

## **Saint David Fraternity**

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We at Saint David Fraternity, are extremely excited to be sending this letter to all our surrounding OFS Fraternities! Saint David Fraternity in Washington, Michigan is requesting that we all come together at Saint Joseph Chapel and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Pontiac on March 25<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of the Annunciation, for Mass and fellowship afterwards.

The purpose is threefold:

1. To support Our Franciscan Priest Father Alex Kratz in his endeavors to bring awareness and to promote the newly opened Shrine that has been (grand opening), since Sept. 8, 2018.
2. To bring all of us OFS Members together and celebrate Mass and share some camaraderie together in Christ.
3. To pray for Father Alex's Intentions for the needs of the Shrine, and property.

Father does not receive monies from the Archdioceses, all monies come from people like you and me. We, at Saint David Fraternity do four Franciscan Outreaches a year. What better way than to reach out and help our Franciscan Priest, and help promote Saint Joseph Chapel and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Pontiac.

We are so proud of Father Alex, who took on this Holy-Inspired large project to renovate the 1940 Chapel and raised monies to open the doors in 2018.

We might not be able to hand him a check for 100 grands, but with our prayers and coming together to give exposure to this beautiful Shrine, Our Lady can work miracles! One might know someone who has a business for putting in parking lots, which is his big on-going request.

Whatever God's will be for the Shrine we trust Him truly with our prayers and coming together as OFS to support Our Lady's Shrine on The Feast of the Annunciation! What a beautiful way to honor Our Lady than to come together in hope and support of Our Franciscan Priest, and Saint Joseph Chapel and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Pontiac.

We will meet on the March 25, at 11:30am, pray the Rosary, Mass will follow at Noon. This year we won't have a reception with food, due to limited numbers.

Please pray about this and let's us come together with our love and support of Father and the Shrine. Our main goal is to celebrate Mass together, and ask Our Lady for the intercession of the needs of Saint Joseph Chapel and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Also, you can go online and learn about the history, and dates and miracles that took place there, it's very interesting!

Something that I read; I will share—On Dec. 8, 1951—Third Order of Francis was erected in Saint Joseph Church by the Rev. Father Blaze Gitzen, OFM. Cap., of Saint Bonaventure Monastery, Detroit. You can read more, just go online.

PS: To give Father Alex a count of how many people will be coming, call Cherry Iudiciani on my mobile---248-630-6616, or send an email at diudic@aol.com. I would like to have your RSVP by Mach 12<sup>th</sup>. COVID-19 safety measures will be in place. Anyone who needs a seat in the front due to physical problems, we will have reserved seating, Just let me know.

Our Lady of Knock, Pray for Us!

Sincerely, Leigh Lentine, OFS, Minister

Saint David Fraternity.