



Pater Noster Fraternity

Queen of Peace Region
Newsletter – August 2019
St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic
Church
Gonderinger Parish Center
16701 S St., Omaha, NE 68135



Vision:

“The Pater Noster Secular Franciscan Fraternity exists to bring Christ’s love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness to a world in need of God.”

Mission:

“The mission of Pater Noster Fraternity is to proclaim, and witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspired by the example of St. Francis and St. Clare, we strive to humbly serve all people, especially the poor and forgotten. We celebrate joyfully the gift of life in all creation and recognize God’s living presence in the world.”

Come and share with us our Vision and Mission to Omaha and beyond!

Council Officers as of April 2018 – Please, pray for us as we pray for you.

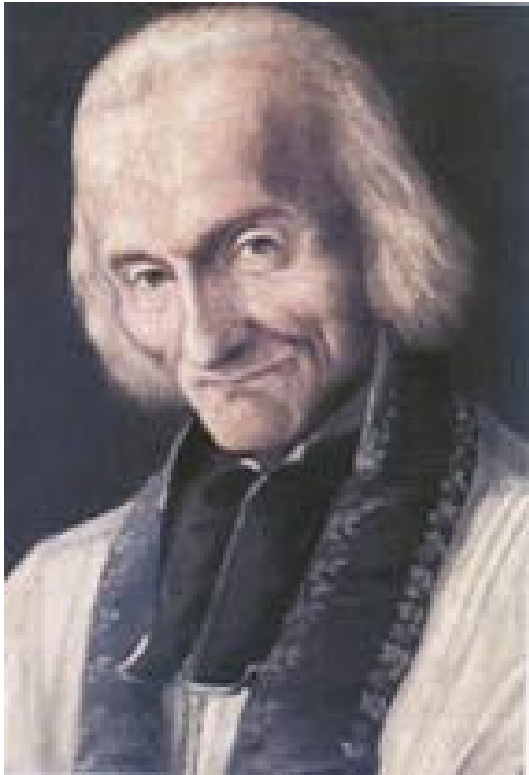


Left to right:

SA: Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding, OSF
Councilor: Cecilia Padilla, OFS -resigned
Richard Beal, OFS-(not in picture)
appointed to complete term
Minister: Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS
Vice Minister: Joseph Norman, OFS
Treasurer: Linda Mertz, OFS
Councilor: Kent Riesberg, OFS
Formation Director: Andrea Walther, OFS
Secretary: William Whipple, OFS

Saint of the Month

Saint John Marie Vianney



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Seldom has a priestly life been so holy, so self-sacrificing, so fruitful of good for the salvation of souls as the life of the Cure' of Ars in France, Saint John Mary Vianney, who died August 4, 1859. It is a distinct honor for the Third Order of St Francis that he was one of its members.

Saint John Vianney was born in Dardilly, not far from Lyons, of simple and devout parents. Very early his pure heart experienced a burning desire to consecrate itself to God in the priestly vocation, and to win very many souls for our dear Lord. His talents were very meager; but his diligence and piety helped him to overcome all obstacles so that he was ordained in 1815.

Franciscan Third Order Secular

Feast Day: 4 August (Ordinary Form)
8 August ([Extraordinary Form](#))

Birth: 8 May 1786 Dardilly, Lyonnais, France

Death: 4 August 1859 (aged 73)
Ars-sur-Formans, Ain, France

Venerated: Roman Catholic Church

Canonized: 1925, Rome, Italy by Pope Pius XI

Major shrine: Shrine of St. John Vianney
Ars-sur-Formans, Ain, France

Patronage: [Parish priests](#); [Personal Apostolic Administration of Saint John Mary Vianney](#); [Archdiocese of Dubuque](#); [Confessors](#); [Archdiocese of Kansas City](#)

Three years later John's bishop sent him as curate to Ars, a little village in the diocese of Lyon. His parish was at the time in a very pitiable condition. The fear of God and the practice of virtue were rare things there. Attendance at divine services and the reception of the sacraments were quite generally neglected, and the young folks were mindful of nothing but amusement, a dance taking place practically every Sunday.

It was, therefore, with a heavy heart and yet with great confidence in God that the curate entered upon his duties. Saint John Vianney realized that God's help was his first great need. Throughout the entire day he knelt before the blessed sacrament and prayed for his erring sheep.

Saint John Marie Vianney (continued)

When a certain person, who was earning his livelihood by means of these dances, said to him, "But a person must live," the priest replied, "True, but one must also die."

Saint John Mary Vianney conducted the divine services with all possible solemnity, and this proved an attraction for the people. By means of frequent instructions, especially in catechism, he taught his parishioners about virtue and vice, and portrayed in vivid terms the reward God has reserved for the good and the punishment that will be inflicted on the wicked.

This good saint was tireless in administering the sacrament of penance, always showing not only great zeal but also practicing meekness and charity in an extraordinary degree. In a few years the parish was completely transformed. The few dissenting voices were entirely ignored, and their worldly attractions were not heeded.

The fame of the blessed success and the holy life of the priest of Ars spread rapidly. Strangers came in ever increasing numbers in order to have their consciences set aright and to obtain advice and consolation in every type of need.

From the year 1828 the concourse of people took on the semblance of organized pilgrimages; the number of strangers was estimated to be at least 20,000 annually. Numerous conversions of a most remarkable nature occurred, and many sick people were miraculously restored to health. These cures the humble pastor ascribed to the intercession of St Philomena, who was venerated in his church.

The demands made upon the servant of God were, naturally, very great. He spent from 16 to 18 hours a day in the confessional. Besides, he conducted a catechetical instruction in the church each day, and led the rosary every evening. Along with these superhuman exertions he also practiced rigorous mortification, fasted almost constantly, and slept on a board.

In his way he spent himself in the fullest sense of the word as a good shepherd, and labored for the salvation of souls until he was 74 years old.

Completely worn out, Saint John Vianney collapsed at the last day of May, 1859, and died peacefully in the Lord without any agony on August 4. His body was exhumed in 1859 due to the impending beatification, and was found to be incorrupt. His heart, later removed, was placed in a reliquary and is kept in a building known as the Shrine of the Cure's Heart.

Pope Pius X beatified St John Vianney and Pope Pius XI canonized him and made him the patron of all priests who have the care of souls.

[Roman Catholic Saints](#)

[Catholic Online](#)

[Franciscan Media](#)

[Incorrupt Heart US Tour](#) (Ended in June 2019)

[Patron Of Parish Priests](#)

[#HeartofaPriest](#)

Saint John Marie Vianney, pray for us!

The Admonitions of St Francis of Assisi

Admonition 28: – Secret treasures of the heart:
On the good that should be hidden lest it be lost.

Blessed is the servant who keeps the secrets of the Lord in his heart.

Blessed is the servant, who builds up treasures in heaven, which the Lord shows to him and under the appearance of a reward does not wish to display them for people, because the Most High himself will manifest his works to whomever he wishes.

Q1: How does Francis tell us that the inner workings of the Spirit is “not for show”?

Q2: How and why does Francis advise us not to become spiritual exhibitionists?

Q3: Should we, or God, do the appropriate revealing?

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

-Steve Carlson:

- For emotional healing for Elena and Lucia Carlson.

-Nancy Yount:

- For my sister, Karen, who is suffering from a rare form of dementia and her family
- For my brother Al and his struggles with Parkinson's
- For my friend's daughter Mackenzie who is suffering from an aggressive form of thyroid cancer.
- For the family of a young father killed in an ATV accident.

-Dave Garrett:

- For my daughter's struggle with her disabilities and children.
- For my son, Joshua's addiction recovery and return to the Church.

-Kent Reisberg:

- Birth of grandbaby!

-Andrea Walther:

- Speedy recovery of Maria Walther, daughter in law.

-Luis Alvarez:

- For our Franciscan Families, those members who are ill and alone.
- For an increase of vocations to all Franciscan communities.
- For an end to abortion, euthanasia and all offenses against human life.
- For the innocent bishops, priests, deacons, and all who work for the kingdom of Christ, who are going to suffer for the sins of others.
- That our children who have drifted from Holy Mother Church may return to the practice of the One True Faith.
- For our law enforcement personnel, that they may remain safe on and off duty.

-Joseph Norman:

- For my mother (Betty) and brother (Tom)

-Cecilia Padilla:

- Difficult, unforeseen circumstances.

- Sr. Kathleen Kluthe, OSF: repose of the soul of Mel Kluthe, her brother.

Calendar Of Events

Annual/Special Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Professions!!!!

October 5th, 2019
Monastery of St Clare

Chapter of Mats!

Saturday, August 17, 2019

See you there!
Monastery of St Clare
22625 Edgewater Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

Due to the closeness of the professions of our candidates - the Transitus will be cancelled. You may perform the ceremony on your own see Richard Beal, OFS for information or go on-line.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly Gathering - 3rd Sunday

Exceptions: (Please confirm before attending.)

- *Jun - Gathering is on the **4th Sunday**, due to Father's Day is on the 3rd Sunday
- **Aug - No Gathering scheduled -> Chapter of Mats- all are urged to be in attendance. Thank you in advance.**

Initial Formation at 11:30 am

Potluck at 1:00 pm

On-Going Formation at 1:30 PM

Council Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month *(Except in April/December when the Lenten/Advent Retreat will be held)*

On-Going Formation -

FRANCIS of ASSISI and the FUTURE of FAITH
ST. FRANCIS AS SPIRITUAL ROLE MODEL FOR
TODAY'S YOUNG ADULTS

- September 2019 Part 1 Ch. 5
- The closing is the Ritual for the following months: Feb., May, Aug[Chapter of Mats], Nov.
- For Mar., June, Sep., and Dec. - Liturgy of the Hours.
- For Jan, April, July, Oct.:Liturgy of the Twelve Our Fathers - please ensure that you bring your *Secular Franciscan Companion*

Initial Formation -

The Franciscan Journey:

- September 2019 Chapter 32