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Welcome Mary VanderPloeg!!

**Profession Mass
Wednesday, July 29
7:00 pm
St. Thomas the Apostle**

Please join us as the fraternity welcomes Mary VanderPloeg into the Secular Franciscan Order and a member of Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity. Social distancing guidelines will be in place. Please come wearing a mask and sitting 6 feet apart from each household. There will be NO SOCIAL after Mass in keeping with the diocesan guidelines. Fr. Jon VanderPloeg will be our celebrant.

Additional Note: We will need a few volunteers to stay after Mass to sanitize the pews.

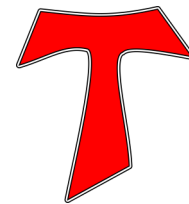
****If you are NOT able to attend, please mail your fair share checks for the month to Jeff Dills (address on the back on the newsletter).**

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

July 29	Profession Mass	St. Thomas	7:00 pm
Aug 26	Fraternity Gathering	St. Thomas	7:00 pm
Sept 1	Green Mass	St. Andrew	7:00 pm

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Professions

Rose Hickey	August 26
Ted Kusmierz	August 26
Joanne Dusendang	August 29
Mary Ann Swiatlowski	August 29

Birthdays

Helene Crawford	August 6
Ellie Estes	August 6
Judy VanderLaan	August 7
Margo Kiel	August 8
Jason George	August 11
Kay Wilson	August 30

Message from the Minister

It was great seeing those that came to the picnic. We had a small but energetic crowd, about 28 in total. I understand those that did not feel comfortable yet venturing out. It is a strange time we live in. I hope and pray that we will be able to gather safely soon. I also pray for those affected by the virus, whether directly or indirectly. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

Please note below several cancellations. I know this can be frustrating, but this too shall pass in God's time. In the meantime, I wish to thank those that continue to send in their fair share donations to Jeff Dills. It is truly amazing at the dedication of our members. God bless all of you.

Pax et bonum,
Barbara Scott, OFS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Camilla Sonefeld, who passed away unexpectedly on June 22, 2020. May she rest in peace.



NAFRA Annual Chapter Meeting

This year's Chapter meeting originally scheduled for October of this year in Detroit has been cancelled. The Region is hoping to host again after next year which is already scheduled for Dallas, TX.

Our Mother of Sorrows Come and See Event

Due to the extension of dispensation from our Sunday obligation from our Bishop until July 31, we are postponing our Come and See Event for a time when it is safe to gather. Please watch upcoming newsletters for updates.

Fraternity Gathering—August 26

Fr. Jim is not allowing groups of more than 10 to gather indoors at St. Thomas per directives from Bishop Walkowiak. Therefore, our August fraternity gathering is cancelled. We hope to be able to gather in September. Stay safe everyone!

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Bold names please be the person to reach out in first week.
Callers are alphabetical, and some have changed since last month.
All numbers are cell numbers, if available
M=Mailing list F=Formation
Prayer requests can be emailed to Barb Scott and Michelle Bryk.

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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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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Prayer to End Racism



Let us pray the words of Pope Francis to begin this great and necessary work.
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.
You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:
where there is shouting, let us practice listening;
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.
May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world.
Amen.



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