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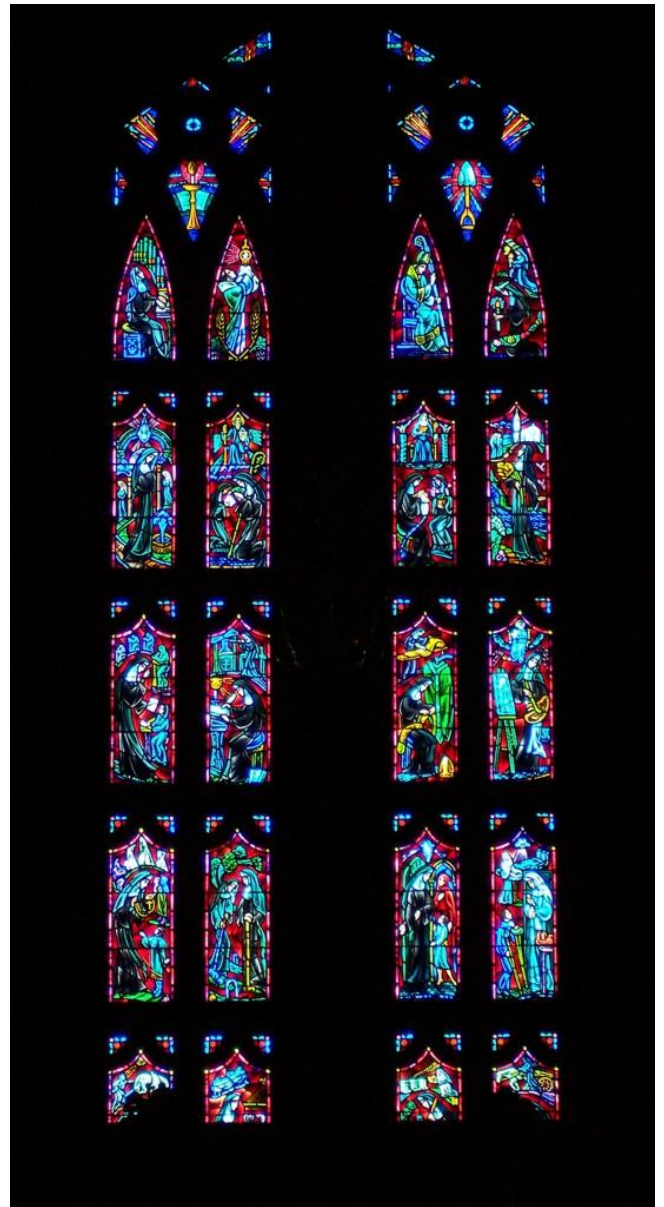
A WORD FROM ST. BENEDICT'S RULE

He has foiled the evil one, the devil, at every turn, flinging both him and his promptings far from the sight of his heart. While these temptations were still young, he caught hold of them and dashed them against Christ (Ps 14[15]:3, 136 [137]:9). These people fear the Lord, and do not become elated over their good deeds; they judge it is the Lord's power, not their own, that brings about the good in them. They praise (Ps 14[15]:4) the Lord working in them, and say with the Prophet: Not to us, Lord, not to us give the glory, but to your name alone (Ps 113[115:1]:9).
Prologue vv 28-30

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED...?

Mount Marty Chapel-Benedictine Sisters' Window (high east wall)- . The Benedictine motto is shown in the two symbols above the 20 panels (*from left to right*) PRAYER, a candle; WORK, a shovel. This picture and explanations of the panels are on the Sacred Heart Monastery web site under "About Bishop Marty Chapel"
www.yanktonbenedictines.org

Be sure to visit beautiful Bishop Mary Chapel the next time you are at Sacred Heart Monastery and see all of the stained glass windows. The web site includes slides of these and other beautiful stained glass, including depictions of the Liturgy of the Hours on the Chapel's south wall.



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THE EASTER PRAISE OF CHRIST

God not only tested the patience of Francis with respect to her material wealth, but, as I have said before and will reiterate, he also tested her own body in a variety of ways, especially through long and serious illnesses which she had to undergo. And yet no one ever observed in her a tendency toward impatience. She never exhibited any displeasure when she complied with an order, no matter how foolish.



St. Frances of Rome (1384-1440)

Through the premature deaths of her sons whom she loved early, Frances proved her constancy. With peace of soul she always reconciled herself to the will of God and gave him thanks for all that happened. With the same constancy she endured the slander of those who

abused and reviled her and her way of life. She did not show the least hint of aversion toward them, even though she knew that they judged her rashly and spoke falsely of her way of life. Rather, returning good for evil, she habitually prayed to God for them. ...

Many different diseases were rampant in Rome. Fatal diseases and plague were everywhere, but the saint ignored the risk of contagion and displayed the deepest kindness toward the poor and the needy. Her empathy would first bring them to atone for their sins. Then she would help them with her eager care, and urge them lovingly to accept their trials, however difficult, from the hand of God. She would encourage them to endure their sufferings for love of Christ, since she had previously endured so much for them....

For thirty years Frances continued this service to the sick and stranger. While she was in her husband's house, she made frequent visits to Saint Mary's and Saint Cecilia's hospitals in Trastevere, and to the hospital of the Holy Spirit in Sassia and to a fourth hospital in the Campo Santo. During epidemics like this it was difficult to find not only doctors to care for the body but even priests to provide remedies for the soul. She herself would seek them out and bring them to those who were

disposed to receive the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist.

From the Life of Saint Frances of Rome by Mary Magdalene Anguillaria, superior of the Oblates of the Tower of Specchi, Office of Readings Vol II Liturgy of the Hours

MONASTERY AND CHAPTER GATHER PRAYER PETITIONS

If you would like to send your prayer requests to the monastery, please use Sacred Heart Monastery's prayer submission form.

On the Web:

www.yanktonbenedictines.org/PrayerRequest.php
You may also send petitions to Marcia Straatmeyer at mstraat@neb.rr.com or by using the Prayer Request **option** on the chapter's Web site.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, June 10, all oblates of the Nebraska Chapters are invited to celebrate the end of another year of gatherings with a potluck and vespers at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Sheridan Room for potluck and fellowship. Then we will move to the Chapel for vespers. Paper products and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable, desert, or main dish to share. Family members are welcome! Bring your Shorter Christian Prayer book.

This year we will again offer a book exchange at the potluck! Bring your spiritual books that you no longer need. We will have a space to display them for others to take home.

NEW CHAPTER BOOK

We will be completing our current book, *Seven Sacred Pauses*, at the May meeting. We are in the process of selecting a new book for next year with the monastery's guidance. The June newsletter will give information about the selection so that you can get the book before September.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB will be speaking at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler Nebraska on September 28-29, 2018. Sr. Wiederkehr is the author of our current cell book, *Seven Sacred Pauses*.

A regional oblate meeting is planned for August 11-12, 2018 St. Benedict's Center in Schuyler, Nebraska. More details will follow.

The Oblate Institute is in Atchison KS July 13-15 with Judith Valente.

STEINAUER CHAPTER INVITES ALL!

We will have a retreat on July 15, 2018 at 2 p.m. in Steinauer, Nebraska. More information to follow on the topic and details.

CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Readings are from *Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day* by Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB May Reading Assignment: Chapter 7: The Great Silence; chants, p. 192–193, and Litany of the Hours, p. 177–179.

HASTINGS

The Hastings Gathering will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 9:30-11:30 am, at St. Cecilia's Health Ministry Building, 415 N. Kansas, Hastings, NE.

LINCOLN

The Lincoln gathering will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Sheridan Room at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital. **Note the change in date due to Mother's Day.**

STEINAUER

The Steinauer gathering will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018. 7:00-9:00 pm in the Banquet Room, Convent House B&B, Steinauer.

CELL GROUPS

Text: *New Seeds of Contemplation*, Thomas Merton, May Reading: Chapters 19-20.

HASTINGS CELL GROUP

Saint Scholastica

Cell Leader: Lee Ostdiek: The cell groups meets on Saturday, May 27, 2018 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Cecilia's Health Ministry Building, 415 N Kansas Ave.

LINCOLN CELL GROUPS

Contact a Lincoln Dean if you are interested in joining one of the cell groups in the Lincoln Chapter.

SHORTER CHRISTIAN PRAYER INSTRUCTIONS

We continue in Easter Season until Pentecost, May 20, 2018. Continue to follow the Easter Season Readings and Antiphons. Prayers for Ascension Thursday, May 10, are on pp. 487-488. On Pentecost Sunday turn to page 489-498 for Evening Prayer I through Evening Prayer II for Pentecost. We are in Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent. On Monday, May 21, 2018, the Monday after Pentecost, we start with Week I, p. 54.

AREA RETREAT OFFERINGS-FOR RETREAT OFFERINGS IN OUR AREA PLEASE CHECK THE MONASTERY'S WEB SITE OR CONTACT THEM FOR INFORMATION.

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