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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

6° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Yo les digo: Todo el que se enoje con su hermano, será llevado también ante el tribunal". - Mt 5, 22

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Gospel Reflection

In today's first reading Isaiah speaks of the kind of fasting that God wants. Verse 5, just before what we hear today reads: "Is *this* the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves?" It's a rhetorical question! Rather, we are to share our bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and homeless, clothe the naked…" Sounds like what Jesus tells us about the criteria that will be used for the final judgment (Mt. 25).

And what do we get in return if we do these things? Our light will "break forth like the dawn" and when we call for help, the Lord will answer and say, "Here I am!" What a return on our investment!

Jesus tells us that WE are the light of the world, and that we are to let our light shine so that *others* might see the good that we do, and so give glory to God. The light that God places within each of us is not just for *us,* but is also to light the way for those who see us.

Is *your* light look like a bright match that burns bright for an instant and then is done? Or like a low-watt light bulb that's better than nothing? Or like those LED Christmas lights that *look* good but don't really *do* much good? Or is it a reflection of the light of Jesus?

Maybe it's time to recharge the batteries and shine a little (or a lot) brighter.

Reflexión del Evangelio

En la primera lectura de hoy, Isaías habla del ayuno que Dios quiere. Los dos versículos que preceden a lo que escuchamos proclamar hoy dicen: "¿Es este el tipo de ayuno que quiero, solo un día para que las personas se humillen?" ¡Es una pregunta retórica! Más bien, debemos compartir nuestro pan con los hambrientos, acoger a los oprimidos y a los sin hogar, vestir a los desnudos… Es lo mismo que Jesús nos dice acerca de los criterios que se utilizarán para el juicio final (Mt. 25).

¿Y qué recibimos a cambio si hacemos estas cosas? Nuestra luz "surgirá tu luz como la aurora" y cuando pidamos ayuda, el Señor responderá y dirá: "¡Aquí estoy!" ¡Qué ganancia de nuestra inversión!

Jesús nos dice que NOSOTROS somos la luz del mundo, y que debemos dejar que nuestra luz brille para que otros puedan ver el bien que hacemos, y así dar gloria a Dios. La luz que Dios pone dentro de cada uno de nosotros no es sólo para nosotros, sino que también es para iluminar el camino para aquellos que nos ven.

¿Tu luz es como un cerrillo que se quema brillante por un instante y luego se apaga? ¿O como una bombilla de bajo vatio que es mejor que nada? ¿O esas luces LED de Navidad que se ven bonitas pero realmente no hacen mucho bien? ¿O eres un reflejo de la luz de Jesús?

Tal vez sea hora de recargar las pilas y brillar un poco (o mucho) más.

Priestly Vesting Prayers

Washing hands
Give strength to my hands, Lord, to wipe away all stain, so that I may be able to serve Thee in purity of mind and body.

Amice
Lord, set the helmet of salvation on my head to fend off all the assaults of the devil.

Alb
Make me white, O Lord, and cleanse my heart; that being made white in the Blood of the Lamb I may deserve an eternal reward.

Cincture
Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity, and quench in my heart the fire of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide in me.

Stole
Lord, restore the stole of immortality, which I lost through the collusion of our first parents, and, unworthy as I am to approach Thy sacred mysteries, may I yet gain eternal joy.

Chasuble
O Lord, who has said, "My yoke is sweet and My burden light," grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace.

First Reading | A reading from the book of Sirach (15:15-20)

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin. . The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 119

℟. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

God the LORD has spoken and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. "Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you, for your burnt offerings are before me always." **℟.**

"Why do you recite my statutes, and profess my covenant with your mouth Though you hate discipline and cast my words behind you?" **℟.**

"You sit speaking against your brother; against your mother's son you spread rumors. When you do these things, shall I be deaf to it? Or do you think that I am like yourself? I will correct you by drawing them up before your eyes." **℟.**

Second Reading | A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10)

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,* this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
4:30 PM (SH) + John, Mark, Lori Pieper
6:30 PM (SH) + Pedro Padilla
+Hector Rafael Campos

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
8:30 AM (SH) + Rita Pomberg
10:00 AM (SH) + Tom Ross
11:30 AM (SH) + Raquel Gazca Perez
5:00 PM (SM) All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7:30 AM (SM) + Linda & Terry Dunham

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:30 AM (SM) + FR. Joe Deheman
+ Jerry Wilty

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:30 AM (SM) + Jerry Wilty
1:30 PM (IVH) + Russel Sellers

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
7:30 AM (SM) 62nd Wedding anniversary
Maria & Jose Yepez
Yepez-Martinez Family
8:45 AM (SH) + Philip Stalzer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
7:30 AM (SM) + Bob Scott

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
4:30 PM (SH) Bernice Dietzenbach
6:30 PM (SH) + Elsa Gonzalez Macias

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
8:30 AM (SH) + Mildred & Ervin
Bohnstenge
10:00 AM (SH) + Bea Czarske
11:30 AM (SH) + Raquel Garza Perez
5:00 PM (SM) All Parishioners

Primera lectura | Lectura del libro de Sirácides (15, 16-21)

Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos; permanecer fiel a ellos es cosa tuya. El Señor ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras. Delante del hombre están la muerte y la vida; le será dado lo que él escoja. Es infinita la sabiduría del Señor; es inmenso su poder y él lo ve todo. Los ojos del Señor ven con agrado a quienes lo temen; el Señor conoce todas las obras del hombre. A nadie le ha mandado ser impíoy a nadie le ha dado permiso de pecar. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos, Señor.**

Salmo Responsorial | Salmo 118

℟. Dichoso el que cumple la voluntad del Señor.

℟. Dichoso los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor.

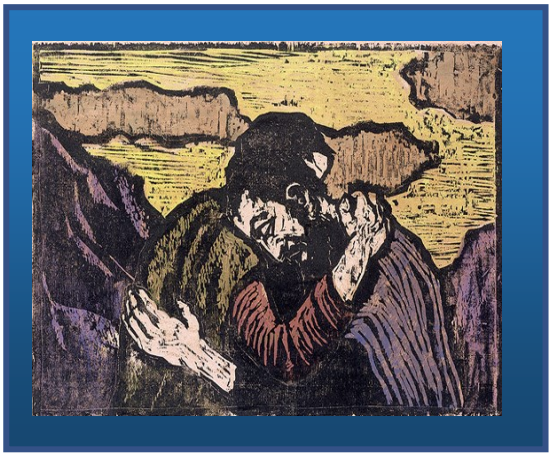
Segunda lectura | Lectura de la primera carta de San Pablo los Corintios (2, 6-10)

Hermanos: Es cierto que a los adultos en la fe les predicamos la sabiduría, pero no la sabiduría de este mundo ni la de aquellos que dominan al mundo, los cuales van a quedar aniquilados. Por el contrario, predicamos una sabiduría divina, misteriosa, que ha permanecido oculta y que fue prevista por Dios desde antes de los siglos, para conducirnos a la gloria. Ninguno de los que dominan este mundo la conoció, porque, de haberla conocido, nunca hubieran crucificado al Señor de la gloria. Pero lo que nosotros predicamos es, como dice la Escritura, que *lo que Dios ha preparado para los que lo aman, ni el ojo lo ha visto, ni el oído lo ha escuchado, ni la mente del hombre pudo siquiera haberlo imaginado*. A nosotros, en cambio, Dios nos lo ha revelado por el Espíritu que conoce perfectamente todo, hasta lo más profundo de Dios. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos, Señor.**

¡RUEGA POR LOS QUIEN ESTÁN PREPARANDO SER CATÓLICOS!

Gospel | A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment*. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery*. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce*. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful- causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow*. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**



Evangelio | Del santo Evangelio según San Mateo (5, 13-16)

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "No crean que he venido a abolir la ley o los profetas; no he venido a abolirlos, sino a darles plenitud. Yo les aseguro que antes se acabarán el cielo y la tierra, que deje de cumplirse hasta la más pequeña letra o coma de la ley. Por lo tanto, el que quebrante uno de estos preceptos menores y enseñe eso a los hombres, será el menor en el Reino de los cielos; pero el que los cumpla y los enseñe, será grande en el Reino de los cielos. Les aseguro que si su justicia no es mayor que la de los escribas y fariseos, ciertamente no entrarán ustedes en el Reino de los cielos. Han oído que se dijo a los antiguos: *No matarás y el que mate será llevado ante el tribunal*. Pero yo les digo: Todo el que se enoje con su hermano, será llevado también ante el tribunal; el que insulte a su hermano, será llevado ante el tribunal supremo, y el que lo desprecie, será llevado al fuego del lugar de castigo. Por lo tanto, si cuando vas a poner tu ofrenda sobre el altar, te acuerdas allí mismo de que tu hermano tiene alguna queja contra ti, deja tu ofrenda junto al altar y ve primero a reconciliarte con tu hermano, y vuelve luego a presentar tu ofrenda. Arréglate pronto con tu adversario, mientras vas con él por el camino; no sea que te entregue al juez, el juez al policía y te metan a la cárcel. Te aseguro que no saldrás de allí hasta que hayas pagado el último centavo. También han oído que se dijo a los antiguos: *No cometerás adulterio*. Pero yo les digo que quien mire con malos deseos a una mujer, ya cometió adulterio con ella en su corazón. Por eso, si tu ojo derecho es para ti ocasión de pecado, arráncatelo y tíralo lejos, porque más te vale perder una parte de tu cuerpo y no que todo él sea arrojado al lugar de castigo. Y si tu mano derecha es para ti ocasión de pecado, córtatela y arrójala lejos de ti, porque más te vale perder una parte de tu cuerpo y no que todo él sea arrojado al lugar de castigo. También se dijo antes: *El que se divorcie, que le dé a su mujer un certificado de divorcio*; pero yo les digo que el que se divorcia, salvo el caso de que vivan en unión ilegítima, expone a su mujer al adulterio, y el que se casa con una divorciada comete adulterio. Han oído que se dijo a los antiguos: *No jurarás en falso y le cumplirás al Señor lo que le hayas prometido con juramento*. Pero yo les digo: No juren de ninguna manera, ni por el cielo, que es el trono de Dios; ni por la tierra, porque es donde él pone los pies; ni por Jerusalén, que es la ciudad del gran Rey. Tampoco jures por tu cabeza, porque no puedes hacer blanco o negro uno solo de tus cabellos. Digan simplemente sí, cuando es sí; y no, cuando es no. Lo que se diga de más, viene del maligno". Palabra del Señor. **Gloria a ti, Señor Jesus.**

Prayer Partners | Compañeros de Oracion

Sister Parish Prayer Partners

During Lent, we'd like to invite you to become a "Lenten prayer partner" with an individual or with a family from our sister parish, St. Martín de Porres in Santiago de María, El Salvador. All ages are welcome to take part in this opportunity to pray with a brother or sister in El Salvador during Lent. To sign up, please contact Patty Bowman at 641-485-3087. Patty@bowmanandmillerpc.com. Provide your name, your age and your special intention, email address or phone number for a text. Please sign up before Tuesday, February 14.

Compañeros de Oración

Durante la Cuaresma, nos gustaría invitarlo a convertirse en un "compañero de oración de Cuaresma" con una persona o con una familia de nuestra parroquia hermana, San Martín de Porres en Santiago de María, El Salvador. Todas las edades son bienvenidas a participar en esta oportunidad de orar con un hermano o hermana en El Salvador durante la Cuaresma. Para inscribirse, comuníquese con Patty Bowman al 641-485-3087. Patty@bowmanandmillerpc.com. Proporcione su nombre, su edad y su intención especial, dirección de correo electrónico o número de teléfono para un mensaje de texto. Inscríbete antes del martes 14 de febrero.

Anuncios

First Communion (solo grados 2-6)

Reunión de padres:
domingo, 12 de febrero
Después de la misa a las 11:30 AM
Clase para estudiantes:
sábado, 18 de febrero
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM or
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Taller para todos los Ministros de Comunión y Lectores

domingo, 12 de febrero
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Iglesia Santa María

Acompáñanos a un taller para todos los ministros de comunión y lectores como anunciado al comienzo. Disculpe la confusion!

Rosario Antes de la Misa

Cada domingo a las 11:00 AM se reza el santo rosario antes de la misa. Las personas que lo dirigen son las siguientes:

12 de febrero: Paty Sánchez
19 de febrero: Ranulfo Sánchez
26 de febrero: Lupita Alonzo

A Note From Fr. Alan about Parish Staff Changes

Kelley Brennecke (Parish Business Manager) to retire end of March
Yesi Sanchez (Parish Secretary) to finish degree and become parish bookkeeper
Carrie Seberger (to finish Director of Communications role) and continue as Middle School Youth Minister
Hilda Santamaria (new hire) parish secretary and bulletin editor/director of communications
Jarret Heil (new hire) Director of Financial Operations for Parish and School

With the retirement of **Kelley Brennecke** at the end of March with over 20 years experience as the parish business manager, it prompted a shifting of parish staff roles. This position (which was two positions prior a few years ago) has been expanded back into two roles with more responsibilities. **Jarret Heil** who has experience as county treasurer will oversee financial operations of the parish and school. He will also serve as a project manager, endowment promotion, parish budget, office manager, and human resources manager. Jarret is also in formation to the diaconate.

Yesenia Sanchez is completing school for accounting and will move from her role as parish secretary to parish bookkeeper. This will be the first time we have a staff member able to answer financial questions in Spanish! She will manage accounts payable, billings, and donor entry.

Hilda Santamaria comes to our parish staff after years of working in the service industry - even working for a time in the lost baggage department at O'Hare and most recently at McFarland Clinic. She will also be taking on the role of parish secretary and bulletin editor.

All of these changes have helped to form an even more robust and faith-filled parish staff to meet the many diverse needs of our community. Thanks for your patience and please extend a warm welcome to these parishioners who have joined our staff!

~Fr. Alan Dietzenbach

Welcome to Jarret & Hilda | Bienvenidos a Jarret & Hilda

Jarret Heil

Where are you from?
Haverhill, Iowa. My family and I live in one of the houses I grew up in.

Tell us about your family
My wife, Dawna and I have 4 children: Lillian, Jack, Nolan and Duke.

What are you most looking forward to in your new position at St. Francis of Assisi Parish?
I'm very excited to continue the work that has been done in bridging our Catholic faith community and Catholic School together under one parish in Marshalltown. I'm looking forward to being a part of the planning and development to grow our parish which ultimately will foster deeper relationships with Jesus for our parishioners!

Favorite Hobbies:
Spending time with my wife Dawna, playing games with my children and going to their activities, running, and helping my dad on the farm.

Favorite Food: Pasta

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23:1-4 The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

¿De dónde eres?
Haverhill, Iowa. Mi familia y yo vivimos en una de las casas en las que crecí.

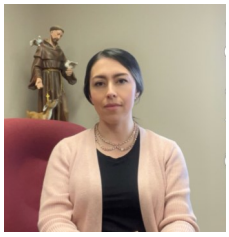
Cuéntanos de tu familia
Mi esposa Dawna y yo temenos cuatro hijos: Lillian, Jack, Nolan y Duke.

¿Qué es lo que más espera en su nuevo puesto en la Parroquia? Estoy muy emocionado de continuar el trabajo que se ha hecho para unir a nuestra comunidad de fe católica y la escuela católica bajo una sola parroquia. ¡Espero ser parte de la planificación y el desarrollo para hacer crecer nuestra parroquia, lo que finalmente fomentará relaciones más profundas con Jesús para nuestros feligreses!

Pasatiempos favoritos
Pasar tiempo con mi esposa Dawna, jugar con mis hijos e ir a sus actividades, correr y ayudar a mi papá en la granja.

Comida favorita: Pasta

Versículo bíblico favorito: Salmo 23:1-4
"El Señor es mi pastor; no hay nada que desee. En verdes pastos me hace descansar; a aguas de reposo me conduce; él restaura mi alma. Me guía por caminos rectos por amor de su nombre. Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte, no temeré mal alguno, porque tú estarás conmigo; tu vara y tu cayado me confortan."



Hilda Santamaria

Where are you from?
I was raised in Chicago, but I was born in Michoacan, MX.

Tell us About Your family
My husband, Alvaro, and I have 4 kids: Eduardo, Alexis, Andy, and Leo. We also have a beagle.

What are you most looking forward to in your new position at St. Francis of Assisi Parish?
I feel blessed for this opportunity. I am looking forward to learning new things and grow as a person.

Favorite Hobbies:
I love spending time with my family, baking, and anything that has to do with crafts.

Favorite Food: Pozole and mole

Favorite Bible Verse:
Philippians 4:6-7 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

¿De dónde eres?
Me crié en Chicago, pero nací en Michoacán, MX.

Cuéntanos de tu familia
Mi esposo Álvaro y yo tenemos 4 hijos. Eduardo, Alexis, Andy y Leo. También tenemos un beagle.

¿Qué es lo que más espera en su nuevo puesto en la Parroquia? Me siento bendecida por esta oportunidad. Tengo muchas ganas de aprender cosas nuevas y crecer como persona.

Pasatiempos Favoritos
Me encanta pasar tiempo con mi familia, hornear y todo lo que tenga que ver con las manualidades.

Comida Favorita: Pozole y mole

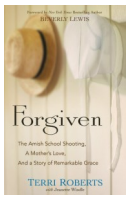
Versículo bíblico favorito: Filipenses 4:6-7
"No os preocupéis por nada; en cambio, oren por todo. Dile a Dios lo que necesitas, y agradécele por todo lo que ha hecho. Entonces experimentarás la paz de Dios, que supera todo lo que podemos entender. Su paz guardará sus corazones y mentes mientras viven en Cristo Jesús."

WELCOME
BIENVENIDOS

Announcements

First Communion (For Grades 2-6)
Parent Meeting: Sunday, February 12
After 10:00 AM Mass (English)
Student Class: Saturday February 18
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM or
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

February Book Study
Forgiven by Terri Roberts
Tuesdays, February 14, 21, 28
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Madonna Room



On October 2, 2006 a school shooting in an Amish school left an entire community in shock. In Forgiven, Terri Roberts recounts her childhood and her life as a mother and wife in the aftermath of this event. You can purchase the book through Amazon. For questions, call Kathy Airey at 641-750-5504.

Ride to 8:30 AM Mass
We have a family of seven would like a ride to 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday mornings. Please contact the parish office to offer your help!

World Marriage Day
Sunday, February 12

Worldwide Marriage Encounter honors the Sacrament of Marriage and all those who have chosen this vocation. We pray for all married couples and we remember those couples who have gone before us. We also pray for all who have lost a spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is committed to offer the opportunity for couples to strengthen their relationship with God and each other. Upcoming weekend experiences are April 22-24 in Epworth and Sept 22-24 in Dubuque. Call 563-920-9419 for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

CEW 2023

Christian Experience Weekend 2023
Women's Weekend: Feb. 24-26
Men's Weekend: March 3-5
Pilgrim Heights Retreat Center
Register today at **www.st-francis.net/cew**. Make 2023 the year you decide to put your faith at the forefront and commit to a weekend away to grow deeper in your relationship with God and others in our faith community. This dynamic retreat happens just 15 miles east of Marshalltown. Invite your friends!

Announcements

Do you feel drawn to the spirituality of St. Francis or St. Clare?
Zoom Orientations
February, 18, March 11 & April 1
10:00 AM

Are you looking to deepen your Catholic faith? Do you want to draw nearer to God or to become more Christ-like? If so, you may have a vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS). We are a fraternity of Catholic men and women (married and single) who live and work in the world while living the Gospel life. St. Francis of Assisi established the Secular Franciscan Order more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work by our actions and use words only if needed.

If you feel called to a secular vocation, if you wish to learn more or want to explore this way of life, you may be interested in attending three virtual Orientation Sessions (via Zoom) that are sponsored by the San Damiano Fraternity (see dates above). For more information, please contact Julie Stern, OFS at 641.750-3302 or email: julesterling@gmail.com.

Pray the Rosary

Rosary for Children Away from the Church
Tuesday evenings
5:00 PM *
St. Mary Church

Are you suffering because your children have left the church, argue about going to Mass, or you are just worried about the direction your kids are choosing? Join with other parishioners to pray the rosary together. You are welcome to come occasionally or every week. *Note time change.

Rosary for Conversion of Russia and Peace in Ukraine
Thursday nights
7:30 PM
St. Mary Church

You might have read recently that the world's nuclear clock, a measurement of the danger for nuclear war, has moved to 90 seconds before midnight, the nearest point that it has ever been to predicting the possibility of such a disaster. Our Blessed Mother asked at Fatima that the world pray the Rosary for the conversion of Russia and for peace. At no time has there been a greater need than today. Jesus told us that where one or more are gathered in His name, He is there with us. Please join your fellow parishioners and Jesus to pray for the conversion of Russia and peace in our world.