



St Anthony of Padua Fraternity Bulletin

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Dates to Remember

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

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 OFS MASS- 9:30
AM ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH
FEAST DAY

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA-
FRATERNITY SPONSORED RE-
FRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 15, OFS MASS
8AM ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH
FEAST DAY OF ST. BONAVENTURE

JULY 18, 2021 2PM PROFESSION
OF 8 NEW OFS MEMBERS OF ST.
PIO FRATERNITY IN FOREST LAKE
BY ARCHBISHOP HEBDA. (SEE
DETAILS AT THE RIGHT)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 OFS PICNIC
SULLIVAN LAKE PARK-COLUMBIA
HEIGHTS. RESCHEDULED FROM
JULY DUE TO PROFESSION

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

May Liturgy : Mona - Francis-
can Crown Rosary

May Ongoing: Monica (Friend
of Mike) speaking on the tes-
timony of her life.

Treats- as needed according
to your availability to bring
them.

Remember in a special way your
Block Apostolate in these times.
"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of all believers and set them on
fire with your love. Though they
spoke many different languages,
you united the nations in profess-
ing the same faith, alleluia!"
"(Pentecost Responsory)

Franciscan Signs of May



May is dedicated to Mary for many reasons but most-ly because it is recognized as the month when many flowers burst into bloom as creation wakes up from its winter sleep.

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!"

Francis is the most famous of the birdbath saints. While these may seem novelties, there is a good purpose for these.

Now is the time when you in your yard to place your visible signs of faith to the world.

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.



Sunday, July 18, 2021-2pm- Profession of new members of St. Pio Fraternity

Forest Lake MN-Under the leadership of their Minister, Kathy Fraser, Eight (8) members of the newly established fraternity in Forest Lake, MN will be professed into the Secular order. Because this is an important event in the life of all OFS, we have decided to change our Picnic to August 15, (same place and time). We will carpool and have plenty of drivers, so there should be no reason not to attend this important event. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will officiate at the profession which begins at 2pm. We will discuss at this meeting details on carpools and logistics, but this is in place of our regular July Meeting so we would please ask **all** members to attend just as they would our regular meeting. If you are thinking about not attending, ask yourself this.....When was the last time you attended a profession of eight (8) new members? The correct answer is probably never, unless you were with us back in the early 80's. Pray for continued new OFS.

"Chosen by the most holy Father in Heaven, Consecrated by Him, with his most holy beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. On you descended and in you still remains, all the fullness of grace, and every good. Hail his Handmaid! Hail his Mother! " (from the Salutation of the Blessed Virgin by Francis of Assisi).

GRANDMA ROSE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

When I was a little boy, I went to the Methodist church. I was told about the virgin birth of Jesus, but that Jesus had brothers and sisters through Mary and Joseph. My Grandma Rose was Catholic. I remember her praying rosaries and her beautiful holy cards. I really loved her. At 10, both grandma Rose and my Grandpa Roy got sick. Roy got forgetful and Rose got cancer. She was too weak to care for him so he stayed with us. Rose kept living in Rhode Island. At bedtime, Mom would kneel beside my bed and say my prayers with me. One night, she told me Rose died. I wept my heart out.

At my friend's house, I saw his mom's Catholic calendars with beautiful pictures of Mary in heaven. When I was 25, and in nursing school I asked a Catholic fellow student to teach me the Hail Mary. I started using it for prayer.

At 31, people betrayed me and stole most of my goods. Afterwards, my mood was black and sorrowful. My heart was torn apart. I wondered if I believed in anything anymore. I was numb and in shock. At that moment, I remembered the Apostles Creed we said each Sunday at church. It started, "I believe". I said the creed a few times and said to myself, "I don't know if I believe this but I want to." Two phrases sounded most powerful to me. "Born of the Virgin Mary" and "One holy Catholic Church."

I started thinking, if God is always aware of everything it makes sense to worship him every day, not only Sunday. The Catholics worshipped daily. I thought they were onto something. I'd go to Mass, sit in the back, listen to the prayers working in my heart. Holy Rosary was the church, just a block away. Later, I became Catholic there and after that was married in that church. A few years later, we professed as Franciscans. Later our fraternity merged with the Franciscan Brothers of Peace and changed our name to Mary Queen of Peace. Each meeting we prayed Franciscan rosaries. So, over the years, I've been praying rosaries more often, at least daily now.

Our Peruvian priests at St. Mark's are very Marian and since they came 10 years ago, I've been praying rosaries whenever I can.

I think, since I was little, God had this plan to bring me to his Church and his Mother through the rosaries of Grandma Rose. I think of this: When I lost all meaning, God began to draw me back to faith with the Creed, the same way that rosaries start. My guess is Grandma Rose prayed me back to Jesus.

Will Moore OFS SA

Fraternity News: Edith Foren has officially transferred to our fraternity and Pearl Whelan is working to submit transfer forms. Welcome Edith.

Formation: Maria Lucia has decided to withdraw from formation at this time. She will be moving out of state for work.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our Blocks in North 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 peace in our Nation.
- 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 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 daughter at the end of 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.



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TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund Balance as of 4/1/21	624.86
April Collection	250.00
Balance as of 04/30/ 2021	819.86*

Submitted by Kathy Kubow, Treasurer

***Note:** Edith has sent our fraternity a check to cover fair share for her and any members that decide to join our fraternity. We will deposit the monies into our checking account but consider it a separate amount of funds to be used by the BV members for fair share or any other fraternity-related expenses. Those monies are not yet included in the Treasurer's Report.

Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony;

"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"
O Holy St. 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 St. 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.

FRATERNITY MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:

The day of the meeting open the Zoom invitation email and click on "Join Zoom Meeting" and enter Join Meeting. If needed enter:

MEETING ID: 879 6287 6555

NO PASSWORD IS REQUIRED