

Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Ordo Franciscanus Secularis (OFS) A Member of Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity

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Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Gathering

Wednesday, June 27

6 p.m. Richmond Park

We are looking forward to being with fraternity members and their families during our annual picnic. Please bring a white elephant gift for the raffle and your own plates, cups and utensils. Drinks, meat and cheese tray will be provided. Please bring a food item to share.

A-H Bring a Side Dish to Share
I-P Bring a Salad

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

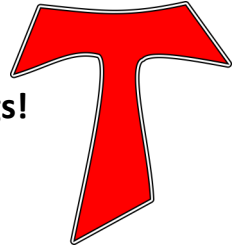
July 25 *Apostolate Implementation* *St. Thomas the Apostle*
Aug. 29 *Apostolate Implementation* *St. Thomas the Apostle*

Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

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| Blessed Gregory Grassi, Bishop and Companions | July 8 |
| Nicholas Pick, Preist | July 9 |
| Veronica Giuliani, Religious | July 10 |
| John Jones and John Wall, Priests | July 12 |
| Blessed Angeline of Marsciano | July 13 |
| Francis Solano, Priest | July 14 |
| Bonaventure. Priest, Doctor | July 15 |
| Lawrence of Brindisi Priest, Doctor | July 21 |
| Blessed Cunegunda, Religious | July 23 |
| Blessed Louise of Savoy, Religious | July 24 |
| Blessed Mary Magdalene of Martinengro, Religious | July 27 |

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Professions

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| Helene Crawford | June 24 |
| Beth Price | June 24 |
| Ray Boisvenue | June 25 |
| Chris Bueche | June 25 |
| Patti Reynolds | June 25 |

Birthdays

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| Jennifer Renegar | June 8 |
| Susan Martin | June 16 |
| Scott Windy | June 16 |
| Karon Koepke | June 17 |
| Camilla Sonefeld | June 17 |
| Mary Ann Swiatowski | June 17 |

Please note: To update incorrect information, please contact Carol Dills, secretary, grdillpickles@sbcglobal.net or cmann1897@gmail.com or 616.450.1897.

Message from the Minister

What a great start we had last month! So many great ideas were discussed. We met and split into four committees to brainstorm ideas for specific projects we could do as a fraternity for our aspotolate. The Education committee discussed ways we could re-study the document, Laudato Si, in light of educating our fraternity and the community outside our fraternity. The Prayer committee discussed many ways we could pray using the themes put forth in Laudato Si. Both the Advocacy and Direct Service committees also had great ideas for implementing our apostolate. I look forward to our July and August gatherings to continue these great discussions.

Pax et bonum,
Barb Scott, OFS

Call for Regional Elections

This year elections will take place at the August Annual Minister's Meeting for the Region of Divine Mercy on Saturday, August 11. Our Regional Minister, David Seitz, is accepting nominations from any fraternity member in the region. If you would like to nominate someone, please send an email to David, dmrofsdavid@gmail.com. Positions to be elected are Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and four at-large Councilors.



Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Corner

Cami Mann, OFS JPIC Animator

Peace & all good,

Laudato Si offers us much in the way of taking action to be Franciscans full of life and love in the world.

I came across a flyer created by Catholic Climate Covenant www.catholicclimatecovenant.org. The flyer highlighted nine things we can do to reduce the amount of plastic in our life, thereby decreasing the amount of plastic waste in our communities and oceans. Below are the nine tips.

Reading the flyer and thinking about our conversation last month, I realized that while it may look like we are taking action to reduce plastic waste, we are actually reminding ourselves and our communities that we are no longer comfortable with the idea of a “throw-away” mentality. It isn’t much of a stretch to go from seeing things as disposable to treating the rest of our lives that way. We need only to look to elder care, abortion, mental health, and mass incarceration for evidence of a “disposable” mentality toward life. All of the dimensions of implementing Laudato Si are moments of advocating for life and in particular through a Catholic sacramental worldview that tells us it is all first and foremost a gift given to us by a generous, compassionate God. Review Laudato Si chapter four, Integral Ecology, for more on the topic.

1. Bring a reusable bag to the grocery store
 2. Carry a reusable water bottle
 3. Bring your own cup for coffee or tea
 4. Pack lunch in a reusable container
 5. Say no to disposable straws and cutlery
 6. Store leftovers in glass jars
 7. Slow down and dine in
 8. Skip using plastic produce bags
 9. Use alternative to plastic wrap visit www.beeswrap.com. For a local beeswrap supplier contact Cami.
- Ss. Francis and Claire, pray for us.

Religious Freedom Week 2018: June 22 - June 29

•FRIDAY, JUNE 22 at Our Lady of Consolation, Rockford

9am Opening Mass

presentation by Kathryn Mulderink immediately following:

"Religious Liberty: Right Here. Right Now." - Childcare available

Join us for light refreshments and conversation after the talk.

•TUESDAY, JUNE 26 at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Rapids

6:30pm Mass

presentation by attorney John Bursch immediately following:

"Religious Liberty, Sex, and the Church"

Join us for light refreshments and conversation after the talk.

•FRIDAY, JUNE 29 at St. Paul the Apostle, Grand Rapids

6:00pm Musical presentation

6:30pm Closing Mass, BISHOP DAVID WALKOWIAK presiding

Join us for light refreshments and conversation after Mass.

co-sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Our Lady of Consolation, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Paul the Apostle Parishes.

For more information, go to www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org or call the parish office.

For OLC childcare: pre-register with Amy Oatley 616-866-2577 ext. 212

Fair Share Update

If you are excused from attending the fraternity gatherings and would like to send your fair share amount, please make check payable to Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity and send your check to:

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West Olive, MI 49460

****Please note Dwayne's new address****

Hospitality Ministry May 30

Set-Up

Marilyn Hawkins

Clean-Up

Margo Dean


Dwayne Betcher

To Be Excused

If you are unable to attend a fraternity gathering due to health or other hardship reasons, please email:

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