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Next Meeting:
Sunday, Dec. 12th
Set up: 12:30 p.m.
Crib Service: 1:00
No Formation

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
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Minister's Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Pax et Bonum!

Advent is under way and Christmas is almost upon us. The time goes so fast and there is so much to do. In all the busyness weighing us down, remember St. Francis recreating the crèche. He was not writing out cards, baking cookies, shopping and wrapping. He spent his time recreating the event that was so close to his heart. Nothing got in his way. Nothing stood between him and his Saviour.

There is certainly nothing wrong with writing cards or wrapping presents. But when those activities block your view of the Baby Jesus, it's time to change where you are standing. Merry Christmas to you and those you hold dear!

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Phone Numbers Sometime between now and our January gathering, I need to create our phone list. If your phone number is not correct on the present list, or if you would like to add your cell phone to the list, please let me know by January 3.

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Christmas Gathering Our December Gathering will be held in the Library under the church. Conway Hall is not finished. There are two flights of steps down to the Library so that will make it difficult for some members to join us.

We cannot get into the Library until 12:30 because Mass is still going on overhead and any noise we make will be heard in church. Therefore, set up will begin at 12:30 and the Crib Service will begin at 1:00.

The Library does not have the same accommodations as Conway Hall. There is no oven, microwave or kitchen sink. Any food that will be contributed to the party will have to be cold or room temperature. WWFD?? What would Francis do??? Be creative! There are many solutions that will provide a wonderful buffet. Cold cuts, cheeses, rolls, salads - tuna, egg, tossed, fruit, macaroni etc., vegetable and fruit trays, pickles, condiments and of course the best

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Rita Dourdoufis at 610-352-2413.

part.....desserts. Please bring whatever serving utensils are necessary to serve the dish you are providing.

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The Ordo or Guide for the 2011 Divine Office will be available at our December meeting. The price remains at \$3.50.

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There will be no Formation or Ongoing Formation in December,

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Our January gathering includes a Fraternal / Pastoral visit. Mattie Ward, Brother Larry and Stephanie Wiecek will be joining our meeting. The meeting will be conducted as we normally do. Council members will need to meet with the Regional representatives prior to our regular meeting. Time and details will be conveyed at a later date.

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If you are not able to attend the December gathering (or any of our gatherings), please call our Attendance Secretary or me to report your absence. Both of us can be reached by phone or the e-mail address on the back of the newsletter.

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Since no one has stepped forward to help with the newsletter, this will be the last edition. In January, small envelopes for your monthly donation and blank prayer intention slips will be available next to the sign in sheet.

Blessings,
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Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for missions, cancelled stamps and caps off of aluminum cans should be given to Rose Marie Gantz.

December Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 15 Bl Mary Frances Schervier

Francis Inn Needs:

- Pampers Size 5 & 6
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Men's Socks
- Toothpaste
- Prayers!

December Profession Anniversaries

- Mary Smarowsky 1982
- Marie Bair 1986
- Veda Dugan 1986
- Teresa McHugh 1986
- Shirley Finegan 1989
- Helen Balderston 1965
- Mary Betancourt 1971
- Regina McGarry 1971
- Claire Quinn 1975

Prayer Requests

"You are to help your brothers until the Lord gives them rest."

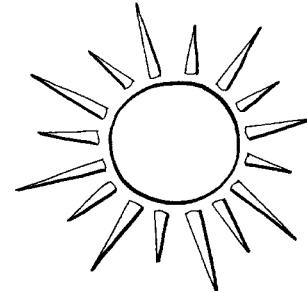
-- The Book of Joshua

Please help keep this list current. Let me know if anyone should be removed or needs to be added. You can let me know at the meeting or use the contact information at the bottom of the page. Thanks, Lee.

Please remember in prayer: Grace Holley and her granddaughter Michelle Davis, Frances Bellew, Kimberly Gilligan (Niece of Marie Gilligan), Marie Frantini's daughter (Marie Dolores), Christine Truitt, Betty Downey, JoAnne Troup and her family, Jeanette Anderson (Rose Marie Gantz's daughter-in-law), Mary Betancourt, Lisa Davis (Marie Gilligan's daughter-in-laws mother), Cyrilla Pine, Marian McCole, Christine Somers, Father Paul Stenson, Mary Stenson, 4 yr old Evan Nickel, Adele Malloy, Mary Lee, Stella Viola, Joseph Santoliquito, Anna Vecchiolli, Claire Quinn, Rev. Mr. Jim Kane, Carmela Patterson, Betty Schieman and Rose Benner.

On the Web

Don't forget that the fraternity newsletter is available at our web site as soon as it is finished (usually about a week before our next meeting). The web address is: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/>



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