



## *Dear Brothers & Sisters*

### **From the Minister**

Happy Lent, my Brothers and Sisters.

Recently, I saw this quote: “Words are promises. Actions are Proof and Truth ... Let’s make them Holy Actions.”

Please remember that we will NOT be meeting at Holy Family in March. Instead, we will be attending a retreat (Lent as a Pilgrimage Retreat) at the Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You are to call and register yourself. The cost is \$80. Currently, I only know of 5 or 6 who are attending. Patti, who transferred downstate last year said that she would be coming and she is looking forward to seeing you there.

We have our Regional Spring Formation Day on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Marytown. I sent the agenda/flyer to everyone. I have only heard from one person. The RSVP/head count needs to be called in by March 1<sup>st</sup>. So, please, call/text me if you want to attend. Hopefully, we will have a good fraternity showing. Marytown is ALWAYS a great place to visit. I have room for two more people in my car (carpooling is very Franciscan).

Lastly, we are having our Regional Visitation on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. It will be during our normal gathering time/date. Please, it is very important that you are present for this as the Regional Representatives will want to hear from you ... this is an event that only happens every three years. So, please, mark your calendars now.

So, I end with a quote from Friar Richard Rohr, OFM :

*“We do not think ourselves into new ways of living,  
we live ourselves into new ways of thinking.”*

Let’s put our Franciscan values into our lives with all that we do for ourselves and for others.

See you Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at our retreat.

Peace Always,

Sue, OFS

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### **Our Monthly Gathering – March 2026**

We will gather for our Lenten Retreat on **Monday, March 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at Bellarmine Hall Jesuit Retreat House, 420 West County Line Road, Barrington.** Call 847-381-1261 to sign up for the retreat.

The retreat is in lieu of our monthly gathering on the same date.

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## We Pray ...

### PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

#### For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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## Ongoing Saint Formation for 2026

March	Fraternity Retreat	
April	St. John Bosco	Kay C.
May	Blessed Franz Jagstetter	Lou R.
June	Visitation from Region	
August	Pope St. Pius X	Anne F.
September	Blessed Angela Salawa	Mary S.

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## Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2026

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 <b>4:30 p.m.</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy of the Hours; Kay C. will report on St. John Bosco. There will be a collection of the items for the Household Pack for Welcome the Stranger. Snacks provided by Maria B. and Anne F.
Sunday, Apr. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Monthly gathering will be at <b>4:30 p.m.</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy will be Crown Rosary. Lou R. will give a report on Blessed Franz Jagstetter. Snacks by Lou R. and Sue. G.
Sunday, May 24	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, June 8	Monthly gathering will be at <b>4:30 p.m.</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <b>Regional Visitation.</b> There will be a collection of items for Journeys/The Road Home. Snacks provided by Tom S. and Jerry S.
Sunday, June 28	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, July 20	Profession of Matthew S. is scheduled for <b>4:30 p.m.</b> in the chapel at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <b>Note Date change.</b>
Sunday, July 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.

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- 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. Mary S. will give a report on Blessed Angela Salawa.
- 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

- Saturday, Mar. 14** Spring Formation Day (Cluster One)
- Fri. May 8 – Sun. May 10** Regional Visitation from NEC – Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe (Marytown)
- Sat. May 9** Chapter of Ministers – Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe (Marytown)
- Sat. May 30** Headstone Clean-Up Day, OFS section, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 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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**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.

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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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