



Oblates of St. Benedict

St. Scholastica Monastery



September/October 2020



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Dear Oblates,

Since the pandemic is still going strong, Sister Maria and I decided to send out articles for you to read. You will find the first one in this newsletter.

We had first thought about doing the meetings by ZOOM, but decided against that because many oblates do not have that capability and we did not want to leave anyone out. However there is always an exception. In October, Sister Rachel Dietz will give the talk she had prepared for March but was not able to give due to the pandemic. Copies of the presentation will also be emailed so no one is left out. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, 479-312-7748.

We pray all of you are well and have had a good summer. This pandemic has put a damper on our ways of living. I hope you all have found satisfactory ways of coping. Sister Rachel has volunteered to listen and give encouragement to anyone who wants or desires to talk about their situation. You may call her at 479-221-7206

Sister Hilary



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Psalm 145:8-14 Luke 4:31-37	2 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Psalm 33:12-15, 20-21 Luke 4:38-44	3 St. Gregory the Great 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 5:1-11	4 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Luke 5:33-39	5 St. Teresa of Calcutta 1 Corinthians 4:6-15 Psalm 145:17-21 Luke 6:1-5
6 Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20	7 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Psalm 5:5-7, 12 Luke 6:6-11	8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Micah 5:1-4 <i>or</i> Romans 8:28-30 Psalm 13:6 Matthew 11:16, 18-23	9 St. Peter Claver 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Psalm 45:11-12, 14-17 Luke 6:20-26	10 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13 Psalm 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24 Luke 6:27-38	11 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27 Psalm 84:3-6, 12 Luke 6:39-42	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18 Luke 6:43-49
13 Sirach 27:30—28:7 Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17	15 Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31 Psalm 100:1-5 John 19:25-27 <i>or</i> Luke 2:33-35	16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian 1 Corinthians 12-31—13:13 Psalm 33:2-5, 12, 22 Luke 7:31-35	17 St. Robert Bellarmine 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 28 Luke 7:36-50	18 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Psalm 17:1, 6-8, 15 Luke 8:1-3	19 St. Januarius 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 Psalm 56:10-14 Luke 8:4-15
20 Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16	21 St. Matthew Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Psalm 19:2-5 Matthew 9:9-13	22 Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Luke 8:19-21	23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina Proverbs 30:5-9 Psalm 119:29, 72, 101, 104, 163 Luke 9:1-6	24 Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Luke 9:7-9	25 Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Psalm 144:1-4 Luke 9:18-22	26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8 Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Luke 9:43-45
27 Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 25:4-9 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32	28 St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Job 1:6-22 Psalm 17:1-3, 6-7 Luke 9:46-50	29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 <i>or</i> Revelation 12:7-12 Psalm 138:1-5 John 1:47-51	30 St. Jerome Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Psalm 88:10-15 Luke 9:57-62			



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				1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Job 19:21-27 Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14 Luke 10:1-12	2 The Holy Guardian Angels Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14 Matthew 18:1-5, 10	3 Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Luke 10:17-24
4 Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43	5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos Galatians 1:6-12 Psalm 111:1-2, 7-10 Luke 10:25-37	6 St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher Galatians 1:13-24 Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15 Luke 10:38-42	7 Our Lady of the Rosary Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 Psalm 117:1-2 Luke 11:1-4	8 Galatians 3:1-5 Luke 1:69-75 Luke 11:5-13	9 St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi Galatians 3:7-14 Psalm 111:1-6 Luke 11:15-26	10 Galatians 3:22-29 Psalm 105:2-7 Luke 11:27-28
11 Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23:1-6 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14	12 Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Psalm 113:1-7 Luke 11:29-32	13 Galatians 5:1-6 Psalm 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Luke 11:37-41	14 St. Callistus I Galatians 5:18-25 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 11:42-46	15 St. Teresa of Jesus Ephesians 1:1-10 Psalm 98:1-6 Luke 11:47-54	16 St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alocoque Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Luke 12:1-7	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch Ephesians 1:15-23 Psalm 8:2-7 Luke 12:8-12
18 Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21	19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions Ephesians 2:1-10 Psalm 100:1-5 Luke 12:13-21	20 St. Paul of the Cross Ephesians 2:12-22 Psalm 85:9-14 Luke 12:35-38	21 Ephesians 3:2-12 Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 12:39-48	22 St. John Paul II Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Luke 12:49-53	23 St. John of Capistrano Ephesians 4:1-6 Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 12:54-59	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret Ephesians 4:7-16 Psalm 122:1-5 Luke 13:1-9
25 Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40	26 Ephesians 4:32—5:8 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 13:10-17	27 Ephesians 5:21-33 Psalm 128:1-5 Luke 13:18-21	28 Sts. Simon and Jude Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalm 19:2-5 Luke 6:12-16	29 Ephesians 6:10-20 Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10 Luke 13:31-35	30 Philippians 1:1-11 Psalm 111:1-6 Luke 14:1-6	31 Philippians 1:18-26 Psalm 42:2-3, 5 Luke 14:1, 7-11



Obituaries

Sister Ethel Marie Sonnier

January 13, 1935 – June 14, 2020



Sister Ethel Marie Sonnier, age 85, died June 14, 2020, at Chapel Ridge Health & Rehab in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The family of John L. Sonnier and Isabelle Thibodeaux Sonnier welcomed their daughter, Ethel Marie, into their family January 13, 1935, in Church Point, Louisiana. Sister Ethel Marie entered Immaculate Conception covenant in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 2, 1950. On June 17, 1973, she transferred her vows to St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Sister Ethel Marie taught at St. Anne's High School in Fort Smith and for one year served as religion teacher at St. Gabriel Parish in Kansas City, Missouri and for eight years at Maria Immaculata School in Houma, Louisiana. For nineteen years, she served on the core team at Hesychia House of Prayer in New Blaine, Arkansas. In 2014 she moved to the monastery infirmary and

later to Chapel Ridge Health and Rehab in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sister Ethel Marie's gentle and quiet presence and deep spirituality endeared her to many. She loved playing the guitar and composed many spiritual songs. She became involved in clowning ministry and loved to dress up as 'Tot' and perform simple mime programs at the monastery and in area nursing homes. She had a deep love for her French Acadian heritage.

Sister Ethel Marie is survived by her sister, Clara Darbonne, many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews, and members of her Benedictine family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Allen Joseph Sonnier and Wilber Joseph Sonnier; and five sisters, Rosa Mae S. Williams, Marie Louise Sonnier, Mary Leora S. Oakley, Mattie D. Sonnier, and Betty Ann S. Sparks.

The Mass for Christian Burial for Sister Ethel Marie will be held at a later day due to Covid-19. Memorials may be made to St. Scholastica Monastery Continuing Care Fund, PO Box 3489, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Sister Audrey Becker

October 5, 1930 - August 13, 2020



Sister Audrey Becker, age 89, died August 13, 2020, at Chapel Ridge Health and Rehab in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The family of Aloysius and Regina (Schmitz) Becker welcomed their daughter, Mildred Loraine Elizabeth, into their family on October 5, 1930 in Paris, Arkansas. The death of her mother when she was a young girl had a lasting impact on her life. Upon being received at St. Scholastica Convent on June 24, 1947 she took the name Sister Mary Audrey Becker. Sister Audrey was a member of the monastic community for seventy-four years. She taught at St. Meinrad's School in Prairie View, St. Winand's School in McGhee, Sts. Peter and Paul School in Morrison Bluff, St. Vincent DePaul School in Rogers, St. Vincent's School in Hattiesville, St. Mary's

School in Altus, St. Boniface School in Fort Smith, and St. Joseph School in Paris, Arkansas. She also taught at St. Gabriel School in Kansas City and St. Francis De Sales School in Lebanon, Missouri, as well as St. Martin De Porres

School in Amarillo, and Nazareth School in Nazareth, Texas. As a young sister, in first profession, she served her community as sacristan.

Following a forty year teaching career, Sister Audrey served as Assistant to the Director of St. Scholastica Center. From 2001 until 2015, she served as the monastery Secretary/Treasurer. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education at Quincy College in Quincy, IL and her Master's Degree in religious education at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. Sister Audrey enjoyed cooking; one favorite recipe included her famous cashew chicken. She excelled at computers, and various kinds of arts and crafts. She was gifted in growing Christmas cactus plants. She was close to her family and loved to share stories of her many experiences. One of her stories was of her year of teaching 72 first graders at St. Boniface in the 1950's. She liked peanut butter, Native American dream-catchers, Payday candy bars, and playing games on her laptop.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Elizabeth (Schmitz) Becker; three brothers, Wilfred, Kenneth, and Steven Becker; her sister, Pat Brannon; her sister-in-law, Nancy Becker; and her brothers-in-law, Arland Perkins and Jerry Sax. She is survived by a brother, David Becker; her four sisters, Fran Perkins, Jean and Dr. Charles Holman, Jr. Deloris Sax, Glenda and Don Barnett, her sisters-in-law, Doris Becker and Lisa Becker; her many beloved nieces and nephews; and members of her Benedictine family.

Mass for Christian Burial for Sister Audrey will be held at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Fentress Mortuary in Fort Smith.

Memorials may be made to St. Scholastica Monastery Continuing Care Fund, 1315 S. Albert Pike Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72903.

Oblate Lisa Milzarek Ohlde

June 3, 1962 - August 13, 2020

Lisa Milzarek Ohlde died on August 13, 2020. Born on June 3, 1962 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Lisa lived at various times in Oklahoma, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Indiana, before returning to the Tulsa area in 2001.

Lisa worked in both hospitality and professional services firms. She was involved in church leadership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for much of her adult life. She was most recently a member at First Lutheran Church, Tulsa.

Lisa became acquainted with the Sisters at St. Scholastica's when she and a group of friends called the Stitching Sisters met at the Retreat Center periodically. Lisa became an Oblate, making her oblation on May 6, 2018.

Lisa is survived by her beloved husband, Robert Ohlde; three beloved sons, Benjamin Zamora-Weiss (Jessica), Andrew Milzarek (Juliauna Zewalk), and Jack Milzarek (Lindsey Chambers); a sister, Mary Harmon Bond; and two nieces, Britney and Breanne; and by a host of friends. She was the daughter of James and Sherry Harmon, both of whom preceded her in death.

No memorial service is planned during the pandemic.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jared Bryson: September 3
Alan Crowley: September 3
Rita Anderson: September 7
Debbie Sharum: September 7
Jeanette Redford: September 12
Barbara Morris: September 14
Jim Rogers: September 15
Patricia White: September 15
Beverly Couzzourt: September 16
Bernadette Guillen: September 16
Linda Nichols: September 16
Kristy Fuller: September 18
Christine Rhea: September 18
Mary Ann Arnold: September 19
Matthew Mayeux: September 19
Rose Bray: September 20
Candy Foster: September 21
Patricia Grabber: September 22
Amy King: September 22
John Furstenberg: September 25
Louise Rogers: September 26
Brenda Stanley: September 26
Kathy Jarvis: September 27
Helen Campsey: September 29

Mark Elsen: October 1
Cecilia Horn: October 6
Karen Williams: October 6
Katherine Barnhart-Thrift: October 7
Kevin Eveld: October 7
Julie Hynes: October 7
Rose Lange: October 7
Sandra Renfrow: October 7
Linda Boen: October 8
Sandy Gass: October 9
Margarert Wissmueller: October 9
James Woolsey: October 9
Frances B. Beck: October 10
Ann McElmurry: October 10
Dorothy Sullivan: October 11
Diana Smith: October 14
Judy Jacobs: October 15
Lou Anne Dillard: October 17
Mary Jo Rounsaville: October 19
Janet Elsea: October 22
Karen Prejean: October 23
Gary Hunnicutt: October 24
Jo Marie Brown: October 28
Ann Wiggins: October 28
Frances R. Beck: October 29

Please join us in praying for our
world, may we find health and unity
once again.