

"I have done what is mine to do; may Christ teach you yours!" —Francis of Assisi

"This is what I want." Such was Francis' enthusiastic response to hearing the Gospel instructions from Jesus to his disciples "that they should possess neither gold, nor silver, nor money in their purses, nor scrip for their journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves" (*Bonaventure's Life*). Bonaventure went on to say, "Hearing this, and understanding it, and committing it unto memory, the lover of Apostolic poverty was at once filled with joy unspeakable." With these words Francis committed himself to a life of Gospel poverty. We all know how that story turned out. Eight hundred years later we continue Francis' journey, his mission and his joy.

"This is what I want" is also what we as Secular Franciscans proclaimed during our Rite of Profession. Not just once but three times. We commit ourselves in turn to the gospel life following the example of St. Francis, to the Secular Franciscan vocation and spirit of service, and to the Church and its mission.

This month we will have the pleasure of witnessing our candidate, Darlene, proclaim those same words. On November 12 at the 10:30 Mass at St. Ann's in Cornucopia Darlene will make her perpetual Profession into the Secular Franciscan Order. We will be joined by a representative of the Regional Executive Council, Kathy Fraser, OFS, who will officially receive Darlene into the Order. This ritual is also a good time for the rest of us to renew our own commitment to the Gospel life. Come, let us celebrate!  
—Bob

### This month's Fraternity Gathering

November 12, 2017

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
8350 Superior Ave.  
(Old 13 Road & Ash St.)  
Cornucopia, WI 54827

10:30 a.m. Parish liturgy and Profession

11:30 a.m. Reception for Darlene  
Clean up and potluck  
Fraternity meeting

#### Meeting Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer: Bob
2. Christmas party plans
3. Drawing of prayer partners
4. Business:
  - a. Stewardship prayer and collection
  - b. Approve October minutes
  - c. Finance report, payments, approvals
  - d. Formation and JPIC reports
5. Other?
6. Vocations and closing prayers
7. Packaging bird seed for Christmas

Next month's meeting: December 17, 2017

**Christmas Party!**

### JPIC – (Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation)

Just a reminder of the Christmas gifts we will be bringing to our December meeting for the poor and homeless people served by the Damiano Center.

Here is the list to choose from of needed basic hygiene items (personal or family size):

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Shavers
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Facial tissue
- Toilet paper
- Sanitary napkins
- Second hand items such as
  - Pots and pans
  - Quilts or bed covers
- **NO MOUTH WASH per staff request**

Please note that you do not have to wrap these donations.

Thank you!

—Jane

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### Reception after Profession Mass:

We are bringing a special cake for Darlene. Parishioners of St. Ann's are helping with the hospitality and bringing other treats.

### Foods for pot luck:

We won't need desserts because of the reception. Darlene is providing sloppy joes and Keith and Ellen are bringing buns for it, along with chips. Pat is bringing a veggie tray and we will bring a fruit tray. Jane will check with Franz and Rob.

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Remember that we will be choosing prayer partners at the meeting for the Advent/Christmas season. This is like a Secret Santa but with prayers instead of gifts (our gifts will be the Damiano donations). We will reveal the names at our Christmas party.

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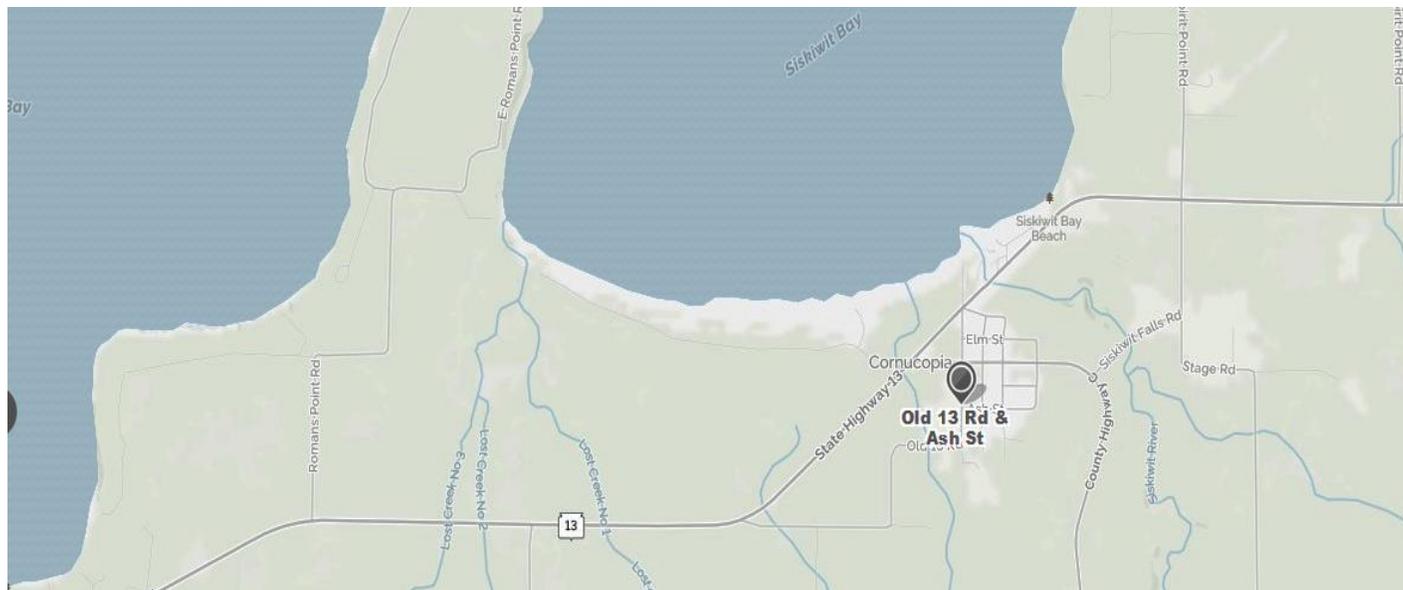
We will be having a visitation in February from the Regional Executive Council. As of this moment I haven't received confirmation on whether this is a formal visitation from the Regional fraternity or REC members visiting as our sponsoring fraternity (the REC serves in both capacities for us as an emerging fraternity under their sponsorship).

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Just a reminder, the beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey is approaching fast. It will be held on November 18 in Detroit.

—Bob

### St. Ann's Catholic Church in Cornucopia



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