

The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ☩ Detroit, Michigan

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*“Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.” Luke 2:29-32*

Vice Minister's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy February to you all!

Welcome to **Steve Wasko** and **Joseph Quesnelle** who were admitted at our January fraternity gathering into Candidacy. Congratulations and welcome! We will welcome **Joshua Gibson** at our February fraternity gathering.

At the January gathering, we had **Michael Okragleski** speak to the fraternity about the history of our Rule. Michael is the treasurer for our Divine Mercy region and is a member at the St. Paschal fraternity in Toledo. This presentation was given at the Regional Meeting in Saginaw last October, and Michael was able to focus more on the Rule of 1978.

Please note that the Capuchin Soup Kitchen is in dire need of white towels, white washcloths, and men's white socks. The Leadership Council voted in favor of collecting these items throughout the year, to assist the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. If you are able to donate, please bring the item(s) to the fraternity meetings. **Jerry Borycz** and **Ron Kessler** have been instrumental in bringing this call for aid to our fraternity's attention.

REFLECTION

Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone "who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself," let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service.

Rule of the Secular Franciscans, Article 14

Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith.

Rule of the Secular Franciscans, Article 15

From the Rule of 1978, Articles 14 and 15 allow us to consider how our daily interactions with others can be opportunities to be active members of Franciscan way of life and disciples of Jesus Christ. As Secular Franciscans, we are called to be Gospel people and to serve. Since we all have different gifts, we are able to serve in our own ways; whether by prayer and/or by volunteering with our fellow Secular Franciscans (as examples).

What I found interesting from Michael Okragleski's presentation on the history of our Rule was that the Rule of 1883 had the Secular Franciscans become one of a devotional society instead of an Order. This essentially moved the Secular Franciscans into becoming a club, rather than having a thorough Formation and having this calling be a way of life.

The Rule of 1978 and Vatican II facilitated a "return to the sources." This allowed the Secular Franciscans to revisit St. Francis of Assisi's "First Letter of All the Faithful" and have that become the Prologue to the Rule of 1978. After learning more of the history of the Rule, it can allow us to appreciate the steps taken from previous Secular Franciscans to move forward in building a more fraternal and evangelical world. It may not be an easy task, but we are blessed to have the joy of the Gospel and love of Christ with us.

With joy and peace,

Brittney

FRATERNITY VISION: RELATIONSHIP BUILDING - BRIDGE BUILDING - SERVICE

Caring Hearts Ministry --The Caring Hearts Coordinator, **Melissa Lindow** is looking for participants for this ministry. Our hope is to communicate more frequently with our members unable to attend the monthly gatherings. The Caring Hearts Ministry is looking for donations of unused stamps and greeting cards. Please bring the donated unused stamps and greeting cards to the upcoming monthly meetings.

Healing Service – **Ron Kessler** is in need of volunteers! He is looking for a servant follower(s) to take turns with him on Wednesday mornings picking up Panera Bread and pastries from Farmington Hills. Then to deliver the baked goods to the Solanus Center, for the Wednesday Healing Service Hospitality.

Here are some websites that can provide helpful information for the Fraternity:

Amazon Relief: <http://www.amazonrelief.org/>

Franciscan Action Network: <https://www.facebook.com/franciscanactionnetwork>

Franciscan Ministries: <http://www.franciscanministry.org/>

CIOFS International Fraternity: <http://www.ciofs.org/portal/en/>

OFS USA National Fraternity: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

OFS Divine Mercy Region Fraternity: <https://divinemercyregion.com/>

OFS St. Bonaventure Fraternity: <http://www.sfofbonaventure-detroit.org/>

Liturgy of Hours: <http://universalis.com/>

Liturgy of Hours: <http://www.ibreviary.org/en/>

Dear loving friend,

*This comes with warm wishes
Now Christmas is here,
For joy and good fortune,
Happiness too,
Not only at Christmas
But all the year through.*

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



*With much love, prayers and
gratitude
Metilda and family.*

Dear loving friend,

*As the Holy Night comes
soft and still
May Christ's gift of peace
gently fill
your heart and home
with love and goodwill.*

*God Bless You at Christmas
and throughout the New Year*

*With love, prayers and gratitude,
Pushpamma & family*

These are Christmas Cards from the families in India that we as a fraternity donate to.



Franciscan Ministries

*1441 Bishop
Grosse Point Park, MI 48230*

December 6, 2018

*Secular Franciscan Order
St. Bonaventure Fraternity
1820 Mt. Elliott
Detroit, MI 48207*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support of our ministry throughout the previous year. Your support helps to positively impact and enrich those we encounter on the streets of Detroit and beyond.

Be assured that you are, and will be, in our prayers as well as those of the many brothers and sisters we serve.

Peace and Blessings.

Serry

*Serry Alderman OFS
Treasurer*

This is a thank you from Franciscan Ministries, which we donate to when we have donated clothing and other goods. Franciscan Ministries responds to the various needs in the seven square miles of the downtown area. You can always visit their website:

<http://www.franciscanministry.org/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1.....Stephen Haycox
 3.....Mary Ann Montpetit
 20.....Mabel Michaels
 28.....Teresa Westbrook-Lienert



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
Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue	Barbara Pardington
Mary Gillen	George Pelyak
James Heymes	Joe Quesnelle
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	Eileen Smith
Ron Kessler	Ben Stapel
Sharon Krill	Ruby Thompson
Patricia Long	Anna Tyler
Ilene Manning & Family	Terry Westbrook-Lienert
	Joseph Wisk

Gospel Happenings Calendar

Saturday, March 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at **St. Charles Borromeo** for the Corporate Communion Mass and Luncheon.

Address for St. Charles Borromeo:
 1491 Baldwin St.
 Detroit, MI, 48214

Please contact **Sharon Krill** for any information about donations and/or serving at the luncheon.

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

Our Deceased

Relatives needing prayers

Yolando Bango, cousin of Melissa Lindow
 Lee Borycz, wife of candidate Jerry Borycz
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
 David Kaminski, son of Joyce Joe Quesnelle
 Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky
 Patricia Mcleary, mother of Therese Joseph
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
 Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
 Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Jim Smith, grandson of Clarire Boutain
 Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
 Sandra Woods Family

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD BD: Stephen Haycox	2 10:0 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
3 BD: Mary Ann Montpetit <i>Pss Week 4</i>	4	5	6 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	7	8	9
10 <i>Pss Week 1</i>	11	12	13 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	14	15	16
17 <i>Pss Week 2</i> FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M.	18	19	20 BD: Mabel Michaels 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	21	22	23
24 <i>Pss Week 3</i>	25	26	27 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	28 BD: Teresa Westbrook-Lienert		

Fax et Phonum

Minister

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Brittney Walenzik

Treasurer

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Secretary

Doris Allen

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Maryann Kummer.....

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Melissa Lindow

Ron Kessler

Sharon Krill

Ona Moore.....

Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Bill Hugo

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Brittney Walenzik.....

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.....

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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:

Jacqueline Hale at



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