

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

Newsletter

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Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Gathering

Wednesday, May 29 3:00 and 7:00 pm

****Special Additional Time at 3:00 pm (Rectory Conference Room)
Regularly Scheduled Time at 7:00 pm (LL Church)**

**Special Guest Presentation on the Rule
Jan Kaeding, OFS
Divine Mercy Regional Councilor**

*****Please bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry. They are especially in need of canned fruit, pancake mix, jelly, and canned beans.***

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

June 26 Fraternity Picnic at Whistlestop Park in Byron Center
July 24 Apostolate Committee Work

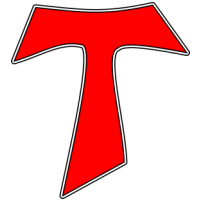
Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

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| Ascension of the Lord | June 2 |
| Pentecost | June 9 |
| St. Anthony of Padua | June 13 |
| Most Holy Trinity | June 16 |
| Corpus Christi | June 23 |
| Nativity of John the Baptist | June 24 |
| Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi | June 25 |
| Sts. Peter and Paul | June 29 |

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!



Professions

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| Dorothy Deja | May 20 |
| Helene Crawford | June 24 |
| Beth Price | June 24 |
| Ray Boisvenue | June 25 |
| Chris Bueche | June 25 |
| Patti Reynolds | June 2 |

Birthdays

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| Josephine Simon | May 12 |
| Jim Howard | May 18 |
| Julie Walters | May 26 |
| Margo Dean | May 28 |
| Jim Dohm | May 30 |
| Jennifer Renegar | June 8 |
| Susan Martin | June 16 |
| Karon Koepke | June 17 |
| Camilla Sonefeld | June 17 |
| Mary Ann Swiatowski | June 17 |

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Message from the Minister

We had a GREAT movie night last month! If you get a chance to see Sign of Contradiction, please do. It is a documentary on St. Francis of Assisi, featuring in one segment our own Jim Flickinger.

Next month we will be having a speaker from Regional Council, Jan Kaeding, OFS. She will be presenting an interesting study of our Rule. Because this is such an important time of formation for us all, we will be having two sessions so that all can attend. There will be a 3:00 pm presentation in the lower level of the parish offices, and then repeated at 7:00 pm in the basement of the church. Please try to attend one of these presentations.

There are many ways you can serve our fraternity. Please pray about how you can be of service. These are in addition to the subcommittees of our apostolate.

Fraternity Needs:

1. Formation Team—We have several groups interested in the Franciscan Way of life in our fraternity. Michelle Bryk would be heading up a team of people to help form them in the Rule and Constitutions.
2. Infirmarian Team—There are members of our fraternity that are in need of a phone call or card and to communicate with the council if they are in need of prayers or support.
3. Hospitality Team—Each month we need people to help with set up and clean up of our fraternity gatherings.

Apostolate Subcommittees:

1. Prayer—This group helps with prayer and prayer activities within the apostolate
2. Direct Service—this group helps with immediate needs identified in the community
3. Advocacy—this group helps with long term solutions of issues identified in the community
4. Education—this group helps with educating people around the points in Laudato Si

If you are interested in helping with the fraternity needs and you have not chosen an apostolate subcommittee, please contact me.

Pax et bonum,
Barbara Scott, OFS

Save the Date

Annual Fraternity Picnic
June 26 6:00 pm
Whistlestop Park
2120 76th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

A-F dessert
G-P salad or side dish
R-Z appetizer or snack
Paul - Raspberry pie



Spring and Summer Formation Opportunities

Immigration: Presenter—Oscar Chacon

May 21, 1:00 pm McAuley Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI

RSVP Tom Kyle at tom.j.kyle.1939@gmail.com or at 248 987 2223 if you would like to have lunch served at noon

Faith Fest 2019

June 22 St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI

Ticket Cost varies for this concert. See www.faithfest.com/tickets for more information

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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****Please note the new address****

Hospitality Ministry April

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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