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The Rule: Celebrating 800 Years

Wednesday, October 25 7:00 pm

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE MINISTRY CENTER
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

THE RULE OF THE FRIARS MINOR WAS APPROVED BY POPE HONORIUS ON NOVEMBER 29, 1223. BETH PRICE, OFS WILL LEAD US IN REFLECTION ON THIS 800TH ANNIVERSARY AND ITS MEANING TO US AS SECULAR FRANCISCANS.

IN PREPARATION PLEASE COME PREPARED READY TO SHARE YOUR "FAVORITE ARTICLE" FROM OUR RULE

Fair Share Contributions

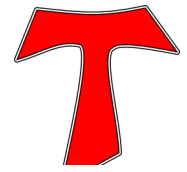
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Mark Your Calendars

Oct 25	Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas Ministry Ctr
Nov 29	Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas Ministry Ctr
Dec 27	Christmas Potluck	6:00 pm	St. Thomas Ministry Ctr
Jan 31	Gathering	6:00 pm	St. Thomas Ministry Ctr

Celebrating the Milestones



Professions

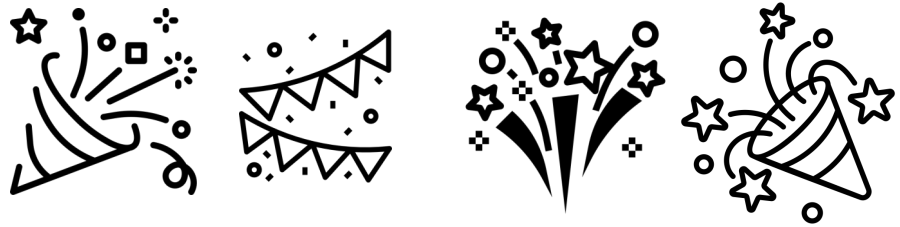
Marge Krystiniak, OFS.....Oct 04
Walt Krystiniak, OFS.....Oct 04
Margo Dean, OFS.....Oct 25
Verona Dunn, OFS.....Oct 25
Mary Michalski, OFS.....Oct 25
Rich Michalski, OFS.....Oct 25
Claire Pinsonneault, OFS.....Oct 25
Nancy Supran, OFS.....Oct 27
Fran Walker, OFS.....Oct 27
Marica Dohm, OFS.....Oct 30
Alan Supran, OFS.....Oct 30
Sarah Wagner, OFS.....Nov 19
Laura Bouchard, OFS.....Nov 30
Jason George, OFS.....Nov 30
Marge Gessner, OFS.....Nov 30
Margo Kiel, OFS.....Nov 30
Karon Koepke, OFS.....Nov 30
Keith Southerton, OFS.....Nov 30
Sue Southerton, OFS.....Nov 30
Chris Walters, OFS.....Nov 30
Julie Walters, OFS.....Nov 30
Jan Windy, OFS.....Nov 30

Birthdays

Walt Krystiniak, OFS.....Oct 03
Terri Mauro, OFS.....Oct 04
Jenn Bahm, OFS.....Oct 08
Fran Walker, OFS.....Oct 11
Carol Dills, OFS.....Oct 14
Marge Krystiniak, OFS.....Oct 16
Jim Flickinger, OFS.....Oct 18
Laura Bouchard, OFS.....Oct 19
Mark Mann, OFS.....Oct 19
Paul Wojtas, OFS.....Oct 29
Mary Lou Thompson, OFS.....Oct 30
Dorothy Deja, OFS.....Nov 05
Rich Michalski, OFS.....Nov 09
Harriet Pilson, OFS.....Nov 10
Dwayne Betcher, OFS.....Nov 12

Memorials

Scott Windy, OFS.....Oct 02
Josephine Simon, OFS.....Oct 03
Kathryn Braunschneider, OFS.....Oct 04
Vern Dean, OFS.....Oct 04
Gloria Hefline-Oates, OFS.....Oct 06
Rose Skorka, OFS.....Oct 16
Jim Hickey, OFS.....Oct 23
Edna VanHouten, OFS.....Nov 03
Anna Faucz, OFS.....Nov 05
Shari Boisvenue, OFS.....Nov 14
Helene Crawford, OFS.....Nov 23
Donna VanEck Kusmierz, OFS.....Nov 23



Message from the Minister

Many celebrate the fall because it marks the return of football (Go Irish!) and the eternal hope that brings for all Lions fans (could this be the year?). But we know there is much more to celebrate than merely football. At our day of reflection we celebrated God's creation and we were challenged to reflect on how we could be better stewards. We were blessed by the presentation of our brother Steve Wasko, OFS from St. Bonaventure's in Detroit. Thank you as well to Mark and Beth and all those who assisted in coordinating that day. We then celebrated Transitus with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist once again. Transitus kicks off a number of important dates in October not only for the larger church but for our Fraternity as you can tell by reviewing the Milestone Dates above. Please keep all our Brothers and Sisters in prayer.

At certain times, we are called to more action in addition to prayer. We have learned one of our Fraternity Members is facing some difficulties. After prayerful consideration, Council voted to take up a special collection for the benefit of this brother/sister in need. We will have a basket set aside next gathering. Checks should be made out to the Fraternity with a note of "Special Collection."

Looking ahead to our November gathering, Franciscans will be celebrating another 800th anniversary; the first Christmas Creche at Greccio. Our topic that evening will be about the significance of that event. We will have a blessing for our personal nativity / manger sets. I know its not practical to bring your full set but if you can bring some element of your Nativity, it would be wonderful.

Pax et bonum, Chris

PRAYER PARTNERS for the Month of September



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
Cory Mitchell
Eileen Schmuker
Kizito Ssemakula
Chris Willmeng

Homebound

Dorothy Deja
Verona Dunn
Pat Fiebig
Marge Gessner
Margo Kiel
Elaine Kozloski
Ted Kusmierz
Harriet Pilson
Claire Pinsonneault
Fran Walker
Peg Wegenka
Kay Wilson

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Dorothy Deja, OFS 616-447-9422 Rich Michalski, OFS 616-723-1251	Ted Kusmierz, OFS 616-261-8777 Alvin Matkovich, OFS 616-460-3807
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Jeff Dills, OFS 616-490-8458 Mary Lou Harig, OFS 616-334-0116	Susan Martin, OFS 616-456-5951 Sue Southerton, OFS 616-881-3276
Marcia Dohm, OFS 616-877-0007 Patti VanMeurs, OFS 616-822-5723	Mary Michalski, OFS 616-723-1250 Chris Willmeng, 616-285-3712
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Ellie Estes, OFS 616-784-3869 Nancy Supran, OFS 231-462-3732	Harriet Pilson, OFS 616-791-2061 Peg Wegenka, OFS 616-666-1072
Lori Fedewa, OFS 616-633-8131 Patti VanMeurs, OFS 616-822-5723	Claire Pinsonneault, OFS 616-846-5955 Eileen Schmuker, 616-540-8783
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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:

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c/o Mark Mann, OFS
1007 Diamond NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503


OR Venmo to:

@OMS-Franciscan-GR

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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