



# Oblate Letter

## July 26 – Feast of Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Sr. Veronica Sokolosky

On July 26 the sisters of St. Joseph Monastery will celebrate the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. This feast of St Anne has been a special feast day for Benedictine women over the world since the 1600's. In the early 17<sup>th</sup> century Swedish soldiers invaded Bavaria and burned many convents. With the help of Emperor Ferdinand of Austria many of the convents were rebuilt. In honor of Emperor Ferdinand's, wife Maria Anna the Eichstatt Sisters took the name "Anna". Many Benedictines whose roots came from Eichstatt did the same.

At the time of reception of the habit, the sisters received the name "Mary." At the time of final profession the sisters added the name "Anna" to the vow formula, even

though the name is never used. This 400-year old custom is still kept at St. Joseph Monastery.

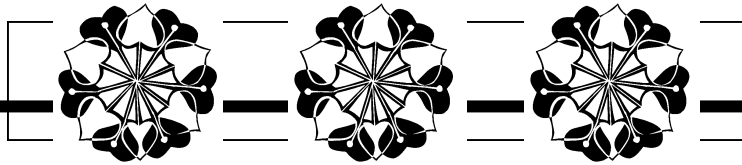
We know very little about Joachim and Anne. They are never mentioned in the Scriptures, so what we do know about them comes from legends passed around during the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> centuries. The legends tell that Joachim and Anne were childless and after many years of praying, an angel visited them and told them they would conceive a child. They promised to dedicate this child to God's service.

In iconography, Anne is frequently shown present at the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and at the Circum-

cision of Jesus.

Joachim and Anne are invoked for protection for the unborn. They are also patron saints of grandparents, married couples, and cabinet makers.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 11th  
Solemnity of our holy  
father Benedict

July 12th  
Feast of St. John  
Gualberti, Abbot

July 13th  
Feast of St. Henry  
Co-patron of Benedic-  
tine Oblates

July 26th  
Feast of St. Joachim  
and St. Ann  
Feast Day of Sr. Anita Marie  
Gilpin & Sr. Anna Addamus

July 29th  
Feast of Sts. Martha,  
Mary and Lazarus,  
hosts of the Lord



*Please keep all of the Sisters  
in your prayers  
as they do for you.*



## OBLATE MEETING

July 12, 2009

- 10:30 A.M. Mass in the Oratory—everyone is welcome
- 12:15 p.m. Study Group will meet in the Monastery Library. Please bring your book.
- 12:15 p.m. Novice Study Group will meet in the Conference Room
- 1:15 p.m. Vespers in the Marian Chapel  
Program: Praying the Psalms—discussion groups

### *New Inquirers*

*Anyone who is interested in becoming a Benedictine Oblate is welcome to join us for one of our monthly*

*meetings including Vespers and the study group.*

*A new Oblate Novice class will be starting after the first of the year.*

*To qualify for entering the Novice class you must attend 3 Oblate Meetings prior to the start of the class. Please let us know if you would like an application for the next Oblate class.*

### *Please contact:*

*Marta Segura at*

*918-744-8363*

*Or*

*Vicky O'Neil at*

*918-746-4223*

*for more information.*



Sr. Christine and the Sisters  
of  
St. Joseph Monastery  
are pleased to announce  
the First Monastic Profession  
of

Sr. Maria Paula Muraki  
on Sunday, July 26, 2009  
at 4:00 PM Vespers  
in the Marian Chapel.  
Oblates are invited to attend.





## Prayer Intentions:

**We pray for abundant healing of:**

Matthew David Van Daff,  
*relative of Sr. Scholastica Reagan*

Pat Conn, Oblate and her husband, Kennie

Camilla Lutton, Oblate

Daughter & Family of Alice Fagan,  
Inquirer

Marta Segura, Oblate & her husband, Fred

Mariella Dorries, Oblate & her husband

Don and Sally Laden, Oblates

Ebb & Jean Eberhardt, Oblates

Archbishop Eusebius Beltran



Reverend Matthew J. Brown, O.S.B. of St. Gregory's Abbey celebrated 60 years of Priestly Ministry on March 22nd at St. Gregory's Abbey Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Fr. Matthew ministered to the Spanish parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in California for 16 years. For the remaining 44 years he worked in various parishes in Oklahoma City and in the Diocese of Tulsa. Archbishop Beltran, Bishop Slattery and Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen participated in the ceremony. He received a special blessing and a silver rosary from Pope Benedict XVI. Fr. Matthew is the brother of Sr. Eugenia Brown, O.S.B.

## AROUND THE HOUSE

On Friday, July 10, the sisters will gather with the Madalene parishioners to celebrate Sr. Marie Pierre's 40<sup>th</sup> year of service at the Parish and her 60<sup>th</sup> year of religious profession.

Fr. Joe Townsend and St Benedict's Church with the assistance of other parishes and youth directors will sponsor two week-long camps in July at Lake Wister State Park near Poteau. Middle School youth camp is July 13-17; high school youth camp is July 20-23. Several of the sisters will spend one day at each of the camps.

The annual Archdiocesan camp for high school women is scheduled for July 31-August 2. The camp will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe campground near Luther, and is sponsored by the sisters of the Archdiocese. Sr. Catherine Martinez is on the planning committee for the camp.

The Madalene Vocation committee has invited the sisters to a Mass offered for their intentions on Tuesday, July 7 at 8 a.m.

The Tulsa Community Band, of which Sr. Anna Addamus is a member, will close out their summer concert season on Thursday, July 16 at Monte Cassino Fine Arts Center at 7 p.m.





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## Monastery Summer Schedule 2009

*Oblates & Friends of the Benedictine Sisters are invited to join them in  
praying the Divine Office at St. Joseph Monastery*

**Morning Prayer:** Monday through Friday—8:00AM / **Eucharist** at 8:30AM  
Saturday—11:00AM / **Eucharist** at 11:30AM  
Sunday—8:00AM / **Eucharist** at 10:30AM

**Midday Prayer:** Monday thru Friday—11:45AM, followed by lunch

**Evening Prayer:** Monday—Saturday—5:00PM  
Sunday—Sung, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th—4:00PM  
Oblate Sunday—2nd Sunday—1:15PM followed by an Oblate Meeting—all are welcome

***\*\*be sure to call to verify schedule for the day you plan to come,  
because at times it does change.\*\****



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