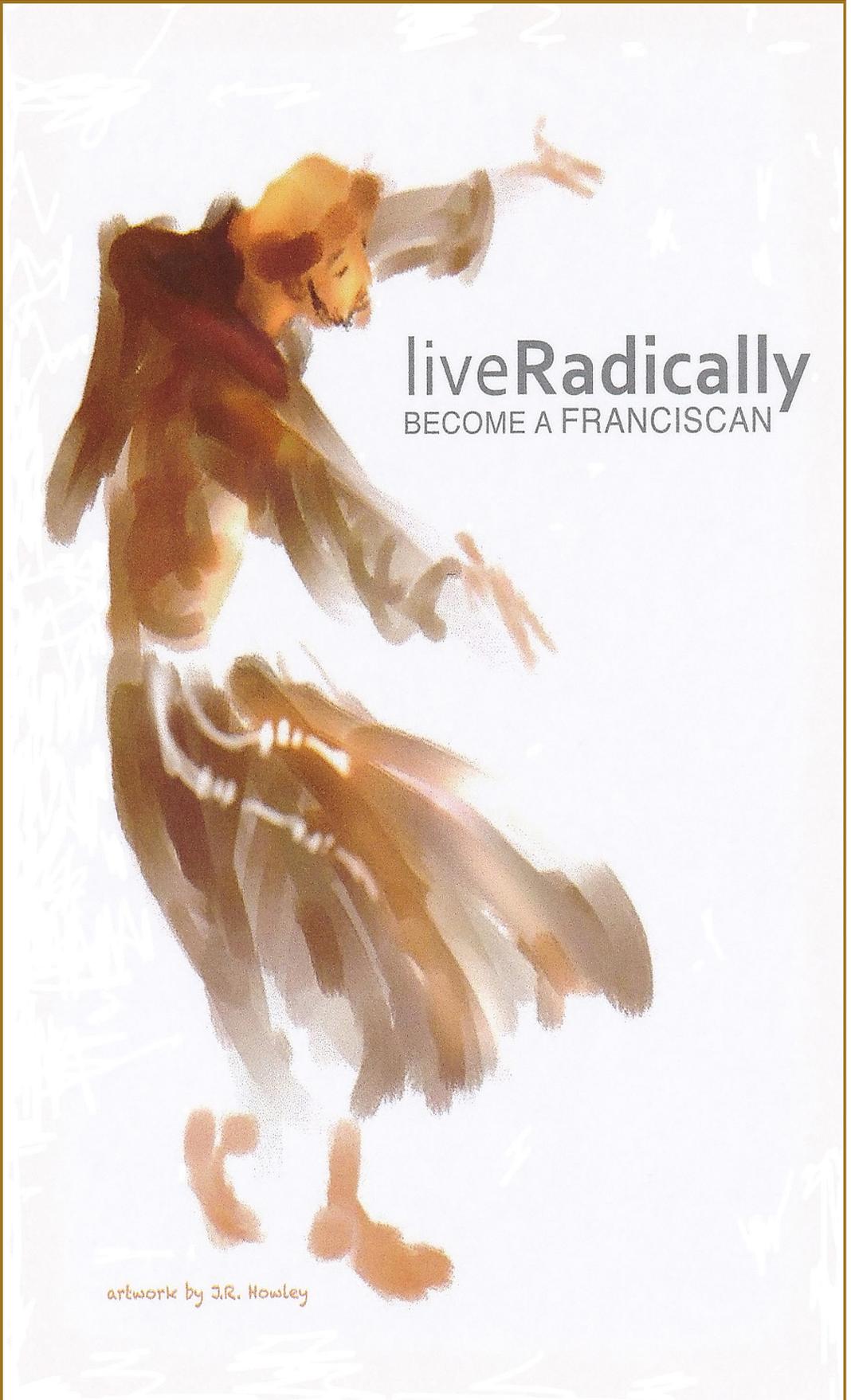


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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear sisters and brothers,

May God's peace and joy be with you!

Please plan to attend the Mass for All Deceased Franciscans: religious and secular, relatives, affiliates and benefactors on Saturday, November 2, the feast of All Souls, at 10:00 a.m. in the choir chapel.

I want to express my gratitude to **Hank Forys** and **Joe Sapien** who did an outstanding job of reading the account of the final days of the life of St. Francis at the *Transitus*, to **Br. Pat** for preparing the worship aids for both the *Transitus* and for the Mass of St. Francis, to **Connie Musial, Loretta Chmielarczyk, Stephen Haycox,** and **Terry Westbrook-Lienert** for making the delicious scones for the *Transitus*, to the **young ladies from the St. Clare Society** who greeted people at the door and handed out the program booklets, to **Pat Cardello, Ron and Elizabeth Kessler** and **Mary Myler** for handling the reception arrangements and to everyone who brought desserts for the reception after the Mass on October 4.

I want to express my appreciation to **Eileen Smith** for planning and organizing our *Gospel Happenings* events. On August 25, **Eileen, Ruby, Elnora Allen** and I attended the Corporate Communion Mass at St. Charles Borromeo and the luncheon for the poor immediately following the Mass. On October 5, **Eileen, Ruby, Melissa Lindow, Hank, Mary Myler, members of the St. Clare Society,** and I volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank. If you have not yet participated in a *Gospel Happenings* event, I would encourage you to do so. The *Gospel Happenings* events provide us with a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our relationships with one another, to make our fraternity more visible in the community, and to be of service to those in need.

Please note on your calendar and plan to attend the **OFS Profession Mass on Sunday, November 17 at 1:30 p.m.** **Joe Gentile** and **Ray Mylenek** completed the initial formation process and will make their permanent commitment to live the Gospel way of life in the Secular Franciscan Order. I invite all fraternity members to participate in this joyous celebration and to offer our love and support to Joe and Ray as they join us in living the Franciscan lifestyle.

Hank Forys asked me to extend an invitation to you to attend the Thanksgiving Service at Regina High School, which is located at 13900 Masonic Blvd., Warren, MI 48088, on Tuesday, November 26 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. You should plan to arrive by 9:30. Hank told me that the service is a very moving ceremony and representatives of the various organizations that receive food usually send representatives to speak at the event. If you plan to attend the service, please call Hank at 586-585-0500, ext. 311.

At the Leadership Council meeting held on Saturday, October 12, the Council members approved:

- 1) The **formation of a Dream Think Tank** to continue the work of making our fraternity dreams a reality. We are in the process of scheduling the first meeting of the Dream Think Tank team. More information about the work of the Dream Think Tank will be reported on in future issues of the *Poverello*.
- 2) Inviting our fraternity members to **donate food items to the Regina High School Food Drive**. As you may recall, through the efforts of **Hank Forys**, we have established a relationship with the young ladies of the St. Clare Society. These young ladies have greeted people at the doors to the Chapel and handed out program booklets at our *Transitus* services, Jubilarian and Profession Masses. Recently members of our fraternity and members of the St. Clare Society worked together at a *Gospel Happenings* event at Gleaners Food Bank.

The list of food items requested are: peanut butter, jelly/jam, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta (e.g., Chef Boyardee), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, tuna, pie filling, applesauce, canned pears, canned peaches, canned tomatoes, canned peas, canned corn, canned green beans, canned pumpkin, canned yams, baked beans, pork and beans, soup/canned chili, Ramen noodles, instant potatoes, whole grain cereal (e.g., Cheerios or Rice Krispies), oatmeal, jello, pudding, evaporated milk, dry/powdered milk, crackers, 100% juice (e.g., apple or grape).

If you are able to donate any of these items to the food drive, we ask that you bring the items to the Profession Mass on Sunday, November 17. There will be a blessing of the food during the OFS Profession Mass. All of the food items will be donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Patrick's Church, St. Patrick's

REFLECTION

If you wish to be perfect, go and sell your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me (Mt 19:21).

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1232), widow, mother, caregiver to the poor and needy, patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order, lived the Gospel message throughout her life. Elizabeth was born into Hungarian royalty, the daughter of King Andrew II and his wife Gertrude of the Counts of Andechs-Meran. Elizabeth's brother succeeded his father on the throne of Hungary as Bela IV; the sister of her mother, Gertrude, was St. Hedwig, wife of Duke Heinrich I of Silesia, while another saint, St. Elizabeth (Isabel) of Portugal was her great niece. At age four, Elizabeth was betrothed to Hermann, the eldest son of Landgrave Hermann I of Thuringia, Germany. In 1213 Elizabeth's mother, Gertrude, was murdered. In 1216, Hermann (whom Elizabeth was to marry) died; after which she was betrothed to Ludwig [Louis], the second son. At age 14, Elizabeth married Louis and they were blessed with three children. Elizabeth had all the privileges and luxuries that life could offer and, yet, she freely chose to live her life in a radically different way. She chose to share the gifts and blessings she received with those most in need. Elizabeth did more than give her possessions to the poor, she gave the gift of herself in loving service to the poor and sick. In the Spring of 1226, when floods, famine and the pestilence wrought havoc in Thuringia, Ludwig was in Italy attending the Diet at Cremona on behalf of the emperor and the empire. Given the dire situation, Elizabeth assumed control of affairs, distributed alms in all parts of the territory of her husband, giving even royal robes and ornaments to the poor. In order to care personally for the unfortunate she built a hospital with 28 beds and visited the sick daily to attend to their needs; at the same time she aided 900 poor daily. In 1221 Franciscan friars made their first permanent settlement in Germany. One of them became Elizabeth's spiritual director. Even though Elizabeth had many blessings in her life, she also knew suffering and heartbreak. In 1227 – one year after the death of St. Francis – her husband, Louis, died in the Crusades and Elizabeth and her children were thrown out of the palace by her husband's brother and lived on the streets. On Good Friday, 1228, in the Franciscan house at Eisenach, Elizabeth was received into the Third Order of St. Francis, thus becoming one of the first Secular Franciscans in Germany. Even during these trying times in her life, Elizabeth continued to live the Gospel message of sharing what she had with others and giving of herself in humble service to the sick and poor. Isn't that what we, as Secular Franciscans, as followers of St. Francis, as disciples of Jesus, are called to be and do? To be the active presence of the Gospel message in our world today. May the inspiration of St. Elizabeth's love and care for others, inspire us to live our lives in joyful simplicity and in greater service to others. On Pentecost (May 28, 1235), the solemn ceremony of canonization of the "greatest woman of the German Middle Ages" was celebrated by Pope Gregory IX at Perugia, Italy. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

With a grateful heart, I thank you for all you do for our fraternity. I wish you and all those you love a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
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In a letter dated 22 October 2013, Archbishop Allen Vigneron wrote to Br. Pat:

Thank you for your letter...by which you let me know that on 17 November the Secular Franciscans will be gathering at St. Bonaventure Monastery to celebrate the Profession of two new members. I am happy to be able to give to you the permission you request for the celebration of the feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary on that day.... With the assurance of my prayers for you and all those you give care to as part of your ministry to the Secular Franciscan Fraternity, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ



Members needing prayers:

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| Wilhelmina Adkins | Frank B. Kraimer |
| Dan & Jan Atkinson | Josie Lafata |
| Kay Balas | Frank & Rosalie Liccardello |
| Claire Boutain | Patricia Long |
| Mary Lou Catino | Gloria Longueuil |
| Rocco Cesaro | Ilene Manning & Family |
| Joe Driessen | Joseph Marra |
| Mary Gillen | Sophie Martin |
| Grabowski Family | Mabel Michaels |
| Nona Mary Hebert | Hugh Montpetit |
| James Heymes | Barbara Pardington |
| Caroline Hojna & Family | Bob Peckham |
| Anna Marie Jezak | George Pelyak |
| Gary Johnson | Tom Ricard |
| Donna Marie Johnston | Mary Saber |
| Louis Joseph | Michael & Bridget Schultz |
| Joyce Kaminski | Ben Stapel |
| Esther Kelley | Alice Vier |
| Mary Klein | Joseph Wisk |
| Lorraine Korte | |

Relatives needing prayers:

- Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial
 Richard Boutain, son of Claire
 Fr. Edward Ertzbischoff, brother of Julia
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
 Bonnie Holler, niece of Jo Marie Nardi
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
 David Kaminski, son of Joyce
 Irene Kutchey, daughter-in-law of Julia Ertzbischoff
 Al Long (in Hospice Care)
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Barbara Musial, daughter of Connie
 Vance Nardi, sister-in-law of Jo Marie

Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom

Memorials (by Jo Marie Nardi):
 Benedict Drozdowski

At times, the names of relatives needing prayers are dropped from the list if we have not received an update after a few months. Please keep in contact with Jo Marie.

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

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335

Jo Marie Nardi recently went on “an awesome pilgrimage”. Everyday a Mass was said at various shrines. All of our living and deceased members were remembered among the intentions for each Mass.

Thank you, Jo Marie, for your kindness!



Ian

Five-year-old Ian was a happy, intelligent, active boy. When he began losing his balance a lot Ian was sent for an MRI. The scan revealed a brain tumor. He had between six months and two years to live. Four days later, he underwent surgery near the family’s home in Mexico, and most of the tumor was removed. Afterward, he was in a coma for 19 days.

Although Ian and his parents lived in Mexico, his great-aunt lived in the U.S. She called Ian’s mom and told her about St. Jude. “This place treats children from all over the world,” she said. Ian was brought to St. Jude, and suddenly, there was hope. St. Jude has the largest pediatric brain tumor research program in the country and the world’s best survival rates. Ian’s family uprooted their lives and moved thousands of miles from home to bring Ian to St. Jude for the lifesaving treatment he needed. Ian has recently finished treatment and is doing well. Once his blood count returns to normal, he and his family will return to their home in Mexico. They will visit St. Jude every three months for checkups.

OUR 2014 FRATERNITY CALENDAR

January 11, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
January 19, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering <i>Welcoming and Admissions Ceremonies</i>
February 8, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
February 16, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering
February 22, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Mass for OFS Deceased
March 8, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
March 16, Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fraternity Day of Reflection</i>
April 12, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
April 20, Sunday	Easter Sunday	Meeting moved to the 27 th
April 27, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering – <i>Jubilarian Mass</i>
May 10, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
May 18, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering
June 7, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
June 8, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Chapter (Fathers Day is June 15 th) <i>Welcoming Ceremony</i>
June 21, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Mass for OFS Deceased
July 12, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
July 20, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Annual Picnic on Belle Isle
August 9, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
August 17, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering – <i>Admissions Ceremony</i>
September 13, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
September 21, Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fraternity Day of Reflection</i>
October 3, Friday	7:00 p.m.	<i>Transitus</i> and Social
October 4, Saturday	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mass in honor of St. Francis</i>
October 11, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
October 18, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Mass for All Franciscan Deceased: Religious, Seculars, Relatives and Benefactors
October 19, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering
November 8, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
November 15, Saturday	10:30 a.m.	OFS Profession Retreat
November 16, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	<i>OFS Profession Mass</i>
December 13, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fraternity Council meeting
December 21, Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Christmas Concert and Social

KEEPING UP WITH THE POPE

Fostering Warm Human Relationships: Part of the Franciscan Charism

“Relationships are fundamental to human existence. Security and peace in the local, national and international communities are largely determined by the quality of our human interaction. Experience teaches us that, the deeper our human relationships, the more we are able to advance towards cooperation, peace-building, genuine solidarity and harmony. In short, the ability to foster respectful relationships is the measure of authentic human progress and essential for promoting peace and integral development.

“Such relationships ought to flow naturally from our shared humanity. Indeed, human relationships are at the heart of human existence and its progress and naturally give rise to a sense of solidarity with others. Regardless of our ethnic, cultural, religious and ideological differences, all of us belong to the one human family.

“Sadly, with the increase of materialism in society and a growing disregard for deeper spiritual and religious values, there now exists a dangerous trend to accord the same value to material things as to human relationships, thereby reducing the human person from a ‘someone’ to a ‘something’ that can be cast aside at will. Furthermore, individualistic tendencies engender a false sense of security and favor what His Holiness Pope Francis has described as ‘a culture of exclusion’, ‘a throwaway culture’ and ‘a globalization of indifference.’

“The promotion of a ‘culture of relationship’ and ‘a culture of solidarity’ is thus imperative for all people, and calls for the fostering of relationships based on friendship and mutual respect for the benefit of the entire human family. This requires a common recognition and promotion of the intrinsic dignity of the human person. It is evident then that friendship and solidarity are closely related. In the end, a ‘culture of solidarity means seeing others not as rivals or statistics, but brothers and sisters’ (Pope Francis, Visit to the Community of Varginha (Manguinhos), Rio de Janeiro, 25 July 2013).

“Finally, we wish to state our conviction that a culture of solidarity can only be achieved as ‘the fruit of a concerted effort on the part of all, in service of the common good’ (Pope Francis, Meeting with Brazil’s Leaders of Society, Rio de Janeiro, 27 July 2013). Sustained by our religious teachings and aware of the importance of building genuine relationships, may we work individually and collectively, with all people of good will, to foster and strengthen the human family through friendship and solidarity.”

On Food and Human Solidarity

On the occasion of World Food Day, Pope Francis wrote some reflections, some of which are reprinted here:

“Hunger and malnutrition can never be considered a fact of life to which we must accustom ourselves, almost as if it were ‘part of the system’. Something must change in us, in ourselves, in our mentality, in our societies.”

For these changes to be made, “an important step is to break down decisively the barriers of individualism, of being wrapped up in ourselves, of slavery to profit at all costs, and this applies not only to the dynamics of human relations, but also in the global economic and financial dynamics.”

“We are still far from a world in which everyone may live in a dignified way,” he writes. “This leads to serious questions on the need to modify our lifestyles in a concrete way,” including our approaches to food which, “in many areas of the planet, are marked by consumerism, waste and squander...”

“Education in solidarity and a lifestyle that rejects the ‘throwaway culture,’ and which truly places each person and his or her dignity in the center, begins in the family.” He concluded by emphasizing that “the Catholic Church walks this path with you, aware that charity and love are the soul of her mission.”

Please support the St. Clare Society Food Drive. (See the Minister’s Letter [page 2] for details.)

Gospel Happenings



Helping at Gleaners







Celebrating Brittney Maltese Walendzik



Brittney Maltese was born on March 29, 1986 in Seoul, South Korea. She was adopted by Jerry and Denise Maltese when she was about five months old. Brittney has two siblings: Melanie, who is not biologically related to her and also adopted and from South Korea; and Jason, her biological brother. Her family tended to favor Franciscan saints; they are especially devoted to St. [Padre] Pio, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis of Assisi, and Venerable Solanus Casey. Growing up, Brittney was a competitive figure skater, was involved in ballet, and played tennis.

Brittney attended Utica Community schools, and was graduated from Stevenson High School. She plans to continue her education next Fall at Oakland University, majoring in Business Administration. Brittney currently works as a Railroad Logistics Coordinator for Quality Transportation Services, based out of Richmond, Virginia.

Brittney married Joshua Walendzik on November 13, 2009 at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. They do not have any children, but they do have three cats. Ava and Osare are Maine Coons and sister littermates. Pepper is a foster cat this is a Maine Coon mix. They hope to have Pepper become a part of their little family soon.

Brittney and Josh split their time attending Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal in Sterling Heights and St. Bonaventure. Brittney recently started teaching catechism to fifth graders and is a volunteer with MCREST. She serves as a volunteer at the Solanus Casey Center giving tours, working in the gift shop, and crochets relic badges.

Brittney learned about the Secular Franciscan Order by volunteering at the Solanus Casey Center. She saw the street sign about the Secular Franciscans. She did not even know that there was such a thing as a “secular” order. At the open house at the Solanus Casey Center she received a brochure about the Order. After doing some research on her own, about a year of praying about it, she reached out and emailed the order to obtain more information about orientation and joining the Order.

Brittney likes to stay as busy as possible. She loves reading, especially history and historical fiction, cooking, spending time with family and friends, watching hockey, football and baseball, watching movies, especially comedies and the classics (*Gone with the Wind*, *Harvey*, *Rio Bravo*).

We love you, Brittney!



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| 1..... Mary Williams | 19... Daniel Gabriel |
| 3 ... Ronald Kessler | 22 .. Caroline Florescu |
| 4 James Heymes | 23 .. Norbert |
| 8 Bob Peckham | Chmielarczyk |
| Connie Musial | 24 .. Stella Mordarski |
| 12... Caroline Hojna | 25 .. Julia Ertzbischoff- |
| 15... Mary Klein | Donohue |
| Shirley Ivan | |

From the Friars' Choir

*Kindness is a language
that the deaf can hear
and the blind can see*
- Mark Twain



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation in USA	2 MASS FOR DECEASED FRANCISCANS 10 AM - Choir
3 Ordinary Time Wk. 31 Pss Wk 3 Daylight Savings Time ends	4	5	6	7	8 Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00	9
10 Ordinary Time Wk. 32 Pss Wk 4	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary PROFESSION MASS	18 Ordinary Time Wk. 33 Pss Wk 1	19	20	21	22	23
24 CHRIST THE KING	25 Ordinary Time Wk. 34 Pss Wk 2	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



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and Tony Lienert

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Laura Sapien

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in a small group.s:

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

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

Wednesdays at 2 PM

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