



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Greetings my Franciscan Family.

As I write this, we are experiencing extremely cold weather. Please let us be mindful of those who are homeless, those alone and those who need to be called or checked on and those who may need rides or errands run for them.

Currently, our council is working with our regional council to plan and prepare a visit from our Regional Council. This is an event that occurs every three years. It is a time for ALL members to meet, share and talk with our Regional Council members. If you have concerns regarding the direction that our fraternity is heading or if you have suggestions for them as regional members...now is your opportunity to speak as they will be coming to visit this spring (a date has yet to be determined).

Since we no longer can subscribe to our St. Anthony Messenger, I just want to remind ALL candidates and professed OFS that you should be receiving the TAU-USA quarterly...our last issue was #117/Fall 2025. So please let me know if you do not receive the next issue (spring 2026).

In the last Tau issue Fr. John De La Riva, OFM CAP. (TAU-USA, issue #117, page 11) calls the Secular Franciscans to BE Peacemakers and to LIVE the Beatitudes. He states, "We should form habits of radical love, compassion and forgiveness—even toward those who oppose us. Embracing the Franciscan charism, we can share God's love and joy and accompany the suffering and lift the burden."

We—the Council—met this Sunday, January 25th, and planned events for our fraternity that will guide us to be the Franciscans that our hearts yearn to be. Please pray for us on the council so that we may be attuned to the Spirit of Francis and BE MORE.

Peace Always,

Sue

Our Monthly Gathering – February 2026

We will gather on **Monday, February 9, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish in Inverness** for Stations of the Cross as our liturgy. We will adjourn to the lower level for formation, a business meeting and Sister Carrie will give a report on the life of Blessed Solanus Casey. We will be collecting items for **Journeys the Road Home** for Franciscan Outreach. Hospitality will be provided by: Mary S. and Kathy F.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Profession Anniversaries

There are no specific profession anniversaries in February. Let us pray for each other that we live the words of our profession and support each other along the way.

Ongoing Saint Formation for 2026

February	Blessed Solanus Casey	Carrie C.
March	Fraternity Retreat	
April	Visitation from Region (not confirmed)	
May	Blessed Franz Jagstetter	Lou R.
June	St. John Bosco	Kay C.
August	Pope St. Pius X	Anne F.
September	Blessed Angela Salawa	Mary S.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2026

Monday, Feb. 9	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be the Stations of the Cross. A report will be given by Carrie C. on Blessed Solanus Casey. There will be a collection of items for Journeys/The Road Home.
Sunday, Feb. 22	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 9	Lent as Pilgrimage Retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 22	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 13	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy of the Hours; Regional Visitation. There will be a collection of the items for the Household Pack for Welcome the Stranger
Sunday, Apr. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy will be Crown Rosary. Lou R. will give a report on Blessed Franz Jagstetter.
Sunday, May 24	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.

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- Monday, June 8** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Communion Service. Kay C. will give a report on St. John Bosco. There will be a collection of items for Journeys/The Road Home.
- Sunday, June 28** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 13** Profession of Matthew S. is scheduled for **4:30 p.m.** in the chapel at Holy Family Parish, Inverness.
- Sunday, July 19** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 10** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy of the Hours. A report will be given by Anne F. on Pope St. Pius X. There will be a collection of items for Journeys/The Road Home.
- Sunday, Aug. 23** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 14** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy to be determined.
- Sunday, Sept. 27** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 5** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. We will celebrate the **Transitus of Father Francis**. There will be a collection of items for the Household Pack for Welcome the Stranger.
- Sunday, Oct. 25** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 9** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish. Liturgy will be the Liturgy of the Dead. There will be a collection of the items needed for the Palatine Township Thanksgiving baskets.
- Sunday, Nov. 22** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 14** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Communion Service. It will be our Christmas celebration.
- Sunday, Dec. 27** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.

Snack Signup for 2026

February 9	Kathy F.	Mary S.
March 9	Marion T.	Stephanie H.
April 13	Maria B.	Anne F.
May 11	Lou R.	RoseAnn Y.
June 8	Tom S.	Jerry S.

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Welcome the Stranger works in tandem with Exodus to support refugee families who have come here in recent years. We will be helping to provide necessities for these families in the months of **April** and **October**.

The necessary items are listed below. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February and September gatherings. Items selected will be brought to the fraternity gatherings in April and October.

KITCHEN

Bottle of dish soap
2 sponges w/scrubby side
Tall kitchen trash bags
4 rolls paper towels
plastic wrap

CLEANING ITEMS

All purpose cleaner spray (without bleach)
Toilet bowl cleaner
Laundry soap
Roll of quarters (for laundry)
Scouring powder
Floor cleaner

BATH

4 bars of hand soap
2 bottles of shampoo
4 toothbrushes/ 2 tubes toothpaste
Feminine supplies (pads)
10 disposable men's razors/
shaving cream
8+ rolls of toilet paper
Bottle of hand lotion
2 boxes Kleenex
2 Deodorant

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As we have done the past few years, in **November** we will be putting together baskets of food for Thanksgiving to be given to families who live in Palatine Township and are desperately in need of food. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October gathering. It will include items for each basket. The items will be gathered into baskets at our November meeting. Last year, we contributed Two Baskets of food to the Township needy.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Sister Sue accepts all tabs from pop top cans which are then donated to Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are sold to aluminum recyclers and the proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Council Members

Minister	Susan Gribbon, OFS	<i>sgribbon1949@gmail.com</i>
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Treasurer	Jerry Stecker, OFS	
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