



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Greetings to you, my Brothers and Sisters.

As I write this, Christmas is still three days away, but as you read this, we will still be in the Christmas Season.

Tonight, at Holy Family, I attended a service for those struggling with loss and sadness at this time of the year. I have come to realize that Christmas is NOT a Hallmark holiday. We started our service tonight with a Bible verse from John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!"

And we ended our service with a Prayer for Christmas Struggle which I would like to share:

Dear Lord Jesus,

You know those whose hearts ache this Christmas, those carrying burdens too heavy to share.

*For the grieving, be their comfort;
for the lonely, be their companion;
for the weary, be their strength,
as you are Emmanuel, God with us.*

We lift up those facing loss, illness, financial hardship, and broken relationships. Remind them that their tears are heard and that their feelings are valid, not a sign of failure. Help them to trust Your presence, even when they feel unseen or overwhelmed by the season's expectations.

May your light shine into their darkness, offering hope and peace that surpasses understanding. Grant grace upon grace for old wounds that surface and for the pain of longing. Help us, by your Spirit, to see and love those around us, bringing Your healing presence as Your hands and feet.

Strengthen the weary and restore the discouraged, reminding them of Your good plans and future hope, as You promise in Your Word. May they find rest in You and know they are not alone.

We offer this prayer in Emmanuel, God with us.

Amen.

And so, I close as we begin again ... a new day, a new month and a new year.

Peace and all Good.

Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering – January 2026

We will gather on **Monday, January 12, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish in Inverness** for Liturgy of the Hours. There will be formation and Sister Marion will give a report on the life of St. Rose of Viterbo. Hospitality will be provided by: Maria B. and Bill K.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Profession Anniversaries

January 11, 2010

Stephanie H.
Dcn. Lou R.

January 14, 2008

Susan J.
Bonnie M.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2026

Monday, Jan. 12

Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be the Liturgy of the Hours. Marion T. will give a report on the life of St. Rose of Viterbo.

Sunday, Jan. 25

Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.

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
Information will be forthcoming at the January gathering.

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.

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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

Add these dates and times to your calendar, whether it be on your phone, your desk, your wall. Remember: **this is your monthly appointment with the Divine Cardiologist.**

Snack Signup for 2026

January 12	Maria B.	Bill K.
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.

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>
Vice Minister	Stephanie Heavey, OFS	
Formation Director	Kay Crnich, OFS	
Secretary	Marion Tuttle, OFS	
Treasurer	Kathy Fischer, OFS	
Spiritual Assistant	open	

For privacy, all personal addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, prayer intentions, and (for non-council members) last names are removed from this web version.

From our Father Francis of Assisi

A man is what he is before God and nothing more.

Courtesy is one of the properties of God, who sends the sun and rain to the just and the unjust through courtesy. Courtesy is the sister of charity, by which hatred is overcome and love is prized.

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

When you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Above all the grace and gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.