



SPIRITUS SANCTUS

Meeting Information:
St. Francis Catholic Church
Fourth Thursday of every month
5pm Eve Prayer; 5:30pm Mass
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

When the Spirit of truth comes He will guide you into all truth He will speak, He will declare and He will glorify.

Newsletter deadline: Within 15 days before the meeting! Please submit articles/photos to: Annie Knakmuhs, ofs, maz1741@gmail.com

You Can Share the Faith: Reaching Out One Person at a Time

by Karen Edmisten

If you think that the job of sharing our Catholic faith is for someone else, or that it is an invasive and pushy endeavor, author Karen Edmisten will tell you: it's neither of those things.

"[A Christian evangelist's] role is not coercion or a demand that everyone line up and become carbon copies of his admirable, Trinitarian-believing self. An authentic evangelist is far more interested in the very real person who's sitting next to him, talking about last night's thunderstorm or the Pixar movie he took his kids to see last week. He cares more about the living, breathing messy human beings than about fashioning religious clones. The evangelist chooses meaningful discussion over clever, well-timed lectures. In short, the evangelist shares his life - the spiritual life that Jesus Christ gave him."

While sharing your faith may look different during a pandemic, this could be an opportunity to reach out in a new way.;

-Excerpt, OSV, Catholic Bookstore



"Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— St. Francis of Assisi, p. 333 An Excerpt From Witness of the Saints; The Catholic Company Meditation of the Day.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE THE DAILY GIFT OF PRAYER to those on our fraternity Prayer Calendar. If you have misplaced yours, talk to Annie for another copy. Also keep those on the Franciscan prayer line in your prayers. May God bless you all for the generosity of your time.

ST. FRANCIS' WRITING ON THE EUCHARIST

Earlier Exhortation to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance (a.k.a. 1st Version of the Letter to the Faithful), 1209-1215 "All those who love the Lord with their whole heart, with their whole soul and mind, with their whole strength and love their neighbors as themselves, who hate their bodies with their vices and sins, who receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who produce worthy fruits of penance" (I, 1-4).

Later Admonition and Exhortation to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance (a.k.a. 2nd Version of the Letter to the Faithful), 1220? "We must, of course, confess all our sins to a priest and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from him. Whoever does not eat His flesh and drink His blood cannot enter the kingdom of God. But let him eat and drink worthily because anyone who receives unworthily, not distinguishing, that is, not discerning, the Body of the Lord, eats and drinks judgment on himself" (22-24).

The Admonitions (undated) "All those who see the sacrament sanctified by the words of the Lord upon the altar at the hands of the priest in the form of bread and wine, and who do not see and believe according to the Spirit and the Divinity that it is truly the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, are condemned. [This] is affirmed by the Most High Himself Who says: This is my Body and the Blood of my new covenant [which will be shed for many]; and Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life. It is the Spirit of the Lord, therefore, That lives in Its faithful, That receives the Body and Blood of the Lord. All others who do not share in this same Spirit and presume to receive Him eat and drink judgment on themselves. Therefore: children, how long will you be hard of heart? Why do you not know the truth and believe in the Son of God? Behold, each day He humbles Himself as when He came from the royal throne into the Virgin's womb; each day He Himself comes to us, appearing humbly; each day He comes

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down from the bosom of the Father upon the altar in the hands of a priest. As He revealed Himself to the holy apostles in true flesh, so He reveals Himself to us now in sacred bread. And as they saw only His flesh by the insight of their flesh, yet believed that He was God as they contemplated Him with their spiritual eyes, let us, as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, see and firmly believe that they are His most holy Body and Blood living and true. And in this way the Lord is always with His faithful, as He Himself says: Behold I am with you until the end of the age" (First Admonition, 8-22).

"Blessed is that servant who has faith in the clergy who live uprightly according to the rite of the Roman Church. Woe to those who look down upon them; for even though they be sinners, no one should judge them because the Lord alone reserves judgment on them to Himself. For just as their ministry is greater in its concerns for the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which they receive and they alone minister to others, so those who sin against them commit more of a sin than [if they had sinned] against all other persons in this world" (TwentySixth Admonition, 1-4). (Submitted by Esther Reagan)



"SISTERS AND BROTHERS, we are called to be messengers of perfect joy as Secular Franciscans, members of an evangelical order. We must ask ourselves, do our words, thoughts and actions exude Franciscan love and mercy so others experience Christ's love? Are you using your Franciscan senses? ~Excerpt from: REFLECTION ON OUR FRANCISCAN SENSES by Layna Maher, OFS (The full article originally appeared in the Spring 2020 Issue of the TAU-USA. Check it out on the NAFRA Website!)

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<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/> for the **TAU-USA**

Reading the TAU-USA helps increase our awareness of important Franciscan issues. The TAU articles both support and challenge us. Individually we are limited. But prompted by the Holy Spirit and practicing good dialogue, Franciscan fraternities can accomplish much.

"In various ways and forms, but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father (Francis of Assisi) in the life and mission of the Church."

OFS Rule – Article #1 / Issue 97, Spring, 2019 Excerpt

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS

"And so I beech the Minister General, my superior, to see that the Rule is observed faithfully by all, and that the clerics say the Office devoutly, not concentrating on the melody of the chants, but being careful that their hearts are in harmony -- so that their words may be in harmony with their hearts -- and their hearts with God. Their aim should be to please God by purity of heart, not to soothe the ears of the congregation by their sweet singing." -St. Francis of Assisi, "Letter to a General Chapter" (Submitted by Esther Reagan)

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For information on the Franciscan Retreat Center go to:
<https://franciscanretreats.net/>

JULY / AUG / SEPT

If we've missed your important date, my apologies; please let Annie know.

BIRTHDAY:

- July 09 - Judy Muehlbauer
- Aug 02 - Clara Perlinger
- Aug 14 - Cheryl Austin
- Aug 29 - Wanda Huber
- Aug 30 - Suzanne Grammer
- Sep 11 - Margaret Schrader
- Sep 12 - Rose Clack
- Sep 25 - John Kowalke



RITE OF ADMISSION:

PROFESSION:

- July 22 - John Kowalke, Judy Muehlbauer, Esther Reagan (2001)
- Aug 03 - Kathy Flansburg, Clara Perlinger, Pat Walsh (2019)
- Aug 25 - Annie Knakmuhs, Margaret Schrader, Colleen Seevers (2011)

WEDDINGS / ORDINATIONS / VOWS:

- July 28 - Suzanne ♥ Ron Grammar
- Aug 01 - Rose ♥ Deacon Jim Clack
- Aug 13 - Cindy McCarthy ♥ Deacon Tim Richardson†
- Aug 27 - Michelle ♥ Troy Johnson
- Aug 29 - Wanda ♥ Ron Huber and Paula ♥ Philip Brunt†
- Aug 31 - Sr. Karen Niedzielski (1959) final vows
- Sep 03 - Jan ♥ Rick Lothert
- Sep 05 - Richard ♥ Marlene Hansen
- Sep 14 - Annie ♥ Mike Knakmuhs