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**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

| December 1, 2019 | That the peace of Christ will reign in our hearts during this season of Advent and beyond. Let us pray to the Lord. |
| December 8, 2019 | For parents and grandparents, that they may continue to be a deliberate voice that prepares the way of the Lord in the hearts and minds of their children and grandchildren. Let us pray to the Lord. |
| December 15, 2019 | That members of families strive to bring sight to those blinded by ignorance, cleanse those who feel sullied by sin, hearing to those whose ears are closed by pride, and joy to those affected by depression and loneliness. Let us pray to the Lord. |
| December 22, 2019 | For fathers and stepfathers, that they will, like Joseph be open to God’s direction and then act with courage. Let us pray to the Lord. |
| December 29, 2019 | That all of us will come to see our family as holy--no matter what-- because God is present in the midst of family life. Let us pray to the Lord. |
Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Florence Kruczek (right), 91, and de Lourdes Okoniewski, 87, each entered religious life in the 1940s, barely out of high school. For decades, prayer and teaching filled their days. Yet a lifetime of serving others has only increased their own gratitude. “I get up each morning and say, ‘O Lord, thank you for the gift of another day,’” says Sister Florence.

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Judge Joy Malek Oldfield
Summit County Common Pleas Court

November 1, 2019

Judge Joy Malek Oldfield was elected to the General Division of the Summit County Common Pleas Court in November 2016. She was immediately selected to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Felony Drug Court, the Turning Point Program. Prior to service on the Common Pleas Court, Judge Oldfield served on the Akron Municipal Court from 2011 – 2016. During her time there, Judge Oldfield’s colleagues elected her to serve as the Administrative/Presiding Judge from 2014-2016; and, the Presiding Judge of the Akron Municipal Drug Court, now known as the Akron Municipal Recovery Court, from 2013-2016.

Judge Oldfield has worked tirelessly to impact and educate individuals on the beauty of recovery. As Presiding Judge of the Akron Municipal Drug Court, Judge Oldfield changed the name of the program to “Recovery Court,” to reduce the stigma to those participating in the program. She and her Turning Point predecessor, Judge Tom Teodosio, collaborated with the Akron Area YMCA to found the Y-STRONG program, which provides complimentary YMCA memberships to participants of Turning Point and Recovery Court who have maintained six months of sobriety and are exhibiting positive lifestyle changes. The program was designed to help individuals improve their health, reduce stress, increase their self-confidence and sense of accomplishment – all to assist in better quality, long-term sobriety. Judge Oldfield founded Faith in Recovery – a program designed to provide interested participants a spiritual connection along their recovery journey. And, she worked with her current Turning Point co-Presiding Judge and probation staff to provide participants in the Turning Point Program with Summit County’s first specialized docket therapy dog, “Tank.” Tank is now available to help participants relax, reduce their level of stress and help them feel more comfortable in the Court setting. Through these initiatives and more, Judge Oldfield continues to try and meet all needs – physical, mental, social, emotional, spiritual – for those suffering from the disease of addiction.

Recognized in the recovery community, for the last three years, Judge Oldfield served as the honorary chair for Community Health Center’s “Break the Cycle of Addiction” luncheon; and, in 2018 served as the honorary starter for the Hope United first 5K Race – Run for Recovery. In 2017, Freedom House for Women (a local women’s recovery home) honored Judge Oldfield with the Courage to Change award for her tireless efforts in the recovery community. And, in 2018 the County of Summit Intercession on Dependency and East Market Street Church of God honored her with the Road to Recovery award, for paving a road to recovery within the community.

The First Friday Club will meet December 6, 2019 at Tangier Restaurant, 532 W. Market Street, Akron OH 44303. The cost of the luncheon is $20.00 Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org. See the website for information on subscriptions for the 2019 luncheon series.
Wounded Healers:
With Christ Healing Shame

Presented by Fr. Matt Linn, SJ

Friday, November 1
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Coffee and conversation at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 2
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Includes lunch and Closing Mass at 3:30 pm

Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ (as a team with Dennis and Sheila Linn) has focused on integrating physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Ordained in 1973 he currently lives in a Jesuit community in Minneapolis where he trains spiritual directors at Sacred Ground and serves on the editorial board of Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction. Matt, Dennis, and Sheila have written 23 books translated in over 20 languages, (all in Spanish) and with over a million copies in English.
St. Ignatius taught everyone from scrub women to mystics the Ignatian Examen to daily heal hurts and bring new life.

**Friday night** will explore how to use the Examen to deeply heal the day’s hurts and receive the fullness of the day’s life.

**Saturday** raises the question: Why do some Ignatian retreats heal deeply while others seem to have little lasting effect? While there are many possible answers, it is not God’s fault for not loving us but shame’s dynamic that keeps us from receiving this infinite, healing Love. How can each week of the Spiritual Exercises heal shame and so lead us to the last exercise of being filled with infinite Divine Love?

**Saturday afternoon** will focus on the process of healing life’s hurts so we are not trapped in shame but rather gifted as wounded healers. The closing liturgy will focus on giving and receiving Christ’s deep, healing Love.

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**Ignatian Currents - Wounded Healers: With Christ Healing Shame | 11/1 - 11/2**

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SR. IGNATIA AA WOMEN'S RETREAT:
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“The New Visions and Directions of 1919: An Assessment 100 Years Later”

The Reverend Martin Zielinski

Rev. Martin Zielinski, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, received his Ph.D. in American Catholic History from the Catholic University of America in 1989. Born in Denver, Colorado, Fr. Zielinski received his Bachelor’s degree in communications from Loyola University in Chicago. He then received his M.Div. degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. After serving four years in pastoral ministry at an inner-city parish on the South Side of Chicago, he was awarded a Master’s degree in history from the Catholic University of America.

He has taught for 31 years at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. During that time, he served for six years as the Academic Dean and for eleven years as the Vice-President for Ongoing Formation. He has written articles for the Encyclopedia of American Catholic History, U.S. Catholic Historian, and Chicago Studies. He has served on the editorial board for Chicago Studies for more than twenty years. He also has served as a member of the assessment project committee for In Fulfillment of Their Mission: The Duties and Tasks of a Roman Catholic Priest (2008). Fr. Zielinski has worked for many years on the executive committee of the Midwest Association of Catholic Theological Schools, now the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools.

Come hear Father Zielinski reflect on the Versailles Peace Conference, the U.S. Bishops’ Program of Social Reconstruction, and the Encyclical Maximum Illud, all of which arose together in 1919. He will show how they resulted in a new vision being promoted for international relations between nations, a vision for post-war American society, and a new direction for evangelization.

Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
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