



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Wow...we have buried our beloved Pope Francis and now have Pope Leo XIV from Chicago as our next Pope. I quote some lines from Pope Leo's Inaugural Speech:

*"Let us say Yes to Love, Yes to Fraternity, Yes to Mercy...to the Stranger,
to the Poor and to the Forgotten."*

"Let us be builders of bridges...not walls."

"The Gospel is not passive...but active."

*"Welcome all...See Christ in the migrants, refugees, the poor and the
forgotten...All are called to the Table of the Lord."*

All this sounds very Franciscan to me! Thank you, Pope Leo!

Onto other matters. I know that our newsletters are sometimes long...but they are full of important facts regarding our fraternity events and regional events. Read these so that you are aware of what is going on and please make these events a priority in your lives. They are listed for the entire year well in advance so that when planning events in our personal lives, there is no question of not knowing what will occur fraternally. Stephanie is our newsletter editor and puts time and expertise in putting our newsletter together. Some fraternities do not have this communication tool (newsletters). We are blessed to have this information at our fingertips.

SO PLEASE NOTE: On Monday, July 21, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish in Inverness, we will have a profession Mass for Carrie C. This will replace our July 14th scheduled fraternity meeting. Remember your own Profession and how excited you were and how special you felt. Let's make this a really special and blessed event for our Sister Carrie as we come to the Mass to participate and congratulate her.

I will not be with you for the June gathering. You will be having a Communion Service, the report on a Franciscan saint, a short business meeting, the filling of 30 Blessing Bags for Franciscan Outreach, and a pizza party...sounds like the mice will play while the cat is away. Enjoy!

And so, I end with the last lines of The Summons:

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Peace and ALL good to you all.

Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, JUNE 9, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish in Inverness for a Communion Service.** Afterward, we will adjourn to Room 083 in the lower level for a short business meeting, our Franciscan saint of the month, the filling of 30 Blessing Bags for Franciscan Outreach in the city.

For our social time, Pizza and Salad will be provided for all. Other side dishes and desserts will be appreciated. ***This is a Bring Your Own Beverage of Choice Gathering.*** Thank you.

Important: Must Read Message – Adjust Your Calendar

As our Minister, Sue, noted in her message: we will not meet on the second Tuesday of July. All will gather on:

**Monday, July 21, 2025
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Chapel at Holy Family Parish
Profession of Carrie C.**

According to **Article 42:4** of the General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order:

Profession does not only commit those professed to the Fraternity,
but also, at the same time, *it commits the Fraternity to take care of
the human and religious wellbeing of the professed.*

More information will be forthcoming at the June gathering.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Profession Anniversaries

June 6, 1974	Brother Tom S. who celebrates 49 years as a secular Franciscan
June 12, 2017	Sister Kathy F. who celebrates 8 years
June 27, 2021	Sisters Mary Anita C., Marion T. and RoseAnn Y. who celebrate 4 years

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	Body wash - MOST NEEDED
Baby wipes	Shampoo & conditioner - MOST NEEDED
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)

Bath mat – neutral color

Shower curtain with hooks – neutral color

Shower curtain liner (if shower curtain is cloth)

8 bars of soap

2 bottles of shampoo

8 toothbrushes

2 tubes of toothpaste

deodorant

feminine protection pads

10 disposable men's razors and shaving cream

8 rolls of toilet paper

2 bottles of hand lotion

4 boxes of Kleenex

2 small trashcans

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

This ministry is being tweaked for 2025. We will be packing the Blessing Bags in June at our June gathering. In May a list will be distributed asking members to sign up to bring specific items for the Blessing Bags. *(This will be similar to the sign-up that is done for the Thanksgiving baskets.)*

The items will be brought to the June gathering and together we will pack the Blessing Bags.

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

Monday, June 9	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Communion Service and packing of Blessing Bags.
Sunday, June 22	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.
Sunday, July 20	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
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. Note: this is 1st Monday of the month.
	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

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