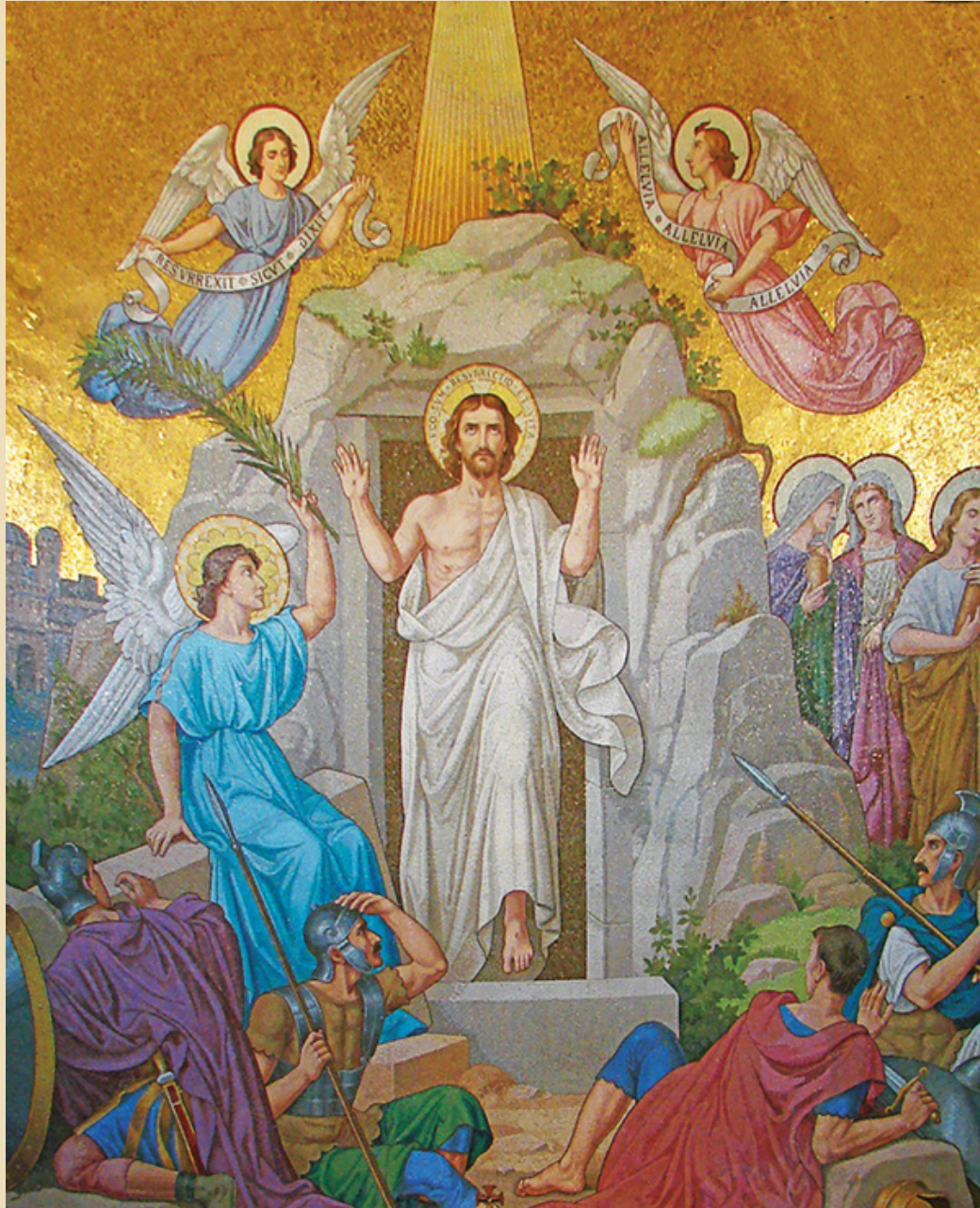


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St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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# Minister's Letter

EASTER BLESSINGS

JESUS HAS RISEN!!

ALLELUIA!!

APRIL 16 NOON ORIENTATION CLASS BEGINS

1:30 FRATERNITY GATHERING

When all of the mysteries were fulfilled in him and that most holy soul was released from the flesh and absorbed into the abyss of the divine light, Francis fell asleep in the Lord. One of his brothers...saw that blessed soul under the appearance of a radiant star carried up on a shining cloud to be borne aloft straight to heaven over many waters, as if shining with the brightness of sublime sanctity, and filled with the abundance of heavenly wisdom and grace, by which the holy man merited to enter the place of light and peace where he rests with Christ forever. (Bonaventure, The Major Legends of Saint Francis)

Sisters and Brothers,

**Happy Easter!!** Our Lenten journey is complete and we begin our Easter season. "The economy of salvation is at work and fulfilled in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated "as a foretaste," and the kingdom of God enters into our time." (CCC1168) The humility of our God to allow us to share in his divinity. Praise God for the Incarnation!! Lord. All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, all glory and all blessings are yours. To you Most High do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name. Amen

**Easter Fun Fact:** "At the Council of Nicaea in 325, all the Churches agreed that Easter, the Christian Passover, should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon (14 Nisan – biblical day of preparation before the Passover meal) after the vernal equinox. Because of different methods of calculating the 14th day of the month of Nisan, the date of Easter in the Western and Eastern Churches is not always the same. For this reason, the Churches are currently seeking an agreement in order once again to celebrate the day of the Lord's Resurrection on a common date." (CCC1170)

## **Congratulations to Steve Wasko and Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven Catholic Parish, Detroit. *Sacred Spaces Clean Energy Grant Awarded***

Our brother Steve led this effort with the St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven Community. They were awarded the ***Sacred Spaces Clean Energy Grant***. This is fantastic news!! Hats off to all who made this happen. No small feat!

Based on criteria including financial need and service to low-income communities, 11 congregations of various faiths and denominations will each receive \$100,000 Sacred Spaces Clean Energy Grants to make improvements that reduce their consumption of fossil fuels for electricity, heating, and cooling.

**SUNDAY APRIL 16 ORIENTATION CLASS BEGINS AT NOON.** Invite friends, family and fellow parishioners to our Franciscan way of life. Our fraternity depends on us to promote our way of life to others and facilitate vocations. For more information contact **Sylvia Snigier** at [sylviasnigier@gmail.com](mailto:sylviasnigier@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY APRIL 16 Fraternity Gathering at 1:30; Don't forget to bring a snack to share.**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND APRIL 21-23; Capuchin Retreat Center; For information contact Mary Myler at 586.651.7289**

**Regional Meeting on Saturday April 29 in Saginaw, MI. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

All are invited to REGISTER FOR THE GATHERING AT THIS LINK by April 15th: <https://forms.gle/v1ChSP8KmsAEb1EB8>

Spring Gathering is Saturday April 29th, 2023 at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603, Schedule: 8:30-9:30am (Continental Breakfast) Gathering: 9:30am-3:45pm (Noon Lunch) Mass: 4pm (4th Sunday of Easter, Celebrant Fr. George Kooran OFM Cap.)

Register: Submit your response at the link by April 15th.

Payment: Make a \$25 check payable to: Secular Franciscan Order, Divine Mercy Region -send in mail addressed to Regional Treasurer Dawn Pulcer, 47634 Falcon Dr., Shelby Twp., MI 48315

If you plan to stay overnight Friday then check the box on the Registration Form in the link and add \$45 room fee to your payment. (\$70 total)

No refunds after April 15th.

**SUNDAY MAY 7 – We are hosting the St. Charles Luncheon after 11:30am mass. Volunteers and food donations needed: contact Sharon Kessler**

**SUNDAY MAY 21 JUBILARIAN MASS AT 1:30PM; Bring a dish to pass.**

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Wednesday Healing Service – Contact Ron Kessler**

**Vocations Committee – Contact Doug Gordon**

**Greeters wanted for Sunday Healing Services from 1 to 3pm.—Contact Eileen Smith**

#### **General Fund or Fair Share Contributions**

Our Rule #25 states: *“Regarding the expenses necessary for the life of the fraternity and the needs of worship of the apostolate, and of charity, all the brothers and sisters should offer a contribution according to their means. Local fraternities should contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils.”*

- General Fund or Fair Share** are used interchangeably to describe the brothers and sisters, monthly fraternity contribution given freely according to their means. These are NOT “dues” and are not called such. We rely on the monthly Fair Share contributions for the fraternity’s operating expenses and apostolates.
- At the end of each calendar year, we are responsible for contributing to the **Regional Fraternity’s Fair Share**. At present each local fraternity in our region pays \$52.00 per person annually to the Region. This includes candidates, active and permanently excused members. (Our 2022 annual Fair Share Amount to the Region was 92 members \* 52.00 = \$4,784.00) From the Region’s Fair Share, they send an annual Fair Share contribution to the Secular Franciscan Order – USA.
- Candidates, active members and permanently excused members are asked to contribute to the Fair Share. This includes both the annual Fair Share to the Region and our monthly gatherings.

Your Fair Share contributions are important to the life of the fraternity. Each contribution is a gift and blessing. I am grateful for each of you and the sacrifices you make for our fraternity. Your charitable hearts continue to shine brightly.

This month's Reflection is from the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. We lift our hearts in solidarity with those suffering from war and oppression especially our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine.

*"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all." Acts 4:33*

As faithful Franciscans we continue to respond to God's grace by allowing him to use us as his instruments. Give graciously to all those you meet. Let us continue toward resurrection.

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

## April 2023 Prayer Request for Priests

### ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

| Sunday                               | Monday   | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                | Thursday                      | Friday                        | Saturday                           |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                      |  |   |  |                               |                               | 1<br>Rev. P.<br>Cooke, S.J.        |
| 2<br>Rev. N.E.<br>Cornelio           | 3<br>Rev. Mark<br>Joseph<br>Costello,<br>O.F.M. Cap. | 4<br>Rev. D.<br>Criscione,<br>P.I.M.E.      | 5<br>Rev. D.<br>Crosby,<br>O.F.M. Cap.   | 6<br>Rev. B. Cruz             | 7<br>Rev. G.<br>Cupple        | 8<br>Rev. J. Currin                |
| 9<br>Rev. D.<br>Cybulski             | 10<br>Rev. A.<br>Czarnecki                           | 11<br>Rev. P.<br>Czarnota                   | 12<br>Rev. A.<br>D'Achille               | 13<br>Rev. J. Dailey          | 14<br>Rev. F. Daly,<br>S.J.   | 15<br>Rev. E.<br>Dango, C.P.       |
| 16<br>Rev. J. Davis,<br>S.O.L.T.     | 17<br>Rev. A.<br>Dawson                              | 18<br>Rev. Jeffery<br>Day                   | 19<br>Rev. I. De<br>Bliqy,<br>O.F.M. Cap | 20<br>Rev. R.<br>Dehondt      | 21<br>Rev. L.<br>Delonnay     | 22<br>Rev. D.<br>Demmer            |
| 23<br>Rev. M.<br>Depcik,<br>O.S.F.S. | 24<br>Rev. A.<br>Depeyster                           | 25<br>Rev. E.<br>Desforges,<br>O.F.M. Conv. | 26<br>Rev. G. Deters                     | 27<br>Rev. R. Dias,<br>S.A.C. | 28<br>Rev. D.<br>Dillon, S.J. | 29<br>Rev. T. Dinh,<br>O.F.M. Cap. |
| 30<br>Rev. M.<br>Djonovic            |  |   |  |                               |                               |                                    |

# REFLECTION

The following excerpt is from an interview with the Father and head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, speaks about the nearly 400 days of Ukrainian Lent in an interview with the Croatian Catholic edition “Glas Koncila” from wounded Ukraine.

“The Lord is passing through Ukraine. His presence changes history”: interview with His Beatitude Sviatoslav for the Croatian “Glas Koncila”

## **In the mystery of Lent, how do you view the current situation in Ukraine?**

Let me share some spiritual reflections arising from the war. Where is God when we are killed each day? As Christians we have a unique answer. We have an image of our Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ who became man. We can confess that, among those killed in the mass graves, our Lord Jesus Christ was killed. When venerating those bodies, I was venerating my Lord who is willing to accept our pain during war. Each day we have to pay our homage to human suffering, to the wounds of the people. And I’m not ashamed of the wounds because those wounds are the wounds of Jesus Christ. He is wounded amidst us. Where is God? He is among those who have to leave their homes, He Himself is becoming homeless with those families who are now considered as internally displaced people or refugees. Serving them, we pay service, homage, respect, we celebrate our honoring Jesus Christ in his pain, in his wounds among Ukrainian people. This is why I have to say that, even the social action of the Church is based on our vision of God’s presence among us. Today, especially in the time of Great Lent, we are honoring the crucified Lord. We are venerating his sufferings for the sake of humanity. Yet, I must say that, today, Christ is crucified in the body of crucified Ukraine.

## **Thank you for the testimony that disaster gives rise to the awareness that all trust is in God’s hands. So, could you say that feeling is shared also with your believers?**

Absolutely. We as Christians believe that Paschal mystery is not completed at the moment of the crucifixion. We have to continue toward resurrection. If we are crucified with Christ, we will rise with him. So, we do have a hope in Ukraine in the midst of war because we do believe in resurrection. We do believe in the Risen Christ, and Pascha means that the Lord is walking through Ukraine, He is walking among us, He is walking with us and His presence changes history. That is our 3/21/23, 1:25 PM “The Lord is passing through Ukraine. His presence changes history”: interview with His Beatitude Sviatoslav for the Croatian “Gla... <https://ugcc.ua/en/data/the-lord-is-passing-through-ukraine-his-presence-changes-history-interview-with-his-beatitude-sviatoslav-for-the-croatian-glas-...> 3/6 Paschal pilgrimage which we began a year ago. Many people in Ukraine would say that we have been going through Great Lent not just for 40 days but more than a year. Perhaps it is a mere coincidence that, last year, the full-scale war began at the beginning of the Great Lent. We still have the feeling that we are moving toward the joy of resurrection. We do have this hope because we are the nation that believes in Risen Lord.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Mary Myler            | April 1  |
| Sharon Kessler        | April 1  |
| Gloria Tibbitts       | April 6  |
| Ruby Thompson         | April 14 |
| Anna Ortego-Seitz     | April 14 |
| Lorretta Chmielarczyk | April 30 |
| Deloris Samulski      | April 30 |



## Members of our Fraternity

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Doris Allen                | Gary Johnson            |
| Dan and Jan Atkinson       | Joyce Kaminski          |
| Claire Boutain             | Esther Kelley           |
| Joyce Brouillette          | Mary Krempasky          |
| Jerry Borycz               | Ilene Manning & Family  |
| Sophia Cisneros            | Mary Poole              |
| Norb Chmielarczyk          | Barbara Pardington      |
| Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue | Bridget Schultz         |
| Daniel Gabriel             | Ben Stapel              |
| James Hymes                | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |

## Franciscan Holy Days

- Bl. Elisabetta Vendramini(3rd O)
- St. Benedict the African (aka Benedict the Black) (1st O)
- Leonard Foley (1st O)
- Bl. Clare of Pisa (2nd O)
- St. Conrad of Parzham, Rel (1st O)
- Bl. Giles of Assisi, Rel(1st O)
- St. Felix of Sigmaringen P & M, (1st O)
- Bl. Pedro de San Jose' Betancur 3rd O)
- St. Zita of Lucca (3rd O)
- Bl. Luchesius, R and Buonadonna (3rd O)
- St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo (3rd O)

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

**Laura Sapien**

## Our Deceased Members

## Our Deceased Relatives

Denise Maltese, mother of Brittney Walendzik

## Relatives needing prayers

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite  
 Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel  
 Ron Gray, friend of Melissa Lindow  
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forsys  
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis  
 David Kaminsky, son of Joyce Kaminsky  
 Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky  
 Luke, grandson of Mary Krempasky  
 Patricia McCleary, mother of Therese Joseph  
 Thomas McCleary, brother of Therese Joseph  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski  
 Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue  
 Karen Plousse, daughter of Joyce Kaminsky  
 Theresa Poole, mother of Mary  
 Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain  
 Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain  
 Sandra Woods Family  
 Students, Faculty, and Staff of Regina High School



| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                     | Friday                      | Saturday  |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
|  |        |         |           |                              |                             | 1<br><br>BD: Sharon Kessler<br>BD: Mary Myler       |
| 2  | 3      | 4       | 5         | 6<br><br>BD: Gloria Tibbitts | 7                           | 8   |
| 9<br>EASTER<br><br>Pss Prop | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13                           | 14<br><br>BD: Ruby Thompson | 15<br><br>10:30 am - 12:00 pm<br>Leadership Council |
| 16<br>FRATERNITY GATHERING<br>1:30 P.M.<br><br>Pss Prop  | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20                           | 21                          | 22<br><br>WOMEN'S RETREAT                           |
| 23<br>WOMEN'S RETREAT<br>BD: Doris Allen<br>BD: Anna Ortego-Seitz<br>Pss III                                   | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27                           | 28                          | 29<br><br>REGIONAL MEETING<br>IN SAGINAW            |
| 30<br>BD: Loretta Chmielarczyk<br>BD: Delores Samulski<br>Pss IV   |        |         |           |                              |                             |   |

# Fax et Phonum

## Minister

Eileen Smith .....

## Vice Minister

Joe Quesnelle.....

## Treasurer

Sue Ayoub.....

## Secretary

Bernie Mikowski .....

## Formation Minister

Sylvia Snigier .....

## Councilors:

Doris Allen .....

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler.....

Brittney Walendzik .....

## Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Peter Chinnappan

## APPOINTMENTS

### Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Joe Quesnelle.....

### Gospel Happenings Coordinators:

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler.....

### Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler .....

### Hospitality co-Coordiators:

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Ona Moore .....

### Infirmarian:

Laura Sapien.....

### Caring Hearts

Anna Tyler .....

### JPIC Coordinator:

Doris Allen .....

## 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

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