



# The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order ~USA

July 2020

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are Secular Franciscans living in the world and sharing our Franciscan Charism by “going from gospel to life, and life to the gospel”, by following Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare; and by following our apostolic Rule we strive to build up the Kingdom of God in our lifetimes by our prayers, works and fraternal community.*

## July Gathering

**Opening Prayer – Rite of Admission** for Mary Ann Bucklin.

**July 12 – Fraternity Meeting**, St. Bonaventure’s grass behind the Activities Building, 1:00-3:30 pm

**\*bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on\***

**Franciscan Gospel Sharing** – Norma – using the Gospel translation and text on page 2.

**Formation** – Holy Half-Hours, Article 10  
Read, meditate and answer the questions.

**Snacks** – Norma; **Fruit** – Mary Ann (*please remember that all food must be individually wrapped and the fruit must be the kind to peel.*)

**Closing Prayer** – The Prayer Before the Crucifix

## July III Order Feasts

3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta
4. 40 Martyrs of China
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, OFS
6. St. Maria Goretti
7. Bl. Oddin Barotto, OFS
8. St. Elisabeth of Portugal, OFS
- 15. ST. BONAVENTURE**
15. Bl. Bernard de Baden, OFS
15. Tim & Kathy’s Anniversary, 42 years
16. St. Marie-Madeleine Postel
17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, OFS
18. St. Camillus de Lellis
19. St. Vincent de Paul
21. Sue Allen profession, 1974
22. Bl. Angeline of Marciano
29. Bl. Alphonse de l’Immaculee
31. St. Ignatius de Loyola
31. Joan Marcantelli’s birthday
31. Kathie Sirek’s birthday



## August Gathering

**August 9 – Fraternity Meeting**, St. Bonaventure’s Activities Center, Room #4, 1:00-3:30 pm

**Franciscan Gospel Sharing** – Jim -- using the Gospel translation and text on page 2.

**Formation** – Holy Half-Hours, Article 11  
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**Snacks** – Kathie S.; **Fruit** – Jim (*please remember that all food must be individually wrapped and the fruit must be the kind to peel.*)

**Closing Prayer** – The Blessing of St. Clare

## Rest In Peace Gloria Barry, OFS



Gloria Mary Barry, OFS of Bloomington, passed away June 17, 2020 at the age of 94, from complications of COVID 19 while surrounded by family and in the home which she resided for 66 years.

Gloria raised her children in Bloomington where she lived in the same home on Elliot Avenue until her passing in that same house and surrounded by her children. She taught her children and grandchildren the importance of a strong spiritual life and family togetherness. She was a proud member of Saint Bonaventure Catholic Community from its establishment in 1960, attended regular and daily mass, taught faith formation, played the organ, sewed garments and alter adornments, and volunteered her time to Loaves and Fishes, The Bereavement Council, Third Order, and many other ministries.

Gloria was a founding member of the St. Bonaventure OFS fraternity and returned to meetings in the 2000s. The family is planning a private mass of Catholic burial at St. Bonaventure Catholic Community. A celebration of Gloria’s life will be scheduled at a later time.



## July Formation

**On-Going Formation** – Holy Half-Hours, Article 10  
**Initial Formation** – Candidacy session #1

## Fraternity Infirmarian Report

This month, on behalf of our Fraternity, I have sent "Thinking of You" cards to Colette Schunk and Kay Pelletier, along with our continued prayers for their health and well-being. In remembrance of Gloria Barry, our dear sister in Fraternity, I have sent her family her Perpetual Enrollment in the Spiritual Treasury of the Companions of St. Anthony, to be remembered in the Masses and prayers of the Franciscan Friars Conventual. Let us keep them, and all our sisters and brothers, living and deceased, in our thoughts and prayers. May we all find strength, hope, comfort and peace in Jesus, and may He walk beside us on every path we take.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Holmes, OFS

## Fraternity Treasury Report

<b>Balance as of May 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$3,632.55</b>
<u>Expenses:</u>	\$ 0
<u>Income:</u>	
June Common Fund	\$ 130.00
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$3,762.55</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
Meagher Memorial Fund	\$1,505.00
2021 Fair Share Anticipated:	
St. John XXIII, OFS (15, 1 cand.)	\$ 847.00
St. Juniper Serra NFG (6)	\$ 330.00
<b>Total Restricted:</b>	<b>\$2,682.00</b>
<b>NET Balance of available funds</b>	<b>\$1,080.55</b>

Respectfully submitted by Norma Noonan, OFS

**Please mail your Common Fund donations to:  
Norma Noonan, OFS, 4439 Lakeshore Terrace  
Eagan MN 55122**

## Fraternity Minutes

Zoom meeting on June 14, 2020.

## SJ23<sup>rd</sup> Council

**Minister** – Kathleen Sirek, OFS 651-666-3985  
**Vice Minister** – Jim Terry, OFS 612-964-1660  
**Secretary** – Mitzi Speranzella, OFS 612.979-7168  
**Treasurer** – Norma Noonan, OFS 651-686-0532  
**Formation** – Kathy Taormina, OFS 952-457-2209  
**Spiritual Assistant**–Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.  
**Infirmarian** – Janet Holmes, OFS 952-943-1518

**\*\*\*Remember – to be excused, please call the  
fraternity Minister, Kathie Sirek!**



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## Gospel – Matthew 13: 1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.  
Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

## Pope's Prayers for July

### **Our Families**

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

# JULY FORMATION

## Holy Half-Hours

### OFS RULE

#### Ongoing Formation Assignment:

OFS RULE – Article 10

<p>Make a commitment to spend four <b>holy half-hours</b> to prepare for class.</p> <p>Preferably, spend one holy half-hour a week.</p>	<p><b>For each holy half hour:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Put yourself in the presence of God.</li><li>• Pray to the Holy Spirit for Guidance.</li><li>• Read the assigned passages.</li></ul> <p>After reading, spend time with God in prayer. Use some of your thoughts as points of dialogue with God.</p>
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1. **Read** OFS RULE, Article 10

2. **Read** any commentaries, such as *Hidden Power III: From Gospel to Life*.

**Read** OFS General Constitutions, Articles 10, 12.2.

3. **Questions:**

Week 1:

- Do I place my “will into the Father’s will”?

Week 2:

- When do I hold part, or most, of myself back from God?

Week 3:

- What are the “duties proper to [my] various circumstances of life”?

Week 4:

- I am to “witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions”. When do I find that most challenging to do?

# AUGUST FORMATION

## Holy Half-Hours

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2. **Read** any commentaries, such as *Hidden Power III: From Gospel to Life*.

**Read** OFS General Constitutions, Article 15

3. **Questions:**

Week 1:

- Describe what a “humble life” would look like today.

Week 2:

- What is a “proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods”?

Week 3:

- If I am a steward for the gifts I received, do I use these gifts for “the benefit of God’s children”?

Week 4:

- How can I purify my heart from “every tendency and yearning for possession and power”?