



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters.

And welcome to Fall ... Hope and pray you are enjoying this beautiful season of cooler and colorful. It is my favorite season.

On September 17th, we celebrated the Stigmata of St. Francis. On Saturday, October 4th, at 10 a.m. we will be celebrating the Blessing of the Animals at Holy Family Parish and on that same day at 5 p.m. Mass we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis during Mass ... we are looking for helpers at both these events. We want to be a presence, to wear our brown shirts, be greeters, gift bearers and hand out Franciscan prayer cards to all as they exit after Mass.

Then, please be aware that our NEXT FRATERNITY GATHERING is the first Monday of October ... October 6th at 4:30 p.m. at which time we will celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis.

Wow ... we have a lot going on. Also, remember that we will have our collection for Welcome the Stranger on October 6th. There was a sign-up sheet at the last fraternity meeting where we all agreed to bring items to assist in helping those in need. Please read the rest of this newsletter to see what you signed up for.

And lastly, seven of you from our fraternity spent September 20th at Mayslake with the rest of our region listening and sharing about how we can live 'Laudato Si' lives. We left there feeling empowered ...

If not us, then who?

If not now, then when?

Since Vatican II, and more recently with Popes Francis and Leo XIV, we are being encouraged to do the research and act ... now.

“If one knows, one is responsive.

If one is capable of acting, one must act.

If one is capable of bringing about change, be the change.”

I will bring some handouts from this retreat day to share with you on October 6th.

Please, I am begging you all to read this newsletter in its entirety ... there is a LOT of information for you to be aware of. And then I pray for us all to step up and be willing to make our fraternity and Franciscan calling a priority in our lives. We can't function without committed members, not just living as a Catholic, but going the extra step, serving, taking on leadership rolls and being the living example of peace and love ... starting in our fraternity.

“It's not your gifts that determine who you are ...

it's what you do with your gifts that does.”

spoken to Harry Potter by Prof. Dumbledore

So, I ask us all, do more and BE MORE Franciscan ... for that is what we are.

Peace and ALL Good. Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering – October 2025

We will gather on **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Family Parish in Inverness** to celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi. Afterward, we will adjourn to Room 183 on the lower level for a business meeting, formation and social time. Our Sister Sue G. will give a report on another St. Francis – St. Francis de Sales.

There will be a collection of the donations for the **Welcome the Stranger Household Pack**. The list of items is as follows:

KITCHEN

Bottle of dish soap	Mary Anita C.
2 sponges w/scrubby side	Bill K.
Tall kitchen trash bags	Bill K.
4 rolls of paper towels	Marion T.
Plastic wrap	Kathy F.

CLEANING ITEMS

All purpose clnr w/o bleach	Mary S.
Toilet bowl cleaner	Mary S.
Laundry soap	Anne F.
Roll quarters for laundry	Sue G.

Scouring powder	Stephanie H.
Floor cleaner	Matthew S.

BATH

4 bars hand soap	Carrie C.
2 bottles shampoo	RoseAnn Y.
4 t/brushes 2 tpaste	Kay C.
Feminine pads	Stephanie H.
10 mens razors/cream	Kay C.
8+ rolls toilet paper	Tom S.
Bottle hand lotion	Sue G.
2 boxes Kleenex	Sue G.
2 deodorant	Sue G.

A laundry basket will be provided in which items will be placed for delivery.

Schedule of Saints Presentations for 2025-2026

“Blessed are the flexible for they will not be bent out of shape.” During the past few months, our schedule of presentations of the lives of Saints who were secular Franciscans did get bent out of shape. Those presentations that were not given earlier this year have been moved to 2026. Below is the current schedule:

October 2025	St. Francis de Sales	Sue G.
November 2025	St. Frances Cabrini	Rose Ann Y.
December	none	
January 2026	St. Rose Viterbo	Marion T.
February 2026	Blessed Solanus Casey	Carrie C.
March 2026	St. Pope Pius X	Anne F.
April 2026	Blessed Angela Salawa	Mary S.
May 2026	Blessed Franz Jagstetter	Lou R.
June 2026	St. John Bosco	Kay C.
July 2026	St. Pope John XXIII	Bonnie M.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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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

Profession Anniversaries

10/11/2010

Cyndy S.

May God keep our Sister Cyndy cradled in His ever-loving care.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2025

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, 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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For privacy, all personal addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, prayer intentions, and (for non-council members) last names are removed from this web version.
