

**Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity
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A Member of Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity**

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Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Gathering

Wednesday, March 27

Fraternity Elections

St. Thomas the Apostle

***Please bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for St. Thomas Food Pantry which supports the county-wide food pantry at the Salvation Army. (See page 3 for details)*

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

April 24
May 29

Movie Night—Sign of Contradiction
TBD

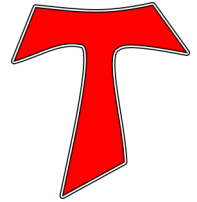
Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

St. Isidore	Apr 4
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen	Apr 24
St. Mark	Apr 25

Bold denotes Third Order Secular Saints & Blesseds From Proper Offices of Franciscan Saints and Blessed in the Liturgy of the Hours

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Birthdays

Dennis Rybicki March 3
Alvin Matkovich March 7
Barb Scott March 8
Kathleen Rosen March 12
Mary Lou Harig March 14
Mary Hentig March 17
Barbara Czurak March 23
Jeff Dills March 26

Professions

Lois Flickinger March 25
Diane Gray March 25
Marilyn Hawkins March 25
Mary Lou Thompson March 25
Paul Wojtas March 25

Message from the Minister

Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Jan Kaeding, OFS, came down with the flu last month and had to cancel. We hope to reschedule her in the near future. Please watch for the new date soon. Thank you to Michelle Bryk for putting together our formation on such quick notice.

This month we will be electing a new council for our fraternity. Please pray for the slate of those who have graciously accepted their nominations:

Minister

Chris Bueche, OFS
Barb Scott, OFS

Treasurer

Laura Bouchard, OFS
Jeff Dills, OFS

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None

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Pax et bonum,
Barbara Scott, OFS

APOSTOLATE COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Direct Service *First apostolate project: We are collecting items for local food pantries at our monthly fraternity meetings and will then donate them to local food pantries. This month please bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for St. Thomas Food Pantry which supports the county-wide food pantry at the Salvation Army. If you have any questions or suggestions for future donation locations, feel free to reach out to Laura Bouchard, OFS at bouchardfamily6@gmail.com or cell 616.813.7648.*

Spring and Summer Formation Opportunities

Spring Ministers Meeting

Saturday, April 27 8:30 am—4:00 pm Saginaw Ministry Center

The day is open to all OFS members. The morning session will be discussing Servant Leadership.

Cost: \$25

Laudato Si and the U.S. Catholic Church: A Conference Series on Our Common Home

June 27-29 Creighton University in Omaha, NE

Cost: Conference \$125, Accommodations \$99+tax/night

Adapting a New World: Franciscan Men and Women in 19th and 20th Century American

June 24-28 St. Bonaventure University, NY

Cost: Online \$300, On Campus \$650

Making Sense of a Forgotten Past: Lay Franciscans as Co-Creators of the Franciscan Spiritual Tradition

July 8-12 St. Bonaventure University, NY

Cost: Online \$300, On Campus \$650

Secular Franciscan Conference

Enduring Presence: Franciscan Laity, Their Relevance Today

July 12-14 St. Bonaventure University, NY

Cost: \$400

Secular Franciscan Summer Seminar

Clare of God: A Spirituality for Our Time

July 11-14 St. Francis University in Loretto, PA

Cost: TBD

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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Hospitality Ministry February

Set-Up

Clean-Up

Volunteers are needed for both set up and clean up this month.

To sign up online please visit Sign Up Genius
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044dabac2aa7fd0-hospitality

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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