

St Anthony of Padua Fraternity Bulletin

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Dear Maria and all my Brothers and Sisters in Francis,

Peace and Good Things!

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony, my thoughts turn to you and all the members of the fraternity that is under his patronage. Happy Feast Day!

So often people associate Anthony with the restoration of things lost—car keys, eye glasses, purses and wallets, and a million and one other mundane things. However, given my recent experience, I have come to know and appreciate that there are many more vital things that can be lost and for which we might seek his intercession:

- -for the Church and some of her leaders who have lost credibility because of their lack of honesty and transparency;
- —for victims of abuse who have lost their innocence and ability to trust;
- -for priests and religious who have lost their identities, reputations and ability to minister;
- —for parish communities—and Secular Fraternities—who have lost pastors and leadership;
- -for men and women who have lost gainful employment and who struggle to support themselves and their families:
- -for those who have lost homes and loved ones in war or natural disasters;
- -for those who have lost contact with parents or children or loved ones because of immigration
- —for those who have lost their way because of addiction of one sort or another;
- —for those who have lost hope and the capacity to dream...

Sadly, the litary is endless.

Like St. Francis, who has been caricatured as the friend of animals, Anthony has also been relegated to the "lost and found." But his life and example have so much more to offer us. His deep faith in God, his guest for the truth, his strong filial devotion to Mary, his advocacy for the poorall of these things and more—have merited him a place among the saints of God and we would do well to plumb the depths of his faith and spirituality. I believe we would discover there the real reason we should turn to him for so much more than misplaced items.

Saint Anthony, pray for us!

On a more personal note, I am well and still "on hold." Our Community will meet in Chapter next week and this will be an extraordinary experience in that our Minister General has the Holy See's permission to act outside our Constitution and Statutes. We will elect leadership and, as best we can, set a direction for the future. We are so few and half of us are retired or unable to work for various reasons. I pray that the Spirit of God will be with us and that we will have the courage to listen and follow the Spirit's voice.

Some time after Chapter, I'm expecting I will get an assignment and be able to resume the ministry that was so abruptly ended two and a half years ago. Until then, I will be here and hope to see you at the Fraternity picnic.

In the meantime, I ask that you would keep me and our Province in your prayers and I promise the same.

Again, Happy Feast Day and May each of you know the intercession and guidance of Saint Anthony...and the restoration of whatever is lost in your life.

Fraternally, Fr. Anthony, TOR

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 3:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING Tammy's house

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 7:00 PM FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY MASS @ ST. AUSTIN'S

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 NO FRATERNITY MEETING **DUE TO FATHER'S DAY**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING Tammy's house

SUNDAY, JULY 15 3:00 PM OFS LITURGY & PICNIC @ SULLIVAN LAKE PARK **FORMATION TO FOLLOW**

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

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

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

June Column - Tim Wolney June Liturgy- Feast Day Mass June Visitation— Carol and Sharon visited Rose June Treats—Bring treats for reception to follow mass July Column - Barb July Liturgy- Mona July Ongoing- None July Visitation- Sue July Treats— bring meat to grill if you want and a dish to share



NEWS FROM BROWNS VALLEY—ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY



Edith Foren attended the Regional gathering in Buffalo. It was wonderful. So much information and ideas were shared. The Region did a great job.

We had our monthly meeting on Thursday where I shared some of the information from the Regional Gathering. There was so much, I will have to continue it at the July meeting. We meet at the nursing home in BV so one of our members can attend the meetings.

We are trying to get a meeting set-up for July for our MN, SD, ND meeting at Hankinson, ND. Have not finalized the date yet.

That is all for now.

Edith Foren, Minister, St. Anthony of Padua of Browns Valley, MN

Franciscan Summer Liturgy and Picnic

Sunday, July 15th 3:00 Sullivan Lake Park



Bring meat for the grill

if you wish and a dish to share. The youth of IMC have been invited. We will have a liturgy, good conversation, food and games. Beverages will be provided.

Secular Mass Intentions for 2018

Wednesday	6/13 (St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day)
Tuesday	7/17 8:00 @ St. A.
Saturday	8/11 @ 4:30 @ St. B
	(St. Clare Feast Day)
Tuesday	9/18 8:00 @ St. A.
Thursday	10/4 @ St. A (St. Francis Feast Day)
Saturday	11/17 @ 4:30 @ St. B
	(St. Elizabeth of Hungary Feast Day)
Sunday	12/16 @ 9:30 @ St. A

TREASURER'S REPORT

5/20/18 General Fund Balance \$ 977.79 May Collection 357.51 6/13 General Fund Balance 1335.30



Memorial Fund Balance 5/20/18 + **28.32 Total Balance as of 6/13/18** \$1,363.60

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Virginia H. who is in pain and is healing from a fall last week and is dealing with heart afib issues.
- For Mary Ann Witzman who is now in memory care nursing home and has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's
- For our monthly visitations with those in need of visiting.
- For Abby Hamilton and Matt DeGroot as they get married on July 7th in Bayfield.
- For LaRayne and that all her needs will be met in Little Falls.
- For Barb's continued success with her treatment.
- For continued healing for Herman.
- For a successful continuation of treatment for Kathy Taormina in preparation for her knee surgery
- In thanksgiving for a blessed and wonderful Spiritual Assistant and Minister's Meeting the first weekend of June.
- For Maria as she continues her formation.
- For all of our priests and religious most especially those with new assignments.
- For the sanctity of life including the unborn the ill and the aging.

- For a strengthening of families in our world filled with turmoil.
- For all those carrying new life .
- For those who are alone and lonely may they know God's love.
- For all fraternities and newly forming fraternities, that the Holy Spirit will guide and bless their desire to grow and share our Franciscan charism.
- For new members to the Franciscan orders.
- For the Franciscan religious, priests, friars and sisters.
- For a return to the church for those who have left our flock, most especially our family members.
- For a peaceful world and an end to violence most especially within our communities.
- For an end to sex trafficking and crimes of violence against women and men.
- For hope and peace
- For your personal intentions.



Updated Prayer for Friars God of all, You are the source of all hope to your children, and through the gift of your Son you have shown us how to call on You in our hour of need.

Father, we thank you for walking with the friars during this time. We acknowledge your wisdom and guidance in the decision that was made. We ask that you bring about a shortened probation and a path for the friars to be able to serve in ministry once again. May they continue to experience love and support.

We make this prayer in the name of your only Son Jesus, whom you gave to us as an example of victory over sin and death, now and forever, Amen.



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Prayer to Saint Anthony of Padua

"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints" O Holy Saint Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me [request]. O gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.