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Quasiquicentennial celebration

St. Dennis Celebrated 125 years on Saturday, May 19th: 125 years and one day since the first church was blessed in 1893. Michael Warfel, bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings presided at the St. Dennis Church, Crow Agency, Montana.

The bishop also confirmed candidates, who also received First Communion from the parishes of Our Lady of Loretto, St. Dennis and Pretty Eagle Catholic Academy. A festive dinner followed in the St. Dennis Hall.



(L-R) Bishop Brondel, Rev. Bandini SJ, (standing), Fr. Cataldo, SJ (sitting) and Fr. Prando SJ (standing). The person sitting next to the bishop is unknown.



In 1968, Noel Hedrich, became the first Capuchin at St. Dennis, after the accepted pastoral leadership. Hedrich served until 1974. His successor, Raymond Kopka, served as pastor from 1974 to 1983. Capuchin pastors that followed included John Guimond, and Joachim Strupp. Charles Robinson arrived in 1987 and served for twenty-seven years. Mark Joseph Costello serves as the current pastor, Tien Dinh, serves the parish with Bill Frigo in retirement at St. Katharine Friary. Jerry Cornish is also a member of the St. Katharine Community. Jerry coordinates the children's Liturgy of the Word for the parish, an extension of his teaching in the local Catholic School. Bill Frigo is often helping out in the area parishes including St. Dennis.

The Catholic presence at Crow Agency began as a station of St. Francis Xavier Indian Mission, led by Louis Taelman, S.J. This mission continued under Jesuit leadership for the next seventy years. The original church was called St. Simon and was blessed in 1893.

In 1899 it was considered a mission of St. Xavier. In 1915 it was named Immaculate Conception. From 1921 to 1928 it was considered a mission of St. Joseph in Hardin, Montana. It again became a mission of St. Francis Xavier, where it was pastored by Jesuit priests until the 1960s. In 1939 the name was again changed, this time to St. Denis. The French spelling of the name originally probably relates to funding from the Marquette League in Michigan.



Confirmation class

2018 Inter-Provincial Postulancy Program



Top Row (L to R): Aldrae Cruz (ABVM); Luke Kim (SA); Joe Morton (SA); Duy Tran (ABVM); Luis Vallhonrat (SSF); Martin Ngo (MMGS); John Pham (SA); Andrew Corriente (SA); Middle Row: (Francisco) Javier Rodriguez (SJ); Miguel Ramirez (SSF); Heherson Alarde (ABVM); Brandon Berg (SC); Artie Vasquez (OLA); Brendan Bourizk (ABVM); Nick Pearce (OLA); Bottom Row: MJ Groark (SJ); Jessie Quintanilla (SC); Seth Dwyer (SA); Bill Gillum (SA); Jim Froehlich (SA); Jarred Elbaghd (ABVM).

NAPCC: (ABVM) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Australia); (C-SS) Custody-Star of the Sea (Guam-Hawaii); (C-SJB) Custody-Saint John the Baptist (Puerto Rico); (MMGS) Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd (Central Canada-Toronto); (OLA) Our Lady of Angels (Western America); (SA) Saint Augustine (Pennsylvania); (SC) Saint Conrad (Mid-America); (SH) Sacred Heart (Québec); (SJ) Saint Joseph (Mid-West); (SM) St Mary [Immaculate Heart of Mary] (NY); (SSF) Stigmata of St Francis (NJ)

St. Francis Church repaired



Milwaukee sustained some strong winds in mid-April that proved to be the last straw for some of the St. Francis Church structure. The church was built in 1876, and after decades of weather and wind and age, stone boulders have begun to break away from the outside church structure. Damage was done to the church roof itself as the boulders crashed to the ground. Work is in progress to repair the damage done and assure safety for all who use the church. The workers are in awe at the age and beauty of the structure itself. (NB: the choir room behind the church is the oldest Capuchin building still standing in North America.)



OFM Friars Vote to Recommend One U.S. Province



Voicing their support for the revitalization of Franciscan life in the US, six provinces of the Order of Friars Minor have voted to form one new organization. On May 30, the friars of each of the six provinces voted at meetings in their communities to support the formation of one new organization. It will comprise the almost 1,000 Catholic Franciscan friars belonging to the existing six provinces, and will be headquartered in a yet-to-be-determined location.

"The new entity will better serve the friars' fraternal life and mission in the United States by making adjustments to the current administrative structure," said Jack Clark Robinson, OFM, the provincial minister of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province.

Like many other religious communities throughout the United States, the Franciscans are facing a reduction in its members. During the 1960s and 1970s, the number of Friars Minor in the United States peaked at 3,252, but today the numbers are down below 1,000 friars.

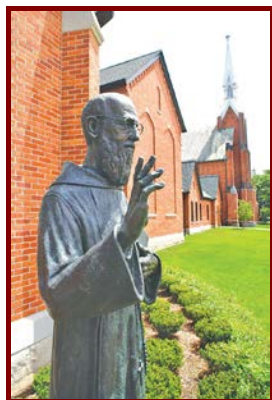
The reconfiguration will not happen immediately. The next step in the process is to obtain approval to unify from the order's minister general, Friar Michael Perry. Should he decide that such a reconfiguration would be helpful to Franciscan life and ministry, he will appoint a delegate to visit the friars in the United States. If his delegate's report is favorable, it is expected that the process of reconfiguration will move forward.

House of Peace Celebrates Poets

Capuchin Community Services' poets gathered recently with Linda Barnes and David Hirt to receive copies of Capuchin Community Services' *Poets: Raising Voices*. The book is a collection of poems written by guests who regularly attend David's poetry workshop held at the House of Peace. "I can feel the love," Bernadette Williams shouted as she paged through the book. David dedicated the book of poems to the people of Milwaukee, especially in those areas served by the Capuchin Friars and their partners in ministry. "We are trying to raise up voices that have not been heard before," he explained.



Capuchin Community Services' Poets!



Solanus Center Offers Bi-Lingual Service

On May 6th the Capuchins began offering a Spanish-language blessing of the sick prayer service, the first Sunday of each month. Alfredo Gundrum will be leading the bi-lingual service.

"Solanus Casey would want us to be as inclusive as possible," David Preuss, Solanus Casey Center director, said. "We are most fortunate to have Alfredo join the center's preaching staff after serving decades in a Spanish speaking parish in Chicago."



- Bertin Samsa has entered hospice care.
- The mother-in-law of Jessica Growchowski underwent a lumpectomy for breast cancer.
- Kathleen Holbrook, aunt of Steven Kropp, died recently.
- Dan Fox is gradually improving, and is very grateful for the prayers and support.
- The mother of Anthony Kote-Witah is improving. He is grateful for the prayers.
 - Bill Cieslak's hip replacement surgery was successful. He is grateful for all the prayerful support.
- Rita Petrie is grateful for all the prayers and cards sent during the time of her surgery.
- Our thanks to all the friars and friends who reached out during the recent illness and death of Betty. Your prayers and thoughts were a great source of consolation. ~ Art and Bill Hugo
- Dave Funk's surgery was successful, and he is grateful for the prayerful support.

**Prayer
changes
everything.**

June
please be sweet

13 **Anthony Scannell (N)**
Robert Udulutsch (B)
Larry LaCross (B)

17 **Muthu Savariappan (B)**

19 **Juneteenth**

20 **World Refugee Day**

21 **Glenn Gessner (B)**

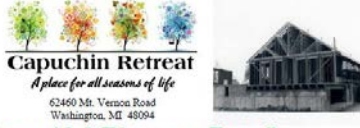
26 **Esther Boehnlein (B)**

29 **Paul Reichling (N)**
Bernard Wagner (B)

July ★★





1 **Oliver Bambenek (N)**

6 **Joan Wilichowski (B)**
Tien Dinh (B)



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Event times

- 1 – 5pm Open House Celebration (rain or shine) with tours, games, & activities for kids
- 1:15 pm Rededication of the cornerstone by Bishop Gumbleton and a House Blessing
- 1:30 – 3:30 light picnic-style lunch provided

Parking is available at Saints John & Paul Catholic Church located at 7777 28 Mile Rd., Washington, MI 48094, where we will be offering continuous free shuttle service to and from the Retreat House.

Please see our website for more information www.capretreat.org or call 248 651-4826.



More Than Enough
By Marge Piercy

The first lily of June opens its red mouth.
All over the sand road where we walk
multiflora rose climbs trees cascading
white or pink blossoms, simple, intense
the scene drifting like colored mist.

The arrowhead is spreading its creamy
clumps of flower and the blackberries
are blooming in the thickets. Season of
joy for the bee. The green will never
again be so green, so purely and lushly

new, grass lifting its wheaty seedheads
into the wind. Rich fresh wine
of June, we stagger into you smeared
with pollen, overcome as the turtle
laying her eggs in roadside sand.

