



St Anthony of Padua Fraternity Bulletin

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Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 COUNCIL
MEETING @ JULIES 4:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11—8AM-OFS
MASS ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

WINTER NIGHT OUT-TUESDAY FEB-
RUARY 11, 2020 GIUSEPPE'S ITAL-
IAN RESTORANTE 1435 SILVER
LAKE ROAD NW NEW BRIGHTON,
6PM.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2020
FRATERNITY MEETING, 3PM
ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH- ST. FRAN-
CIS ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 COUNCIL
MEETING @ JULIES 6:30 PM

SUNDAY MARCH 8 9:30AM -OFS
MASS ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH

FRIDAY OFS LEAD STATIONS OF
THE CROSS @ ST. B'S EITHER 3:30
OR 6:30 (TBD)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020-
LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION/OFS
MEETING @ PRIOR LAKE FRANCIS-
CAN RETREAT CENTER. 2PM-
WITH SOUP/BREAD POTLUCK TO
FOLLOW, CARPOOL.
DETAILS INSIDE.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

February Liturgy-Tim

February—Ongoing Julie &
Alice

February Block Apostolate
report—each team
February treats- All

***Don't forget your block
prayer apostolate each
month!***

March Meeting- see note
above-details inside

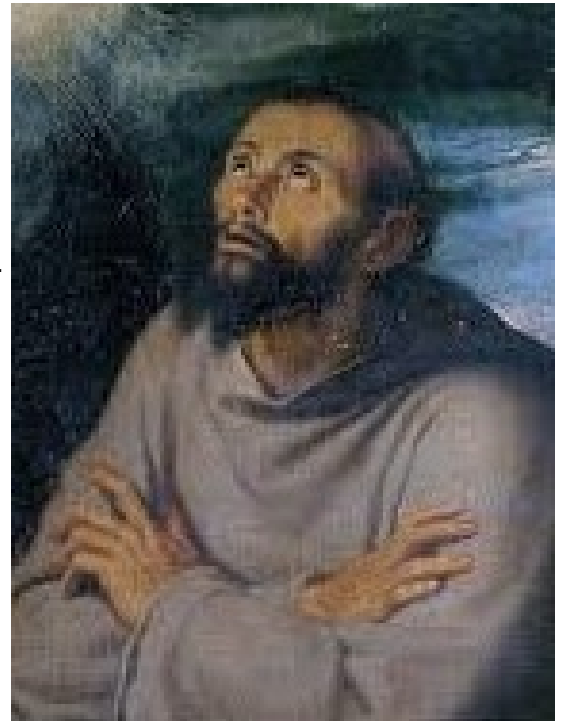
May the Lord Grant You Peace!

What the "Early Documents" calls: "The later admonition and exhortation to the Brothers and Sisters in Penance" is what Jean Francois called the "Letter to Everyone" at the Franciscan Conference I attended in St. Louis in June. It indeed was Francis who wrote the "Letter to Everyone". It is Francis' message. He wrote it when he came back from Egypt in 1220. It is called the "Universalis", the plan for everyone, but the religious must do more on top of this Letter. At this time the Franciscan Order was falling apart and Francis wrote this letter to attract people to the Order. In it he states the purpose of the Franciscans. It is true peace and sincere charity. Francis is trying to communicate God, who is in the Son. He tries to communicate the Holy Spirit to everyone. He desires to tell us of the Words of the Father and the Words of the Son. The Holy Spirit in Jesus' words about the Father is infinite. Francis desires to be human and serving which is accomplished in Jesus' Passion. In the Incarnation the infinite God becomes finite and human. God humbles himself. Everyone desires to ascend to God. But what we find with Francis is that there is not much Resurrection but rather the Passion because in the Passion love offers all and gives away everything. The Passion because God did not want Jesus to fail love and so Jesus offers his life.

The Eucharist follows Jesus's humanity, humility, and the poverty of God. Poverty is not holding on to anything but sharing everything. The Words of the Spirit are only seen in what people do, what is expressed in our lives

May the Lord Grant You Peace!!

Will Moore-Spiritual Assistant



OFS RULE 13.: As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ. A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

NEWS FROM BROWNS VALLEY— ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY

On February 2, three of us met at the Nursing home after our 10:30 Mass. The members attending were Patty Bennett, Nancy Zach and myself. I showed them the ad that we put in our diocese magazine in December. We did decide to give a donation to Sharing and Caring Hands. We will do it this month. We discussed the Spring Gathering. I would like everyone in our fraternity to attend this meeting. Each will need to make their own decision. Nancy and I are planning on going.

Edith Foren, Minister BV Fraternity



Upcoming Secular Masses

Sunday	3/8/20 OFS Mass @ 9:30am St. Bridget's
Tuesday	4/14 OFS Mass @ 8:00am St. Bridget's
Tuesday	5/12 8am Mass @ St. Bridget's Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 12/31/19	915.12
January Collection	143.00
Fair Share payment	478.50
1/31/2020 General Fund Balance	579.62
Submitted by Kathy Kubow, Treasurer	

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our Blocks in North Minneapolis, who we offer our special prayers for, that God would hear us and provide every grace and blessing needed to all who live there and that His presence be known to the St. Bridget's neighborhood.
- 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 our recent visitor/sister Judith for return to full and complete good health.
- For Kay Larson who is undergoing cancer treatment, for peace, strength and full and complete healing.
- For Sharon Brisk & daughter Denise for full healing and God's grace in their lives..
- For Kay Larson's nephew Tyler for full healing.
- For a complete healing from throat cancer for Kathy Bartz.
- For Kathy Kubow's sisters, Rosie and Carol and Jan Daugherty for healing & full recovery.
- For the repose of the soul of Isaac Emmanuel McElhattan, great-grandson of Barb Ganz who was still-born on 1/26 and for his parents Jillian and Kyle.
- For Dianne Redman for healing from pancreatic cancer.
- Employment for Eric and other family and friends of OFS who desire to work.
- For Maria Lucia as she prepares for profession soon.
- For healing for Will's nephew and all others dealing with addiction for God's loving touch .
- For marriages, families and the life they bring to the church, especially all expecting mothers, especially Angela H. (Hamilton), Elena K. (Wolney) and Jocelyn F. (Wolney).
- For the grace of God in the marriage of Steve and Bre Wolney
- For Ben Wolney and those who serve in our military
- For those who are alone and lonely may they know God's love.
- For the Visitation Sisters as they move toward building their new monastery in North Minneapolis.
- For a return to the church for those who have left our flock, most especially our family members.
- For our church and our individual parishes and parish families.
- 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 an increase in vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order especially for the St. Anthony of Padua fraternity in Brown's Valley.
- For blessings on all who are in the Franciscan family, and that God will strengthen their commitment.



NOTE: OUR FRATERNITY WILL HAVE REGIONAL VISITATION AT OUR APRIL MEETING.

St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Annual Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019



<u>All Income:</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
	\$2415.51	\$1963.00	\$2000.00
	(actual)	(actual)	(proposed)

	<u>January 1, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
Cash Balances-	\$1141.12	\$915.62

<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>2019 (Actual)</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
	\$2189.00	\$1796.00

EXPENSES

Picnic	50.00	\$50.00
Masses-	\$105.00	\$84.00
Spiritual Assistants stipend	\$300.00	\$300.00
Facility Fees	\$200.00	\$200.00
Priest/Music/event stipends	\$275.00	\$150.00
Fair Share	\$1,177.00	\$957.00
Stamps/Office Supplies	\$82.00	\$55.00

Attested to by Kathy Kubow, Fraternity Treasurer.

For full expense & Income information, refer to monthly newsletters. Each month the newsletter publishes all actual expenses and incomes made/received during the year. The actual full Annual Report is made available during February/March meetings on the table or upon request made by any full Fraternity Member or as required by our Constitutions.***

Lenten Day of Reflection with Our Lady of Consolation Fraternity at Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake

On **March 15, 2020 at 2:00PM** we will be attending this Lenten day of reflection in place of our monthly meeting. All fraternity members are asked to attend this important time of Lenten preparation. The Day of Reflection will be lead by Fr. Jim Kent, who is a Conventual Friar living there. His theme will be "God is Always, Already There. The focus will be on how/where/why God is a part of our everyday life. The day will conclude with Vespers and a Pot Luck Soup and Bread Supper. All Fraternity members are asked to bring either soup/bread or a dessert treat to share with others. We have attended many of these in years past and look forward to this time to share in our Lenten journey with our Brother and Sister Seculars.

We will carpool to Prior Lake. Please call Tim/Tammy, Julie if you need a ride. We have plenty of drivers.

Can Franciscans Be Angry?

Make plans now to attend the Queen of Peace Region 2020 Spring Gathering at the St. Francis Convent in Little Falls, MN on **April 25, 2020**. Dr. Darlene Pryds will speak on the above topic which is about Anger, Joy and Emotional Range in the Franciscan Tradition of Conversion. Dr. Pryds is a lay affiliate of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse WI. The full description of the day will be on the table at the meeting or you can find more info on the Region Website. Go to www.queenofpeaceregion.org and link to the full flyer on the home page by selecting "News/Events-What's New Now." Our Fraternity will carpool up in the morning and return after the event is over. We would leave around 7am and return by 5pm. If you wish to stay overnight, limited rooms are available. Check the website or contact Mona for more information.

Nominations for Regional Council positions due by March 15, 2020

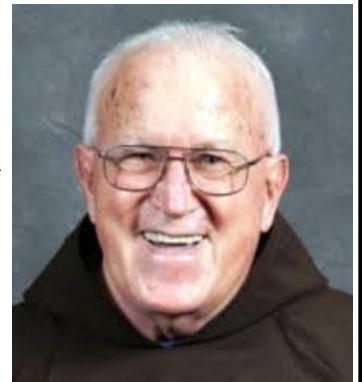
On May 30, 2020 elections will be held for all Queen of Peace Regional Fraternity Council positions. Many of the members will leaving office due to term limits, so the need for those called to serve the needs of our Fraternities is great at this time. More information is available at the meeting or speak to Mona Wolney or Maria Hamilton who have recently served and they can tell you all about the requirements and time commitment. Please pray for our Secular Franciscan servants to step forward and serve in these vital roles. You do not need a college degree in theology. Just a willingness to serve others.



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Fr. Lester Bach OFM-Cap- 1931-2020

We lost a very dear and important Franciscan Friar and Brother on February 2, 2020 to Sister Death. Fr. Lester Bach was professed to the Capuchin Order of Franciscan Friars in 1953 and ordained to the priesthood in 1957 and has worked with Seculars since the 60s. There is arguably no greater influence on the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States than Fr. Lester. His legacy, apart from his Spirit-filled presence is the training and books he generously provided to keep all of our fraternities fresh and growing in spirituality. Catch Me a Rainbow and Catch Me a Rainbow Too are foundational books for Seculars as well as many of his other works that he gave us as formation materials, including the Guide to Spiritual Assistance, Franciscan Journey and Franciscan Family Connections. Called to Rebuild the Church, Called to Follow Christ and Called to Live the Dynamic Power of the Gospel are all commentaries on our Rule to be used as formation materials for Seculars. Fr. Lester spoke at most National gatherings and he leaves behind many close Franciscan friends all across the country. His voice was one of a kind and will be missed greatly by our Order.



With Joy and Hope

"Without diminishing our beliefs, we approach others with love rather than domination. We approach others with a desire to share what is important to us rather than make them feel insignificant or stupid. We approach others with a readiness to understand them rather than presuming that they should think like us. We approach others with respect, even reverence, creating an atmosphere of friendship".....Fr. Lester Bach, OFM-CAP

NOTE: St. Bridget's Stations of the Cross sponsored by St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity

On Friday, March 13, (Time to be determined) we will be leading Stations of the Cross at St. Bridget's Church, as we do each Lent. It will either be at 3:30 pm or 6:30pm. Discussion will take place at February meeting regarding our preference. Afterwards, we will host refreshments, so each Fraternity member will be asked to bring something to share, such as cookies, fruit etc. Fraternity will provide drinks. Please mark this date on your calendar as it is one of our main outreaches to the parish who generously support us and provide us with a gathering space.

