



# St Anthony of Padua Fraternity Bulletin

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## Dates to Remember

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
5PM OFS FRATERNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING @ JULIE'S

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
8:00AM OFS MASS  
ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
OFS FRATERNITY MEETING  
3 PM @ ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2021  
6:30PM TRANSITUS OF ST.  
FRANCIS OF ASSISI-HOSTED BY  
FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF  
PEACE ST. PATRICKS ST. PAUL,  
MN-DETAILS INSIDE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021-  
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI-  
6:00 PM @ ST. BRIDGET'S

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7-OFS 5PM  
OFS FRATERNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING @ JULIE'S

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2021  
OFS FRATERNITY MEETING  
TENTATIVE TRIP TO POOR CLARE  
CLOISTER IN SAUK RAPIDS, MN

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

September Liturgy-Feast of  
the Stigmata of St. Francis-  
Mike M.

September Ongoing For-  
mation-Stigmata of St. Fran-  
cis-Julie/Mike plus discussion  
on Block Apostolate

September treats-all

*"Know that the Lord does  
wonders for his faithful one;  
the Lord will hear me when I  
call upon him. Tremble, and  
sin not; reflect, upon your  
beds, in silence. Offer just  
sacrifices, and trust in the  
Lord. (Ps.4).*

**(Editor's note)** This is the theme for OFS Queen of Peace Region in the Summer edition of a copy to each meeting and if you have access to the internet you can find it easily on the Region's web page at: [Queenofpeaceregion.org/tracings](http://Queenofpeaceregion.org/tracings). Below is a reprint from the Summer edition of Tracings.

## COMMITMENT Kathy Taormina, OFS QOP Regional Spiritual Assistant

**The word commitment** is thrown around in today's society like the words love and hate. We commit to finishing articles on time, we commit to driving our kids or grandkids to soccer practice, and we commit to start a more healthy diet every Monday. Have we diminished the meaning and the importance of making a commitment? Have everyday priorities taken on the role of commitments in our lives? We need to take a moment, a pause in our over-committed (pun intended) lives and take a fresh look at the commitments we have made in our lives as Franciscan Catholics. In our sacraments, we make commitments, public and spoken aloud, before God, the Church, and the people of God. We make a public, verbal commitment to raise a child in the faith during Baptism, we make a verbal commitment every time we reply to the words "Body of Christ" with our "Amen!" while receiving the



Eucharist, and we make a verbal commitment when we say "I Do!" during the Sacrament of Marriage. So why are we as Secular Franciscans required to make a public, outspoken commitment during our Rite of Profession? Can our Profession commitment be so important that it requires it to be done so? Our commitment to become and to live as a Secular Franciscan has many parts. We commit to a way of life, we commit to our Rule (all 26 articles, not just the ones we like), and we commit for a lifetime. A way of life may take on a more personal meaning to us, in that it directs the way we spend money, they way we treat the environment, and the way we connect to God. The commitment to the Rule takes on a more communal, should we say fraternal, aspect of our lives. We commit to a fraternity of Franciscans, not just by showing up monthly, but by participating in the animation and guidance of the fraternity. We commit to live as a Secular Franciscan for our lifetime, even when sometimes we get tired or disillusioned in fraternity. We commit to careful reading of the Gospel (Article 4). We commit to live in communion with the Church and with our brothers and sisters in radical on-going conversion (Article 6, 7). We commit to accept, and believe, that all people are a gift (Article 13). We commit to be bearers of peace (Article 19.) We commit to have a ready and willing spirit and understand that we have a duty and a responsibility to serve each member and the fraternity (Article 21). We believe that Profession by its nature is a permanent commitment (Article 23). So which commitments, or part thereof is lacking in our life? Which commitments do we tend to let slide or just refuse to fulfil? What kind of a commitment did we intend when we stood at our Profession and said out loud, "Yes, this is what I want?" Maybe it's time we all reexamine our commitments.

## FEAST OF THE STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS- SEPTEMBER 17

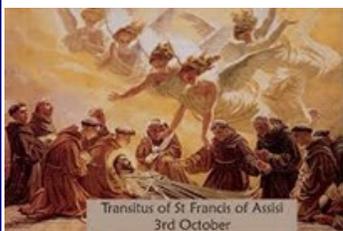
“From the beginning of ages there has not been heard so great a wonder, save only in the Son of God who is Christ our God. For a long while before his death, our father and brother appeared crucified, bearing in his body the five wounds which are verily the Stigmata of Christ; for his hands and feet had as it were piercings made by nails fixed in from above and below, which laid open the scars and had the black appearance of nails; while his side appeared to have been lanced, and blood often trickled therefrom.” (Brother Elias in his letter to the Order notifying them of the death of St. Francis)

The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis is not a major feast, and it is usually only celebrated by Franciscans of all orders. It was taken out of the missal and breviary as a result of the new missal instituted by Pope John XXIII. In prior times (1600's) it was a feast day promoted by Franciscan Popes including Sixtus V.

***“Lord Jesus Christ, who reproduced in the flesh of the most blessed Francis, the sacred marks of your own sufferings, so that in a world grown cold our hearts might be filled with burning love of you, graciously enable us by his merits and prayers to bear the cross without faltering and to bring forth worthy fruits of penitence: You who are God, living and reigning with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.”***

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

BV Fair Share Fund	\$300.00*
Our General Fund	\$438.35
<b>Total General Fund Balance as of 7/31/2021:</b>	<b>\$738.35</b>
Picnic collection (August meeting)	300.00
Picnic expense-(August)	-100.00
<b>Total General Fund Balance as of 9/7/21:</b>	<b>938.35*</b>
<b>*\$300 of which is \$ BV transferred for payment of their 2022 Fair Share and/or meeting stipends</b>	

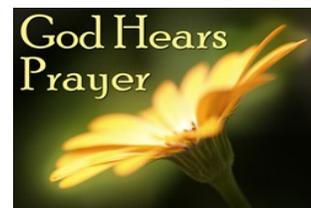


**TRANSITUS AND FEAST DAY INFORMATION**  
We will be celebrating Transitus with the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul on October 3 at 6:30pm at St. Patrick's Church. More info will be provided at the meeting

and the calling committee will contact everyone. Also, Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Bridget's on Monday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our Pope, and all priests, bishops and religious that they may perform their ministerial duties fearlessly with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- 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.
- That God would reveal the Truth of the Eucharist to all Catholics who have lost faith in Him and His Son.
- For the healing and peace of Christ to the sick, suffering, and homebound or in care centers including LaRayne, and Rose, and for those who take care of them.
- In thanksgiving for the safe births of Ishani Kaya Wolney to Steve and Bre Wolney and Ava to Gunnar and Courtney, (nephew of Edith Foren).
- For Alex and Christine Hamilton and their daughter as they await her birth in December.
- For the healing of Alice's foot after foot surgery.
- For the continued healing of Jane Lazor's foot.
- For Diana Arrell who is providing temporary hospice care for her mother, that the right solution for her mom and her family be found as Diana's home isn't a long-term solution, and for her family to make good decisions about all that her situation involves. We pray for healing and peace for Diana's mom as she rehabs and peace for all.
- For Sharon Brisk and her children, Denise and David, for full healing and God's grace in their lives.
- For continued healing from pancreatic and breast cancer for Dianne Redman.
- For Carol Wolney's niece Lynn who is receiving treatment for lung cancer and for her nephew, David, who is also dealing with the return of cancer.
- For all those seeking jobs including Alicia Hamilton as she moves to Texas soon and for her brother, Aaron.
- For Nathan Wolney, that he may find direction and peace.
- For Will's nephew for a job and overall wellness in his life
- For Kathy Kubow's sisters, Carol, for healing from inoperable cancer and for Rosie, for healing of depression.
- For those who are alone and lonely may they know God's love.
- That God would bring about an end to the abomination of the humanization of lab animals by using murdered children, and that Congress would immediately end this practice.
- 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 God's blessing on all our marriages, that we be an example to those who need it.
- That God will provide rain for our crops where needed.
- For peace and unity through truth in our church that we may become united in rebuilding the faith lost.
- For those who are in debt and are suffering financial stress that they may get help and assistance to manage it.
- For the safety and wellbeing of all children as they return to school.



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***Prayer to the Trinity to watch over the people living on  
our Blocks around St. Bridget's***

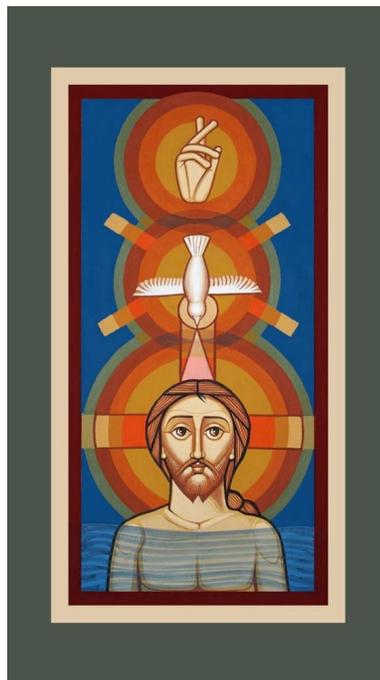
***May the three surround you;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Hold you safe and hold you  
strong***

***May the three encircle you  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Encircle your life each day and  
night***

***May the three protect you  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Guard your door and keep each  
gate***

***May the three watch over you  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Still your heart and calm all fear***

***(Source unidentified)***



**Devotion to Saint Francis of Assisi**

O beloved Saint Francis, gentle and poor, your obedience to God and your simple, deep love for all God's creatures led you to the heights of heavenly perfection and turned many hearts to follow God's will. Now, in our day, pray also for us, in our ministry to the many who come here searching for peace and intercede for us as we come before the Lord with our special requests.

[Mention your special intention.]

O blessed Saint of God, from your throne among the hosts of heaven present our petitions before our faithful Lord. May your prayers on our behalf be heard and may God grant us the grace to lead good and faithful lives. Amen.