

**CONGRATULATIONS JUBILARIANS!!!!**  
**JUBILARIAN MASS MAY 15 AT 1:30 PM**

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!**

Sisters and Brothers,

**We celebrate our Jubilarians at our May 15 gathering.** We will meet for mass in the Chapel to celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. This liturgy counts for our Sunday obligation. We will have a potluck lunch after the mass. **Please remember to bring a dish to pass.** Our main dish will be sandwiches. I'm thanking you ahead of time for your hospitality and your wonderful assortment of foods. There will be no Zoom option for this month.

Our 2022 Jubilarians are:

**10 Years**

Leticia Aguilar  
Anthony Cerroni  
Hank Forsys  
Therese Joseph  
Eileen Smith  
Ruby Thompson

**25 Years**

Beverly Sopian  
Eugene Snyders  
Anna Tyler  
Judy Vickerman

**30 Years**

Ben Stapel  
Dorothy Stapel

**MARY, THE PATRON SAINT OF THE FRANCISCAN ORDER!!**

“Holy Virgin Mary, among all the women of the world, there is none like you. You are the daughter and handmaid of the most high King, Father of heaven. You are the mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ. You are the bride of the Holy Spirit. Pray for us, with St. Michael the archangel, and all the powers of heaven and all the saints to your most holy and beloved Son, our Lord and Master, Amen.” (St. Francis of Assisi, Office of the Passion)

Mary has a unique role in salvation that binds her to the Holy Trinity and is invoked by Francis who intercedes with her Son on our behalf. God cannot resist her prayer. God who is a relationship of love in his deepest being, has established with Mary, as with no other creature, a unique relationship of love, paternal, filial, and spousal.

Francis believes these same relationships of love can be established between each soul and the Persons of the Holy Trinity. In fact, Francis says of them that “by divine inspiration, you have made yourselves sons and daughters of the most high and supreme King, the heavenly Father, and have married the Holy Spirit, choosing to live according to the perfection of the holy Gospel.” (Christian Media Center)

Let us continue to invoke the prayers of our Mother Mary in hopes of peace in the world beginning with the hearts of each on of us. Nothing is impossible with God! May we serve him with love and humility as Franciscans. Happy Mother's Day!

At our 1:30pm **June 12 Gathering, the Leadership Council** will present our Chapter Reports. There will be a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person. The gathering is on June 12 the second Sunday of June due to Father's Day. I plan to send the chapter reports out to our members before June 12.

As most of you have heard this is the first time in 70 years that the Archdiocese of Detroit does not have a seminarian for priestly ordination. Beginning on June 4, (Vigil of Pentecost) and concluding on May 28, 2023 (Solemnity of Pentecost) Archbishop Vigneron announced a **Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations**. To begin this year of prayer, on June 4 at 10am there will be a holy hour at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All the faithful are invited.

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

### May Birthdays

Brannigan	Marguerite	May 7
Nardi	Jo Marie	May 21
Wasko	Steven	May 22
Kelley	Esther	May 29

### June 3 First Friday Adoration – Everyone is invited

9:30am	Sidney, Susan Ayoub
10:00am	Joe Quesnelle
11:00am	Mary Myler
Noon	Julia E-Donahue, Ron and Sharon Kessler
1:00pm	Paula Jerzy
2:00pm	Bernadette Mikowski
3:00pm	Eileen Smith

If you are unable to make your appointed time let me know.

**REMINDER: White Towel and Socks Collection at our Gatherings for the Capuchin Shower Program.**

### Franciscan Feast Days

3. Blessed Thomas Bullaker, Henry Heath,  
John Woodcock, Arthur Bell,  
Charles Meehan, P (1<sup>st</sup> O)

4. Blessed Ceferino Gimenez Malla 3<sup>rd</sup> O)
6. Mother Ignatius Hayes, R (3<sup>rd</sup> O)
9. St. Catherine of Bologna, R (2<sup>nd</sup> O)
10. St. Ivo of Brittany, P (3<sup>rd</sup> ))
11. St. Igiatius of Lanconi, R (1<sup>st</sup> O)
12. Mother Teresa O'Neil, R (3<sup>rd</sup> O)
16. St. Margaret of Cortona, (3<sup>rd</sup> O)
17. St. Paschal Baylon, R (1<sup>st</sup> O)
18. St. Felix of Cantalice, R (1<sup>st</sup> O)
19. St. Theophilus of Corte, P (1<sup>st</sup> O)
20. St. Bernardine of Siena, P (1<sup>st</sup> O)
21. St. Crispin of Viterbo, (1<sup>st</sup> O)
24. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
28. St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Parades, V (3<sup>rd</sup> O)
30. St. Baptista Varano, V (2<sup>nd</sup> O)

### Mary, We Celebrate in the Month of May

There was once a teenager who was a very wholesome and down to earth person. Her mannerisms were pleasing to everyone. She was the type that to know her was to love her. That is still true today. She was not born in, nor did she grow up in a palace. Yet, today she is our Queen of hearts. God does work in strange ways, His wonders to perform. Her hometown was the kind of place where outsiders asked if anything good could come from Nazareth. Neighbors called her an ordinary person. But did they really know her?

Mary's humble, kindly ways are copied today by good souls of this century. We build beautiful churches to honor her and through her to honor her Son. By being a prayerful person she went from an obscure village to be the most honored woman in history. St. Therese', the Little Flower, has followed as did many other female saints. They all worked in God's service. There is room for us in that group that works in the Lord's service. Let us become the saints God wants us to be using the talents He has given us. Those gifts are the seeds we plant and so be good examples to others. We will not know the fruits of those seeds until we get to heaven.

Our Lady went from riding a donkey for transportation to riding the clouds of heaven with the Queen's Court escorting her. St. Therese' went from a cloistered

life to spreading beautiful roses to faith-filled hearts around the world. They are our examples.

During this coming month of May, let us honor Our Blessed Mother in a special way. If you do not pray the Rosary frequently, start now. Especially pray the Franciscan Crown. If you haven't said the Divine Office of the Blessed Virgin, it is in the Franciscan Companion.

Be prepared to be pleasantly surprised at the blessings you receive. Pat Jurasek,  
Lumen Christ Fraternity

### **PRAYER REQUESTS –**

**Note:** I have updated the prayer list based on current requests. If you want to add or remove your name or relative please contact me at 313.574.4682.

#### **Members of Our Fraternity**

Dan and Jan Atkinson	Esther Kelley
Claire Boutain	Patricia Long
Jerry Borycz	Ilene Manning
Daniel Gabriel	Ray Mylenek
James Hymes	Mary Poole
Gary Johnson	Barbara Pardington
Joyce Kaminsky	Mary Saber
Mary Krempasky	Bridget Schultz
	Ben Stapel
	Terry Westbrook-Lienart

#### **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  
Therese Pool, mother of Mary  
Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain  
Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain  
Sandra Woods Family

## **MEDITATION**

Formation Friday April 29, 2022

### What Makes Secular Franciscans Different from Other Catholics? (**Part One**)

All of us who are Catholics have many things in common. Most of us grew up attending Mass every Sunday. We go to confession every so often. We pray many of the same prayers: the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Memorare, the Angelus, and prayers asking for the intercession of our favorite saints. Some Catholics read a bit of Scripture every day and attend bible study and some may even pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

So, what makes Secular Franciscans different?

1-OUR PROFESSION—At Baptism we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and become part of the Church. At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit prepares us to participate fully in the mission of the Church. Profession, then, is our special opportunity. It is the further strengthening of the promises that were made for us (or that we made) at Baptism. Through the Spirit, we “bind ourselves more closely to the Church and work intently to rebuild the ecclesial community and fulfill its mission among all people.” (See Rite of Profession, Ritual p. 22)

If you read the Rite of Profession (Ritual pp. 18-26), you will see that at Profession, we make a commitment to live the Gospel by following in the footsteps of St. Francis. The special charism given to us by St. Francis is that he showed that the Gospel can be lived. We, as Secular Franciscans, strive to do this in our daily lives. Therefore, we need to be thoroughly familiar with Scripture—especially the Gospels. At the Rite of Profession, we are presented with the book of the Gospels. At the Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming, we are given a biography of St. Francis, and at the Rite of Admission, we are given a copy of the Rule of Life. All three of these gifts remind us that we are to internalize how St. Francis lived; how Jesus lived and taught; and how we are to live as Secular Franciscans.

At Profession, we promise to build a more fraternal and evangelical world based on the Gospel. We promise to be faithful to our vocation and to practice the spirit of service. We promise to bind ourselves more closely to the Church and to participate more fully in her mission. And, we pledge to make fraternity a visible sign of the Church, a community of faith and love. During the Rite of Profession, the candidates answer, “Yes, this is what I want,” in response to questions asked regarding these promises.

Read and consider the following words taken from the Rite of Profession:

+ The candidates say: “We ask to be admitted to profession of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order and to make a permanent commitment to the gospel life. [Our formation] has strengthened us in the conviction that the Lord is calling us to observe the holy gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ by following the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.” (Ritual p. 20)

+ Finally, the WORDS OF PROFESSION are pronounced by the candidates:  
“I, \_\_, by the grace of God, renew my baptismal promises and consecrate myself to the service of his Kingdom. Therefore, in my secular state, (or as a member of the diocesan clergy), I promise to live all the days of my life the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the /secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life. May the grace of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our holy father St. Francis, and the fraternal bonds of community always be my help, so that I may reach the goal of perfect Christian love.”

For discussion or to answer in your journal:

+After reading the promises of profession outlined above, discuss the ways in which you (if you are professed) are living them out in your daily life. (It would also be helpful to read the entire Rite on pp. 18-26 of the brown ritual.)

+Which of these promises have proved to be challenging to you?

+If you are in initial formation, 1-How do you see these promises lived out by the members of your fraternity? 2-Can you picture yourself living out these promises? 3-Please offer a few examples of what you would do both now and after Profession.

## **A GOUDA EVENING AT THE CAPUCHIN RETREAT**

Join us this summer at Capuchin Retreat for our wine and cheese fundraiser and open house!

We're going big for this event with live music in the garden, hors d'oeuvres, guided tours of the property and our facility, a live raffle drawing, and much more! Tickets are \$50 per person and are limited for this event! Ticket sales are in advance only, so make sure to sign up early! Opportunities for sponsorship are also available. For more information, call (248) 651-4826.