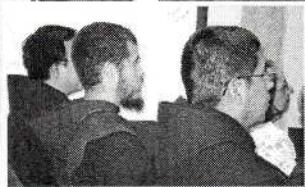
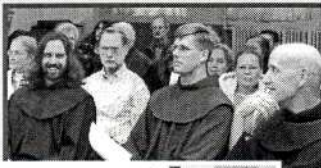
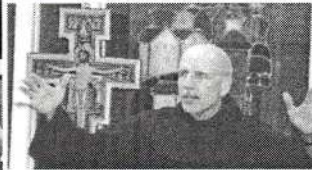


Milestone Feast of St. Francis at Port Ministries...



Every year on the evening of October 3rd, Franciscans all over the world remember the passing of St. Francis of Assisi from this life unto God. This is called the **Transitus**.

We are happy to say that this year, at Port Ministries, "St. Mary of the Angels"; our Secular Franciscan Fraternity, held the **first Transitus Service here since 2004** due to the presence and leadership of Fr. Hugh Zurat, O.F.M., the new Port Ministries Chaplain and Spiritual Assistant of our Franciscan Fraternity. To share this celebration, we extended invitations to the Franciscans in the area. Seven Friars from both the St. Joseph and Kolin Ave. Friaries were able to attend. Special thanks to Fr. Ed Shea for assisting Fr. Hugh in this event. Mantle staff member, Sr. Sarah Martz, invited some members of her community: the Franciscan Sisters of Clinton,

Iowa, plus the Secular Franciscans from neighboring St. Joseph's Parish were also invited. 55 Franciscans all came together making for a truly Blessed and memorable evening at Port Ministries; a place dedicated to serve the ones Francis loved... the Poor. Several days later, we celebrated the **Feast of St. Francis** with our Mantle families; offering them a short film on the life of St. Francis followed by a dinner served by Port Ministries Staff. Thank you to all who made these events possible!



Ministry News...

Home Visiting

Currently, our Home Visiting Ministry is serving 30 to 40 homebound and infirm people weekly at their private residences or at the International Village nursing home with compassionate care and a listening presence. With the help of Fr. Hugh Zurat, O.F.M., the new Chaplain of Port Ministries, we have expanded our Home Visiting services by offering a weekly Mass at the International Village Nursing Home. It is meeting a real hunger there by providing able Catholic residents the ability to attend weekly Mass. Our team also administers communion to those we visit. If you are interested in volunteering Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10am to 3pm, please call. Spanish speaking volunteers are needed.

~ Walter, Home Visiting Coordinator

Winter Bread Truck

Every year, when the children of our neighborhood return to school in September, The Bread Truck switches

from the daytime schedule to the evening schedule. We then visit 5 to 6 locations, serving 200 to 400 meals nightly from 6pm to 9pm. There's hungry people out there that need a meal, a smile, a listening ear and a warm heart. Interested in helping? Even if you can't serve on the truck, you can greatly help us by preparing meals at your school, parish or business and simply deliver them here... even once a month. Just invite a group of people to get involved in helping the poor and it's amazing what can be done. Great classroom project! Just give us a call for details. ~ Anthony, Bread Truck Coordinator

Did you know???

..... every Thursday morning, mass is offered by Fr. Hugh for our benefactors and their intentions?? (...that means YOU!)
 that you are invited to join us any morning, Tuesday thru Saturday, for 8:45am mass in the chapel in Madonna Queen of Peace House?? (5009 S. Hermitage Ave.)
then maybe stay for a cup of coffee?

CHRISTMAS DONATION NEEDS:

Children's Gifts

- *Underwear
- *T-shirts, socks
- *Pajamas
- *Hats, scarves, gloves
- *Books, board games
- *Crossword puzzle books
- *Culturally diverse baby dolls
- *Non-violent toys
- *Coloring books

Adult Gifts

- *Hats, scarves, gloves
- *Warm socks
- *\$10 Walgreen gift certificates for seniors

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THE EMPTY BASKET...

Port Ministries relies entirely on donations to meet our daily needs. Some items are desperately needed at this time. These are the current "most needed" items:

- ❖ MONETARY DONATIONS
- ❖ HAMS (BUTT, SHANK OR WHOLE)
- ❖ TURKEYS
- ❖ GROCERY/FOOD GIFT CARDS OR CERTIFICATES

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- ❖ Bulk hot cocoa (no marsh.)
- ❖ Bulk pack chili or stew
- ❖ Plastic soup spoons
- ❖ Apples or oranges
- ❖ 8oz. hot cups
- ❖ Plastic sandwich bags
- ❖ Anti-bacterial hand wipes
- ❖ Anti-bacterial hand lotion
- ❖ Diapers - sizes 3, 4, 5
- ❖ Baby wipes
- ❖ Adult & Children's cold & flu med.
- ❖ Sanitary pads

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