



## *Dear Brothers & Sisters*

### **From the Minister**

Greetings, my Franciscan Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this, we have just celebrated Pentecost and today is Memorial Day.

Pentecost marks the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples in the upper room as a driving wind with tongues of fire. This empowered them to speak in different languages, allowing them to preach the Gospel to people of all nations. Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter and is known as the birthday of the Church ... it marks the beginning of the church's public mission.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces. It is also a time considered to be the unofficial beginning of summer.

And on the day after Pentecost, we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of the Church. Our St. Francis held Mary in high regard, choosing her as the Patroness and Queen of his religious order, the Friars Minor. He was deeply inspired by her faithful and humble response: "May it be done to me according to your word."

So, we remember ... we celebrate ... we go to cemeteries ... we gather with friends and family ... we attend Mass ... and give THANKS for ALL those who have gone before us and for what they have done for all of us. They showed us HOW to live.

Let us LIVE a life according to God's will and be ALL that we can BE. According to Fr. Terry (at Holy Family) ... BE MORE.

Please read this June newsletter thoroughly as there are many changes to our next meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be our Regional Visitation and as a result these changes are dictated by rules and regulations of the region. PLEASE, WE NEED EVERYONE TO ATTEND THIS VISITATION. Also, be aware that we will be collecting items for Journeys/The Road Home in June. Please, let's help our Brothers and Sisters in need. Bring your donated items into the building so that we can collect them and pray over them. Let me know if you are interested in shelving our donations at Journeys on that following Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

I thank God for each of you and keep you ALL in my prayers.

Peace, Sue

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### **Our Monthly Gathering – June 2026**

We will gather on **Monday, June 8, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness**, for our Triennial Regional Visitation. PLEASE NOTE THE INFORMATION ON THE SECOND PAGE AS TO THE SCHEDULE FOR THE GATHERING:

**Our Monthly Gathering information** continued from page 1

- Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Note extended time.
- Candidates:** Meeting with Visitors at 4:30 p.m. Be at Holy Family a few minutes prior to 4:30 p.m. for this visit.
- All members:** Visitors will meet with entire fraternity after meeting with Candidates.
- Liturgy:** Liturgy of the Hours prayed in the chapel by members not in meeting with the Visitors
- Formation:** St. John Bosco by Kay C.  
Survey results from last month  
Sign-up sheet for profession buffet
- DONATIONS:** Journeys/The Road Home – the PADS sites are not functional during the summer months. Personal items normally obtained at PADS are of great need during the summer months. Your generosity will be most gratefully used by our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters.
- DINNER:** BUFFET – Our Visitors are coming a long distance to be with us over a normal dinner hour. Council will provide an entree and salad. **We are asking all members to bring a side dish, dessert or beverage.**

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## We Pray ...

### PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

#### For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

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## Profession Anniversaries

- June 6, 1977** Brother Tom S. who celebrates 49 years as a secular Franciscan  
**June 12, 2017** Sister Kathy F. who celebrates 9 years  
**June 27, 2021** Sisters Mary Anita C. and Marion T. who celebrate 5 years

May God's abundant blessings be yours as you faithfully live the Gospel life you professed to live on those lovely June days years ago.

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## Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2026

- Monday, June 8** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. **This will be our Triennial Regional Visitation. See Page 2 for additional information.** We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours. 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, vice minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 20** Profession of Matthew S. is scheduled for **4:30 p.m.** in the chapel at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. **Note Date change.**
- Sunday, July 19** Council mtg, vice minister's home at 1:00 p.m. **Note Date change.**
- Monday, Aug. 10** Monthly gathering will be at **4:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy of the Hours. Anne F. will speak on Pope St. Pius X. There will be a collection of items for Journeys.
- Sunday, Aug. 23** Council meeting, vice 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.

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## Calendar of Regional Gatherings

- Sat. Sept. 26** Fall Formation Day (Cluster Two)
- Sat. Oct. 31** All Soul's Day Prayer Service, OFS Section, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Sun. Nov. 8** Mother Cabrini Celebration (Cluster Three) location TBD

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# Franciscan Outreach Schedule for 2026

The schedule for Franciscan Outreach for 2026 has been streamlined to make it easier for all fraternity members. In 2026 the fraternity determined that we will concentrate on **THREE** organizations that help those MOST IN NEED: **Feed My Starving Children, Journeys/The Road Home** and **Welcome the Stranger**.

## 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.

**Dates for Feed My Starving Children:**

- Wednesday, January 28, 2026
- Wednesday, March 25, 2026
- Wednesday, May 27, 2026
- Wednesday, July 29, 2026
- Wednesday, September 30, 2026
- Wednesday, December 30, 2026

**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

This organization serves persons in our community who are homeless, on the verge of losing their home and have other needs that impact the norms of daily living. We collect food and needed items. Fraternity members are needed to help stock the items at Journeys when they are delivered.

**Dates for Journeys/The Road Home collections:**

- Monday, February 9, 2026
- Monday, June 8, 2026**
- Monday, August 10, 2026

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.

### 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/vegetables*
Rice	Pasta sauce	Canned fruit*
Peanut butter	Cereal - large boxes	Canned beans*
Jelly	Canned stew, fish and chicken*	Canned beans*

## 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 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

### BATH

4 bars of hand soap  
2 bottles of shampoo  
4 toothbrushes/ 2 tubes toothpaste  
Feminine supplies (pads)  
10 men's razors/shaving cream

### CLEANING ITEMS

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

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.

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## Council Members

<b>Minister</b>	Susan Gribbon, OFS	<i>sgribbon1949@gmail.com</i>
<b>Vice Minister</b>	Stephanie Heavey, OFS	
<b>Formation Director</b>	Kay Crnich, OFS	
<b>Secretary</b>	Marion Tuttle, OFS	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jerry Stecker, OFS	
<b>Spiritual Assistant</b>	open	

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