

The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

St. Francis of Assisi

Minister's Letter

My brothers and sisters,

May the Lord grant you peace!

FRATERNITY VISION: RELATIONSHIP BUILDING - BRIDGE BUILDING - SERVICE

At our fraternity gathering held on Sunday, September 16, Michael Okragelski, OFS, the recently-elected Treasurer of the Divine Mercy Region Fraternity, gave an outstanding presentation on Servant Leadership. I am grateful to Eileen Smith for arranging for Mike to be the speaker for our Day of Reflection.

I am grateful to Brittney Walendzik for coordinating our Gospel Happenings event at St. Charles Borromeo on Sunday, September 23. My heartfelt thanks to our fraternity members who attended the Corporate Communion at 11:30 a.m., who volunteered at the luncheon, and who contributed food items for the luncheon. Great job!

REFLECTION

I thank my God for you and when I pray for you my heart is full of joy.

As I prepare to complete my service as Minister of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, I want to you to know I am very proud of what we have accomplished together and to express my heartfelt gratitude for:

- You, my brothers and sisters, for providing me with the opportunity to serve you for the past nine years and to work with four amazing Leadership Council teams. I am grateful to all of the fraternity members who said yes to serving on Council and who gave generously of their time and talent to be of service to their brothers and sisters.
- The opportunity to represent our fraternity at the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity Ministers meetings and to share with the other Ministers information about the exciting community service projects we participate in.
- The warm and welcoming presence we extend to one another, to our visitors, and to all those who assist us with our service projects.
- For the fraternity members who gave of their time to serve on the planning committee for our fraternity's 125th and 130th anniversary celebrations.
- The times we gathered together to celebrate our fraternity members on the occasion of the anniversary of their profession into the Secular Franciscan Order at our Jubilarian Mass, to witness our candidates make their permanent public commitment to the live the Gospel message at our Profession Mass, and our fraternity picnics on Belle Isle which allowed us to relax, enjoy the beauty of creation, and socialize with one another.
- Our Gospel Happening events and fraternity ministries: Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Conner Soup Kitchen, reception after the healing service, Gleaners, the relationship we have formed with the parishioners at St. Charles Borromeo, the luncheon we host for the parishioners at St. Charles, Franciscan Ministries. Our participation in these service projects have provided us opportunities to live out our Secular Franciscan call to serve the homeless and those most in need of a helping hand, a smile, a kind word and have bonded us closer together.
- Your generous contributions to our annual food drive, towel drive, blessing bags.
- The time and energy we devoted to engaging in the appreciative inquiry process.
- The love, support, and kindness shown to our fraternity members as they faced challenging times in their lives and the care and concern extended to the families of our departed brothers and sisters.

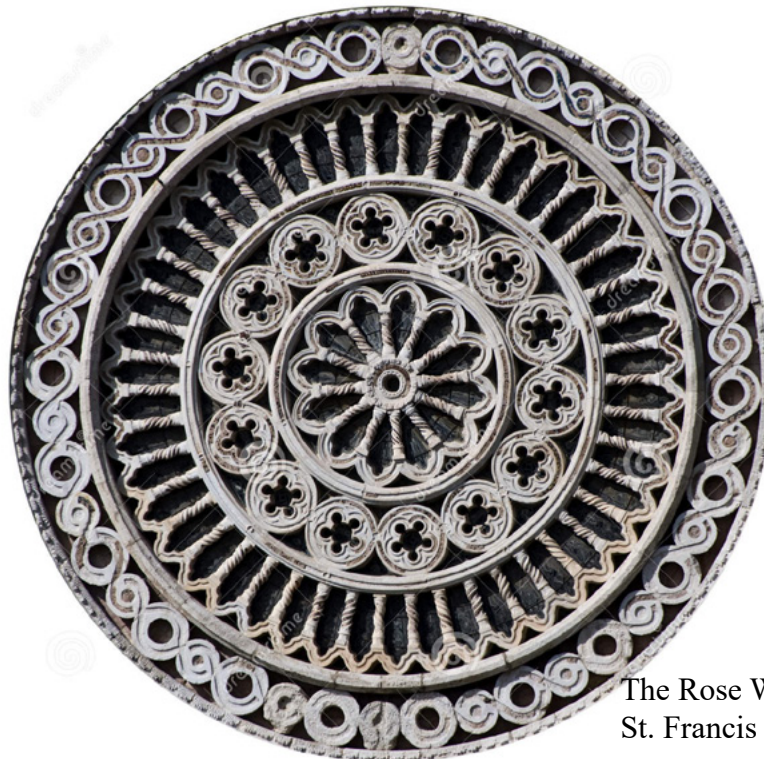
Remember to pray daily for our fraternity elections, persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world, and for Pope Francis, cardinals, bishops, priests and all religious, for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Looking forward to seeing you at our fraternity elections on **October 21!**

Your sister in Sts. Francis and Clare,
Maryann

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.** - TRANSITUS SERVICE IN THE DINING ROOM “CHAPEL” AT ST. BONAVENTURE
- **Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.** - SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MASS IN THE DINING ROOM “CHAPEL.” Our Fraternity will host a reception following the Mass in the Dining Room.
- **Sunday, October 21 at 11:00 a.m.** – CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS - ALL FRATERNITY MEMBERS (ACTIVE AND PERMANENTLY EXCUSED) ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OUR FRATERNITY ELECTIONS.
- **Saturday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** – REGIONAL ANNUAL FORMATION DAY FOLLOVED BY MASS AT THE SAGINAW MINISTRY CENTER, 5802 WEISS RD., SAGINAW, MI.
- **Sunday, November 18 at 1:30 p.m.** – PROFESSION MASS AND CATERED DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM.
- **Saturday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m.** – MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED FRANCISCAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS (BOTH RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR).
- **Sunday, December 16 at 1:30 p.m.** – CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS



The Rose Window of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi

Prayer for our upcoming election

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.”

SECOND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At our fraternity gathering held on September 16, we held our second call for nominations for the positions on the Leadership Council. The results of the first call for nominations are:

MINISTER

Eileen Smith (was nominated during First Call)

VICE MINISTER

Brittney Walendzik (was nominated during First Call)

SECRETARY

Doris Allen (was nominated during First Call)

TREASURER

Stephen Garcia (was nominated during First Call)

FORMATION MINISTER

Maryann Kummer (new nomination)

COUNCILORS

Ona Moore (was nominated during First Call)

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue (new nomination)

Ron Kessler (new nomination)

Fraternity Election

COUNCILORS continued

Sharon Krill (new nomination)

Melissa Lindow (new nomination)

The third call for nominations will be held at our Chapter of Elections on Sunday, October 21.

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR: Chapter of Elections will be held on **Sunday, October 21** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** The election process will begin as soon as a quorum (50% +1) of fraternity members is present. All active and permanently excused members are encouraged to participate in the elections. Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. A reception will be held at the conclusion of the elections.

NOMINATED MEMBERS FOR THE ELECTION

Elieen Smith, nominated for Minister

It is a great honor for me to be nominated for Minister. I was professed November 18, 2012. I had three years of formation before my profession. During my Formation, I began Gospel Happenings with Laura Sapien and Ruby Thompson. We were looking for weekend opportunities due to work schedules prohibiting us from working the Healing Service or Soup Kitchen during the week. We became regulars at the Capuchin Warehouse on Saturdays. After my profession I became a member of the Formation Team and still serve today on the team. I have facilitated all of the different classes and serve with Gary Johnson in welcoming our Orientees. I also assisted Hank Forsys in starting the St. Clare Group at Regina High School. I was elected to Vice Minister in 2015, and also serve as the continuing formation coordinator on the Leadership Council. I have participated in the various fraternity sponsored service events at Capuchin Ministries, St. Charles, Gleaners etc. I have served as a catechist over the last 27 years at various parishes and taught most grades throughout that time. I decided not to teach Religious Ed this year as my responsibilities with the fraternity require more of my time. I am also a volunteer Greeter at the Solanus Center and participate when I can at the Sunday Healing Services. I am presently employed at Ford Motor Credit Company. I have a wonderful husband Ray and two sons Raymond and Matthew. They are all supportive of my fraternity endeavors. I look forward to serving with you on the Leadership Council in whatever capacity God has planned. Peace and blessings!

Brittney Walendzik, nominated for Vice Minister

I was professed in November of 2015. After my profession, I was asked to become a member of the Leadership Council to serve as a councilor and coordinate the Gospel Happenings events for the fraternity. In the past and present, I have participated volunteering with the Fraternity at the Capuchin Service Center, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Charles Luncheon, and at Gleaners in Warren. Also, I do volunteer at the Solanus Center as a tour docent for the past six years and volunteer at the On the Rise Bakery for the past two years. Additionally, I am involved with the Tap Into Life ministry at the Solanus Center, and also volunteer with the Tap Into Life Podcast. Currently, I work for a railroad logistics company and help my family, and am a student Wayne State finishing up my degree. My interest to serve the fraternity stems from wanting the Secular Franciscans to be visible in the community and to not be the best kept secret in the Catholic Church.

Fraternity Election

Doris Allen, nominated for Secretary

I was professed on November 20, 2016, and have been very active within the fraternity prior and after my profession. I have served the fraternity in the following capacities; doing a presentation on Laudato Si, arranging the St. Charles Borromeo Christmas pageants, providing photography for the Poverello, and attending two or three Leadership Council meetings. Additionally, I have volunteered at the Capuchin Service Center, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Wednesday Healing Service reception, OFS Book Club, and have been present at almost all of the Fraternity meetings. My home parish is St. Charles Borromeo and I do help with with Religious and Vacation Bible School, organized the Friday Family Fun night, organized guitar lessons for parish members, organized Drum Circles for the parish members, am a Minister of Service, and am Lector. I feel that I can make a contribution to the Leadership Council with my dedication, devotion and experience. I'm interested in serving as Secretary or either as JPIC coordinator. I have experience with working with an environmental non-profit organization where I served in the past in various capacities, including as President, Vice-president, and Secretary.

Stephen Garcia, nominated for Treasurer

I was professed in November of 2015. I am standing for election as treasurer because of this need in the fraternity, and I have the basic set of skills that is required to serve in this post. And of course, as best I can, I would bring a thoughtful perspective to discussions on the Leadership Council. My previous service to my fraternity has been volunteering at the reception following the Healing Service, along side both Liz and Ron Kessler at the time. However, my job as a college professor has since limited my availability. I have also served on the Formation Team. I have additionally enjoy attending various OFS activities including the annual memorial Mass for the Deceased member, the annual picnic, and more. Through a local parish, I bring Holy Communion to a local retirement home once a month.

Maryann Kummer, nominated for Formation Minister

I retired from my position as the Executive Assistant to the President of Marygrove College on December 31, 2017. I served as Minister of our fraternity for the past nine years, as Councilor appointed to coordinate Continuing Formation for three years, and as chair of the Youth Task Force. I served as Regional Councilor on the Divine Mercy Regional Executive Committee for two years. I am a member of the Solanus Casey Center Advisory Board. I was professed into the Secular Franciscan Order in 2001. I serve as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, Cantor, Wake Service Minister at St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia. I served as a Stephen Minister at my former parish.

For the past few months, I have been praying for guidance in discerning in what way I could continue to be of service to our fraternity. I thought about joining the formation team. Following our August fraternity gathering, a few fraternity members contacted me and asked if I would be willing to be nominated to serve as Formation Minister. I thanked each of them for thinking of me for this position and shared that I needed some time to pray about this. After much prayer and reflection, I decided to say yes to being nominated to serve as Formation Minister. My reasons for saying yes to serve in this role are: 1) my desire to continue to be of service to our fraternity members, 2) an enthusiasm to share the joy of being a Secular Franciscan and our way of life with those seeking something more on their spiritual journey, 3) an excitement of working with the members of the Formation Team in accompanying individuals discerning a vocation to our way of life, and 4) to strengthen and deepen my Secular Franciscan vocation.

Onakapoma (Ona) Moore, nominated for Councilor

I was professed in November of 2014, and have served the fraternity in many ways. I have been on the past

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Leadership Council as a Councilor and Annual Picnic Coordinator at Belle Isle. Also, I am a Hospitality co-Coordinator for the Fraternity gatherings on Sundays.

Julia Erzbischoff-Donahue, nominated for Councilor

I have been professed for about 15 years. I have been helping with the Healing Service reception and am a co-Coordinator for the Fraternity gatherings on Sundays. I want to serve to provide insight, serve the fraternity, and help where I can. My home parish is Assumption Grotto. I serve as a Eucharistic Minister for St. John's Hospital for about 15 years. I was an administration secretary for doctor's offices and at Sacred Heart Seminary.

Ron Kessler, nominated for Councilor

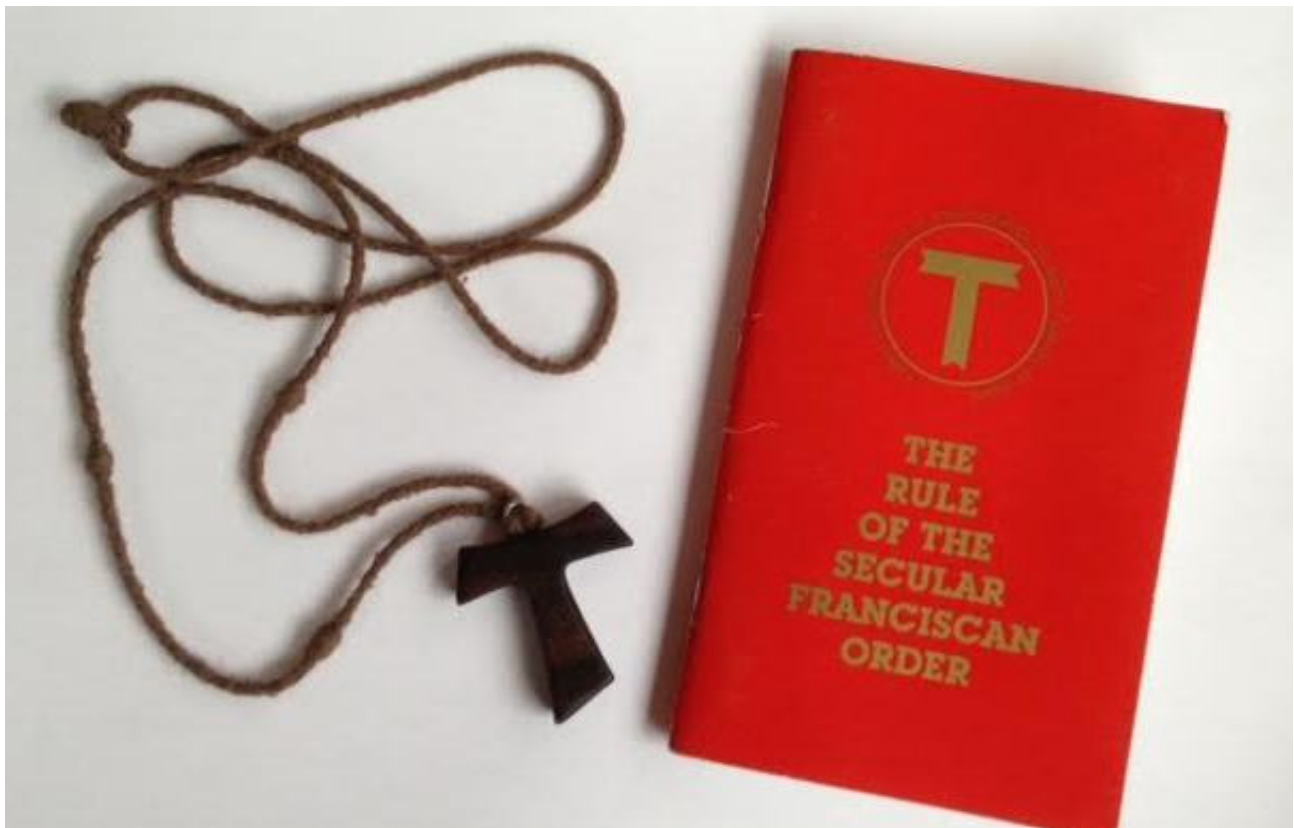
I was professed in November of 2014, with my wife, Elizabeth. I have been helping and coordinating the Wednesday Healing Service reception, and participate in the different Fraternity events. I would like to serve as on the Leadership Council, to help the fraternity.

Sharon Krill, nominated for Councilor

I was professed last November (2017). I have participated in various Fraternity events; the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, the Capuchin Warehouse, and at the St. Charles Borromeo luncheons.

Melissa Lindow, nominated for Councilor

I have been professed for close to 15 years. I am a registered nurse, working in homecare and also am a parish nurse. I work at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Detroit, driving the church van. I would love to serve on the Leadership Council; to keep in touch with the Fraternity members and to learn from everyone how to be a better follower of Sts. Francis and Clare.





*Please help to keep our prayer list up-to-date. Call:
Jo Marie Nardi*

Members of our Fraternity

Dan and Jan Atkinson	Mabel Michaels
Janet and John Bodell	Hugh Montpetit
Claire Boutain	Mary Ann Montpetit
Joyce Brouillette	Stella Mordarski
Pat Cardello	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

Rosalie Licardello

Relatives needing prayers

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



8 Eileen Smith
10 Elaine Masbouth
Ona Moore
11 Eugene Snyders
15 Ralph Barnowsky
Judith Vickerman
19 Joseph Marra
Mary Krempasky
22 Janet Bodell
24 Anna May Jezak
27 Diane Raymond
29 Ralph Marson
30 Therese Joseph
30 Fr. Bill Hugo

Gospel Happenings Calendar

Oct. 20: Capuchin Warehouse (9:00-12:00)
6333 Medbury St.
Detroit, MI. 48211

Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity's Annual Day of Formation

Celebrating the Rule

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018

Registration: Begins at 8:30 a.m.

Gathering: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Location: Saginaw Ministry Center (5802 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI 48603)

Members to join us at the Regional Annual Formation Day. We will celebrate the 40th anniversary of our current Rule. We will look at the history, how we live the Rule and how we can pray the Rule. There will be time for teaching, conversation, personal reflection and prayer. Please consider joining us for this day away together with your Franciscan sister and brothers!

The **CONFERENCE FEE of \$25.00** covers the cost of a continental breakfast, lunch and keynote speakers. Do plan on attending as we look forward to seeing all of you there!

Please complete the attached Registration Form for each attendee and send it with the \$25 Conference Fee per person (checks payable to Secular Franciscan Order, Divine Mercy Region) to:

Michelle Bryk, OFS, 2229 Shetland Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI. 49505

Please note there are NO REFUNDS after the Registration Deadline Date of Friday, Oct. 19, 2018. And if applicable, an additional \$10 LATE REGISTRATION FEE will be required. Thank you! Any questions, please call or email Michelle Bryk.

If you need the option of arriving Friday evening, October 26, 2018, then please check that option on the Registration Form and include the required additional ROOM FEE of \$45. Available rooms are limited in number, so please reserve as soon as possible. There will be no evening meal served.

REGISTRATION FORM

Directions: Enter information below for one attendee, detach & send form with \$25 attendance fee (payable to Secular Franciscan Order, Divine Mercy Region) to Michelle Bryk, OFS, 2229 Shetland Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

If you have more than one attendee that you wish to register, please complete a separate form for each person.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () - _____ Email: _____

Fraternity Name/City: _____

Need Friday Evening Room: ____ (Include Additional \$45 Room Fee)

Please check one of the following that applies to you:

In Formation ____ Professed ____ Formation Director ____ Formation Team Member ____

Any Food Allergies: _____

Any other considerations needed: _____

Total Check amount included _____

(\$25 fee for the day additional \$45 for overnight guests)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Transitus 7:00 pm	4 St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Mass 7:00 pm	5	6 9:30 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
7 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 27 Pss Wk 3	8 BD: Eileen Smith	9	10 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service BD: Elaine Masbouth BD: Ona Moore	11 BD: Eugene Snyders	12	13
14 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 28 Pss Wk 4	15 BD: Ralph Barnowsky BD: Judith Vickerman	16	17 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	18	19 BD: Joseph Marra BD: Mary Krempasky	20 Gospel Happening: Capuchin Service Center 9:00 am- 12:00pm
21 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 29 Pss Wk 1 FRATERNAL GATHERING AND ELECTION 11:00 AM	22 BD: Janet Bodell	23	24 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service BD: Anna May Jezak	25	26	27 Regional Formation Meeting in Saginaw 9:00 am - 3:30 pm BD: Diane Raymond
28 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 30 Pss Wk 2	29 BD: Ralph Marson	30 BD: Fr. Bill Hugo BD: Therese Joseph	31 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service			

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Eileen Smith

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Laura Sapien

Secretary

Ray Mylenek

Formation Minister

Sylvia Snigier

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Joyce Brouillette

Ona Moore

Mary Myler

Brittney Walendzik

Spiritual Assistant:

TBA

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Eileen Smith

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Brittney Walendzik

Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler

Hospitality co-Coordinators:

Ona Moore

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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

Maryann Kummer

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 Joyce Brouillette

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:

Jacqueline Hale at



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