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Formation—Life in Fraternity

Wednesday, August 30 7:00 pm

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1449 WILCOX PARK DR SE
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ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/2978878119](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2978878119)
MEETING ID: 297 887 8119 | PASSCODE: OMSOFS

THIS MONTH WE WILL TAKE TIME TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS WHAT
IT MEANS TO LIVE LIFE IN FRATERNITY

Fair Share Contributions

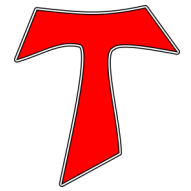
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Mark Your Calendars

Sep 30	Day of Reflection	9:00am	Adventure Point
Oct 03	Transitus Service	7:30 pm	Franciscan Life Process Ctr
Oct 25	Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas Ministry Ctr
Nov 29	Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas Ministry Ctr

Celebrating the Milestones



Professions

Rose Hickey, OFS	Aug 26
Ted Kusmierz, OFS	Aug 26
Joanne Dusendang, OFS	Aug 29
Mary Ann Swiatlowski, OFS	Aug 29
Jim Dohm, OFS	Sep 30
Mary Lou Harig, OFS	Sep 30
Kay Wilson, OFS	Sep 30

Birthdays

Ellie Estes, OFS	Aug 06
Margo Kiel, OFS	Aug 08
Jason George, OFS	Aug 11
Kay Wilson, OFS	Aug 30
Alan Supran, OFS	Sep 02
Chris Walters, OFS	Sep 04
Todd Oatley, OFS	Sep 19

Memorials

Gerrit Yskes, OFS	Aug 16	Ernestine Pinsonneault, OFS	Sep 17
Micky Drollinger, OFS	Aug 26	Frederic Bauhof, OFS	Sep 17
Mary Bell, OFS	Aug 30	Connie Boukamp, OFS	Sep 20
Pauline Jorgensen, OFS	Sep 02	Margaret Radomski, OFS	Sep 26

Message from the Minister

Brothers & Sisters,

Last time I wrote in this space I was wishing you all a good start to the summer. Now as the season draws to an end, it feels like its come and gone too fast. For some, it has been quite eventful especially in the last week for those of us impacted by the tornado in the northern Kent County region. We pray for a safe recovery for all those impacted and we give thanks that here in Comstock Park, no one was killed.

One event from the summer was that the Region gathered at the St Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt for the annual chapter over the first weekend in August. In addition to the typical memorial service and chapter business, this year marked the occasion of the Visitation from National.

Another highlight from the Chapter was hearing the witness of one our brothers from St. Bonaventure Fraternity in Detroit, Steve Wasko, OFS. Steve is the Director of the St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Community Resource Center which is doing some inspiring work that fits well with our Apostolate in support of Laudato Si. Steve will be our guest speaker at our upcoming Day of Reflection.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Day of Reflection to be held on September 30 from 9:00 am to 3:00pm at the Adventure Point Conference Center in Walker, Michigan. Lunch will be provided and a \$25 donation is suggested. Note that this will be in place of our typical monthly gathering.

This month we move our Fraternal Gatherings to the St. Thomas Ministry Center as previously announced. We will be reviewing what it means to live life in Fraternity focusing on the letter and article that was sent out to the whole Fraternity in prior months.

Finally, please welcome Ryan Maier, OFS into our Fraternity! Many of you have had the pleasure of meeting him and his wife Catherine at some of our gatherings this spring. Ryan professed in May of 2022 with the Penitents of St. Francis Fraternity near Denver, CO but recently moved to West Michigan. At last months meeting, the council voted to approve his transfer request.

Pax et bonum, Chris

PRAYER PARTNERS for the Month of September



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We ask you to pray for the person you are partnered with all month. We encourage both partners to call to check in or ask for prayer requests.

In Formation

Mike Ghering
Jack Hartmann
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Chris Willmeng

Homebound

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Margo Kiel
Elaine Kozloski
Ted Kusmierz
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Claire Pinsonneault
Fran Walker
Peg Wegenka
Kay Wilson

Send prayer request to Michelle Bryk, OFS
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Fair Share Update

If you are excused from attending the fraternity gatherings and would like to send your fair share amount, please make check payable to "Our Mother of Sorrows" and send to:

Our Mother of Sorrows
c/o Mark Mann, OFS
1007 Diamond NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503


OR Venmo to:

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To Be Excused

If you are unable to attend a fraternity gathering due to health or other hardship reasons, please email:

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