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ST. BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCANS ✕ DETROIT, MICHIGAN



## St. Francis' Sermon to the Birds

“My little sisters, you owe much to God your Creator; you ought to sing his praise always and everywhere because he has given you freedom to fly about, and though you neither spin nor sew, he has given you feathers as clothing for yourselves and for your offspring. Two of all your species he sent into the Ark with Noe that you might not be lost to the world; besides which, he feeds you, though you neither sow nor reap. He has given you fountains and rivers to quench your thirst, mountains and valleys in which to take refuge, and trees in which to build your nests. Your Creator loves you much, having thus favored you with such bounties. And so, beware of the sin of ingratitude; always look for ways to give God praise.”

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My brothers and sisters,

May God's peace and joy be with you!

It was only after the June *Poverello* went out that I learned from **Connie Musial** that **Mary Ann Kristensen** also prepared scones for our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Thank you, Mary Ann.

At our fraternity gathering on June 10, **Br. Pat** and **Maryann Kummer** provided us with an overview of the nomination process for our chapter of elections and facilitated the discussion of skills and qualities our members are looking for in our leadership team. You will find a list of the skills and qualities in this issue of the *Poverello*. My thanks to Br. Pat for helping to guide us through the process and discussion and to all those present for their valuable input.

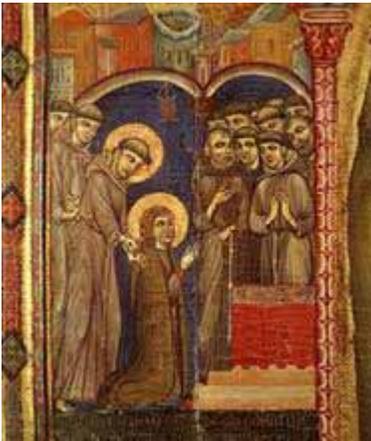
During the next few weeks I would encourage you to review that list of skills and qualities and pray about the person or persons you will talk to and ask if they are willing to be nominated for leadership positions in our fraternity. At our August fraternity gathering, we will ask for nominations for each of the **ten** (10) leadership positions.

Please invite your family and friends to attend our fraternity picnic on Sunday, July 15 on Belle Isle. In order to ensure that we have enough hot dogs and hot dog buns, please **RSVP** by leaving a message with your name and how many guests you're bringing at **313-579-2100, ext. 136** no later than **Friday, July 6**.

Please plan to attend our Corporate Communion at St. Bonaventure Monastery on Sunday, July 15 at 9:00 a.m. and on Sunday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Please note on your calendar: Our fraternity's Chapter of Elections will be held on Sunday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.

## Prayer for Our Chapter of Elections



**Lord, you know me  
even better than I know myself.  
Therefore, I come to you  
in that same spirit  
as our Father Francis and Mother Clare,  
to know how I can respond  
to the many needs of our Fraternity.**

**I pray with Francis:  
“All high, glorious God,  
cast your light  
into the darkness of my heart.  
Lord, give me right faith,  
firm hope,  
perfect charity,  
profound humility,  
wisdom and insight  
so that I may do  
what is truly your holy will.”**

Please remember in your daily prayers our fraternity's chapter of elections in October as well as vocations to our Secular Franciscan fraternity.

I look forward to seeing you at the Corporate Communion and Fraternity Picnic.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,  
maryann

## Preparation for our Chapter of Elections

Our June fraternity gathering was spent brainstorming about the qualities and skills we look for in electing a leadership this year. The following are traits that were identified:

Patient	Be teachable
Flexible	Decision maker
Computer skills	Open to criticism
Humility	Honesty
Open minded	Accountability
Good listener	Acceptance of change
Has Time	Transparency in group
Possesses gifts of the Holy Spirit	Relatively good health
Focus on community goals and needs	Welcoming personality
Ability to Compromise	Reach out to cross-cultural, racial and ethnic groups
Not overly committed	Live Franciscan way of life
Creative	Go out into parishes
Able to think outside the box	Self-motivator
Can give a Personal commitment	Try new ideas to attract new members
Loyalty to the Franciscan ideals	Delegate
Able to put personal agenda aside	Sense of humor
Understanding	Collaborative
Know when to ask for help	Tough-skinned
Willingness to serve and get hands dirty	Common sense
Availability	Self-knowledge
Organizational skills	Bold
	Risk Taking

At our August fraternity gathering we will be nominating individuals for the various leadership positions. Please keep in mind the following two points:

- 1. You may not nominate yourself.**
- 2. If you intend to nominate someone, ask that person beforehand if they are willing to have their name placed in nomination.**

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### From the Friars' Choir



If it's important to you  
you'll find a way;  
if it's not,  
you'll find an excuse.



**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

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

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

**Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335**

**Our Deceased:**

William Manning

**Members needing prayers:**

Wilhelmina Adkins	Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Peter Aluzzo	Tony Lienert
Dan Atkinson	Patricia Long
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Mary Lou Catino	Ilene Manning
Rocco Cesaro	Joseph Marra
Mary Gillen	Sophie Martin
Natalie Grabowski & Family	Mabel Michaels
James Heymes	Clara O'Keefe
Caroline Hojna	Barbara Pardington
Anna May Jezak	Bob Peckham
Donna Marie Johnston	Joseph Pierce
Beverly & Louis Joseph	Tom Ricard
Mary Klein	Mary Saber
Lorraine Korte	Francis Scallion
Mary LaBudie	Alice Vier
Les and Josie Lafata	Joseph Wisk



**Leah  
4 years old**

Leah was born with Down's syndrome. In early 2010, tests revealed Leah suffered from ALL, the most common form of childhood cancer. "Our world just fell apart," said Leah's mom. Her family was quickly referred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where Leah began a two-and-a-half-year chemotherapy treatment protocol. The hospital's groundbreaking development of combination therapy for children with ALL revolutionized leukemia therapy worldwide and increased the survival rate from 4 percent when St. Jude opened in 1962 to 94 percent today. Leah's treatment has sometimes been difficult, but that hasn't stopped her from doing the things little girls her age love to do, like play with her baby dolls or go to the playground, or, when a rousing game of hide-and-seek is through, reach her arms up to her beloved brother so he can give her a hug.

**Relatives needing prayers:**

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite  
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys  
 Ted and Judy Hojna  
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Beverly & Louis  
 Esther Mae Kelley, wife of Charles  
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Family of Patricia Long  
 Family of Ilene Manning  
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas  
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary  
 Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom  
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

# JULY PICNIC



Fraternity Picnic  
Sunday, July 15, 2012  
11:00 a.m.



Food will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m.  
Woodside Shelter on Belle Isle

All members of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, their families and friends are invited to attend our fraternity picnic. In order to ensure that we have enough hot dogs and hot dog buns, **please RSVP no later than Friday, July 6, by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 136, and leave a message with your name, the number of guests you are bringing, and any food or beverages you plan to bring.**

We need volunteers to assist with the set up at 11:00 a.m. and with the clean up after the picnic. If you are able to help with either, please call **Terry Westbrook-Lienert** at 313-736-1659 or 313-867-1144. Terry is planning to be at the shelter at 9:00 a.m. on July 15. Hot dogs, hot dog buns and baked beans will be provided. If you are bringing a dish that contains mayonnaise or cream, please remember to pack it in ice. Even though there are plenty of picnic tables under the shelter, you may want to bring your own lawn chair. If you have a card table, please bring it.

If you plan to attend the Patronal Feast of St. Bonaventure on July 15 at the 9 AM Mass at St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel, you will be able to place your dish, if it needs to be refrigerated, in the refrigerator in the Solanus Center kitchen beginning at 8:30 a.m. (Please see the article entitled *Gospel Happenings* [page 6] for more information about the Corporate Mass.)

# GOSPEL HAPPENINGS

As we celebrate 125 years of our Fraternity's existence, we have focused not only our past, but we also look to the continuing journey. In an effort to increase our group or corporate exposure to the greater metro-Detroit community, events have been planned with the hope that as many of our members as possible would participate in these events and give a visible sign of our Fraternity to the metro-Detroit community. We are also initiating an on-going series of articles entitled, Gospel Happenings, to keep all our members abreast of what, when and where these corporate/group events are happening. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in each event whenever you are able.

## 1. Sunday, July 15, 2012: Corporate Communion

**This is the feast of our patron, St. Bonaventure.** We invite all Secular Franciscans to celebrate our fraternity's patronal feast by attending 9 AM Mass at St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel. We encourage you to wear some identifiable sign of your being a Secular Franciscan, e.g., your brown logo shirts, a tau, etc. Sitting together also would be an impressive corporate sign. Br. Pat will be presiding at that liturgy. The Mass will be followed by coffee and donuts in the Solanus Center with the regular St. Bonaventure's Sunday worship community. That is also the day of our annual Fraternity Picnic at Belle Isle. Any picnic food you bring can be placed in the refrigerator in the kitchen until we leave for the picnic.

## 2. Sunday, July 29, 2012 - Corporate Communion

A second corporate Mass will be held at St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, July 29, 2012. Again, please wear something that visibly identifies you as a Secular Franciscan. Sitting together would be an added visible group sign. Coffee and donuts will be offered in the dining room of the Solanus Casey Center following Mass.

Many other events and types of activities are being planned for the future. Three different activities will be taking place on Saturday September 29, 2012 – so you might want to mark that date in your calendar.

More information will be forthcoming. Any questions, call **Laura Sapien** or **Eileen Smith**.

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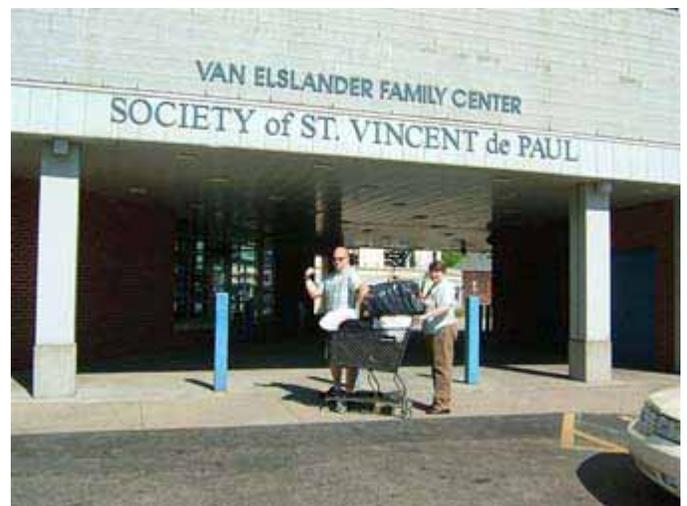
## *Calendar of Fraternity events in July 2012*

Saturday, July 14 .....	1:30 p.m. ....	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, July 15 ( <i>St. Bonaventure Day</i> ) ..	9:00 am .....	Patronal Mass at St. Bonaventure Monastery
	12 noon .....	Initial Formation classes as usual
	1:30 p.m. ....	Fraternity Picnic at Belle Isle – Welcoming Ceremony
Sunday, July 29	9:00 am .....	Corporate Communion at St. Bonaventure Minastery

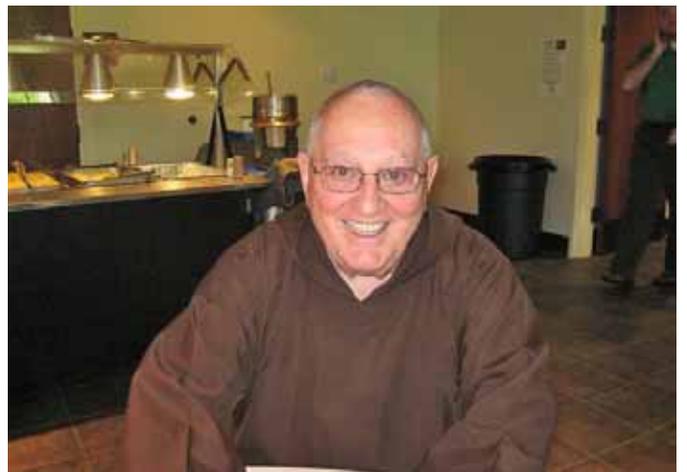
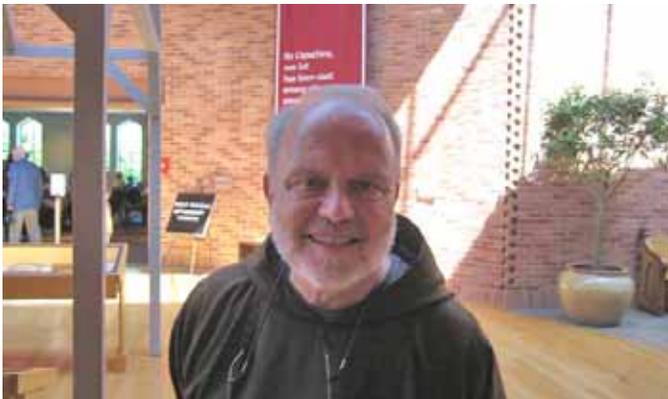
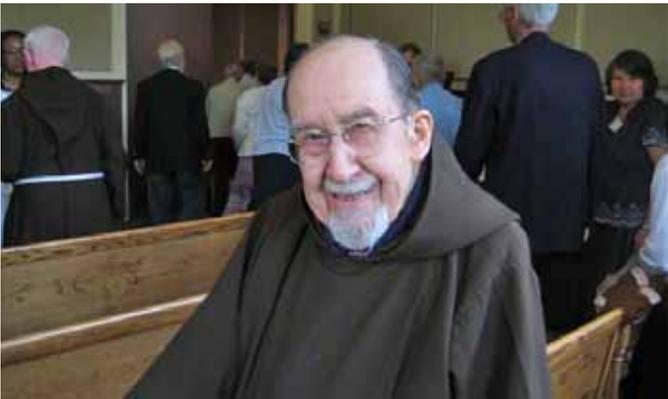
## Towel Drive Success

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated to our fraternity's Towel Drive. You were so generous that we were able to divvy them up and donate them to three very grateful receiving organizations. **Hank Forsy** and some of his students from Regina High School presented towels to Fr. Bob Malloy who oversees the shower program of the Capuchin Service Center. Towels were also given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society where we were warmly welcomed by Brenda. And last, towels were donated to the Veterans Community Resources and Referral Center (VCRRC) where Joe Mooted introduced **Frank Kraimer, Sylvia Snigier** and **Anthony Cerroni** to the vast array of services they offer to our veterans returning from their tours of duty. We were very impressed.

A special thanks to **Pat Cardellio** and **Sylvia Snigier** and **TO ALL OF YOU** who contributed to this very worthy cause. We ask God to bless you all.



## MORE PICS FROM THE 125<sup>TH</sup>





## Celebrating Judith M. Vickerman, OFS



**Judith Mary Vickerman** was born on October 15, 1948 at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint, Michigan. Judy is the only child of Jeanette R. Moore. She attended St. Thomas the Apostle Grade School and High School on the eastside of Detroit near Van Dyke and Miller. After high school, Judy attended Highland Park Community College for two years where she graduated and then went to Wayne State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. A number of years later, Judy enrolled at Macomb Community College and earned a certificate in the Administrative Assistant Program.

While attending classes at Wayne State, Judy served as office assistant in the Civil Engineering Department at Wayne State and also worked the midnight shift at Udylyte Corporation, microfilming engineering drafting plans. Following her graduation from Wayne State, Judy took a job at a medical lab in the Fisher Building. In 1976 Judy was hired by Harper Hospital. During her 35 years at Harper Hospital, Judy worked as a secretary in the Critical Care Department, and also as secretary and office clerk in the Cardiology Noninvasive Department. Judy retired from the Detroit Medical Center/Harper Hospital on December 10, 2010.

On October 4, 2003 (by God's grace on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), Judy married Tom Vickerman at St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan. Judy met Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM at St. Aloysius Church. Judy shared with him that she was seeking to become involved in a religious organization, and Fr. Mark suggested that she look into the Third Order of St. Francis. While on a retreat at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, Michigan, Judy met **Ona Harris** who counseled and provided her with spiritual direction. Judy discerned and decided to look into the Secular Franciscans. Judy was professed into the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity in November 1995.

Judy is a parishioner at St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic Church where she serves as Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Also, she is a part of the Prayer Ministry Program and as an organizer for Eucharistic Adoration. She also serves as a counselor at the parish's *Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center of Detroit*.

Shortly after being professed into the Secular Franciscans, Judy was elected to the position of Adult Formation Counselor. Judy has also participated in the AIDS walk on Belle Isle, and assisted the fraternity at the Transitus service and at the Solanus Casey Concert.

Judy's hobbies and interests include: reading good novels and spiritual/religious books, long Sunday drives with Tom, bicycling, enjoying the sounds of silence, listening to Gospel music, as well as classical and light jazz. She also enjoys spending time with their two cats, Opal and Josie.

Judy wanted to share the following words taken from Psalm 119 with us. These words have been a source of strength for Judy:

“Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord,  
Lead me, guide me, every day.  
Send your anointing, Father, I pray.  
Order my steps in your Word.”

We love you, Judy!



# June Chapter Discernment Process





- 1 .....Dan Atkinson
- 6 .....Sophia Cisneros
- 7 .....Wilhelmina Adkins  
Bill Haas
- 7 .....Ona Harris-Wilson
- 9 .....Joyce Kaminski

- 11 .....Anthony Cerroni
- 15 .....John Gillen
- 16 .....Louis Joseph
- 22 .....Bev Sopian
- 24 .....Barbara Pardington
- 30 .....Peter Aluzzo

# 15 POWERFUL THINGS HAPPY PEOPLE DO DIFFERENTLY

What is the difference between happy people and unhappy people? Of course, it may be very obvious, happy people are happy while unhappy people are unhappy, right? Well, that is correct, but we want to know what are the things that these people do differently and that is why, I have put together a list of things that HAPPY people do differently than UNHAPPY people.

**1. LOVE vs. FEAR.** Well, I can tell you for sure that those people who are really happy, FEAR less and LOVE a lot more. They see each moment, each challenge, each person as an opportunity to discover more about themselves and the world around them.

**2. ACCEPTANCE vs. RESISTANCE.** Happy people understand that you can't really change a situation by resisting it, but you can definitely change it by accepting that it is there and by understanding that there might be a reason for its existence. When something unpleasant happens to them, they don't try to fight it, knowing that this will make the situation even worse, but rather, they ask themselves questions like: What can I learn from this? How can I make this better? and they go from there, focusing on the positive rather than on the negative. They always seem to see the glass half full no matter what happens to them.

**3. FORGIVENESS vs. UNFORGIVENESS.** Really happy people know that it's not healthy to hold on to anger. They choose to FORGIVE and FORGET, understanding that FORGIVENESS is a gift they give to themselves first and foremost.

“Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.”

– Buddha

**4. TRUST vs. DOUBT.** They trust themselves and they trust the people around them. No matter if they talk to the cleaning lady or the C.E.O. of a multi billion company, somehow they always seem make the person they are interacting with feel like there is something unique and special about them.

They understand that beliefs become self-fulfilling prophecies, and because of that, they make sure to treat everybody with love, dignity and respect, making no distinctions between age, sex, social status, color, religion or race. These are the great men that Mark Twain was talking about:

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.”

– Mark Twain

**5. MEANING vs. AMBITION.** They do the things they do because of the meaning it brings into their lives and because they get a sense of purpose by doing so. They understand that “Doing what you love is the cornerstone of having abundance in your life” like Wayne Dyer puts it, and they care more about living a life full of meaning rather than, what in our modern society we would call, living a successful life.

The irony here is that most of the time they get both, success and meaning, just because they choose to focus on doing the things they love the most and they always pursue their heart desires. They are not motivated by money; they want to make a difference in the lives of those around them and in the world.

**6. PRAISING vs. CRITICIZING.** Happy people would probably agree with Carl's Jung theory on resistance: “What you resist not only persists, but will grow in size”. They don't criticize the absence of the behavior they want to reinforce, but rather, every time the behavior is present, even if it's not that often, they know that by praising the person and the behavior, they will actually reinforce the positive behavior.

When a parent wants to make sure that his 7 year-old boy will learn to always put the toys back in the box after he's done playing with them, he will make sure not to focus on the many times the child won't do it, criticizing him

and his behavior, but rather, every time the little boy does put the toys back, the parent will praise him and his behavior and that is exactly how he will reinforce the positive behavior, and in the end getting the wanted results.

**7. CHALLENGES vs. PROBLEMS.** Happy people will see PROBLEMS as CHALLENGES, as opportunities to explore new ways of doing things, expressing their gratitude for them, understanding that underneath them all lies many opportunities that will allow them to expand and to grow.

**8. SELFLESSNESS vs. SELFISHNESS.** They do what they do not for themselves, but for the good of others, making sure that they bring meaning, empowerment and happiness in the lives of many. They look for ways to give and to share the best of themselves with the world and to make other people happy.

“Before giving, the mind of the giver is happy; while giving, the mind of the giver is made peaceful; and having given, the mind of the giver is uplifted.”

– Buddha

**9. ABUNDANCE vs. LACK/POVERTY.** They have an abundant mindset living a balanced life, achieving abundance in all areas of life.

**10. DREAMING BIG vs. BEING REALISTIC.** These people don't really care about being realistic. They love and dare to dream big, they always listen to their heart and intuition and the greatness of their accomplishments scares many of us.

“Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men.”

– Goethe

**11. KINDNESS vs. CRUELTY.** They are kind to themselves and others and they understand the power of self love, self forgiveness and self acceptance.

**12. GRATITUDE vs. INGRATITUDE.** No no matter where they look, no matter where they are or with who, they have this capacity of seeing beauty where most of us would only see ugliness, opportunities, where most of us would only see struggles, abundance where most of us would only see lack and they express their gratitude for them all.

**13. PRESENCE/ ENGAGEMENT vs. DISENGAGEMENT.** They know how to live in the present moment, appreciating what they have and where they are, while still having big dreams about the future.

“When you are present, you can allow the mind to be as it is without getting entangled in it. The mind in itself is a wonderful tool. Dysfunction sets in when you seek your self in it and mistake it for who you are.”

– Eckhart Tolle

**14. POSITIVITY vs. NEGATIVITY.** No matter what happens to them, they always seem to keep a positive perspective on everything and by doing so, they tend irritate a lot of negative and “realistic” people.

**15. TAKING RESPONSIBILITY vs. BLAMING.** They take full ownership over their lives and they rarely use excuses. Happy people understand that the moment you choose to blame some outside forces for whatever it is that happens to you, you are in fact giving all your power away, and they choose to keep the power for themselves and taking responsibility for everything that happens to them.

Cover art: Anthony Falbo, *Saint Francis of Assisi, Sermon to the birds*, oils on canvas (2008)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk 1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk II	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> MELDRUM KITCHEN (10:30-1:00)  Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM	<b>14</b> Fraternity Council 1:30
<b>15</b> St. Bonaventure Solemnity Corporate Mass FRATERNITY PICNIC FORMATION: NOON ALL: 1:30 PM	<b>16</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk III	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Pss Wk IV	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk I Corporate Mass	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> ✠ Fr. Solanus Casey died 1957				



## Pray for Vocations to the OFS Daily

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Maryann Kummer

### Vice Minister

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

### Treasurer

Laura Sapien

### Secretary

Patricia Meldrum

### Initial Formation

John Bodell

### Councillors-at-Large:

Stephen Haycox

Tony Lienert

Beverly Sapien

Chuck Sapien

### Spiritual Assistant:

Br. Patrick McSherry

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi

#### Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sapien (chairs)

#### Christian Service Commission:

(call for information)<sup>1</sup>

#### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

### FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

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Healing Service Social

(call for information) ... (313) 579-2100, ext 141

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