

The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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Minister's Letter

Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed New Year!! Another year has passed with all its joys and sorrows and we now look forward to 2020 with renewed hopes and dreams. My hope as we begin this year is that we can help mend the divisiveness that exists within our families and our country. I pray as Secular Franciscans we can find the dignity of God in all persons and situations and be Gospel people to those around us.

In our imperfect world abortion, euthanasia, homelessness, immigration, poverty, violence, capital punishment, loneliness, suicide and addictions just to name a few ills are way too commonplace in our society. We must be catalysts for change and help bring forth healing and encouragement to our neighbors and help them grow in the Christian life – to encounter Christ. It is through our love for God and our love and compassion for our neighbor that gives witness to the Gospel and softens hearts.

How do we prepare ourselves to give witness? First and foremost is prayer, followed by reading Scripture, the lives of the saints and receiving the sacraments. We can do nothing without the grace from God. It is through prayer we learn about ourselves and God's will for us. He especially gives us his grace when we ask for it and helps us in our relationships with one and other.

It is also good to know who we are before God. This includes being aware of our quirks, weaknesses and gifts. We are peacemakers and it's important to dialogue with God and each other. We dialogue through active listening and not putting our views, opinions, judgements, biases and selfishness ahead of the needs of others. Is this easy to do? Not at all. In all of the Gospels Jesus loves and gives encouragement. He did not label sinners. He loved them even with all their opinions and false gods. Jesus also knew when to keep quiet. We too must do the same. Let peace begin with us right in our own Fraternity. Live the Gospel message especially when it is difficult and others have differing opinions and lifestyles. In 2020, let's continue to be a catalyst of change and transformation and become the person God is calling us to be.

GRATITUDE CORNER

Our wonderful Christmas concert was performed by St. Charles Borromeo – the youth dancers, pianist Stephan and singer Tiana. They entertained us with their Christmas dancing and singing. We enjoyed hospitality after the concert. Thank you to our performers and all who brought in and served the goodies. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

I want to extend my gratitude to our Leadership Council for all their support and service this past year. I look forward to our continued working together in 2020.

REFLECTION - 1 John 1:5-2.2

God is Light. Now this is the message that we have heard from Jesus Christ and proclaim to you: God is Light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation of our sins and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world!

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

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.

Franciscan Book Discussion --Please join the Franciscan Book Discussion on Sunday, January 19 at 12:00 in the Solanus Center Library. They will begin **Admonitions of St. Francis of Assisi** by John Michael Talbot. The book can be ordered at the Solanus Casey Gift Shop.

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://divinemercuryregion.com/>

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

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

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

2020 Fraternity Calendar

JANUARY

- 4 (Sat).....9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
8 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
15 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
19 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
22 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
24 (Fri.) - 26 (Sun.).....Married Couples Retreat at Capuchin Retreat
29 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

FEBRUARY

- 1 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
5 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
12 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
16 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
19 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
26 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

MARCH

- 4 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
7 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
8 (Sun.).....11:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.....Corporate Communion Mass & Luncheon at
St. Charles Borromeo
11 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
15 (Sun.).....11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering: Day of Reflection
18 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
25 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
28 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.....Mass for Deceased Members

APRIL

- 1 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
4 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
8 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
15 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
18 (Sat.).....ALL DAY.....Regional Meeting - Saginaw
19 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering

22 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
24 (Fri.)- 26 (Sun.).....Women’s Retreat at Capuchin Retreat,
29 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

MAY

2 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
6 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
13 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
17 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00p.m.....Fraternity Gathering – Jubilarian Mass and Potluck
20 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
23 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m..... ..Gospel Happening: Capuchin Service Center
27 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

JUNE

3 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
6 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
10 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
14(Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 pm.....Fraternity Gathering – (2nd Sunday due to Father’s Day celebration on the third Sunday)
17 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
20 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m..... ..Gospel Happening: Capuchin Service Center
24 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

JULY

~~1 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service~~
8 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
11 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
15 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
19 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering: Picnic Theme at Solanus Casey Center
~~22 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service~~
25 (Sat.).....8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m..... ..Gospel Happening: Capuchin Soup Kitchen at Conner - 10 Volunteers Needed
29 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
31 (Fri.).....Evening.....Annual Minister’s Gathering in DeWitt

AUGUST

1 (Sat.)-2 (Sun.).....Annual Ministers' Gathering in DeWitt
5 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
8 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
12 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
16 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering
19 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
26 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
29 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Service Center

SEPTEMBER

2 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
5 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
9 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
16 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
20 (Sun.).....11:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.....Fraternity Gathering: Day of Reflection
23 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
27 (Sun.).....11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....Corporate Communion Mass & Luncheon at
St. Charles Borromeo
30 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

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OCTOBER

3 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
3 (Sat.).....TBD.....Transitus
4 (Sun.).....TBD.....Mass in honor of St. Francis
7 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
14 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
17 (Sat.).....10:30 a.m.-12:00 pm.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Soup Kitchen at
Conner
18 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering: Fraternal and Pastoral
Visitation
21 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
23-25 (Fri-Sun.).....NAFRA National Meeting - Sheraton Hotel -
DTW
28 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

NOVEMBER

- 4 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
7 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
11 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
14 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.....Profession Retreat and Lunch
15 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering - Profession Mass and
Dinner
18 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
21 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.....Mass for All Deceased Franciscans, Parents,
Benefactors & Affiliates - Friars Chapel
25 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

DECEMBER

- 2 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
5 (Sat.).....10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Leadership Council Meeting
9 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
16 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
19 (Sat.).....9:00 a.m.-12:00 am,.....Gospel Happening: Capuchin Service Center
20 (Sun.).....1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Fraternity Gathering – Christmas concert and
reception
23 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service
30 (Wed.).....1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.....Reception after Healing Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2.....Bernadette Mikowski
- 3.....Jeanine Ward
- 7.....Gary Johnson
- 10.....Mary Lou Catino
- 10.....Bridget Schultz
- 22.....Ben Stapel
- 25.....Thomas Nozewski
- 25.....Paul Catrow
- 28.....Beverly Hanus

Gospel Happenings Calendar

On **Sunday, March 8th from 11:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**, we will be having our Corporate Communion Mass & Luncheon at St. Charles Borromeo.

Please contact **Sharon Krill** for volunteer sign-up.

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



Members of our Fraternity

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| Lettie Aguilar | Illene Manning and Family |
| Dan and Jan Atkinson | Hugh Montpetit |
| Claire Boutain | Mary Ann Montpetit |
| Joyce Brouillette | Stella Mordarski |
| Gerry Borycz | Ray Mylenek |
| Sophia Cisneros | Jo Marie Nardi |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Thomas Nozewsk |
| Daniel Gabriel | Barbara Pardington |
| Mary Gillen | George Pelyak |
| Stephen Haycox | Diane Raymond |
| James Heymes | Marilyn Ricard |
| Ted Hoyna | Mary Saber |
| Gary Johnson | Bridget Schultz |
| Joyce Kaminski | Ben Stapel |
| Ester Kelly | Anna Tyler |
| Sharon Krill | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |
| Patricia Long | Joseph Wisk |
| | Jerry Wolschon |

Our Deceased

Relatives needing prayers

- Uvon Cisneros, daughter of Sophia Cisneros
- Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- 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
- Eileen Meyers, daughter of Marguerite Brannigan
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
- Kathy Olehowski, relative of Marguerite Brannigan
- Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
- Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Donald Schrottenboer, son-in-law of Marguerite Brannigan
- Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Natasha Walker, daughter of Anna Taylor
- Sandra Woods Family

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	2 BD: Bernadette Mikowski	3 BD: Jeanine Ward	4 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting
5 EPIPHANY <i>Pss Proper</i>	6	7 BD: Gary Johnson	8 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	9	10 BD: Mary Lou Catino BD: Bridget Schultz	11
12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>Pss Proper</i>	13	14	15 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	16	17	18
19 FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. <i>Pss II</i>	20	21	22 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service BD: Ben Stapel	23	24 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT	25 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT BD: Paul Catrow BD: Thomas Nozewski
26 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT <i>Pss III</i>	27	28 BD: Beverly Hanus	29 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	30	31	

Fax et Phonum

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Eileen Smith

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Brittney Walendzik

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Fr. Bill Hugo

APPOINTMENTS

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 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., 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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