



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters.

Our fraternity has been busy. On September 20th, seven of us traveled to Mayslake for our Regional Fall Formation Day. On September 24th, three of us worked at Feed My Starving Children and turned in a \$106 check from our fraternity to feed a child for a year.

Then, on Saturday October 4th, four of us assisted at Holy Family Parish while Fr. Terry gave a Blessing of the Animals while we wore our brown shirts and handed out bandanas to each critter that showed up—over 100! That evening, during the 5 p.m. Mass, ten of us participated as greeters, ushers, gift bearers, Eucharistic ministers, proclaimer. After Mass, we all handed out Franciscan prayer cards to the attendees, wearing our brown shirts and being a Franciscan presence.

Lastly, three of us traveled to Queen of Heaven cemetery on Saturday, October 18th to clean the headstones of those Secular Franciscans buried there...a Corporal Work of Mercy. We are putting our service into ACTION. Good job, everyone!

Major feasts and memorials in November for us Franciscans are:

November 13th – Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patron saint of our region

November 17th - Feast Day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, patroness of the Third Order
(that's us) who died in 1231

November 24th - Commemoration of all the Deceased Seraphic Order

November 29th - Feast of All Saints of the Seraphic Order (all Franciscans)

So, for ALL those who have gone before us and have shown us the way, we pray in thanksgiving and in HOPE that we, too, on our Franciscan journey may be the hands and feet of Christ and DO what we professed to do.

As I close, a reminder to you all ... PLEASE read the ENTIRE newsletter ... Stephanie has listed ALL the things that you volunteered to bring for our 2 Thanksgiving baskets for the Palatine Township. The items donated will be collected at our Monday, November 10th gathering at 4:30 p.m. Bring them into Holy Family and place your donations on the cart that will be outside the chapel. Please bring your Liturgy of the Hours with you as we will be praying the Office of the Dead in the chapel.

I know ... there's a lot ... so please read the newsletter. Thank you all for making our fraternity a work of service.

Peace and all good.

Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering – November 2025

We will gather on **Monday, November 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish in Inverness** to commemorate those who have gone before us by praying the Office of the

Dead which is in the Liturgy of the Hours. Afterward, we will adjourn to Room 183 on the lower level for a business meeting, formation and social time. Our Sister Rose Ann Y. will give a report on St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, whose feast is Nov. 13th. Hospitality will be provided by Marion and Stephanie. During the gathering, we will pack the baskets of Thanksgiving items for the needy. The list of items is as follows:

Maria B.	4 cans cranberry sauce
Mary Anita C.	1 can coffee, tea or chocolate
Carrie C.	2 foil turkey pans 1 can coffee 2 cans fruit
Kay C.	2 \$25 gift certificates for turkey and perishables
Anne F.	2 cans fruit
Sue G	4 cans vegetables 2 cans chicken broth 2 cans cream of mushroom soup 2 large laundry baskets to hold food
Stephanie H.	2 boxes brownie mix 2 boxes Jell-O 2 boxes Fannie Mae candy paper plates, napkins, etc.
Bill K.	2 cans evaporated milk 2 lg boxes mashed potatoes
Bonnie M.	4 cans vegetables
Lou R.	2 boxes piecrust mix
Tom S.	4 cans turkey gravy
Jerry S.	2 cans chicken broth 2 cans cream of mushroom soup 2 boxes brownie mix
Mary S.	2 boxes Jell-O 1 bag stuffing mix
Marion T.	4 large cans sweet potatoes
Rose Ann Y.	1 bag stuffing mix

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

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	– collection of food and necessities for the homeless
September	FMSC	September 24, 2025 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
October	Welcome the Stranger	– collection of items needed by a refuge family who are adjusting to living in a different country and culture
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.

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.

JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

We will again collect items for Journeys/the Road Home at our **February** and **August** gatherings.

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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*
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. *Because of government cuts in funding, the program can no longer support new families coming into the country.* However, it will continue to support those 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 March 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 Three Baskets of food to the Township needy.

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.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2025

Monday, Nov. 10	Monthly gathering will be at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be the Office of the Dead. We will pack Thanksgiving baskets for the Township.
Sunday, Nov. 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 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 1:00 p.m.

Regional Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 9	Mother Cabrini Celebration location Frankfort, IL
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Council Members

Minister	Susan Gribbon, OFS	<i>sgribbon1949@gmail.com</i>
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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.

Live Simply So That Others Can Simply Live.