



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Greetings, my Franciscan Brothers and Sisters. My hope is that as you read this, you may be filled with the Hope of the Holy Spirit as we pray, work and serve together, following Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis.

Last year, our Pope Francis named this 2025 Jubilee Year (which only occurs every 25 years), the Jubilee of Hope. And we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope with a theme of journeying inward and outward, reflecting on God's enduring presence throughout salvation history and in our personal lives. As pilgrims we are on a journey to a sacred place, seeking a deeper relationship with God through ALL that we do ... throughout this entire year (throughout our entire lives, honestly). This spiritual renewal will allow us to find HOPE through our encounters with the sacred. And right now, we need Hope as we journey together in our actions, our prayers, our service and our kindness to ALL.

A BIG REMINDER: Our July gathering date is Monday, July 21st at 4:30 p.m., starting in the chapel. This is a wonderful event in our Franciscan family, and we are so happy to celebrate the profession of our Carrie. We haven't had one since one during Covid in Jerry's back yard! Friar Johnpaul has kindly accepted the call to celebrate our Mass that day and help make Carrie's profession special. I am asking you all to attend.

I currently have a new address for Tim that I will post in the email that will alert you to when our newsletter is posted on the website. I am sure that Tim, Becca and Charlotte would love to hear from you. Charlotte is advancing in her physical and occupational therapies; you can see this on Tim's FB postings.

Prayers are needed for so many now. As of yesterday, two friends went into hospice. Our Mary Anita needs prayers as she fell and broke her wrist and is in a lot of pain. Our prayer lists are getting longer. Please keep me posted on your needs.

Peace and love to you all,
Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, JULY 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish in Inverness for the profession of Carrie**. Afterward, we will adjourn to Room 083 in the lower level for a celebration of this momentous event in Carrie's life and in the life of our fraternity.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Franciscan Outreach Schedule for 2025

The schedule for Franciscan Outreach for 2025 is as follows:

January	FMSC	(Feed My Starving Children) – packing bags of grain.
February	Journeys/The Road Home	– collection of food and necessities for the homeless
March	FMSC	March 26, 2025 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
April	Welcome the Stranger	– collection of items needed by a refuge family who are moving into an apartment in their new country
May	FMSC	May 28, 2025 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
June	Blessing Bags	– creation of plastic bags of necessities for the homeless
July	FMSC	July 30, 2025 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
August	Journeys/The Road Home	
September	FMSC	September 24, 2025 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
October	Welcome the Stranger	
November	Thanksgiving food baskets	for the needy
December	FMSC	December 17, 2025 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Pack bags of nutritious grain for those living in the most destitute areas on our planet. Members of our fraternity will participate in this work of service every other month from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m.** Sign-up sheets are available at the fraternity gatherings for the next opportunity. Contact **Sister Sue** for more information.

Loose change wanted - at each monthly fraternity gathering, fraternity members have an opportunity to donate their loose change so that we can provide the funds to feed a child for a year. Whenever a total of \$53 in change is collected, it will be matched by \$53 from our Common Fund for a total of \$106, the cost of feeding a starving child in another country for one year.

JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

We will again collect items for Journeys/the Road Home at our **February** and **August** gatherings. Print out the list below and keep it in a handy place. When these items are on sale or you are at the Dollar Tree, pick up a few items and keep them for the February and August gatherings. Contact **Sister RoseAnn** for more information on Journeys.

Most needed items:

Razors and shaving cream

Baby wipes

Body wash - MOST NEEDED

Shampoo & conditioner - MOST NEEDED

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Large backpacks

Pullups - ALL SIZES

Food items:

Bottled water	Pasta (dried and canned)	Canned soups*
Rice	Pasta sauce	Canned fruit*
Peanut butter	Cereal - large boxes	Canned vegetables*
Jelly	Canned stew, fish and chicken*	Canned beans*
	* pop top cans preferred	No bulk items

WELCOME THE STRANGER

This is a new ministry that was selected for Outreach in 2025. Welcome the Stranger works in tandem with Exodus to provide the necessities that a family would need when moving into an apartment for the first time. We will be helping to provide these necessities in the months of **April** and **October**.

Welcome the Stranger conducts gatherings of these items through specific collection times at Holy Family Parish. The complete collection includes items for the kitchen, bathroom, bedrooms and cleaning supplies. The Council has signed up our fraternity to provide the items needed for the Bath. The necessary items are listed below. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March and September gatherings. Items selected will be brought to the fraternity gatherings in April and October.

Bath items to be provided:

Bath towel – hand towel – washcloth (8 sets in neutral colors)	4 boxes of Kleenex deodorant
Bath mat – neutral color	feminine protection pads
Shower curtain with hooks – neutral color	10 disposable men’s razors
Shower curtain liner (if shower curtain is cloth)	shaving cream
2 small trashcans	8 toothbrushes
8 bars of soap	2 tubes toothpaste
8 rolls toilet paper	deodorant
2 bottles of shampoo	2 bottles of hand lotion
8 rolls of toilet paper	

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As we have done the past few years, 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 Three 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.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2025

Sunday, July 20	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, July 21 **	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, to celebrate the Profession of Carrie C.
Monday, Aug. 11	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish. The liturgy will be Lectio Divina. Collection of items for Journeys .
Sunday, Aug. 24	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 8	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be Liturgy of the Hours (LOTH).
Sunday, Sept. 28	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 6	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish for Transitus of St. Francis. <i>Note: this is 1st Monday of the month.</i> There will be a collection of items for Welcome the Stranger .
Sunday, Oct. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 10	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be a Commemoration of the Deceased. We will pack Thanksgiving baskets for the Township.
Sunday, Nov. 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 8	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Communion Service followed by Christmas Potluck.
Sunday, Dec. 28	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

Regional Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 12	REC Meeting (Mayslake)
Saturday, August 2	Portiuncula (virtual only)
Saturday, September 6	REC Meeting (Mayslake)
Saturday, September 20	Fall Formation Day (Cluster Four)
Saturday, October 18	All Souls Day Prayer Service, OFS section, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 9	Mother Cabrini Celebration location TBD

Council Members

Minister	Susan Gribbon, OFS	<i>sgribbon1949@gmail.com</i>
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For privacy, all personal addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, prayer intentions, and (for non-council members) last names are removed from this web version.