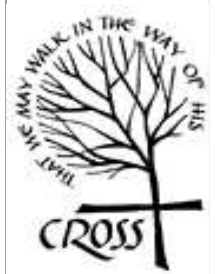




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CALENDAR

Aug 2	Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula
Aug 4	Saint John the Baptist and Mary Vianney
Aug 5 6:30 PM	Fraternity Council meeting via Google meet
Aug 6	Feast of the Transfiguration
Aug 7	Bls Agathangelus and Cassian
Aug 8	Holy Father Dominic
Aug 11	Feast of Saint Clare
Aug 14	Saint Maximillian Kolbe
Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption
Aug 17	Saint Roch
Aug 19	Saint Louis of Toulouse
Aug 21	Saint Pius X
Aug 22 1:30 p.m.	Gathering at St. Francis Friary at Mt. Assisi, Loretto.
Aug 25	Saint Louis IX

If you are an inactive member but would like to attend or become active again, please let Mary Jo know.

ONGOING FORMATION

In July we began "Formation Fridays". We will be announcing which one we are doing and members can view them at <https://www.dmf-ofs.org/>

COUNCIL AND GATHERING NOTES

There was no Council meeting in July.

Our July gathering was held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 11 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Munster.

APOSTOLATE

There is no August apostolate. We would appreciate suggestions. Please contact Marie Bettwy if you have ideas.

FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Our August gathering will be held at 1:30 p.m. on **Sunday, August 22** at Saint Francis Friary at Mt. Assisi in Loretto. Ongoing formation will be sent by Gaye.

If you are not able to attend please contact Mary Jo beforehand.

We invite all members and inquirers of St. Bonaventure Fraternity to our gatherings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our annual fraternity picnic will be held in September – date and location TBD

The Q date- August 3-7, 2022

CELEBRATIONS !!

Happy Birthday to **Maggie Biter on August 7** and **Barb Bender on August 28.**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Congratulations to Bill and Rebecca who were married on Saturday, July 17 at St. Monica Catholic Church in Chest Springs.

Blessings and joy to them as they begin their lives together.

ADMONITION...Mary Jo, OFS

During the last days of July, I have been researching St. Francis's admonitions in more detail than I have done before. In my reading I learned the 28 admonitions were likely collected in printed form after Francis's death. This collection contains some of Francis's serious teachings and advice to his friars. They range in length from several paragraphs to just two lines.

Fr. John Sullivan, OFM calls attention to the way St. Francis writes. He points out that Francis does not use theological terminology. Instead, he presents his ideas and convictions with simple, straight-forward, descriptive vocabulary and imagery. He writes with concern, with compassion, and often with great exuberance.

Each admonition reveals Francis's deep understanding of human nature and it's workings within our lives. They become valuable and insightful tools for us to reflect on our own secular spiritual lives and behavior.

In John Michael Talbot's latest book, Francis of Assisi's Sermon on the Mount he states that the admonitions are St. Francis's Beatitudes or Sermon on the Mount. They address very real, common problems that were intended to be put in practice by the friars. It is the author's hope and purpose to get down to the universal lessons and applications for today.

The Admonitions cover everything from sacramental theology of the Eucharist, to communal issues of consecrated life, to very private aspects of devotion and faith. They challenged the friars of Francis's day and of ours. They will challenge us. Are we ready for the challenge?

