



The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order ~USA

August 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.

August Gathering

August 9 – Fraternity Meeting, St. Bonaventure’s, In the grass behind the activities bldg. 1:00-3:30 pm

Remember to bring your lawn chair!

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

Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article 11

Read, meditate and answer the questions.

Snacks & Fruit – leftovers

Closing Prayer – The Blessing of St. Clare (pg 3)

August III Order Feasts

1. St. Alphonse de Liguori
2. **Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula**
3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard
5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus
8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney
11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope
11. **St. Clare of Assisi**
13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza
15. **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**
16. Bl. Francois de Pesaro
17. St. Roch de Montpellier
17. Fr. Steve’s Ordination Anniversary, 2002
19. St. Jean Eudes
21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal
24. Kay Pelletier’s Profession, 1967
25. St. Louis IX, Patron of OFS
25. Kathie Sirek’s Profession, 2012
30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina

September Gathering

September 13 – Fraternity Meeting, St. Bonaventure’s, In the grass behind the activities bldg. 1:00-3:30 pm

Remember to bring your lawn chair!

Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Joan

Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article 12

Read, meditate and answer the questions.

Snacks – Kathie S.; **Fruit** – Sue

Closing Prayer – JPIC Creation 3-2-1

September III Order Feasts

3. St. Pius X, Pope
4. St. Rose of Viterbo
8. **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
10. Bl. Martyrs of Japan
12. **Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary**
14. **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
15. **Feast of Our Lady of the Sorrows**
16. Bl. Roland de Medici
17. **Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi**
19. Bl. Louis Alleman
21. Bl. Elizabeth Amerina
25. St. Nicholas de Flue
27. St. Elzear de Sabran
29. Feast of the Archangels
30. Bl. Charles de Blois

Fraternity Prayer Requests

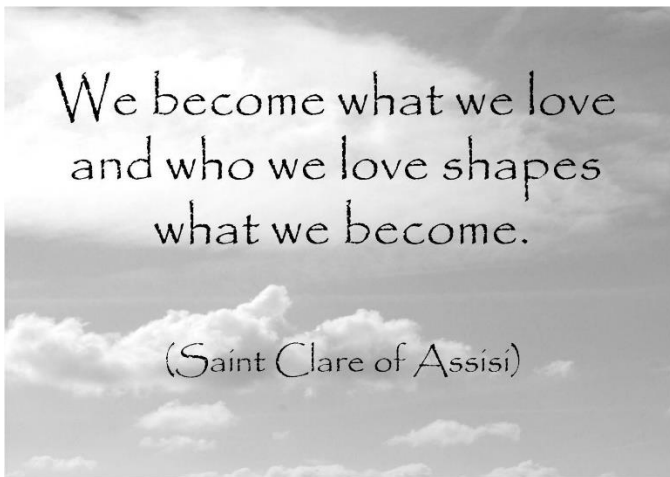
We pray for:

- All those in the midst of Covid19 – those who are ill, their caretakers, those who lost their jobs and those who have died;
- The Queen of Peace Regional elections on August 15;

THIS LABOR OF OURS IS BRIEF,
BUT THE *reward is eternal.*

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- Fr. Steve's writing process on St. Mary Magdalene;
- Bonita's sense of peace and comfort;
- Lori & Justin's adoption process;
- Janet and her family's wellbeing;
- The end of Covid19;
- Kay and her continued wellbeing;
- Trudy's healing of all her symptoms;
- Colette and her continued wellbeing;
- Help for Kathie with 3 tough co-workers;
- The Speranzella's upcoming court hearing;
- Jacob's continued healing from surgery;
- Joe's healing from eye surgery;
- Kathy & Tim's continued health of their family;
- Jim's family;
- For all the prayers in the depths of our hearts.



Fraternity Infirmarian Report

This month, on behalf of our Fraternity, I have sent Thinking of You cards to Trudy Phillips, Bonita Hartmann and Jacob Speranzella, along with our love and continued prayers for their health and well-being. 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

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Fraternity Treasury Report

Expenses:

Rite of Admission	\$ 28.52
Stamps	\$ 66.00
Gloria Barry Memorial	\$ 100.00

Income:

July Common Fund	\$ 395.00
Balance as of July 31, 2020	\$3,963.03

Restricted Funds

Meagher Memorial Fund	\$1,505.00
2021 Fair Share Anticipated:	
St. John XXIII, OFS (16, 1 cand.)	\$ 902.00
St. Juniper Serra NFG (6)	\$ 330.00
Total Restricted:	\$2,737.00

NET Balance of available funds \$1,226.03

Respectfully submitted by Norma Noonan, OFS

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

Fraternity Minutes

July 12, 2020

Attendance

Present: Bonita Hartmann, Kathleen Sirek, Mitzi Speranzella, Joe Speranzella, James Terry, Lori Hinker, Kathy Taormina, Tim Taormina, Norma Noonan, Mary Kopelke, Mary Ann Bucklin and Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.

Transferred In: Mary Kopelke, Sue Allen

Opening Prayer: Rite of Admission for Mary Ann Bucklin

Franciscan Gospel Sharing: Norma Noonan

Formation: Holy Half-Hours, Article #10

Old Business:

Mass for Gloria will be held at St Bonaventure at a later time. The motion to approve funds of \$100 for a memorial to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, in honor of Gloria Barry, was made by Kathy T and Second by Joe S all were in favor. There will also be a Perpetual Mass card sent to Ray, her husband.

New Business:

Regional meeting will be August 14 and 15. Kathie Sirek will attend.

Father Bob Hart is the current Administrator at St Bonaventure. We are opening the floor for discussion on moving out of our current meeting room, we are hoping to stay at St Bonaventure! On November 27, 2020 we will be celebrating 60 years as a Fraternal presence at St Bonaventure. Gloria was professed on the day we were Canonically Established.

August 9, 2020 will be our next meeting.

The meeting was closed with St. Francis' Prayer Before the Crucifix.

Following the meeting: On this day, We, the Fraternity Council voted 'yes' for the transfer in of Mary Kopelke and Sue Allen. Welcome Mary and welcome back Sue!



August Formation

On-Going Formation – Holy Half-Hours, Article 11
Initial Formation – Candidacy session #1

World Prayer for August

POPE - The Maritime World:

For all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman and their families. For the MN businesses based in and around water.

CIOFS - OFS:

For those who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and those suffering other side effects.

SJ23rd Council

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Spiritual Assistant – Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.

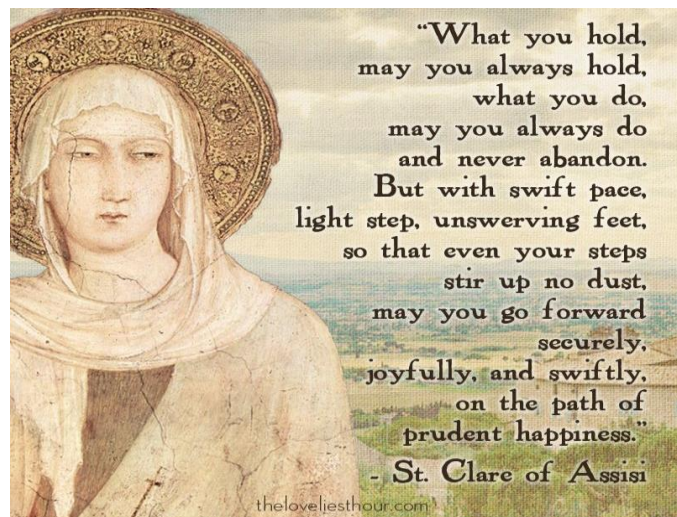
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*****Remember – to be excused, please call the fraternity Minister, Kathie Sirek!**



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Blessing of Saint Clare



Gospel – Matthew 14: 22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

AUGUST FORMATION

Holy Half-Hours OFS RULE

Ongoing Formation Assignment:

OFS RULE – Article 11

<p>Make a commitment to spend four holy half-hours to prepare for class.</p> <p>Preferably, spend one holy half-hour a week.</p>	<p>For each holy half hour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put yourself in the presence of God.• Pray to the Holy Spirit for Guidance.• Read the assigned passages. <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 11

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”?