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**Annual Profession Renewal and Celebration of
Anniversaries**

Saturday, February 22

8:00 am

St. Thomas

Weekday Mass will begin at 8:00 am with the Profession Renewal immediately following Mass. We will then go downstairs for a breakfast potluck social.

Dish to pass: **A-F** fruit, **G-P** bagels/yogurt, granola, etc., **R-Z** sweet rolls/doughnuts

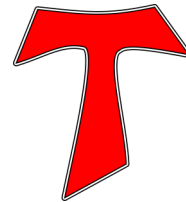
Congratulations to those celebrating their 25th profession anniversary:

Margo Dean, Verona Dunn, Richard & Mary Michalski, and Claire Pinsonneault

February Collection: The Salvation Army has a crisis need for coats and blankets (among other clothing needs). They currently have 126 families awaiting housing and living in their cars.

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Professions

Ellie Estes	March 15
Ken Estes	March 15
Lois Flickinger	March 25
Diane Gray	March 25
Marilyn Hawkins	March 25
Mary Lou Thompson	March 25

Birthdays

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

Message from the Minister

A lot of work is being done on many fronts within the committees:

Day of Reflection—March 7. The Diocese has asked that we open this up to parishes in the diocese. We will also invite our neighboring Franciscan fraternities in the Region. Registration will be capped at 75. See the registration form included in this issue. [Click here for online registration.](#)

Green Mass—June 18. The Mass in Celebration of God's Creation will be celebrated with the Bishop and will be a Diocesan wide event. Look for more information in the near future.

Infirmarian Team—Marilyn Hawkins in working hard with her team to revitalize this ministry. Thank you all for this important work.

Education Committee—The committee is working on putting together a formation evening on April 29 on Water Quality in the Great Lakes. They are also putting together a resource list for the Day of Reflection and the Green Mass.

Prayer Committee—The committee is working on helping the Day of Reflection Team for this event. They continue to pray for our apostolate.

Advocacy Committee—The committee continues to put together a database of contacts throughout the diocese.

Direct Service Committee—The committee is planning the food for the Day of Reflection and the Green Mass. They are also working on inviting a staff member from God's Kitchen to come to speak to our group and answer any questions regarding serving at their location.

Great work to all!

Pax et bonum,
Barbara Scott, OFS

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

February 22 (Sat)	Profession Renewal & Anniversary Rite	8:00 am
March 25	Profession Mass at IHM	7:00 pm
April 29	Water Quality in the Great Lakes	7:00 pm

United by their vocation as “brothers and sisters of penance” and motivated by the dynamic power of the Gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the Gospel calls “conversion.” Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily. – Article 7 of the Secular Franciscan Order

**Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity hosts:
Day of Reflection 2020
March 7, 2020
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Franciscan Life Process Center
11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell, MI 49331**



We Hold God’s Earth

Come explore the richness of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. Through teaching, prayer, and reflection, you will gain a deeper understanding of how we can praise the Lord through our care of “Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us.” Our facilitator for the day is Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE, PhD and Dean of Science and Sustainability at Aquinas College, who will encourage and inspire us.

Non-fraternity members are invited to join us. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. We will begin the day with **8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle**. For those going directly to FLPC, registration will open at 9:00 am.

Detach this form and return it to: Sue Southerton OFS, 10670--92nd St SE, Alto, MI 49302

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

I can drive. Food allergies/needs: _____

I will attend Mass but would like to ride with someone.

Fee: \$20 Checks can be made out to Our Mother of Sorrows.

Limited spots are available. Registration closes February 26, 2020.

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:

Jeff Dills, OFS
2265 Burton Pines SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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

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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