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Minister's Letter

Wednesday Lenten Series!!

March 19 Day of Reflection Begins 11:30am

Presenter David Seitz: Topic Penance and Conversion

Loving and gracious God, help us to reflect on what is ours to do, repent of what we have failed to do, and restore our broken relationships this Lenten season. We ask you to grant us listening hearts and wise discernment as we go forth to bring about peace and justice in this world you have bestowed upon us. In Jesus' name, we humbly and joyfully pray. Amen. (Carolyn Townes, OFS)

Sisters and Brothers,

The **Madonna University's Black Student Union** shared with us their experiences on racism at our February 19 gathering. It was well attended and the stories were amazing. Racism continues to haunt our culture and weaken our relationships with our brothers and sisters. We must do all we can to bring our gospel values into our conversations with everyone we meet. Everyone has a God-given right to know they are loved and are children of our heavenly Father.

The Black Catholic Heroes Art Exhibit was a great success. Many viewed the paintings and were awed by the talent of the young artists. I want to thank all who were greeters during the week and those who provided food for our hospitality at our gathering. I want to give a special thank you to **Steve Wasko, Sylvia Snigier Bro. Peter Chinnappan, Bro. Steve Kropp, Bro. Igor and the Solanus Casey Center staff** for assisting with setting up and taking down the display. Everyone working together contributed to a wonderful week dedicated to Black History Month.

SUNDAY MARCH 19 DAY of REFLECTION Starts at 11:30am. Our presenter is David Seitz and the topic is Penance and Conversion. Please note the time change. Also, bring a bagged lunch and a dish to pass. Invite a friend to attend with you!!

ORIENTATION CLASSES BEGIN APRIL 16 at NOON. Invite friends, family and fellow parishioners who may have a call to the 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

March Wednesday Lenten Series

March 01-"Spiritual Meaning of Lent" with Mrs. Sally McCuen OFS

March 08 - "Lenten Prayer" with Br. Igor De Bliquy OFM Cap.

March 15 - "Fruits of Abstinence" with Br. Steve Kropp OFM Cap.

March 22 - "Works of Charity" with Br. Gary Wengner OFM Cap.

March 29 - "The Power of the Cross" with Br. Truyen Nguyen OFM Cap

April 05 - "The Victory of the Passion" with Br. Julius Milton OFM Cap

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND APRIL 21-23; Capuchin Retreat Center; For information contact Bernie Mikowski 586-322-4806.

Doug Gordon our Vocations Coordinator is looking for a couple members to help him in this effort. He wants to form a vocations committee. Please contact Doug for details.

Ron Kessler is looking for 2 additional people to fill in when needed with the Healing Service Hospitality on Wednesdays. Please contact Ron Kessler.

Greeters are needed for our Sunday Healing Services from 1 to 3pm. If you are interested, give me a call. This is a great opportunity to promote our fraternity and foster vocations and assist the Solanus Center staff.

The Capuchin Retreat Center is offering Wednesday evenings Lenten Series: The Gracious Gift of Lent <https://capretreat.org/>.

Continue to pray for all those on our sick list.

Peace and Blessings,
Eileen

March 3 First Friday Adoration – Everyone is invited; Wear Brown or other fraternity apparel.

9:30am	Sidney Davis/Susan Ayoub
10:00am	Susan Ayoub
11:00am	Mary Myler
Noon	Julia E-Donahue, Ron and Sharon Kessler
1:00pm	Paula Jerzy
2:00pm	Bernadette Mikowski
3:00pm	Sylvia Snigier

If you are unable to make your appointed time contact Eileen.

REFLECTION

Formation Friday – February 5, 2021

The Conversion Process: Ongoing and continuous conversion of the heart

For each week of Lent focus on one action item below that you would like to cultivate in a special way as part of your Lenten journey.

1. Make an act of reparation or a modification of behavior to show sorrow for sin.
2. Be willing to recognize and accept suffering as the consequence of separating myself from God. (Offer sufferings for the benefit of others.)
3. Commit to a plan for prayer, fasting, almsgiving. (See: Joel 2:12-18)
4. Intentionally evangelize a lukewarm or nonbeliever.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to make me aware of a specific moral shortcoming and for the grace to change.
6. Consciously live the Beatitudes.
7. Seek personal conversion through deeper prayer.
8. Radically commit to the Gospel life centered on the person of Jesus.
9. Savor God's mercy, experiencing the love of God which unceasingly calls us back to Himself.
10. Accept myself as I am now and strive to reach a deeper level of conversion.
11. Journal on my spiritual journey made up of failures and falls and also made up of new beginnings, new discoveries.
12. Use St. Francis's paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer for meditation.

Questions for discussion or to answer in your journal.

+Explain how you plan to carry out the items you chose from the list above.

+Which of all the statements above might be most beneficial to your personal conversion?

+Which of the statements are the most challenging for you?



Photos from February's Fraternity Gathering



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A Franciscan Blessed

Blessed Agnellus of Pisa (1st Order)
(1195-1236)



A native of Pisa, Italy, Agnellus was received into the Franciscans by their holy founder, Francis himself. Francis sent Agnellus to introduce the order in France. Agnellus founded the order's house at the University of Paris, thus cementing the Franciscan relation with what was then the finest educational institution in Europe.

In 1224, Francis sent Agnellus to bring the Franciscan Order to England. Landing at Dover with eight others, Agnellus established houses in London and Oxford. When he set up the school for theology at Oxford, he hired the august scholar Robert Grosseteste as lecturer. In time this school was associated with a number of outstanding figures including Roger Bacon, William of Ockham, and Blessed John Duns Scotus. Agnellus also became involved in politics, serving as a peace envoy between King Henry III and Richard Marshall, the Earl of Pembroke.

Despite these somewhat worldly associations, Agnellus embraced Lady Poverty. When he added an infirmary to the Oxford friary he made the ceilings so low that a man could barely stand in them, and he never acquired more land for any house than was strictly necessary.

In the three days leading to his death in 1236, Agnellus was in great pain. "Come sweetest Jesus" was his constant plea.

March 2023 Prayer Request for Priests

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rev. K. Battu, S.A.C.	2 Rev. R. Bauer	3 Rev. Bechard	4 Rev. D. Bechill
5 Rev. K.R. Beezam, S.A.C.	6 Rev. Thomas Belczak	7 Rev. Edward Belczak	8 Rev. F. Benda, S.J.	9 Rev. G. Berendt, P.I.M.E.	10 Rev. J Bertin, M.C.	11 Rev. C. Bertolacci, M.C.
12 Rev. J. Bettin	13 Rev. D. Bignall	14 Rev. James Bilot	15 Rev. T. Birney	16 Rev. J. Bjorum	17 Rev. D. Blazek	18 Rev. R. Blondell
19 Rev. A. Blount, S.O.L.T.	20 Rev. A. Bondy	21 Rev. S. Bonner	22 Rev. M. Borkowski	23 Rev. G. Boyine, O.F.M. Cap.	24 Rev. M. Brauer	25 Rev. P. Brennan, C.P.
26 Rev. Salvina Briffa	27 Rev. J. Brooks, L.C.	28 Msgr. R. Browne				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ilene Manning	March 6
Karen Parsons	March 6
Laura Sapien	March 11
Paolo Bianchi	March 19
Doug Gordon	March 26
Maryann Kummer	March 27
Joshua Gibson	March 28
Brittney Walenzik	March 29
Charlotte Heymes	March 31

FRANCISCAN HOLY DAYS

2. Agnes of Prague (2nd O)
3. Bl. Liberatus Weiss, Samuel Marzorati, and Michele Pio Fasoli (1st O)
5. Saint John Joseph of the Cross (1st O)
9. St. Catherine of Bologna (2nd O)
12. Bl. Angela Salawa (3rd O)
13. Bl. Agnellus of Pisa (1st O)
St. Dulce Pontes (3rd O)
18. Saint Salvator of Horta (1st O)
22. Saint Benevenuto of Osimo (1st O)
23. Saint Catherine of Genoa (3rd O)
24. Bl. Didacus Joseph of Cadiz (1st O)
30. Bl. Maria Restituta Kafka (3rd O)
Saint Peter of Regaldo (1st O)



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

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

Laura Sapien

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 Forys
 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	2	3	4
5	6 BD: Ilene Manning BD: Karen Parsons	7	8	9	10	11 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 10:30 - 12:00 P.M. BD: Laura Sopian
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 FRATERNITY GATHERING 11:30 A.M. BD: Paolo Bianchi	20	21	22	23	24	25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
26 BD: Doug Gordon	27 BD: Maryann Kummer	28 BD: Joshua Gibson	29 BD: Brittney Walenzik	30	31 BD: Charlotte Heymes	

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Ona Moore

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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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