

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

Franciscan Saints/Blesseds of the Month

- 1 BL BEATRICE OF SILVA
2 BLS JOHN FRANCIS BURTE, SEVERIN GIRAULT & COMPANIONS
4 ST ROSE OF VITERBO
17 STIGMATA OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
18 ST JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO
20 ST FRANCIS MARY OF CAMPOROSSO
Francis Mary was born Giovanni Croese in December of 1804. When he entered the Capuchin novitiate he took on his new name. He was sent to the port city of Genoa where he dedicated himself to begging for alms for the brothers. Often Francis was harassed and even had stones thrown at him. When he responded with grace he attracted the esteem of the poor people of the port. His reputation for holiness grew widely. In 1866 cholera hit the city. Francis assisted the sick but soon contracted the disease himself and soon died. He was canonized in 1962.
23 FINDING THE BODY OF ST CLARE
26 ST ELZEAR OF SABRAN & BL DELPHINE

This month's Fraternity Gathering

September 20, 2020, 12:30 p.m. – Pot luck and Gathering

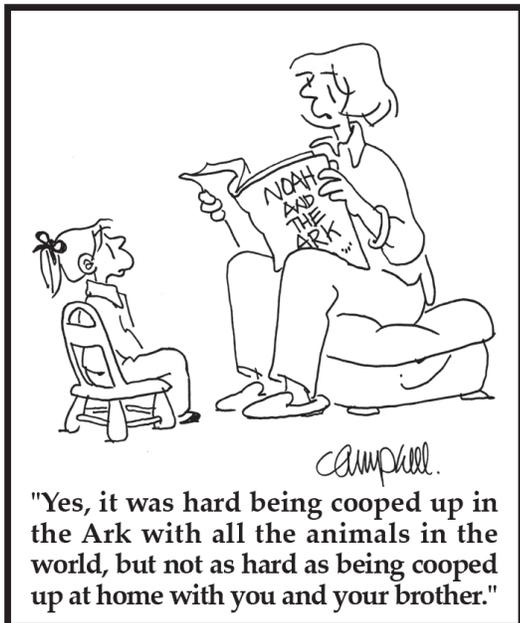
Holy Family Catholic Church, social hall
2430 West 3rd St., Duluth
Park in the west parking lot

Please review the Covid-19 safety protocols on the second page

Agenda:

- 1. Opening prayer – Franz
2. LotH – Barb
3. Gospel sharing – Keith
4. Ongoing Formation – Darlene: Reflection 18 in Live Like Francis
5. Transitus plans
6. Business
a. Approve minutes, assign ministries
b. Treasurer reports, bills, receipts
c. Formation report
d. JPIC report
7. Vocation and closing prayers

Next month's meeting: October 18, 2020.
Ongoing formation – Bob: USCCB pastoral letter "Open Wide Our Hearts."



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

September 21st is International coastal cleanup day... For over 30 years, communities have come together to remove trash from coastlines and waterways including ponds, lakes, and rivers. Together, these volunteers remove and catalogue mountains of litter every year. Your community is invited to join. To learn more, please visit Ocean Conservancy.

—Darlene

Gospel Reading, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mt 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I

Wisdom from Solanus Casey

- ❖ Charity is the fountain of supernatural confidence, of hope, of happiness.
- ❖ We are so weak in faith—setting limits to God's power and goodness.
- ❖ My pain was excruciating, and though I tried to thank God for it, my principal prayer was: "God help me!"



"Tonight we honor a man who gives new meaning to the phrase 'taking a moral stand.'"

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Request from Damiano

Do you have extra household items you can donate?

We are in need of dishes, silverware, pots & pans. We have a great need for sets of sheets, blankets, and towel sets. Please email Robin at rtomczak@damianocenter.org or call 218-727-1834 to schedule an appointment to drop off your donation. Thank you in advance! 😊

Guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health for community gatherings:

- Ask participants to review this screening survey: Have you had any of the following symptoms that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
 - ◆ Fever or feeling feverish?
 - ◆ Chills?
 - ◆ A new cough?
 - ◆ Shortness of breath?
 - ◆ A new sore throat?
 - ◆ New muscle aches?
 - ◆ New headache?
 - ◆ New loss of smell or taste?
- Strongly encourage all persons to wear masks
- Maintain at least six feet between people who do not live in the same household.
- Provide tissues for proper cough/sneeze etiquette, trash receptacles and hand sanitizer.
- Encourage participants to regularly wash and/or sanitize their hands.
- Routinely clean and disinfect all areas, such as offices, restrooms, common areas, etc.
- Refrain from singing or chanting.

Faith Matters: Reflections from your Spiritual Assistant

Here's a quick quiz: what do these people all have in common? An elderly woman with advanced Alzheimer's sits alone in a nursing home waiting for a familiar face. A single mother of three small children struggles to provide a stable home life for them. Low wage service workers cannot afford health insurance. Another group of workers attempts to organize a union to improve their wages and working conditions. College students protest the use of Styrofoam cups in their campus cafeteria. A convicted murderer awaits his fate on Death Row. A team of doctors and nurses travels to a Third World country to provide free medical care to the poor there.

Give up? All these people are subjects of a century-long development called Catholic Social Teaching. This body of teaching began in 1891 when Pope Leo XIII looked at the impact the industrial revolution was having on the lives of people, especially the poor and factory workers (who were usually the same in those days), and began to ask what a Gospel (good news) response would be to the situation. It was a 19th century version of "what would Jesus do?"

His response was to lay out principles based on the Gospels of what a just society should look like and called upon people everywhere to begin acting on them. Since then every Pope has added to and refined this teaching, as have bishops around the world. Many people, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, have called the body of Catholic social teaching the church's best-kept secret. Odds are that most Catholics are only vaguely aware of these teachings.

This teaching is focused on how all of us together can build a just society and live lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Seven main themes emerge from this teaching. As Secular Franciscans we see these themes written into our Rule. These themes, briefly stated, are:

- **The dignity of the human person at all stages of life**
- **The call to family, community, and full and free participation in society**
- **The rights and responsibilities we have as citizens in society**
- **The special obligation we have to help the poor and vulnerable**
- **The dignity of work and the rights of workers**
- **The solidarity we share with people of every nation, race, and faith**
- **The call to care for all of God's creation as good stewards**

I will be exploring these themes over the next several months as an effort to help all of us better understand them, and how we can live them out in our lives. Through the process I invite all of us to share our own wisdom for how we can work together to build a more just and peaceful world, community, Church, and fraternity. —Bob

From our "physically distanced" picnic and fraternity gathering at Franz and Liz's

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