



Fraternity of Mary, Queen of Peace Secular Franciscan Order Newsletter

Aug, 2021 Issue

Fraternity meeting:

First Friday: Sept. 3rd

St. Columba's Church next to the Friary
(Masks and social distancing are optional. Use of hand sanitizers and disinfecting procedures continue.)

**Franciscan Holy Hour for World Peace
at 7:00 pm**

Regular Fraternity Meeting at 8:00 pm:
Business meeting and Ongoing Formation
Sharing of favorite St. Francis quote:

Br. John Mary

Mass Readings for Sunday, Sept 5th
St. Clare Of Assisi, Light from the Cloister,
Chapter 8 – SANT'ANGELO IN PANZO

If unable to attend in person, you may **view the
Holy Hour and Fraternity Meeting on Zoom**
7:00-9:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542679890?pwd=VTAvb2ljVnhidW1KcXZwQVVuSmtYdz09>

(or dial in: +1 346 248 7799)

Meeting ID: 875 4267 9890 Password: 393520

NOTE: those viewing on Zoom may have their own group discussion for ongoing formation, but won't interact with those in-person.

Council Meeting:

Sunday, September 12th, 7:00 – 8:30pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846163907?pwd=cGFqVklVnNm12Ykl0NmsrdnhwUkxJQT09>

*The Council animates the Fraternity
All professed members are welcome to attend*

Apostolates: See page 2 for more information.

Inquirer Formation, The Franciscan Journey:

Aug 27th: at 7:00pm, Queen of Peace Friary:

Ch 6 "Writings and Stories of St Francis / St. Clare"

Sept 24th: at 7:00pm, Queen of Peace Friary:

Ch 7 "OFS History – Development of the OFS Rule"

Candidate Formation, The Franciscan Journey:

Friday, Aug 20th at 7:00pm, Steve Smith's home:

Chapter 32: *Enriching the Franciscan Spirit*

Friday, Aug. 27th at 7:00pm, Queen of Peace Friary:

Chapter 33: *Franciscan Family Connections*

Profession Mass for Karen, Nini, and Scott will be:

Tuesday, September 14th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

See page 2 for more details!



Heidi Giebel: 9/4

Br. Conrad: 9/11

Nini Milbraith: 9/20

Jeannie Kratzer: 9/24

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Franciscan Brothers of Peace News

- Br John Mary is appreciative of the prayers for his health.
- Br Pio and another brother will be traveling again to the Rosebud Reservation September 2-4 with another truckload of food and hygiene items.
- Continue to pray for Br Antonio. He has an appointment for an interview with the American Consulate on the morning of Nov 4th (Nov 3rd evening, our time). We ask everyone to pray a rosary on November 3rd for Br Antonio.
- With so many brothers gone, they will not put on the annual BBQ in August. But mark your calendars for next year: August 2nd 2022 which is the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. There will be a celebration!
- Food shelf: supply still outweighs the demands.
THANK YOU!

Franciscan Brothers of Peace YouTube channel. Check it out!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XRukOu_wnUiPr12iZGIJA

Apostolates News:

Non-food Items for Homeless Ministry:

Socks, underwear, hygiene items, infant diapers etc. are needed – bring to Queen of Peace Friary.

The Estates at Lynnhurst

471 W. Lynnhurst Ave, St Paul, MN 55104

- THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to be pen pals for residents. Remember to send your August letter.
- **In-person visits on the 3rd Wednesdays** at 6:30pm: Aug 18 / Sept 13 / Oct 20
- We had a great time doing BINGO in July:



Debbie, Helen, Anne, Eugene (Karen not pictured)

- **Next BINGO on Sunday, Oct 24th 1:30-3:00pm.**
- **Procedure for in person visits:** Bring your own mask and follow all instructions for signing in.
- Dollar Store items are always needed for BINGO prizes. Please consider buying a few items and bring to the fraternity meeting:
 - Deodorant - men's and women's
 - Hand lotion, body lotion
 - Disposable razors - men's and women's
 - Tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss
 - Gloves or mittens
 - Large men's socks (such as diabetic socks)
 - Word find puzzle books
 - Note cards
 - (Candy is permissible. M&M's are a favorite!)

Thank you for your donations!

Little Sisters of the Poor is not yet open for visitors.

Aluminum cans for charity.

Helen Rush has been collecting aluminum cans for years and donates the money to our Fraternity causes. Please consider bringing your aluminum cans to Helen either at the Fraternity meeting or to her home. Thank you, Helen!



The Fraternity of Mary, Queen of Peace of the Secular Franciscan Order

Welcomes you to the
Mass and Profession of New Members:
Nini Milbraith, ofs
Karen Elizabeth Nelson, ofs
Scott Rooney, ofs

on the Solemnity of the Exultation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
7:00pm

at the Church of Saint Patrick
1095 DeSoto Street
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Father Seraphim Wirth, fbp will preside

A reception will follow in the church hall, lower level.

Franciscan Quote Reflection for the 8/6/21 Fraternity Meeting by Michael Ross

St Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio

Gubbio is a walled city in central Italy about 30 miles north of Assisi. At the time of St Francis, the townspeople were terrified by a wolf that killed shepherds and townsfolk.

They asked St Francis for his help, because they were too frightened to go outside city walls. St Francis went there at their request. The story is told in the “**Little Flowers of St Francis**”. He spoke to the wolf:

“Brother wolf, you have done much evil in this land, destroying and killing the creatures of God without his permission; indeed, not only animals, but you have even dared to devour men, made after the image of God; for which you are worthy of being hanged like a robber and a murderer. All men cry out against you, the dogs pursue you, and all the inhabitants of this city are your enemies; but I will make peace between them and you, Brother wolf, and if you no more offend them, and they forgive you all your past offences, neither men nor dogs shall pursue you any more.”

The wolf told St Francis that it was old and lame, and couldn't keep up with other wolves, and only ate men and their flocks because it was starving.

The wolf then bowed its head and submitted to Francis, completely at his mercy.

“As you are willing to make this peace, I promise you that you will be fed every day by the inhabitants of this town so long as you live among them; you will no longer suffer hunger, as it is hunger which has made you do so much evil; but if I obtain all this for you, you must promise, on your side, never again to attack any animal or any human being; do you make this promise?”

In agreement, the wolf placed one of his forepaws in Francis' outstretched hand, and the oath was made. Francis commanded the wolf to return with him to Gubbio. Soon the whole city knew of the miracle. The townsfolk gathered in the city marketplace to await

Francis and his companion, and were shocked to see the ferocious wolf behaving as though his pet.

(See the medieval painting of this by Sassetta, c. 1440: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolf_of_Gubbio#/media/File:Sassetta,_san_francesco_e_il_lupo.jpg)

They agreed to the oath, and to feed the wolf as long as it lived among them. It lived in the town until it died two years later, and was buried beside the church. With the wolf living in Gubbio, no-one dared to rob or attack the townspeople! St Francis said that if the townspeople were so afraid of the jaws of an animal, how much more they should be afraid of the jaws of hell.

We can also see from this story that attacks often come from people who are injured or hurt in some way by what has happened in their lives, and that we can many times with forgiveness make some peace with them, and let them into our lives and care for them. It also underlines the importance of the bonds between humans, brother and sister animals, and the environment.

PS When the church at Gubbio was being renovated in 1872, they found the skeleton of a large wolf buried there. The tomb was moved into the restored church and is still there. (MR, 8/6/2021)



August Prayer requests: (Thanking God ahead of time)

- That the Lord will call men and women to embrace the consecrated life and especially that men will respond to the call to embrace the Franciscan Brothers of Peace.
- For Br Antonio in the Philippines: for the success of his interview with the US Consulate on the morning of Nov 4th (evening of Nov 3rd, our time). That his application for a visa will be approved.
- For the Brothers' new apostolate of distributing food and hygiene items to Native American Reservations: Rosebud – South Dakota, Red Lake – Minnesota, and Lac Courte Oreilles – Wisconsin.
- For blessings on all of the FBP apostolates and the people they serve.
- In thanksgiving that Br John Mary recovered from his severe Meniere's dizziness episode.
- For protection for the KaRen community in Burma suffering from persecution.
- For all those suffering from violence in the Holy Land.
- For all persecuted Christians around the world.
- For all those affected by the Covid pandemic. For protection from further spread due to more contagious variants. For recovery for those who have been ill. For the souls of all those who died and for their grieving loved ones.
- For the needs of all those in Central and South America.
- For the protection of life and property from destructive fires in drought-stricken areas. For protection of all those assisting to fight the fires. For the needs of all farmers. In thanksgiving for much needed rain in some areas. For more rain.
- For peace in our communities and for the safety of first responders.
- That we will be stewards of the earth that sustains us.
- For the conversion of souls and the renewal of our lives.
- That we all will be receptive to the truth and beauty of the Church.
- That the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Council in animating the fraternity.
- That our lives will bring glory to God and lead others to conversion.
- For blessings upon our Candidates and for continued provision as they prepare for profession to the Secular Franciscan Order.
- For blessings upon our Inquirers as they discern their Franciscan vocation.
- For the needs of all our fraternity members:
 - For protection, strength and healing for those who are ill.
 - For the needs of those unable to attend our July meeting: Mike Bartel, Brenda Berry, Jeremiah Blume, Janie Carlson, Mary Marshall, Br John Mary, Nini Milbrath, Karen Nelson.
- In thanksgiving for the presence of those we have not seen in person for some time: Chuck, Roach, Scott Rooney, Mike Ross and Marty Spicer.
- For Debbie as she is still waiting for resolution of insurance issues so that her surgery may be scheduled. For wisdom and guidance for Debbie's doctors as they prepare to re-do her skull surgery. For improvement in her body's ability to heal and resist infection. That the Lord will use Debbie for His glory and fill her with peace in anticipation of the surgery.
- For consolation and endurance for Brenda through all the ups and downs as she provides 24-hour care for her brother, Brad.
- For continued provision for Marty Spicer's home and work situation.
- For providential guidance and patience for Mike Bartel as he looks for part-time work to supplement social security income. May he find rewarding work that utilizes his gifts.
- For providential guidance for Marty Madansky as he travels to Grenada, Nicaragua on August 25th. May he be docile to the Holy Spirit as he becomes acquainted with the people and serves as a volunteer.
- For providential guidance for Eugene as he seeks a new place to live. For healing of his lungs and healing on all levels.
- For continued guidance and provision for John Rosensteel in Tennessee.
- That the Holy Spirit will touch the heart of Jack, Marty Spicer's son, forming him as a Christian man.
- For healing for Steve's daughter, McKenzie, who is back in the hospital. For wisdom and guidance for all those involved in her care. For freedom from pain, increased movement and the ability to eat.
- For Brenda's brother, Brad. That his body will not reject the transplanted lungs, and that his other organs will continue to function properly. In thanksgiving that Brad was able to go fishing at Lake Mill Lacs with their other brother Mike. That Brad's condition will continue to improve so that he can return home to Grand Rapids soon.
- For Jeannie's sister, Lynn, who had a heart attack in July. For strength and healing; and that the doctor's will be able to figure out the cause of her heart attack, and be able to fix it before she has another one.
- For peace and inner healing Scott Rooney's niece, Ferdosi.
- For Janie's friend, Joyce, who underwent a double mastectomy to fight her recurring breast cancer and for her husband, Steve, as they walk this long, difficult journey together. May Joyce heal physically, emotionally and spiritually as they trust God for a healthy outcome.
- For healing for Janie's great niece, Rhiannon, who has stage 4 breast cancer.
- For healing grace for Chuck Roach's friends: Charlie, Gade and a young child all suffering from cancer.
- For healing for Will's friends Sheila and Tyler. For sobriety for his nephew, Luke.
- For the repose of the soul of Christian's friend, Cody.
- For the spiritual growth and conversion of all the doctors on Debbie's medical team.
- For Debbie's family members and for healing of relationships.
- For rain in Santa Fe, NM where Debbie's sister Kathleen lives.
- For the health and well-being of those to whom we minister at Lynnhurst nursing home.
- That the Lord will provide for the physical and spiritual needs of patients at the VA Hospital.
- For all those with addictions or mental illness and for their families.
- That the Lord will meet the needs of all our family members who have left the Church. That they will come to know His love for them.
- For all our friends and family members for whom we have promised to pray.
- For all the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts.

National Prayer for Vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order

O good and gracious God, God of mercy, compassion, generosity, and love, as we live our lives today in the model of St. Francis, choosing daily to live the Gospel life, help us to help others hear your call. Help us to help others recognize their vocation as a Secular Franciscan that You have already planted in their heart. Help us, so that together we all may work to bring the Gospel to life. Amen!

Composed by Marian R. Crosby, OFS,
2010 National Fraternity gathering in Scottsdale, AZ

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ONGOING FORMATION

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI-Light From the Cloister, Chp. 8 – SANT'ANGELO IN PANZO

Study Questions for 9/3/21, OFS Franciscan Fraternity Meeting

In Chapter 7, Clare has taken temporary sanctuary in the women's Benedictine Monastery of San Paulo outside of Assisi, which is under the protection of Bishop Guido and the Pope, and the reluctant Mother Abbess Sibilia. Clare's family of knights and nobleman, led by her Uncle Monaldo, confront Abbess Sibilia at the monastery doors with fierce anger and swords in an attempt to forcibly take Clare back. Abbess Sibilia protects Clare, by standing firm outside the monastery doors (breaking cloister), stopping them by raising her Crozier in the name of Jesus Christ, threatening to dispatch an emissary from the Pope who would strip him of his titles of knighthood and nobility, and excommunicate him. Clare wrestles with her decision to take the Franciscan vow and the love for her family. Several

other attempts are made by Clare's family and her father to take her. Clare softens their anger through loving dialogue, that she has indeed been called by the Holy Spirit to this new way of religious life in poverty, with God as her only heavenly Father, and Francis as her Spiritual Father. After showing her shaved head, indicating her consecration to this new life, they finally accept her decision and leave. Abbess Sibilia decides Clare is not safe at San Paulo, and makes arrangements for her to leave with Francis, to another place farther away from Assisi. Both Abbess Sibilia and Sister Angela, say their farewells with blessings, and realize that the Holy Spirit is working through and guiding Clare. They feel fortunate to have had Clare touch their lives. And Clare leaves with much gratitude for all that Mother Abbess Sibilia and Sister Angela had done to help and guide her.

In Chapter 8, With the help of Francis, Clare is taken to a new community of penitential women living around a little church of St. Michael the Archangel (Sant'Angelo in Panzo) in the city of Panzo. There, she started finding some peace. Her younger sister Catherine, shows up wanting to join her. Clare's family tries to take Catherine back through force, and physical violence. Clare stops them with her first miracle, and Francis decides to move her again.

1. Clare journeyed with Francis to Sant'Angelo in Panzo. How did the local people react to her traveling with Francis? What were her emotions and reflections on this journey? Pg. 100-103.
2. Why did Clare like the new community of women at Sant'Angelo in Panzo? Pg.103-104.
3. What family member showed up to join Clare, and why? What was Clare's family reaction to this? Pg. 104-106.
4. What was Clare's first miracle? Pg.106.
5. Why does Catherine receive the name of Agnes? Pg.106-107.
6. Why does Francis decide to move Clare again? Pg. 107-108.

ONGOING FORMATION (cont.)

Mass Readings for Sunday, Sept 5th
Sunday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time:

Reading I Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Franciscan Gospel Sharing:
Gaze on Him:

- Look on the words
- Read and listen to the Scripture with an open mind
- Let the words sink into you

Consider Him:

- Ponder the words
- Think about what is being revealed in your heart and mind and soul

Contemplate Him:

- Weigh the words
- Decide which article in the OFS Rule relates to the words and ponder that article

Imitate Him:

- Outpour the words;
- Take all of this into the world with a concrete action which today you state aloud

Gospel Sharing Discussion Questions:

1. What is happening in today's gospel?
2. What is the connection between the Gospel and the first reading?
3. What word or phrase stands out?
4. How does the Gospel apply to my life?
5. How does this Gospel relate to our Franciscan Rule?
6. What can be my action response as an individual?
7. What can be our action response as a Fraternity?

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At Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center

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