

Franciscan Spirituality for the 21st Century



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Dates: Topics - Speakers

Oct 1, 2011: The History & Symbolism of the San Damiano Cross - Fr Niles Kauffman, ofm cap

Nov 5: The ABC's of Franciscan Spirituality - Fr. Bill Cieslak, ofm cap

Dec 3: The Franciscan Understanding of Christmas - Fr. Bill Cieslak, ofm cap

Jan 7, 2012: Sister/Brotherhood: The Foundation of Franciscanism - Fr. Bill Hugo, ofm cap

Feb 4: The Role of Clare of Assisi in Franciscan Spirituality
- Sr. Joann Schatzlein, osf

Mar 3: The Timeliness of St. Francis in our Day - Fr. Jerry Kessel, ofm cap

Apr 14: Francis and Healing - Fr. Ron Smith, ofm cap

May 5: What is the House that Needs repair? - Fr. Mike Crosby, ofm cap

Dear Friends,

Thanks for picking up this booklet. We have an exciting program to offer you this season at Capuchin Retreat.

We Capuchins are proud of our rich heritage based on the spirituality of Sts. Francis and Clare. For over 800 years it has inspired and guided millions of lay people, religious and priests. Yet this good news still needs to get to more people in an age of violence, greed and poverty.

*We are eager to offer you and your fiends the opportunity to understand **Franciscan Spirituality**. We are convinced that your embrace of Francis and his 'way of life' will change your way of life and enrich you and your family, neighborhood and workplace. Please read this booklet and join us on the First Saturday of the month. You will not regret it.*

Peace

*Fr. Ken Reinhart, ofm cap
Director*

Cost: \$35/Session, or \$245 for all 8 sessions when paid in advance (you get one session free)

Time: 12:45 p.m. – Registration
1:00 p.m. – First Conference
5:15 p.m. – Sunday Liturgy (for those who wish)

Place: Capuchin Retreat Conference Room 2

Oct 1, 2011 – The History & Symbolism of the San Damiano Cross

Fr. Niles Kauffman, ofm cap



Explanation of Topic

1. When and why devotion to the cross began
2. How Syrian iconoc art came to Italy, and specifically to the Spoleto Valley
3. The development of the large painted crucifixes in Italian art
4. The San Damiano crucifix and its three sister crosses
5. The significance of the San Damiano crucifix in the life of Francis

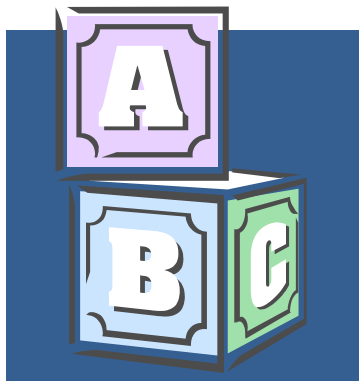


About Fr. Niles

Niles Kauffman joined the Capuchin Order in 1950. After studies, he was assigned to teach Latin and Greek at the Capuchin College Seminary for two years. He was then assigned to the Bluefields, Nicaragua mission for 17 years. He also worked in Honduras and Panama before returning to the State in 1992. He was pastor of an inner city parish in Milwaukee for six years and then was invited to work for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in the Lay Ministry and Permanent Deacon programs. To this day he continues work with Lay Ministry through Cardinal Stritch University.

Nov 5, 2011 – The ABC's of Franciscan Spirituality

Fr. Bill Cieslak, ofm cap



Explanation of Topic

A “spirituality” is a way of looking at life; of making sense of it. Franciscan Spirituality is a way of looking at life through the spirits of St Francis, St Clare, and other Franciscan thinkers throughout history. We will present the basics of this spirituality in the hope that you might incorporate it in your own living.



About Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill Cieslak, ofm, cap, Ph.D., is a Capuchin priest of the St. Joseph Province. Bill taught liturgy and sacraments at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA for twenty-five years and became its president the last twelve years. Fr. Bill was the director of the development office in the Province for the next six years, and is presently director of preaching and evangelization for the Capuchins.

Dec 3, 2011 – The Franciscan Understanding of Christmas

Fr. Bill Cieslak, ofm cap



Explanation of Topic

St Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the Christmas manger scene, which is a fixture in most Catholic homes and all Catholic churches at Christmas time. We will use the story of that first nativity scene to highlight some of the real importance of Christmas in our lives, and to reflect on the challenges that it presents to us.

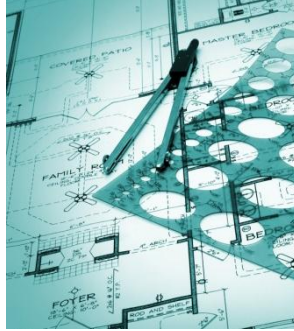


About Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill Cieslak, ofm, cap, Ph.D., is a Capuchin priest. He has taught liturgy and sacraments at the Franciscan School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkely, CA for 25 years. The former Provincial Director of Development, he is presently Director of Preaching and Evangelization for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph. Fr. Bill's favorite feast in the whole Church year is Christmas!

Jan 7, 2012 – Sister/Brotherhood: The Foundation of Franciscanism

Fr. Bill Hugo, ofm cap



Explanation of Topic

St. Francis of Assisi was awestruck by Christ's example of freely giving up His divine prerogatives to save the world by becoming a brother to all creatures. In Franciscan spirituality, getting into a relationship with others and with all of creation is the way to imitate Christ and share in His salvation. The purpose of this day's program will be to explore the Franciscan metaphor of sister-brotherhood and understand why and how it is the foundation of all Franciscan live. Bill will explain how Francis' idea of sister-brotherhood is the bedrock of his spirituality. This gathering will examine both the Universal sister-brotherhood of all creatures and the sister-brotherhood in Christ. With this foundation, participants will dialogue on its relevance for us today and how we can more fully live this spirituality.



About Fr. Bill

Bill has a degree in Franciscan Studies from the Franciscan Institute of St. Bonaventure University. He has authored *Studying the Life of Saint Francis: A Beginner's Workbook*. He has taught the life and writings of St. Francis for 30 years. Fr. Bill has worked and taught the young friars in formation in Chicago. Presently, he is the Midwest Capuchin Vocation Director.

Feb 4, 2012 – The Role of Clare of Assisi in Franciscan Spirituality

Sr. Joann Schatzlein, osf



Explanation of Topic

Celebrating the 800th Anniversary of Clare's conversion in 1212, when she left her family home to follow Francis, we will introduce you to the life of Clare of Assisi. We will explore Clare as a medieval woman, a member of the Offreduccio family, a follower of Francis, an author, a spiritual friend and a Saint. Clare represents the feminine aspect of the Franciscan Charism and together with Francis points each of us to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.



About Sr. Joanne

Joanne Schatzlein is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Motherhouse is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is a native of Minneapolis, MN and entered her Congregation in 1961. She received her BSN in Nursing from Marquette University, and holds a Masters Degree in Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure University. She is currently the Director of the Office of Corporate Ministries for her congregation and continues to serve as a staff member for Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs based in Franklin, WI.

Mar 3, 2012 – The Timeliness of St. Francis in our Day
Fr. Jerry Kessel, ofm cap



Explanation of Topic

Next to the Blessed Mother, Francis of Assisi probably occupies more birdbaths than anyone else. Vladimir Lenin, the Russian revolutionary and atheist believed it would take 10 Francis' of Assisi to reconstruct the Russian Revolution. As crazy as all of this may appear, it says something about this holy man who lived more than 800 years ago and his ability to continue influencing our contemporary world. Francis has the capacity to speak to a myriad of topics. For our discussion we will look at Francis as: Peacemaker/Reconciler, contemporaneity of his prayer life, and respect for life/creation – three timely topics.

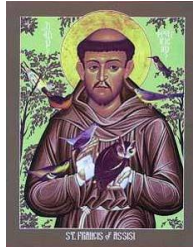


About Fr. Jerry

Fr. Jerry is currently a member of the preaching staff at Capuchin Retreat. He has spent 16 years in the preaching ministry, and has spent the last 8 years at Capuchin Retreat. He has furthered his studies in Spirituality at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkley, CA. Fr. Jerry also ministers with the Spanish speaking in the area.

Apr 14, 2012 – Francis and Healing

Fr. Ron Smith, ofm cap



Explanation of Topic

Fr. Ron will share his viewpoint and experiences of various kinds of healing. The meaning of human “salvation” in Christ as understood by St Francis and Solanus Casey cannot be separated from a Catholic viewpoint of healing. St Francis wanted to reach out and bring healing to the world in all of its brokenness, including healing needed within the Church. Francis moved away from the violence and wealth of this world to embrace the poor Christ and all people regardless of their background or race. His efforts for reconciliation included the Muslim world. The powerful role of forgiveness and reconciliation must be stressed in the healing process. Today we have special needs for healing including those involved in abortion and abuse survivors. Time will be given for praying with individuals who so desire it.



About Fr. Ron

Fr. Ron Smith began his Capuchin life in Detroit in 1956 and had the privilege of living with Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Solanus Casey. Fr. Ron was ordained in 1964. He received pastoral training at St. Francis in Milwaukee then attended Marquette University and served in the parish of St. Benedict the Moor working with an interracial group of high school students. Fr. Ron taught and did spiritual direction at St. Lawrence Seminary High School and completed his M.A. in British and American Literature. In 1976 he attended a priests’ retreat where he learned about prayers for healing as part of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He currently does pastoral counseling with survivors and others, and prays with prayer teams for inner healing and wholeness in the Lord.

May 5, 2012 – What is the House that Needs Repair?

Fr. Mike Crosby, ofm cap



Explanation of Topic

WHAT IS THE HOUSE THAT NEEDS REPAIR? In the early days of his discernment, he heard the words from the Cross at San Damiano, "Francis, Go Repair My House, You Can See It Is Falling into Ruin." Michael will probe the metaphor of "house" and see how it applies to our time and our personal and communal lives.



About Fr. Mike

Michael Crosby is a member of the Midwest (Detroit) Province of the Capuchin Franciscans. He lives in fraternity with other brothers in a parish in downtown Milwaukee that serves people who are poor and marginalized. He splits his ministry between writing and giving retreats and lectures throughout the United States and across the world. He has written many books and produced DVDs of lectures.

Thank you for coming to Capuchin Retreat. We hope this series will provide a greater understanding of the Franciscan Spirituality and bring you closer to God. We invite you to visit us often just to enjoy the grounds.



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