



## *Dear Brothers & Sisters*

### **From the Minister**

Greetings my Franciscan family and happy Indian summer. I hope that you are all able to enjoy the colors, the crispness, all things apple spice, and this fall season that I so enjoy.

In the month of November, we will have a Commemoration of our Franciscan deceased. We have our own Dorothy Burroughs, who was one of our shut-ins. She passed last February, one month short of being professed for 50 years. Kay and I were the last of our fraternity to see her the day before she died. And her last request of us was, "Did you bring Communion?" For her, Eucharist was the source and summit of her life. Dorothy was a sweetheart and a saint.

Eucharist originates from the Greek word *eucharista*, meaning thanksgiving. Holy Family Parish will be hosting our own Cardinal Cupich at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. He will be speaking about the Eucharistic Revival, which is a U.S. Bishops' 3-year initiative; we are currently into the second year of this event. So, I am urging you all to attend.

Our liturgy for the month of November is the LOTH; please remember to bring your Christian Prayer Book.

Our Franciscan Outreach project for the month of November will be to bring the donations that you signed up for in October to fill the three Thanksgiving baskets for the Palatine Township needy.

Lastly, I want to thank you for all your awesome financial assistance to Feed My Starving Children every month. This month we were able to match the donation of \$53 and donate \$106, which feeds one child for a year, easing their worries about food insecurity. The staff at FMSC is very thankful for your help.

Recently, Patti and I were able to meet the CEO of FMSC, Mark Crea. Mark stated that FMSC is Christ centered. Their goal is to provide 400 million meals a year. Currently they have a 150 million gap between their promise and what they have provided. The mantra for the staff of FMSC is:

**For the abandoned, food is the core of it all.**

**FOOD IS THE FOUNDATION...**

**"Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord."**

This food allows children to go from survival to hope. Our next FMSC date will be on Wednesday, December 18th, 2:00-3:45 p.m.

I am thankful to ALL of you for what you do with a Franciscan Spirit and joyful hearts.

Peace to you and yours,

Sue, OFS

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## **Our Monthly Gathering – Important Info**

We will gather on **Monday, November 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, in **the Chapel** for a remembrance of our departed **Sister Dorothy Burroughs, OFS**, who died this year. We will also recite the Liturgy of the Hours in the Chapel.

There will be a cart outside the chapel. Put all the items for the Thanksgiving baskets on the cart. Do not bring them into the chapel.

Afterwards, we will go downstairs to pack the Thanksgiving baskets and enjoy social time.

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## **Profession Anniversaries**

There are no profession anniversaries in November.

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## **We Pray ...**

### **PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

#### **For anyone who has lost a child**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and received peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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## **Franciscan Outreach – More Important Info**

### **SURVEY RESULTS**

All those who attended the October gathering filled out a survey asking for input on what Outreach programs were most meaningful to each member.

The list was a combination of the Outreach projects we supported during 2024 and a few additional possibilities for 2025. The results were tallied and the following are the five Outreach projects that ranked highest:

- Journeys/The Road Home
- Feed My Starving Children
- Blessing Bags
- Welcome the Stranger
- Thanksgiving baskets

In the next two months, the Council will assess the needs of each. In January, there will be updated information in the newsletter.

The collection of loose change for Feed My Starving Children and the pop top tabs for Ronald McDonald House will continue to be ongoing each month at the gatherings throughout 2025.

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### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Pack bags of nutritious grain for those living in the most destitute areas on our planet. Members of our fraternity will participate in this work of service every other month from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m.** Our next outreach is **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Contact **Sister Sue** 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.

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*Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, You do for Me.*

## Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2024

<b>Monday, Nov. 11</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Chapel</b> at Holy Family Parish for a commemoration of the deceased. We will pack Thanksgiving baskets for the Palatine Township needy.
<b>Sunday, Nov. 24</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Dec. 9</b>	Monthly gathering will be a <b>Christmas potluck</b> held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Gathering Room</b> on the <b>Lower Level</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. There will be a sign-up sheet at our November gathering.
<b>Sunday, Dec. 22</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

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## Calendar of Regional Gatherings 2024

<b>Sunday, November 10</b>	Mother Cabrini event and our Regional Elections, Mayslake
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## Council Members

<b>Minister</b>	Susan Gribbon, OFS	<i>sgribbon1949@gmail.com</i>
<b>Vice Minister</b>	Tim Panzica, OFS	
<b>Formation Director</b>	Kay Crnich, OFS	
<b>Secretary</b>	Stephanie Heavey, OFS	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathy Fischer, OFS	
<b>Spiritual Assistant</b>	open	
<b>Councilor-at-Large</b>	Marion Tuttle, OFS	

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