edison. After 37 years of dedicated service, Irene retired from Detroit Edison in 1992.

Irene learned about the Secular Franciscans from Louis Joseph, a friend of her brother. She was involved in the juniors, intermediates and seniors. She attended many of the dances and participated in various activities sponsored by the Secular Franciscans. Irene was professed into the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity in 1958. Irene enjoys being a Secular Franciscan and is grateful for all of the lifelong friendships she has made through the years.

Irene is a single woman who has devoted a great amount of her time taking care of her parents (both of whom are now deceased). Irene is a member of St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park. In her free time, Irene enjoys traveling, knitting and crocheting. She knits and crochets lap robes for cancer patients at Cottage Hospital and baby blankets for Pregnancy Aid.

We love you, Irene!



From the Friars' Choir

PEACE ON THE OUTSIDE
COMES FROM KNOWING GOD
ON THE INSIDE.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 David Chelsea | 20 Ann Marie Russette |
| 5 Michael Schultz | 22 Mary Poole |
| 7 Gina Rizzo | 22 James Schoenherr |
| 9 Anna Tyler | 24 Joe Boland |
| 13 Janet Atkinson | 25 Patricia Munafo |
| 14 Helen Moroz | 27 Mary Gillen |
| 15 Nona Mary Hebert | 28 Claire Johnson |
| 16 Rosemarie Kraski | 29 Daniel Marotta |
| 17 Joanne Marshall | 30 Marilyn Ricard |
| 19 Emma Fratarcangeli | 31 Josephine Lafata |
| 19 Paul Bourgeau | |

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 PORZIUNCOLA	3	4	5	6
7 19TH WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. III	8	9	10	11 ST. CLARE OF ASSISI	12 MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	13
14 20TH WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. IV	15 ASSUMPTION (NO MASS OBLIGATION IN THE USA THIS YEAR)	16	17	18	19	20 Fraternity Council 1:30
21 21ST WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. I FRATERNITY GATHERING Formation - Noon Everyone - 1:30pm	22	23	24	25 ST. LOUIS, PATRON OF THE THIRD ORDER	26 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	27
28 22ND WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. II	29	30	31			

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APPOINTMENTS

Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi5

Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sapien (chairs)

Christian Service Commission:

(call for information)

Hospitality Commission:

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

Vocations Ministry Commission:

To be announced (chair)

Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Chuck & Bev Sapien

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in small groups:

Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4th Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

(call for information)

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on the Third Sunday of each month.

WE HAVE TODAY

by Alice Vier

[in memory of Maxine P and Joe D]

To wake again from the dark of night,
To see the light of the morning sun,
To know that still we're free to choose in a day
that is not yet done,
To look at the wideness of the sky,
To feel the firmness of the sod,
And before the morning's dawn does come,
To humbly thank you, God,
For each day's blessings and the hope for
tomorrow and the next.

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