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Dates to Remember

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 @5PM-
COUNCIL MEETING-JULIE'S-

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
8AM OFS MASS ST. BRIDGET'S

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 @ 3PM
OFS MEETING
ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH, @5PM-
COUNCIL MEETING—JULIE'S

SATURDAY, RETREAT DAY IN
FOREST LAKE—SEE DETAILS IN
BULLETIN

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH,-MOTHERS
DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 8AM
OFS MASS ST. BRIDGET'S

THURSDAY, MAY 13TH,
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY MAY 16, @ 3PM
OFS MEETING ST. BRIDGET'S

JUNE 13, 2021 FEAST DAY
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

JULY 18, 2021 OFS FRATERNITY
PICNIC AT SULLIVAN LAKE PARK

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

April Liturgy : Mona - Divine
Mercy Chaplet—(Crown Chap-
let Franciscan Version)

April Ongoing: Maria H. -
Therese of Lisieux, born
Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin,
also known as Saint Therese
of the Child Jesus

Remember in a special way
your Block Apostolate in these
times.

"The disciples rejoiced,
alleluia, alleluia"...

"When they saw the risen
Lord, alleluia, alleluia"

(Easter Responsory)

Christ's Peace

John 14:27- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

These are undoubtably times of unrest and uncertainty. I'm confident all of us were happy to see the year 2020 end only to enter into another year of more and possibly worse times ahead for us; especially here in the metropolitan area. It's so easy to get caught up in all the bad news and media hype during these events. I have to say the recent death and violence in Brooklyn Center had me concerned as our nephew was on the front-line policing during the riots when curfews were called for all the major metro counties. So, where do we go as Secular Franciscans, called to the Gospel life in these times of uncertainty and unrest? Francis's answer to us is in our Rule of Life Ch.2 #19:



'Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.'

The peace that Christ talks about in St John's Gospel is more than a calm, non-violent compromise which the world offers at best. The peace Christ is offering each one of us started with an amazing love for us and came with the price of His life on the cross (while we were still in sin). His death gives us hope and salvation. His resurrection, the gift of the Holy Spirit and a promise of eternal life with Him, if we choose Him.

Francis was so inspired when he wrote this part of the rule for us because he equates peace with the "presence of the divine seed" and confidently knows his professed will "immerse ourselves in the resurrection" with the understanding that death for us has lost its sting, so there is no need for our hearts to be troubled or afraid. Of course, all this is accomplished with "perfect joy" and by now we Franciscans should have a clear understanding that perfect joy means dying to self, taking up our cross and following the only one who can give us true peace, Christ Our Lord and Savior! ~Mona

Alleluia!

"When the mind is ready to be introduced into that most glorious light of God's goodness, it should not add anything by presumption or take away anything by negligence, and it should love solitude as much as possible if it wishes that the grace be preserved and increase. (Little Flowers 8-How Brother James asked Brother Giles how to act in a rapture)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund Balance as of 2/28/2021	398.86
March Collection	226.00
Balance as of 03/31 2021	624.86

Submitted by Kathy Kubow, Treasurer

From St. Anthony of Padua of Browns Valley, this is our last entry for your Bulletin. We want to thank the St. Anthony of Padua in Mpls. for letting us be part of their Bulletin. Because our membership has decreased, we are not able to continue as a Fraternity. You have made it possible for any of us that want to can transfer to your fraternity. I will be transferring this coming month and there is a good possibility that Pearl will also transfer. We are not going to be able to continue to collect medicine bottles for Haiti. We will not be collecting used stamps to give to the Nuns in the Convent in Little Falls. I do have quite a few prayer shawls made up and will continue to give them out. We also make Baptismal blankets to be given to any baby baptized in our church. Again, I want to thank you for all the help you have been to us.

Edith A. Foren, Minister, OFS

FRATERNITY MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:

We are excited to be trying to connect with those who are homebound and the Browns Valley fraternity members today via Zoom. We hope this will work well and we will be able to continue to use this platform to connect those who cannot be physically present.

If you do not have Zoom on your cell phone, tablet or computer, please load ahead of time and create a login and password. If you require assistance, reach out to a computer savvy relative or Tammy. The day of the meeting you wish to attend click on "Join Zoom Meeting" and enter Join Meeting. If needed enter:

MEETING ID: 879 6287 6555

NO PASSWORD IS REQUIRED.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our Blocks in N. Minneapolis, who we offer our special prayers 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 Maria Lucia's discernment regarding profession into the OFS.
- For peace in our Nation.
- For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Witzman OFS and former Minister and Treasurer of our fraternity.
- For the healing and peace of Christ to the sick, suffering, and homebound or in Care Centers including LaRayne, and Rose, and for their caregivers.
- For full healing from Covid and release from Methodist hospital for Mike's cousin, Brian Brixius (Sr. Gert's nephew).
- For Sarah North, Julie's daughter, for continued healing for her knee.
- For Jan Parker, National OFS Minister for healing from cancer.
- For Janice Olson, for full healing from her knee surgery
- For all that are struggling due to the lockdowns and COVID-related stresses.
- For Sharon Brisk and her children Denise and David, for full healing and God's grace in their lives.
- For Gunnar and Courtney, (nephew of Edith Foren) who are expecting their first child.
- For Bre and Steve Wolney (son and daughter-in-law of Tim and Tammy) who are expecting their 2nd child in late August.
- For healing for Will's family members, Brother, Brother-in-law and Nephew, and for a job for his sister-in-law ,Julie.
- For all those graduating from High School or college may they find the path that God has for them.
- For Maria's daughter and son in law as they move to a new life in Texas.
- For life direction for Alicia Hamilton
- For Kathy Kubow's sister, Carol, for healing from inoperable cancer and for her sister, Rosie, for healing of depression.
- For continued healing from pancreatic and breast cancer for Dianne Redman.
- For those who are alone and lonely may they know God's love.
- For all unborn children, that they especially be protected from the legislation in states allow for killing up to the moment of birth, and for those preparing for/caring for our newborns.
- For blessings on all who are in the Franciscan family, that God will strengthen their commitment. And for an increase in vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.
- For our Pope, all priests, bishops and religious that they may perform their ministerial duties fearlessly with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- For God's blessing on all our marriages, that we be an example to those who need it at this time.
- For Kathy's goddaughter, Amy, for mental and spiritual well being and return to good health.
- For those who have fallen from the faith, that the message of Easter would call them back to the faith.
- For success of Queen of Peace annual regional meeting June 4-6 and for safe travels to and from.

Franciscan Retreat Day in Forest Lake Saturday May 8, 2021 FROM 9:15-2PM

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity is hosting a Retreat Day to be led by Sr. Michelle L'Allier OSF at the Church of St. Peter in Forest Lake, MN located at 1250 South Shore Drive. The theme of the retreat will be "Living a Discerning Life: Wisdom for the Journey"

Details and registration forms are available at our meeting or by contacting Kathy Fraser, OFS at 44frase@gmail.com or 651-462-2144
Cost is \$20 which includes lunch.

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2020 Income and Expense Report	
EXPENSES:	
Christmas Project	\$ 83.00
Fair Share	957.00
Masses/Priest/Music/Speakers-St. Bridget's	175.00
Facilities	200.00
Charitable Donations	410.00
Spiritual Assistant	300.00
Picnic	50.00
Food for Picnic	110.00
Candle for deceased	7.00
Check Reorder	50.76
Total	\$2,342.76
INCOME:	
Collections	\$2199.00
NET +/-	-\$143.76
12/31/2019 Bank Balance	\$915.12
12/31/2020 Bank Balance	\$771.36
NET DIFFERENCE	\$143.76

2021 Budget Report (Estimated)	
EXPENSES:	
St. Bridget's OFS Masses	\$ 84.00
Fair Share	\$1045.00
Stipends/Priest/Music/Speakers-	\$200.00
Facilities	200.00
Spiritual Assistant	300.00
Picnic	180.00
Total	\$2009.00
INCOME:	
	\$2200.00
NET +/-	\$191.00
12/31/2020 Bank Balance	\$771.36
NET DIFFERENCE (end of 2021)	\$962.36

In accordance with established rules and approval from the Council, we provide our members with the 2020 financial report as provided to the Queen of Peace Region. We have also provided the estimated budget for 2021, which was also discussed and approved by the Council in February, but has not been printed in the newsletter until now due to space considerations and formatting. Any questions or discussion regarding these two reports are a proper subject for discussion by any full member of the fraternity and should be raised during the business portion of any monthly fraternity meeting as you feel necessary. (Tim, Vice Minister and Bulletin Editor)