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Minister's Letter

REFLECTION

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is exciting to be your new Minister. I promise to the best of my ability to live out my profession commitment as your servant leader and to guide us in holiness through the Holy Spirit. It is no coincidence that God has placed us here together to grow in love and service on our spiritual journey. Just as in Francis' time there was much work to do. Today we too, have much work to do to continue bringing love and peace to our broken communities and the world around us. We are called to be witnesses of joy and hope and help rebuild the Church.

God is so good. We are blessed with a spirit filled council. My heartfelt congratulations to Brittney Walendzik – Vice Minister, Stephen Garcia – Treasurer, Doris Allen – Secretary, Maryann Kummer – Formation Minister and our Councilors Ron Kessler, Sharon Krill, Melissa Lindow and Ona Moore. You have placed your confidence in us as your servant leaders. We will do our best to lead in love and integrity.

As we were reminded at our elections we are in this together. Servant fellowship is everyone's responsibility for continued growth into a healthy, loving community. So, I ask everyone to participate as servant followers. A favorite quote of Mother Angelica sums it up: "Holiness is not for wimps and the cross is not negotiable, sweetheart. It is a requirement." Servant fellowship requires sacrifice in love.

I want to especially thank Maryann Kummer for her leadership and the out-going council: Joyce Brouillette, Ona Moore, Ray Mylenek, Mary Myler, Laura Sapien, Sylvia Snigier and Brittney Walendzik. We are grateful for all of your service and efforts for setting us on the path for continued growth in relationship and service.

We will be celebrating our profession liturgy this month. For myself, it is a time to pause and reflect on my own profession and the meaning of fraternity in my life. How am I living my Franciscan commitment and gospel life in my relationships with God, family, fraternity, job, parish etc.? Are my priorities in order? I encourage each of you to take time to reflect on our rule and Constitution Articles 40, 41, 42 and 43 and reinvigorate your Franciscan heart in Christ.

Sending my blessing to each of you! May you find peace and joy in all that you do.

Peace and Blessings in Christ,

Eileen

FRATERNITY VISION: RELATIONSHIP BUILDING - BRIDGE BUILDING - SERVICE

Our remembrance mass for our Franciscan brothers and sisters (both religious and secular) is **November 24 at 10:00 a.m.** There is still time to contact Jo Marie Nardi to request memorials for family and friends. We come together at this liturgy to celebrate as a Franciscan community all who've been called to eternal life (reference Constitution Article 53.4). There is hospitality and fellowship after the liturgy. All are welcome. I hope to see you there.

Food and Clothing Drive & Franciscan Ministries

Fraternity members are invited to donate food items to the **Regina High School Food Drive** and donate winter clothing to **Franciscan Ministries** founded by Mike and Kathy Carsten, OFS. As you may recall, through the efforts of Hank Forys, our fraternity has 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.

The list of food items for the **Regina High School Food Drive** 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).

Franciscan Ministries responds to the various needs in the seven square miles of the downtown area that is currently going through revitalization but in the remaining 132 square miles that make up the rest of the City of Detroit.

Franciscan Ministries needs: clean, new/gently used clothing, men and women: Shirts: L, XL, XXL, XXXL; ~~Pants/Blue Jeans: L, XL, XXL, XXXL; Hoodies: L, XL, XXL, XXXL; Thermal tops and bottoms: L, XL, XXL, XXXL;~~ Heavy winter coats: L, XL, XXL, XXXL; Winter boots: size 9 to 14; sturdy back packs, sleeping bags for cold weather, mittens, scarves, hand warmers as many as possible. For children, all sizes: winter coats, hats, mittens, and boots.

If you are able to donate any of these items to the food and clothing drive, we ask that you bring the items to the Profession Mass on **Sunday, November 18**. In past years, food items were donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Isadore's Baby Food Pantry, St. Patrick's Food Pantry, St. Vincent dePaul, and MISD Homeless Program.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1.....Mary Williams
- 3.....Ron Kessler
- 4.....James Heymes
- 8.....Connie Musial
- 11.....Dan Gabriel
- 12.....Caroline Hojna
- 22.....Caroline Florescu
- 23.....Nobert Chmielarczyk
- 24.....Stella Mordarski
- 25.....Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
- 28.....Paula Jerzy

Gospel Happenings Calendar

There are no Gospel Happenings scheduled for November and December 2018. The new Council will be working on the upcoming Gospel Happenings for next year in 2019.

Brittney would like to thank everyone who was able to participate this past year.

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

Jo Marie Nardi



Members of our Fraternity

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| Dan and Jan Atkinson | Mabel Michaels |
| Janet and John Bodell | Hugh Montpetit |
| Claire Boutain | Mary Ann Montpetit |
| Joyce Brouillette | Stella Mordarski |
| Pat Cardellio | Ray Mylenek |
| Mary Gillen | Barbara Pardington |
| James Heymes | George Pelyak |
| Caroline and Ted Hojna | Diane Raymond |
| Anna May Jezak | Marilyn Ricard |
| Gary Johnson | Mary Saber |
| Louis Joseph | Joe Sapien |
| Joyce Kaminski | Bridget Schultz |
| Esther Kelley | Ben Stapel |
| Ron Kessler | Ruby Thompson |
| Patricia Long | Anna Tyler |
| Ilene Manning & Family | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |
| | Joseph Wisk |

Our Deceased

Jerome "Buck" Jerzy, husband of Paula Jerzy

Relatives needing prayers

- Yolando Bango, cousin of Melissa Lindow
- Lee Borycz, wife of candidate Jerry Borycz
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forsys
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
- David Kaminski, son of Joyce
- Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky
- Denise Maltese, mother of Brittney Walendzik
- Jerome Maltese, father of Brittney Walendzik
- Patricia Mcleary, mother of Therese Joseph
- Frances Mocerri, great aunt of Brittney Walendzik
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
- Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Jim Smith, grandson of Clarire Boutain
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Sandra Woods Family

Sponsors Needed

The Formation Team is calling on our Fraternity member to consider becoming sponsors for those who are in the Formation classes and are discerning the Secular Franciscan way of life. Please let Maryann and the Formation team, if you are willing to be a sponsor.

ROLE OF A SPONSOR

The Formation Team has come up with a definition of a sponsor and practical help for sponsors. A sponsor is an active professed member and a journey companion. An accompanist who has common interest, listens and shares with the mentee.

PRACTICAL HELP FOR SPONSORS

- 1) Must attend meetings/gatherings
- 2) Gospel Happenings-invite/accompany
- 3) Sit with at meetings-introduce to other members
- 4) Social outside of fraternity
- 5) Welcome to attend classes-listen, support and observe
- 6) Phone calls
- 7) Prayer for them/with them
- 8) Available to answer questions



“From the earliest days of the Order, Francis sent the brothers out two by two to preach the good news of repentance to any and all they met. As with other things in his life, Francis’ choice of two by two was Gospel based. In his wisdom, he would probably have paired up a newer member of the brotherhood with an older member. In time, the pairs would return and share the bounty or the sorrows of their missionary adventures.

Take time now and be present to one of these pairs. Imagine their journey. There would definitely be times of prayer; there’d be times of sharing the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. How they came to be drawn to this band of men following Francis of Assisi would definitely enter into the conversation...”

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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BD: Mary Williams	2	3 9:30 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting BD: Ron Kessler
4 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 31 Pss Wk 3 BD: James Heymes	5	6	7 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	8 BD: Connie Musial	9	10
11 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 32 Pss Wk 4 BD: Dan Gabriel	12 BD: Caroline Hojna	13	14 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	15	16	17 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
18 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 33 Pss Wk 1 PROFESSION MASS 1:30 P.M.	19	20	21 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	22 THANKSGIVING BD: Caroline Florescu	23 BD: Nobert Chmielarczyk	24 MASS IN REMEMBRANCE 10:00 A.M. BD: Stella Mordarski
25 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 34 Pss Wk 2 BLESSED SOLANUS' BIRTHDAY BD: Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue	26	27	28 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service BD: Paula Jerzy	29	30	

Fax et Phonum

Minister

Eileen Smith

Vice Minister

Brittney Walendzik

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Stephen Garcia

Secretary

Doris Allen

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Maryann Kummer

Councilors:

Melissa Lindow

Ron Kessler

Sharon Krill

Ona Moore

Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Bill Hugo

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Brittney Walendzik

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Sharon Krill

Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler

Hospitality co-Coordinators:

Ona Moore

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi

Caring Hearts

Melissa Lindow

JPIC Coordinator:

Doris Allen

Annual Picnic Coordinator:

Ona Moore

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

Our Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Eileen Smith.....

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

2nd Saturday of each month

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius
Contact

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 10:45 a.m. until Noon, a Franciscan Book Discussion group gathers in the Solanus Center Library for anyone interested. For more information, contact:

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