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June Fraternity Gathering Annual Picnic

Wednesday, June 28 6:00 pm
Cascade Township Park
3810 Thornapple River Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

We will be meeting in the Pavilion which is at the very back of the park. Drive through the big "main" parking lot to a driveway at the far end that will take you to a smaller parking lot at the far end of the park near the pavilion. Please bring your own table settings/cups. Families are welcome!

The Council will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and water. Also, please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name:

- A ~ M bring Salads or Sides
- N ~ Z bring Desserts

NOTE: NO WHITE ELEPHANT DRAWING THIS YEAR

Fair Share Contributions

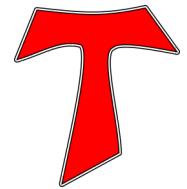
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Mark Your Calendars

Jul 26	Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
Aug 30	Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
Sep 30 (Sat)	Day of Reflection		Adventure Point

Celebrating the Milestones



Professions

Michelle Bryk , OFS	July 26
Barbara Czurak, OFS	July 26
Mary VanderPloeg, OFS	July 29
Jenn Bahm , OFS	July 30
Carol Dills, OFS	July 30
Jeff Dills, OFS	July 30
Peg Wegenka , OFS	July 30
Pat Fiebig, OFS	July 31
Elaine Kozloski, OFS	July 31

Birthdays

Chris Bueche, OFS	July 15
Diane Gray, OFS	July 15
Elaine Kozloski, OFS	July 15
Marcia Dohm, OFS	July 19
Amy Oatley, OFS	July 21
Joanne Dusendang, OFS	July 31

Memorials

June Engebretsen, OFS	July 07
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Message from the Minister

Brothers & Sisters,

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are getting a good start to your summer. One sure sign for us in Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity that summer has arrived is our annual June picnic.

As before, we will be gathering a bit earlier to allow for all to relax before heading for home before dark. Please check the front of the newsletter for timing and your assigned dish to pass. The council discussed and decided it was time to retire one long standing tradition which was the white elephant style drawing. Instead, we will introduce some fun and games all can enjoy. And I am open to suggestions as well if you have some good team-building style games. Give me a call. Also, if anyone is interested in joining but is concerned that they do not have transportation, please call me so I can see if we can set up a ride.

For our July gathering, I have two things to share. First, we have arranged with St. Thomas the Apostle parish to allow for our monthly meetings to be held for the foreseeable future in the Community Room of their Ministry Center. In other words, we are not meeting in the church basement! In the past, we have occasionally met in this space if the basement was not available. We hope this move will be more convenient and comfortable for you. Second, our topic will be related to new guidance we received from NAFRA last year as regards Life in Fraternity. Please look for a separate letter from the Council to arrive in your mailbox in late June or early July to provide you time to pray and discern on its contents and bring any questions to our July gathering.

Looking ahead to the fall, please mark your calendars for a Day of Reflection to be held on Saturday, September 30. This will be in place of our typical last Wednesday of September gathering and will be held at Adventure Point in Walker, Michigan. This is a 30+ acre facility run by the Boy Scouts of America. It is typically used for team building and other similar leadership / corporate events. If you look them up on the Internet, you will note they have climbing walls, ropes courses, etc. Don't worry. We are not planning on using those but instead we will limit our selves to their very nice meeting facilities.

Until then, I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

Pax et bonum,

Chris Bueche, OFS

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for the Month of July



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We ask you to pray for the person you are partnered with all month. We encourage both partners to call to check in or ask for prayer requests.

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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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