



St Anthony of Padua Fraternity Bulletin

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Dates to Remember

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING
Tammy's house

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19—cancelled
3:00 PM OFS MEETING
W/ FORMATION TO FOLLOW
@ ST. AUSTIN'S—Chapter 13

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING
Tammy's house

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
3:00 PM OFS MEETING
W/ FORMATION TO FOLLOW
@ ST. AUSTIN'S

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
TRANSITUS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
FEAST DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
12:00 PM ROSARY RALLY FOR
LIFE

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

August Column – Julie
August Liturgy– Will
August Ongoing— Sr. Teresa,
Clarist sister Our Lady of
Peace (hospice care).
August Visitation— Kay and
Mike
August Treats—

September Column – Tim
September Liturgy– Office
September Ongoing— Mona
or offsite
September Visitation— Carol
September Treats— Julie



"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"



Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, T.O.R. Provincial Spiritual Assistant has confirmed the appointment of Will Moore, OFS as the St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis Fraternity Spiritual Assistant after having satisfactorily completed the Spiritual Assistant Training Program and fulfilling the requirements of internship for placement in the name of the Very Reverend Frank Scornaienchi, T.O.R., Minister Provincial, Province of the Immaculate Conception retroactive to the start of his ministry with our fraternity.



AUGUST COLUMN

Gardens—One of my favorite places to sit and ponder is my garden. I just love gardens as I know most of you also do. The word, "garden" is mentioned 82 times in the Old and New Testament and is the scene for some important lessons in the bible. Genesis and Revelations are the bookends of the importance of gardens in our knowledge of the kingdom. The Garden of Eden is where God places Adam and Eve after He gives them life. It is an "enclosure, filled with trees and flowers", (Hebrew meaning of garden). It is a perfect place with gentle breezes, birds singing, and peace is present. Add the presence of the Father and life is perfect, until God gives them instructions not to eat of the fruit of one specific tree and then they have to leave this security after disobeying his order. In Songs, the bride and groom go to the garden to gather flowers and eat choice fruits. A fountain is there. Marriage between man and woman is the analogy of God and His people. In the prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, the garden is imagery for better times for the Israelites, when they follow and observe His laws. In the New Testament, the Garden of Gethsemane is where Jesus goes after the Last Supper and installation of the Eucharist to go and pray before the Passion begins. His death would free us from death from sin. In Revelations, we are shown a vision of the garden at the end of the world. "The angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal flowing from the throne of God and of the lamb down the middle of the great street of the city...On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. Gardens are such special places in the Bible and in the life of Jesus. Francis also loved gardens and spoke to the animals and birds that resided in them. They were a place of peace and solitude for him and the brothers. It is also very interesting that in many near death experiences, people talking about walking with Jesus or a "man" in a garden. A few of my patients have experienced this and they have very strong sense of the smells, light, flowers, birds and water features and they walk along a path with God. They do not want to come back to this life after this experience. Also, quite interesting to my fellow Franciscans is that a day before the death of Alice Milliren's husband from cancer, he woke up and told her about how he was walking with Jesus in a garden and how happy he was and that he was not afraid of dying and wanted her and his children to know this. I happened to be a nursing student at the time and ran into Alice in the coffee shop right after this occurred. She was able to let him go after this. What a witness! I think a garden is a "little piece of heaven" and when I think that this is what heaven is like, it excites me! It encourages me to not be afraid, especially of leaving this life. Francis got this also. His Canticle of the Sun was written in the last years of his life. God gives us gardens all around us to heal and comfort us as we await His coming. This blessing is for all of us, no matter where we are at. Courage and hope, Julie