



## *Dear Brothers & Sisters*

### **From the Minister**

September 30, 2023 found seven members of our fraternity traveling to Mayslake for our Regional Franciscan Formation Day. We started the day gathering for Mass. Fr. Ed Shea shared with us the four commandments to be content and happy:

1. Live in the present
2. Don't be in a hurry
3. Don't take ourselves too seriously
4. Be grateful and look for reasons to be grateful

Fr. Shea also urged us to be more open and inclusive...we heard that on this Franciscan journey, we are not where we used to be and we are not where we should be yet. And lastly a quote from Antoine de Saint-Exupery: "Here is my secret, it is very simple: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." Amen.

In November, we will collect the items and put together the four Thanksgiving baskets for the Palatine Township needy. Our Sister Stephanie has sent a list of the things we signed up to bring for the baskets. Sister Marion and others will meet you at the front doors of Holy Family with a cart to help you carry things in. Remember, we are now meeting downstairs in the basement in Room 83. See you at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 13th.

There are no FMSC events until Wednesday, December 27th from 2:00 - 3:45 p.m... come prepared to sign up at our November gathering.

Another sign-up sheet will be available so that you can list what you would like to bring to our December fraternity meeting, which will be hosted by Sister Kay, as a Christmas party at her house.

Also in November, we will all be filling out new contact emergency forms and Franciscan Burial instructions. It is your decision as to whether you would like a Franciscan Prayer Service at your wake.

Sometime before October 31st, please email Sister Stephanie with ALL your contact information: name, address, phone, email, parish, birthday and name of spouse (if pertinent). We will be updating our membership directory and need the current information before printing them. They will be available in November.

In November, Sister Patti will speak to us of her life experiences with Hospice tying in all souls to Sister Death and our rule. She will show us the full circle of all saints, all souls and fall.

I have sent everyone the flyer regarding our regional event on Sunday, November 12th beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Crystal Lake. Please let me know by October 31st if you will attend, as a head count is needed. We can carpool, if anyone is interested.

And lastly, our Sister Mary Kay has asked us to look up the NYC Eucharistic Procession on YouTube. It is a beautiful real-life experience that in the words of Mary Kay "gives hope."

So, I see so many things to be thankful for, not just at this time of the year...but always...and they are my "F" words: FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. I remain thankful for ALL of you and I keep you in my prayers.

As you gather round the table on Thanksgiving, remember your blessings, love with an open heart, laugh and be joyful.

I care for and love you all. Please let me know if you will not be at our November gathering, so I won't worry about you.

Peace always,  
Sister Sue, OFS

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## **Our Monthly Gathering - Important Notice**

\*\* Beginning with our gathering in November 2023, our fraternity gatherings will be held in **Room 83**, a larger room on the lower level of Holy Family. Take the elevator across from the parish office down to the lower level to the last room on the right. \*\*

We will gather on **Monday, November 13, 2023**, at **1:00 p.m.** in the New Location at Holy Family Catholic Church. At this gathering, we will pack the Thanksgiving baskets for the Township needy. In prayer, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

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## **We Pray ...**

### **PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

#### **For the Pope**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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## **Profession Anniversaries**

11/06/05                      Mary Kay P.

May God shed His abundant blessings on our Sister Mary Kay.

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## **Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2023 and 2024**

### **2023**

**Monday, Nov. 13**                      Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. We will pack the Thanksgiving baskets for the Palatine Township needy.

**Sunday, Nov. 26**                      Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 11**                      Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** at the home of our Sister Kay for a Christmas celebration

## Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings continued

- Sunday, Dec. 17** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30
- 2024**
- Monday, Jan. 8** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, *Liturgy - LOTH.*
- Sunday, Jan 28** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 12** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Items will be collected for **Journeys/The Road Home.** *Liturgy - LOTH.*
- Sunday, Feb. 25** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 11** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. *Liturgy - Stations of the Cross*
- Sunday, Mar. 24** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 8** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. There will be a collection of clothing and baby items for Hopeful Beginnings *Liturgy - Crown Rosary.*
- Sunday, April 28** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 13** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. *Liturgy - Communion Service.*
- Sunday, May 19** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 10** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. We will bring items and fill Blessing Bags for Franciscan Outreach. *Liturgy - LOTH.*
- Sunday, June 23** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 8** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. *Liturgy TBD.*
- Sunday, July 28** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 12** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The biannual collection of items for Journeys/The Road Home will be held. *Liturgy - Lectio Divina.*
- Sunday, Aug. 25** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 9** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The triannual election of Council Members will be held at this gathering. *Liturgy - LOTH.*
- Sunday, Sept. 22** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 7** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in the **Gathering Room** on the **Lower Level** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. There will be a collection of fall clothing and baby items for Hopeful Beginnings. *Liturgy Transitus and Renewal of Profession Vows.*
- Sunday, Oct. 27** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

## Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2024 continued

- Monday, Nov. 11** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in **Room 83** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. We will pack Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in Palatine Township. *Commemoration of the deceased and LOTH.*
- Sunday, Nov. 24** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 9** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in the **Gathering Room** on the **Lower Level** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. *Liturgy Communion Service.*
- Sunday, Dec. 22** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

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## Franciscan Outreach

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As we have done the past few years, we will be putting together baskets of food for Thanksgiving to be given to families who live in Palatine Township and are desperately in need of food. There was a sign-up sheet at the October gathering. **The items will be gathered into baskets at our November meeting.** This year, we will contribute four baskets of food to the Township's needy. *Let us live simply so that others can simply live.*

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

This ministry packs bags of nutritious grain for those living in the poorest and most destitute areas on our planet. Members of our fraternity will participate in this work of service every other month. The remaining date for 2023 will be: **December 27** from **2:00 to 3:45 p.m.** Contact **Sister Sue G.** for more information.

**Loose change wanted** - at each monthly fraternity gathering, fraternity members have an opportunity to donate their loose change so that we can provide the funds to feed a child for a year. Whenever a total of \$53 in change is collected, it will be matched by \$53 from our Common Fund for a total of \$106, the cost of feeding a starving child in another country for a year. It is mindboggling to think that for the lack of a measly 29 cents a day, a child will starve.

### JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

We will again collect items for Journeys/the Road Home at our **February** gathering. Print out the list below and keep it in a handy place. When these items are on sale or you are at the Dollar Tree, pick up a few items and keep them for the February gathering. Contact **Sister RoseAnn** for more information on Journeys.

#### Most needed items:

#### Shampoo and conditioner (all sizes) and body wash

Razors and shaving cream	Body wash - MOST NEEDED
Baby wipes	Shampoo & conditioner - MOST NEEDED
Large backpacks	Pullups - ALL SIZES

**Food items:**

Bottled water	Pasta (dried and canned)	Canned soups*
Rice	Pasta sauce	Canned fruit*
Peanut butter	Cereal - large boxes	Canned vegetables*
Jelly	Canned stew, fish and chicken*	Canned beans*
	* pop top cans preferred	No bulk items

**HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS**

The next collection for Hopeful Beginnings will be at our **April** gathering. This will be a collection of clothes and baby items needed for **Spring and Summer**.

**Specific needs:**

diapers - sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, lotions and soaps (hypoallergenic, if possible), wash cloths, towels, formula, etc.

**Clothing for Boys and Girls: Most needed sizes are 3T, 4T, 5T**

Size 2T and 3T pants and jeans for boys are rarely donated (boys wear out the knees)

Snug-fitted foot cotton pajamas, loose-fit footed pajamas, jeans, pants, tops, shorts, play clothes.

Also needed: underwear, socks. Also needed are the necessities for caring for babies and toddlers: diapers, formula, lotions, soap, bibs, socks, underwear, etc. Contact **Sister Stephanie** for more information.

**LAURIE CHILDREN'S/RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

Save the pull tabs from soda and beer cans, soup cans, cat food cans. Bring these each month to the gathering. **Sister Sue** will collect these for recycling.

The funds from recycling are used to help families who stay at Ronald McDonald House while their child is being treated for cancer.

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**Calendar of Regional Gatherings 2023**

**Sun. Nov. 12, 2023**                      **Mother Cabrini Celebration, St. Thomas, Crystal Lake, IL**

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**Council Members**

<b>Minister</b>	Susan Gribbon, OFS	<i>minister@nwfranciscans.org</i>
<b>Vice Minister</b>	Tim Panzica, OFS	
<b>Formation Director</b>	Kay Crnich, OFS	
<b>Secretary</b>	Marion Tuttle, OFS	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathy Fischer, OFS	
<b>Spiritual Assistant</b>	open	
<b>Councilor-at-Large</b>	open	

*For privacy, all personal addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, prayer intentions, and (for non-council members) last names are removed from this web version.*