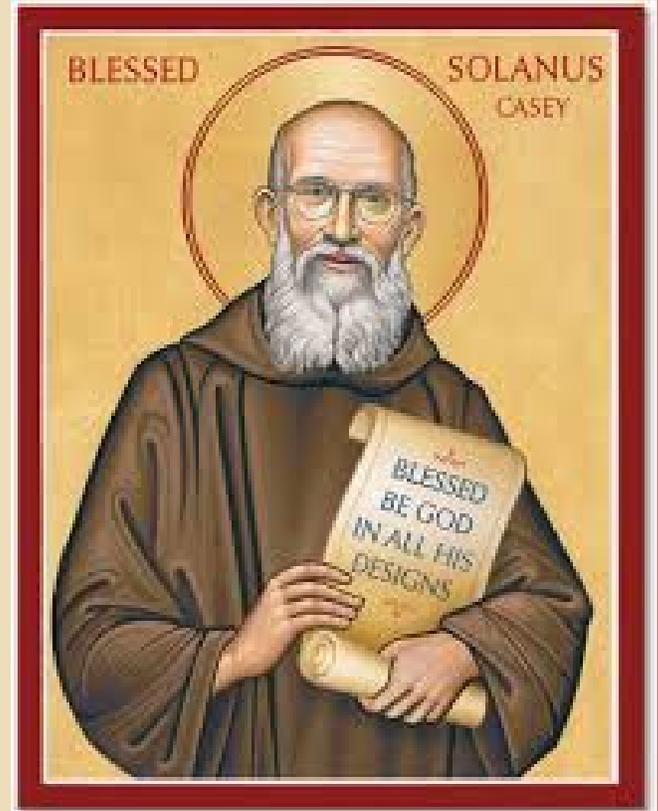
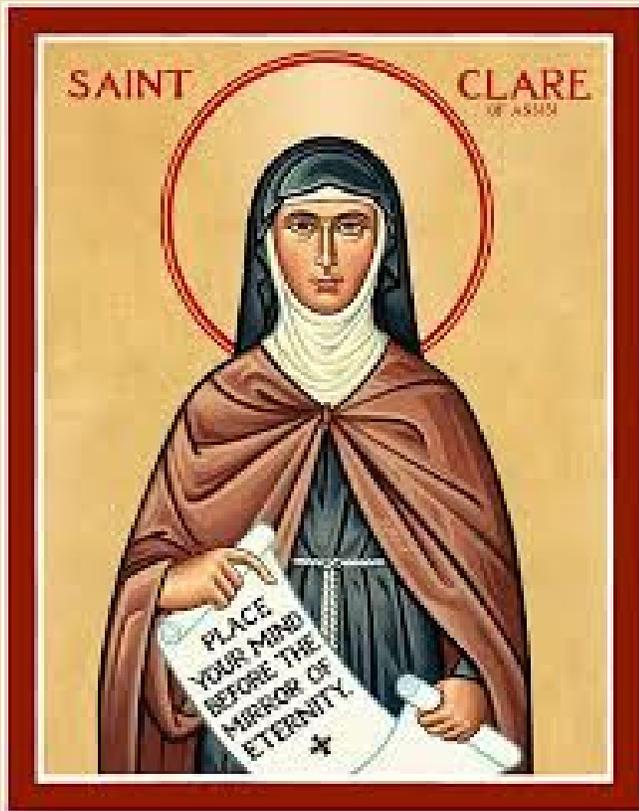


# The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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# Minister's Letter

Brothers and Sisters,

HAPPY SUMMER!!

Finally, the days are getting warmer, the birds are chirping, the flowers are in bloom and all of creation is singing the Praises of God!! I'm writing my article on my patio and enjoying God's glorious creation all around me. I am grateful for so many blessings in my life including the gift of retirement. I now have time to reflect and take in the sights and sounds of creation. God is so good.

I am sitting in the warmth of the sun pondering -- Lord what should I write as a reflection for us this month? So many things come to mind, but what lands in the forefront is our call. What can we glean from St. Francis as our call as Franciscan Christians?

## Reflection

Our world is not much different than the world Francis lived in over 800 years ago. We struggle to live our Franciscan call as the world pressures us for individual greatness and success by pursuing at all costs power, greed and prestige. The world defines our worth by being the best and the idea that we are owed respect, admiration, glory, fear and love. This is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not what St. Francis lived by.

Jesus gave up his power and showed us that greatness is found in weakness, poverty and humble service to the lost and forgotten. These values were lived by St. Francis, but also the values we are called to live by today as Seculars.

Jesus came to stand up against the values of the world and to announce the coming of his kingdom. He came to serve his people and point us to truth, the true kingdom and the true king. He is calling us to radical conversion concerned with heavenly justice. St. Francis gave up everything to follow Jesus. Through his humility and radical living of the Gospel he announced the kingdom of heaven and radically stood against the values of his day. He wasn't interested in wealth. He only wanted to be a poor imitator of Christ in poverty, humility and justice. *Source "Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God" by Casey Cole, OFM*

This is our call too -- to imitate Christ in our families, fraternity, churches, work places and wherever the Spirit leads us. Our path to holiness is through our Franciscan call – our way of life. Are there areas in my life that God is calling me to a more radical transformation?? Can I do more? Here I am God. Your servant is listening.

Live your call with love!!

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Barnowski was called to eternal rest on June 8, 2019.

## Other News

We will be sharing half of one of a bulletin board currently used by the Solanus Casey Center. This will give us an opportunity to provide information, pictures and other Fraternity news with our members and the guests visiting the Center. The bulletin board is located in the hallway before the kitchen door and as you enter the dining room.

**Service Opportunity:** We are looking for 2 servant fellows to maintain the bulletin board. It is important we keep the board current with frequent updates. If you are interested please contact Eileen.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Belle Isle!!

Peace and All Good,

Eileen

### **Franciscan in Focus**

Venerable Matt Talbot, a Secular Franciscan, is considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism.

Matt was born in Dublin, where his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years—until he was almost 30—Matt was an active alcoholic.

One day he decided to take “the pledge” for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt’s first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking.

Most of his life Matt worked as a builder’s laborer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He prayed the rosary conscientiously. Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions.

After 1923 his health failed and Matt was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later Pope Paul VI gave him the title venerable. *Source www.uCatholic.com*

### **Gratitude Corner - A Franciscan Heart is a Grateful Heart**

Thank you to **Bernadette Mikowski, Joe Quesnelle, Charles Kotcher, Patty (friend of Charles), Lori Kenzel, Sophia Cisneros, Marguerite Brannigan, and Mary Myler** who participated in the Connor Soup Kitchen Event on June 22. It is through service to our brothers and sisters where we meet Jesus Christ and are transformed into Him.

### **FRATERNITY VISION: RELATIONSHIP BUILDING – BRIDGE BUILDING – SERVICE**

**CARING HEARTS MINISTRY** - We are hearing from our members that they are enjoying the cards and phone calls. Thank you to **Lettie Aguilar, Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue, Paula Jerzy, Mary Krempasky, Melissa Lindow, Jo Marie Nardi, Sylvia Snigier, and Ruby Thompson.**

**ST. CLARE STUDYDAY** - On **Saturday, August 10** at the Solanus Casey Center from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. We will be learning about St. Clare of Assisi with **Fr. Bill Hugo.**

**AUGUST FRATERNITY MEETING** - We will have Bill O’Brien speak at our upcoming **August 18** meeting at the Solanus Casey Center at 1:30 pm.

# St. Bonaventure Fraternity Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 21, 2018

12 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Shelter #2 on Belle Isle

Food will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m.

All members of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, their family, and friends are cordially invited to attend our fraternity picnic. In order to ensure that we have enough chicken, shrimp, and fish, hamburgers, and hot dogs, **please RSVP no later than Sunday, July 6 by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 136** and leave a message with your name, the food and/or beverages you plan to bring, the number of your guests, and if you are able to assist with the set up before and/or the clean up after the picnic.

We need volunteers to assist with the set up at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to bring a dish that contains mayonnaise or cream in it, please remember to pack it in ice. Even though there are some picnic tables under the shelter, you may want to bring your own lawn chair. Ona and Maryann plan to arrive at the shelter at 9:00 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which is responsible for the maintenance of Belle Isle, is now enforcing the requirement of a recreational car pass. If you purchased the recreational pass already, please approach the booth on the left. If you did not purchase the recreational pass when you renewed your driver's license, please approach the booth on the right with the Purchase Recreational Pass Here sign. The cost of the pass is \$11.00.



## Gospel Happenings

The upcoming Gospel Happening Corporate Communion Mass and Luncheon on **Sunday, September 22** at St. Charles Borromeo from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm.

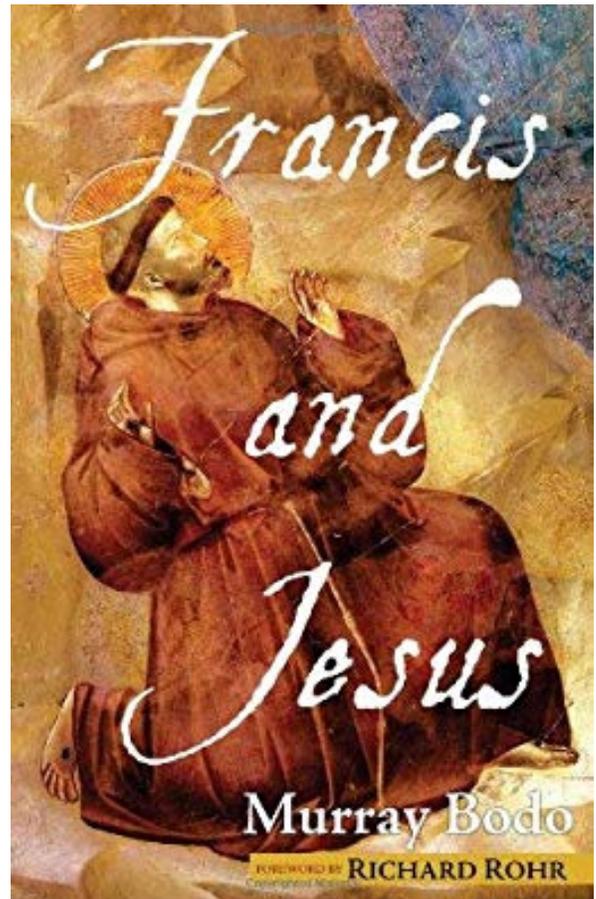
We will need volunteers to donate food and their time to serve our sisters and brothers in the community for the luncheon. Please contact **Sharon Krill** for more information.

A note from Sharon:

We are created to make somebody else's life better. When we serve others, we are being blessed also. It helps re-energize, strengthen, replenish, and refresh ourselves. When you lift others God will also lift you. Have a servant's mentality. When I am serving others, I am serving God. It takes a big person to do something small. John 4:34: Jesus got fed by doing what the Father wanted. Jesus modeled a servant's attitude. Helping less fortunate people is the closest thing to the heart of God. Scriptures says, 'When you're doing it to the least of these you are doing it unto me.' Develop a lifestyle of serving and you will be rewarded in the Kingdom. When I die I will not be rewarded for what I get but for what I give. Be a giver in life not a getter.

## Franciscan Book Discussion

The new time for the Franciscan Book Discussion is now from **12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**. We will begin reading a new book, "Francis and Jesus" by Murray Bodo, OFM. Please contact **Jackie Hale** for any questions.



# Capuchin Retreat Updates

The theme at Capuchin Retreat is, "Speak, for your servant is listening" Samuel 3:10.

Over a period of time, Samuel, with the help of Eli, eventually comes to an awareness that God is speaking to him. God is speaking to us in a variety of ways, in the high and lows, good times and bad, light and darkness, of life. Unfortunately, we do not hear or we are not conscious of a God who is constantly speaking to us.

On this weekend we will try to discern the voice of God and recognize the many ways in which God speaks to us, individually, and in our world. Hopefully we too will come to a place where we begin learning to hear God's voice.

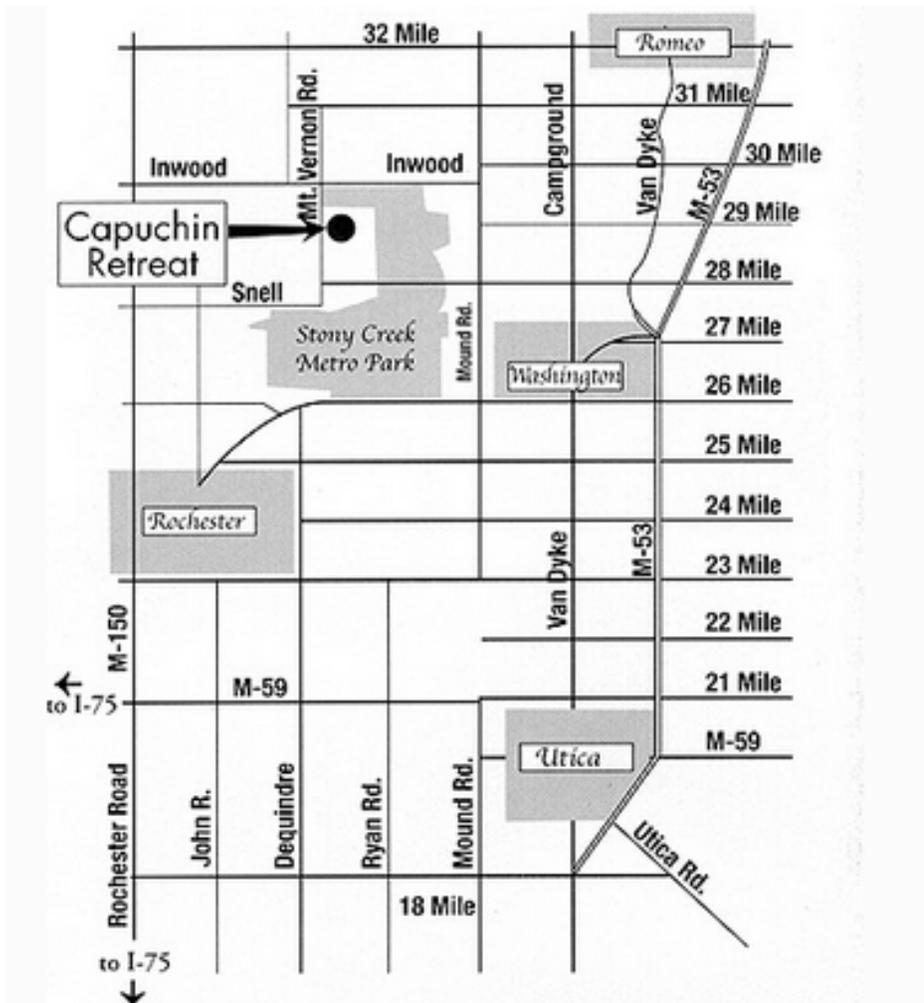
The schedule during the weekend includes Confessions, a Healing Service, availability of preaching staff to meet with one-on-one, Eucharistic celebrations, and more. Accommodations include private room and bath with linens, lounge, chapel, all meals provided in our dining room, conference rooms, and snacks.

**September 13-15, 2019:** Men's Retrat (Captains are **Stephen Haycox** and **Doug Gordon**).

**October 1-3, 2019:** Midweek Retreat (Captain is **Jo Marie Nardi**).

**January 24-26, 2020:** Couples Retreat (Captains are **Chuck** and **Bev Sopian**).

**April 24-26, 2020:** Women's Retreat (Captains are **Mary Myler** and **Bernadette Mikowski**).



Address:

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## Sign of Contradiction Movie Information

In June there was a showing of the movie, “Sign of Contradiction” and some of our members were able to go to to see it. It was asked during our June meeting, if information could be provided in the Poverello. Please read the information below, with the description of the movie and book from the website. If you are interested in purchasing the movie or book, please go to the website to order:

<https://www.signofcontradiction.com>

St. Francis is one of the most loved saints in all the world, but do we really know him? Cities, schools, hospitals, and churches around the globe are dedicated to him, but why? He can be found in gardens across the country, but he must be more than just a birdbath.

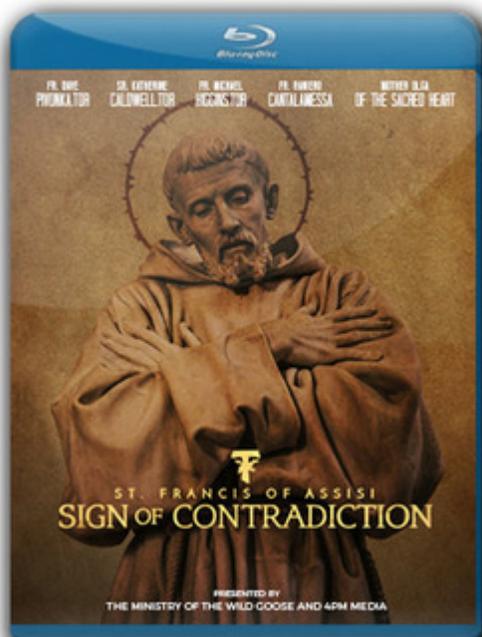
Francis is known as a lover of peace and of nature, and this is true. But he also went against all social norms. All that the world said would lead to happiness, he abandoned for something else, something more. To the world, he first appeared a fool. He was an outsider, hated and ridiculed by even the people who were supposed to love him the most. Yet, thousands followed him. Why?

Francis was a sinner and a saint who was on a lifelong journey animated by grace. He was a real person with real struggles, temptations, and doubts. He was a disciple, perhaps, the greatest disciple.

When all the world saw him as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction.

This film is about presenting a real person, not just some characterization of an animal loving Saint from a distant time. Francis is a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was often times left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Christ that darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace.

Our goal is for those who watch the film to be inspired by the life of St. Francis and desire to live for God as he did, as a Sign of Contradiction.





**July**

- 1 ..... Daniel Atkinson
- 6 ..... Sophia Cisneros
- 7 ..... Ona Harris-Wilson
- 9 ..... Joyce Kaminski
- 11 ..... Anthony Cerroni
- 15 ..... John Gillen
- 16 ..... Louis Joseph
- 22 ..... Beverly Sapien
- 24 ..... Barbara Pardington

**August**

- 9 ..... Anna Tyler
- 13 ..... Janet Atkinson
- 17 ..... Joanne Marshall
- 22 ..... Mary Poole
- 25 ..... Patricia Munafo
- 27 ..... Mary Gillen
- 30 ..... Marilyn Ricard
- 30 ..... Susan Barna Ayoub



**Members of our Fraternity**

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lettie Aguilar             | Hugh Montpetit          |
| Dan and Jan Atkinson       | Mary Ann Montpetit      |
| Janet and John Bodell      | Stella Mordarski        |
| Claire Boutain             | Ray Mylenek             |
| Joyce Brouillette          | Jo Marie Nardi          |
| Pat Cardellio              | Barbara Pardington      |
| Sophia Cisneros            | George Pelyak           |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Joe Quesnelle           |
| Daniel Gabriel             | Diane Raymond           |
| Mary Gillen                | Marilyn Ricard          |
| Stephen Haycox             | Mary Saber              |
| James Heymes               | Joe Sapien              |
| Caroline and Ted Hojna     | Bridget Schultz         |
| Gary Johnson               | Eileen Smith            |
| Joyce Kaminski             | Ben Stapel              |
| Esther Kelley              | Ruby Thompson           |
| Ron Kessler                | Anna Tyler              |
| Sharon Krill               | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |
| Patricia Long              | Joseph Wisk             |
| Ilene Manning & Family     |                         |

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

**Jo Marie Nardi at**

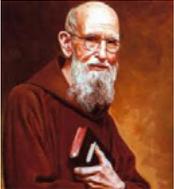
**Our Deceased**

- Mabel Michaels
- Elizabeth “Betty” Ann Barnowski

**Relatives needing prayers**

- Lee Borycz, wife of candidate Jerry Borycz
- Liz Corcoran, relative of Brittney Walenzik
- Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forsys
- Marie Hollerud, mother of Greg Johnson
- 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
- Kathy Olehowski, relative of Marguerite Brannigan
- Ken Parada, brother of Janet Bodell
- Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
- Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Donald Schrotenboer, son-in-law of Marguerite Brannigan
- Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Sandra Woods Family
- Rita Walenzik, mother-in-law of Brittney Walenzik

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BD: Daniel Atkinson	2	3	4	5	6 BD: Sophia Cisneros 10:00 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
7 BD: Ona Harris-Wilson <i>Pss Proper II</i>	8	9 BD: Joyce Kaminski	10 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	11 BD: Anthony Cerroni	12	13
14 <i>Pss Proper III</i>	15 BD: John Gillen	16	17 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	18	19	20
21 FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. AT BELLE ISLE <i>Pss Proper IV</i>	22 BD: Beverly Sapien	23	24 BD: Barbara Pardington 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	25	26	27
28 <i>Pss Prover I</i>	29	30  BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY	31 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service			



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4  <i>Pss Proper II</i>	5	6	7  1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	8	9  BD: Anna Tyler	10  ST. CLARE STUDY DAY AT SOLANUS CASEY CENTER 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
11  ST. CLARE OF ASSISI <i>Pss Proper III</i>	12	13  BD: Janet Atkinson	14  1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	15  ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER	16	17  BD: Joanne Marshall
18  FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss Proper IV</i>	19	20	21  1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	22  BD: Mary Poole	23	24
25  BD: Patricia Munafa <i>Pss Wk I</i>	26	27  BD: Mary Goillen	28  1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	29	30  BD: Sue Barna Ayoub BD: Marilyn Ricard	

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## Minister

Eileen Smith .....

## Vice Minister

Brittney Walendzik .....

## Treasurer

Stephen Garcia .....

## Secretary

Doris Allen .....

## Formation Minister

Maryann Kummer.....

## Councilors:

Melissa Lindow .....

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Krill .....

Ona Moore.....

## Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Bill Hugo .....

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### Continuing Formation Coordinator:

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### 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.

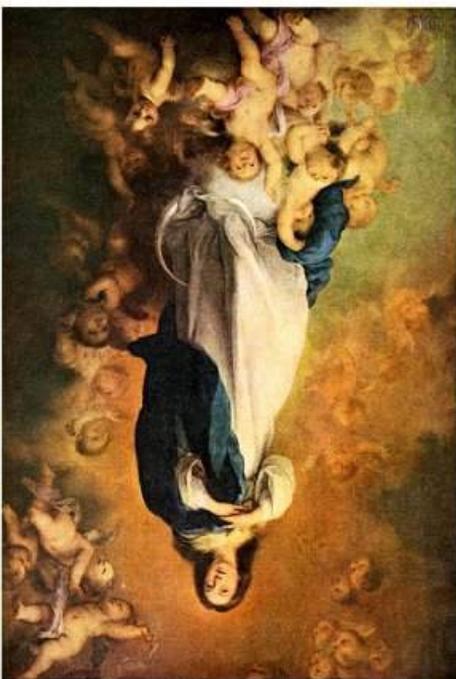
Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius  
Contact

## FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from **12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**, 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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