



# St Anthony of Padua Fraternity Bulletin

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## Dates to Remember

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019  
COUNCIL MEETING 6:15 JULIE'S HOUSE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019  
OFS FRATERNITY MEETING 3PM ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019  
8:00 AM OFS MASS ST. BRIDGET'S

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2019  
9:30 AM OFS MASS INTENTION FOR VIRGINA HARTLEY ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2019  
OFS COUNCIL MEETING 6:15PM—JULIE'S

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019  
TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS-7PM ST. BONAVENTURES-BLOOMINGTON, MN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019 FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI-7PM ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019, OFS FRATERNITY MEETING, 3PM ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

OCTOBER 25-27- FRIENDS OF FRANCIS RETREAT-PRIOR LAKE FRANCISCAN RETREAT CENTER

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

September Column—  
September Liturgy— Mona-  
September Rule Presentation— Will  
September Ongoing Formation—  
Guest Speaker Sr. Elise Saggau, OSF  
Treats-All

October Column-TBD  
October Liturgy—Mona  
October Rule Presentation-Alice  
October Ongoing— Kim  
October Treats— All

Whoever wishes to find the Lord, finds Him on The Cross.....St. Bonaventure



“What kind of wood is it that has the power to bring man from a barren desert to a verdant garden, from death to life? It is the wood of Christ's cross. Why did the Son of God suffer for men and not for angels? Because man is capable of doing penance, an angel is not. For man it is that wood which bears fruit through the moisture it receives from water, that is, the grace that brings one to do penance.

Therefore, because the Cross is a tree of life-giving grace, let us who have died so many times by reason of our sins, long for that tree, do penance, and suffer with Christ. *Christ suffered in the flesh; therefore, arm yourselves with the same mentality*, says Saint Peter. Unless we do penance how shall we be able to give an answer to Christ on judgment day?

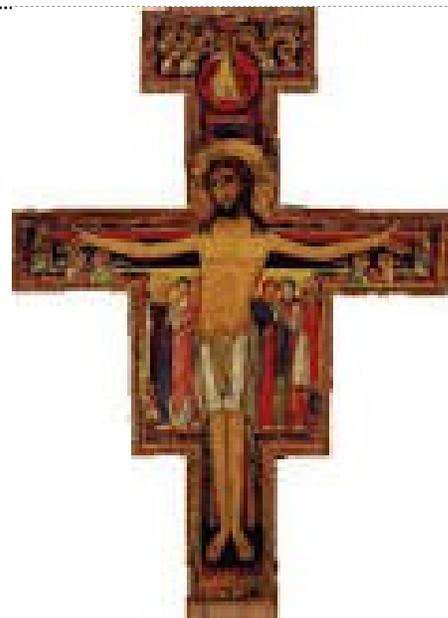
If then you wish to bear spiritual fruit you must die in the flesh. In his Gospel John cites the words of Christ: *Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.* To share the fruit of the tree of life with Christ who was crucified and died, we must be crucified with him.

Dear friends, whoever wishes to find the Lord finds him on the cross, Consequently to forsake the cross is to abandon the Lord as well. He who longs ardently, and desires the cross and the Lord, finds the Lord there, not empty-handed but laden with abundant graces.” **St. Bonaventure**

“We Friars Minor, servants and worthless as we are, humbly beg and implore everyone to persevere in the true faith and in a life of penance; there is no other way to be saved. We beseech the whole world to do this, all who serve our Lord and God within the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, together with the whole hierarchy, priests, deacons, sub-deacons, acolytes, exorcists, lectors, porters, and all clerics and religious, male or female; we beg all children, big and small, the poor and the needy, kings and princes, laborers and farmers, servants and masters; we beg all virgins, and all other women, married or unmarried; we beg all lay folk, men and women, infants and adolescents, young and old, the healthy and the sick, the little and the great, all peoples, tribes, families and languages, all nations and all men everywhere, present and to come, we Friars Minor beg them all to persevere in the true faith and in a life of penance.”

**St. Francis of Assisi-Rule of 1221-Chapter 23. Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving**

OFS Rule Chapter 2 #8. As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do. Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.



**NEWS FROM BROWNS VALLEY—**

There is no news from Brown’s Valley this month but please keep Kathy Bartz in your prayers as she heals from her cancer surgery.



**Transitus and Feast Day Info-** We will be carpooling to St. Bonaventure’s to celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis. We will leave approx. 6pm from St. Bridget’s parking lot Call Julie, Maria or Tim/Tammy for ride info.

Feast Day mass is at 7pm on October 4th, and please invite anyone to attend. We will provide treats so no one is required to bring anything.

**Next Secular Mass Intentions**



Tuesday	9/17 8:00 AM @ St.B’s
Sunday	9/22 9:30 AM OFS for Virginia Hartley
Thursday	10/3 Transitus of St. Francis—St Bonaven-
Friday	10/4 Feast Day St. Francis Mass—7pm St. B’S

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

General Fund Balance as of 7/31/19	580.12
August Collection	131.00
Mass intention for Joan Kastner	-7.00
Purchase new Red Rule Books	-20.00
Stipend for Spiritual Assistant	-100.00
August 31 General Fund Balance	584.12

Submitted by Kathy Kubow, Treasurer

September 17, Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis

“Because of this new and astounding miracle unheard of in times past, Francis came down from the mountain a new man adorned with the sacred stigmata, bearing in his body the image of the Crucified not made by a craftsman in wood or stone, but fashioned in his members by the hand of the living God”.... St. Bonaventure

“May I never boast of anything but the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! - St. Paul

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- For the healing and peace of Christ to the sick, suffering, and homebound or in Care Centers including LaRayne, Rose, and Mary Ann Witzman and for their caregivers.
- For the repose of the soul of Zach Barker, friend of Matthew Pappas.
- For the repose of the soul of Lillian Ring-Kay Larson’s Mother
- For the repose of the soul of Mary Benny, Kathy Kubow’s cousin.
- For Kay Larson’s nephew Tyler for full healing.
- For a complete healing for Kathy Bartz.
- For Kathy Kubow’s sisters, Rosie and Carol, for healing & full recovery.
- For Paul Daugherty (Kathy’s nephew) for continued healing from tongue cancer.
- For Luke Moore for healing and successful treatment of addictions.
- For Maria Lucia as she works and prays toward her profession as and OFS.
- For blessings on all who are in the Franciscan family, and that God will strengthen their commitment.
- For our church and our individual parishes and parish families.
- For marriages, families and the life they bring to the church, especially all expecting mothers.
- For Maria and Bob Hamilton as they celebrate 40 years of Marriage.
- For those who are alone and lonely may they know God’s love.
- For a return to the church for those who have left our flock, most especially our family members.
- For all unborn children, that they especially be protected from the legislation in states that allow for their killing up to the moment of birth, and for those preparing for/caring for our newborns.
- For your personal intentions.



**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. Hear our prayer this day. Bring peace to your church and to Third Order Regular Franciscans. Protect all our Franciscan communities and make whole any brokenness that has been caused by sin and evil. Keep the friars safe under your protection and grace, in their life of service with the Franciscan orders and your church throughout our communities of faith.

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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***Mark your Calendar!***

***September 17th is the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis. September is a great month to meditate on the cross, on penance and what it means to us as Secular Franciscans. St. Paul tells us to “boast of nothing except the Cross..” Why would we boast of the ultimate symbol of death? Understand the mystery of the Tree of Life, and you understand the mystery of the Cross...***

***October is all things Francis Month! Transitus at St. Bonaventure’s in Bloomington, MN. Please set aside the October 3rd date and more info will be passed along when available, and rides will be available for any who need them.***

***October 4th falls on Friday this year. We will have a feast day mass, at 7pm at St. Bridget’s Church***

***October 25-27 is the Friends of Francis retreat in Prior Lake. Register now to ensure your spot. You can register online by going to [Franciscanretreats.net](http://Franciscanretreats.net) or calling the retreat center at 952-447-2182***