



Easter 2024

Our Lenten Practice

*Look deep into my heart.
Are my actions creating
disharmony or unity in
relationships within community
and my ministry of prayer?*

To our dear families and friends,

As we give you thanks for all your love, prayers and unwavering support for our life of prayer, we also want you to know that we pray for you always, for peace and joy to fill your heart and homes at this time of Holy Week and Easter Season.

A Christmas without snow was a blessed time for us and our many friends as it made it possible for them to come and join for our Christmas Eve celebration with Fr. Bill Farris, OFM. The celebration was highlighted after communion through the passing of the Infant Jesus by Sr. Anna Marie while Sr. Rita played Christmas hymns on her harp. Everyone deeply touched, gazing and adoring the Child Jesus. After Mass, we had a reception in our Meeting Room with coffee, punch and cookies baked by the Sisters. Our Christmas Day Mass was joyfully officiated by Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM. It made our Christmas wonderful, seeing more of our friends again.

On January 2, 2024, we made a Christmas visit to Sr. Jane Marie, OSC who is now living at the Franciscan Oldenburg Motherhouse in Indiana. She moved there after our Evansville monastery had closed.



Christmas visit with Sr. Jane Marie, osc

Christmas Eve Mass celebration

Most of the sisters planned to attend Br. John Barker, OFM's Deaconate Ordination in Oldenburg, IN on January 20, 2024. However, it snowed overnight. We experienced our first major snow this winter, so only one car was able to go. Sr. Pia drove the car downhill to check if the driveway was passable but unfortunately,



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With Deacon John Barker, OFM and Sr. Mary Paul (far right) visiting from Andover, MA



The newly-elected leadership from L-R Sr. Luisa, Sr. Pia, Sr. Vickie

it was not. The sisters had to walk down to get in the car. Once on the freeway, there was no problem. The Mass was beautiful and we were grateful for the opportunity to witness such a meaningful event for our brother. Br. John officiated as Deacon for the first time here at the monastery on February 6, 2024.

Everything comes to an end. After more than 25 years of accompaniment, enhancing our chant for the Liturgy of the Hours, and singing hymns and worship during Mass, our organ in the chapel is dying. It's life span has faded, with unstable sounds and non-functional keys. We are reaching out to you and to humbly make an appeal to join us in raising funds for a new organ. We are thankful for whatever you can do to help us.

On March 11, 2024, we held our Chapter of Elections. Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM officiated , assisted by Br. Vince Delorenzo, OFM. We have new leadership with the following sisters elected: Abbess: Sr. Mary Pia Malaborbor, OSC; Vicaress: Sr. Vickie Griner, OSC and Councilor: Sr. Luisa Bayate, OSC. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their three-year term of office. We are grateful to our Visitators for our Chapter, namely: Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM, Vicar Provincial of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province and Sr. Mary Connor, OSC, President of Holy Name Federation.

As the Lenten season came early this year, so does Easter. During this Lent, we journey in our hearts with those who are suffering because of war and devastation. We keep them in our prayers in our every intention. May this Easter time bring hope for the hopeless, comfort for the sorrowing, reconciliation to broken relationships, forgiveness for all our sins and shortcomings. Together, let us experience the Risen Lord and sing our Alleluias of resurrection. The Lord is Risen. Indeed!

We wish you all a very Blessed and Happy Easter!

Your Cincinnati Poor Clares,

Alma, Ann, Anna Marie, Anthony, Beatrice, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Rita and Vickie



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