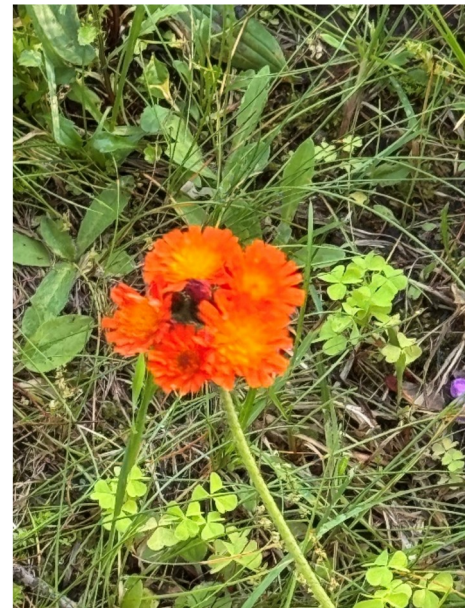


La Verna Region E-Vision

Summer – 2026



"[Mary] watched constantly over her own heart ... She watched over her every word as though she could not trust her tongue. In her conception she was given all the privileges that go with sinlessness, yet she decided to live permanently as a penitent! We, on the contrary, are surrounded by flattering, treacherous enemies whose sole aim is to use our natural weaknesses to bring about our fall. Yet we have no fear and are not watchful at all. We admit that we are weakness incarnate, yet frequently we expose ourselves to temptations that would bring down even the strongest soul." —Alexander De Rouville, p. 21

An excerpt from [The Imitation of Mary](#)



July 15

St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio
Cardinal, Minister General Order
Friars Minor, Doctor of the Church
(1221-July 15, 1274)

[https://
www.britannica.com/
biography/Saint-
Bonaventure](https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Bonaventure)



July 16

Canonization of St. Francis
Canonized July 16, 1228,
by Pope Gregory IX

[https://www.ewtn.
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From the Minister

Excerpts from Minister's Report given to all Chapter attendees

Thank you for your presence this weekend for our 31st Region Annual Chapter. We welcome our Ministers/ Delegates, Formators and all guests. It's important that we touch base to hear updates on the workings of our Region. We are here to present topics you've asked for, to provide opportunities for discussions in small groups, to be made aware of our annual budget, and of course, plenty of time to socialize as we experience "family".

We work for the good of all as dedicated members of our Order.

The demographics of our Region both in 2025 and currently are as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Established Fraternities	17	15
Emerging Fraternity	--	1
Professed Members	279	235
Candidates	17	14
Aspirants (Inquirer's)	5	6
Spiritual Assistants	17	16
Deaths	10	17

We had over 100 people participate in our District Gatherings in April. Our presenters focused on the theme "Go Into the World and Proclaim the Good News: Living the Gospel." These are always special events in our Region, special times to get inspired, share a meal, and visit with friends.

Sadly, two fraternities deactivated this past year. These were due to aging members, changing life-styles, and not enough people to fill council offices. Our Region Council is willing to work with fraternities who are struggling, suggesting alternate solutions such as becoming a cell or transferring into another fraternity. Please work with your Councilors if you feel your fraternity needs help.

Vocations and attracting younger people to our fraternities remain a concern for all of us. Let us continue outreach in our parishes and in our communities to spread the word of who we are and our commitment to serve the Church through the charisms of our Franciscan Order. Let us reach out to those who feel disconnected. Let us strive for peace, working to heal divisions and to build unity.

Let us all focus on increased recruitment for new members by enhancing the quality of our ongoing Formation programs to stretch our Gospel-living potential and the fraternal spirit which will help us all to create and seek out ways to pattern our lives after Jesus Christ in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Pax et bonum, Sharon



Thank you for being here. Every one of us has answered a call to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis. We come from different backgrounds and experiences, yet we share a common desire: to live the Gospel more faithfully.

Perhaps that's the heart of our vocation—not simply to be members of a Franciscan fraternity, but to become more authentically Franciscan every day.

The world may never read the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. But it will read the Gospel according to our patience, generosity, forgiveness, integrity, care for the vulnerable, and willingness to serve.

That is Franciscan authenticity.

It isn't about perfection. It is about allowing the Gospel to shape our lives so deeply that people encounter Christ through the way we pray, listen, serve, forgive, and love.

The beautiful thing is that none of us is called to do this alone. Francis gave us fraternity because discipleship is something we learn together.

That is why I believe the synodal way feels so natural for Franciscans. At its heart, synodality is simply walking together—listening to God, listening to one another, and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

But genuine listening requires something we often overlook: silence.

Silence is not empty time or a pause between speakers. It is the space we intentionally leave for the Holy Spirit to work. If every moment is filled with words, opinions, and solutions, we leave little room for God's quiet invitations to be heard.

Imagine if our fraternity became known not only for good meetings, but for holy conversations—where people felt deeply heard, where silence was welcomed, where discernment mattered more than debate, and where our decisions flowed from prayer rather than preference.

That kind of fraternity doesn't happen by accident. It grows every time we choose to listen before speaking, to pause before responding, and to ask together, "Lord, what are You inviting us to become?"

Perhaps our invitation is simply this: to embrace a rhythm of **Listen. Be Silent. Discern. Go Forth.**

As we practice that rhythm, Franciscan authenticity becomes more than an aspiration. It becomes the way we live the Gospel together—and the witness we offer to the world.

My prayer is that, in the silence as much as in the conversations, the Holy Spirit will gently speak to our hearts. May we have the courage to listen, the humility to receive, and the openness to be led beyond our own ideas and expectations toward God's loving will. And may what begins here continue to be nurtured as we go back to our local fraternities, and to become part of our daily conversion as we are gradually transformed into the people—and the fraternity—God is calling us to be.

You're never too old

Larry Rappley, 94, has been an inspiration for St. John Neumann Fraternity, Rhinelander, members even before he was professed in 1997. His latest project has been to make fire wood and allow people to take it free or for a donation to the Veterans Homeless project. He has raised over \$1000.00 for the project. A humble man who takes no credit for his hard work. He has retired from his wood splitting and gave the splitter to one of his grandsons.

Larry worked for years helping at the parish thrift stores, often picking up heavy furniture and items that people did not have a way of transporting to or from the thrift shop. At the same time, he would speak of his belief in God's goodness.

He is a member of the charismatic prayer team and has shown a prophetic gift in his prayer life. Once, he felt called to visit a place he did not normally go to at that time and found his toddler grandchild walking alone down a dirt road. The child could have wandered into the woods at any moment. Larry is a powerful example of always being open to the Holy Spirit in all things.



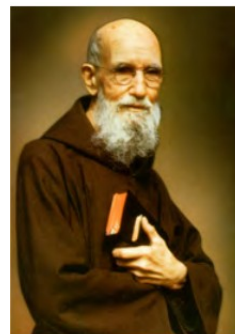
I wonder what his next project will be...

Written by Kathy Sutliff, OFS



July 23

St. Kunigunde of Poland
Abbess, Poor Clare Sisters
(March 5, 1224-July 24, 1292)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kunigunde_of_Poland



July 30

Bl. Solanus Casey
Priest, OFM Capuchin
(November 25, 1870-July 31, 1957)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solanus_Casey

Article 19 of our OFS Rule states: “Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, [we] should strive to bring joy and hope to others.” What is this joy? Is being happy the same as joy? Normally, a joyful person is considered happy, but if you think about it, a person can be happy but not have joy.

We are happy when someone gives us a little unexpected gift. We are happy to watch a favorite T.V. show. But these are not examples of joy. In contrast, a person undergoing life-challenging chemotherapy is not happy about their situation but can be joyful at the same time. To put it simply, happiness is fleeting; joyfulness is not.

In St. Francis’ story about Perfect Joy, his description surely would not be considered happiness, as Francis underwent various trials with physical suffering and humiliation. Francis says: *“I tell you this: If I had patience and did not become upset, true joy, as well as true virtue and the salvation of my soul, would consist in this.”* (Francis of Assisi: *Early Documents. The Saint.* Ed. By R. Armstrong et al. 1999). How can joy be found in suffering?

Christ comes to us when we feel lost, forsaken and sinful... when we are open to His love. Jesus looks at us with a love so immeasurable that our minds cannot understand it, but can only try to accept it. Jesus’ love and peace stays with us and changes who we are and what we are. Because we have the love of God, we have more patience when things don’t go our way. Somehow, our wishes don’t seem so important when we have God’s love burning in our hearts. Our suffering thus becomes joy-filled because we are with Christ and He is with us.

This is what Franciscans mean by “Perfect Joy!” It is about love. We are joyful, because we experience God’s love in our lives and share in His suffering and resurrection. His love and joy fill us so completely that they bubble over, as it were, into joy shared with others. As Francis wrote directly to us in the Letter to the Faithful (I,5): *“O happy and blessed are these men and women while they do such things and persevere in doing them, because the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon them and make Its home and dwelling place among them...”*

Not only do we have Jesus with us, but we are assured that the Holy Spirit will “make His home and dwelling place among [us].” The Spirit stays with us permanently as long as we cooperate with grace. We are filled more and more with Christ’s love and therefore His joy!

Joy is not only a fruit of God’s grace, but it is joined with peace, a feeling of contentment no matter what happens to us, for we are beloved by God. Joy can also be a decision, when we decide over and over again to remember Christ’s love and share it with others. As Secular Franciscans we choose to be joy-filled people because we are lovers of God and in this way we bring hope and JOY to others.

--The above article by Francine Gilkow OFS appeared in TAU-USA 2009 Winter Issue; it was tweaked and rewritten by Sharon Dale OFS

District Gatherings

Theme was “Go Into The World & Proclaim the Good News: Living the Gospel”

April 11 – Gathering at St Francis of Assisi Parish, Milwaukee, WI



**District participants together in the beautiful Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Milwaukee.
Of particular note were the many relics on display thanks to Kurt Kidel.**

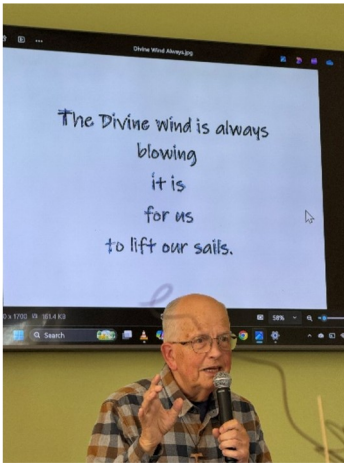


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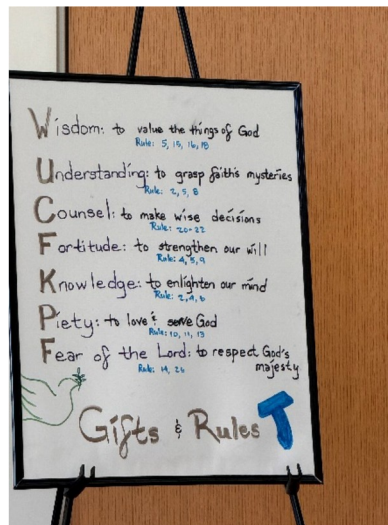
Presentors for both Districts were;

Br. Jerome Schroeder, OFM CAP - "Meeting the Wind: A Baptismal Imagination"

See a synopsis of his presentation on page 11



Nora Kessel, OFS, REC Councilor - Transformers: More than meets the eye



See

a

synopsis of her presentation on page 12



August 2

Feast of St. Mary of the Angels of the Portiuncula

Plenary indulgence available

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12286a.htm>



August 11

St. Clare of Assisi

Founder, Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares)

July 16, 1194-August 11, 1253

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04004a.htm>

Roxanne Miner, OFS, REC Councilor - Living the OFS Rule in an Era of Change



April 18 - Gathering at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Rhinelander, WI

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On

June 14, 2026, St. John Neumann Fraternity, Rhinelander, is blessed with four newly professed members.

Mike and Liz Silber, who married during initial formation, joined Sandy Nelson and Serma Bennish in the celebration.

Congratulations and thank you to the all involved.

“Never will we understand the value of time better than when our last hour is at hand.” -St. Arnold Janssen



July 15

St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio
Cardinal, Minister General Order
Friars Minor, Doctor of the Church
(1221-July 15, 1274)

[https://
www.britannica.com/
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“How happy and prudent is the man who strives to be now in this life what he desires to be found at his death. For it will give a man great confidence of dying happily, if he has a perfect contempt of the world, a fervent desire to advance in virtue, a love for discipline, the spirit of penance, a prompt obedience, self-denial, and patience in bearing all adversities for the love of Christ.” —Thomas a Kempis

An excerpt from [The Imitation of Christ](#)



July 16

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From the Sts. Francis & Clare Fraternity - Dear Local Fraternity Ministers and REC,

We warmly welcome our brothers and sisters in the region, and their family members, to join our fraternity's August picnic. Please see the following for details.

So that we can plan appropriately, please RSVP by 15 August (Saturday) to our Sister Rae Ambord, OFS, Fraternity Social Coordinator, at raeambord48@gmail.com, also in the To field here.



St. Francis & St. Clare Fraternity Picnic

- **Date: 22 August (Saturday)**

- Time: Noon to early afternoon, no hard end time
- **RSVP: By 15 August (Saturday) to our Sister Rae Ambord, OFS, Fraternity Social Coordinator, at raeambord48@gmail.com, also in the To field here.**
- Location: [William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park \(Madison\)](#), Shelter #1 (4330 Libby Rd.)
- Food: Potluck. Please let Sister Rae know what you'll bring. Please only bring items that are easy to serve and share in an outdoor environment. Beverages are optional -- please bring your own.
 - Fun: If you like, please bring games.
- Rain: No worries -- the shelter's roof will provide protection. We will not cancel due to weather.
- Lisa A. Wathen, OFS



August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe
OFM Conventual, Martyr of
Auschwitz
(January 8, 1894-August 14,
1941
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saintmaximiliankolbe.com
/biography/](https://saintmaximiliankolbe.com/biography/)



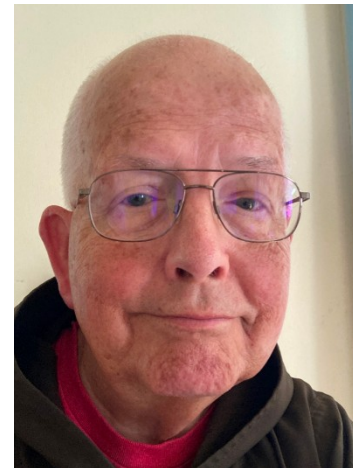
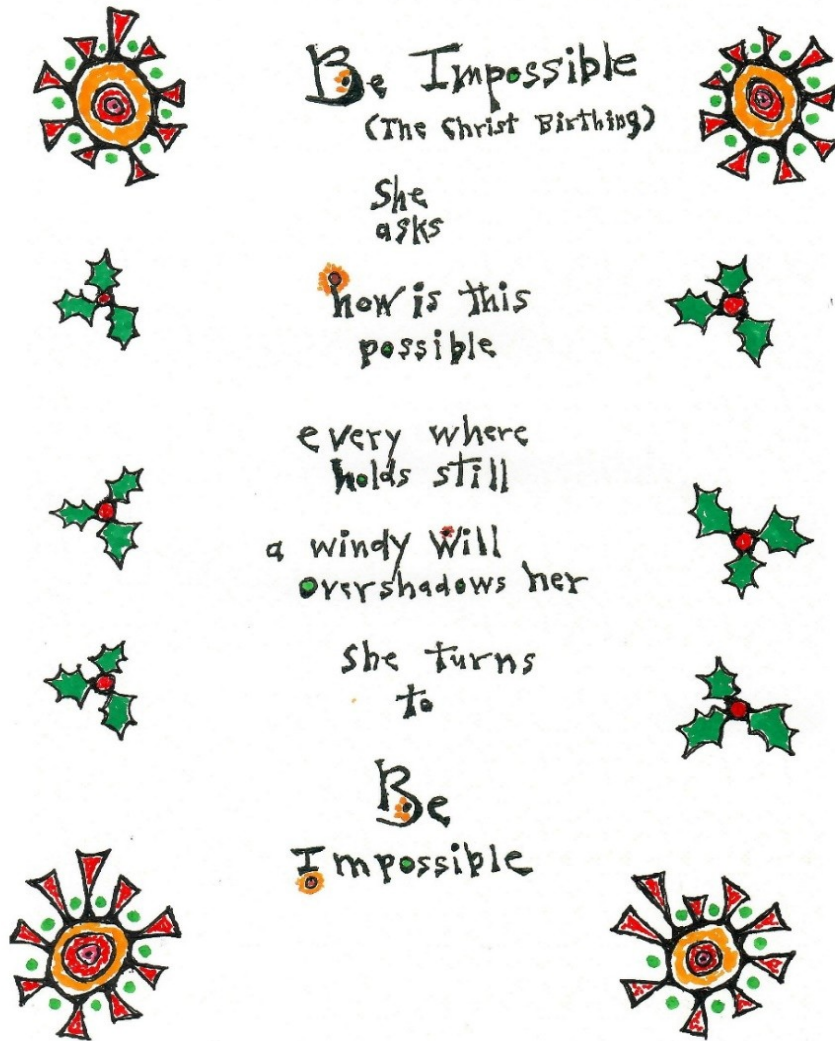
August 17

St. Roch of Montpellier
Confessor, Third Order Secular
(c. 1295-August 16, 1327)
[https://www.roman-
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roch.html](https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/saint-roch.html)

***“A Secular Franciscan needs to be persistently
faithful in living the SFO Rule,
so that other people recognize that
Franciscans see life in a special way!”***
Lester Bach, OFM Cap (From TAU-USA, Issue #42)

The following is a synopsis of Br. Jerome Schroeder's, OFM, CAP District presentation

Be Impossible



Francis, in his letter to all the faithful calls Mary: “Virgin Made Church”. She embodies the Christ into the world. The Word made flesh. Pentecost is the birthing mystery of the Church through the Holy Spirit. The following poem imagines Mary at THE turning point in her life:

At Baptism the Holy Spirit overshadows us. This overshadowing never ceases to beckon us to turn and turn

again into the Christ mystery. To imagine ourselves being agents of This quiet, fathomless love. To become the...

IMPOSSIBLE



Transformation? Be a Transformer? What does it mean? By
Nora Kessel, OFS

Oh my, such a powerful topic. The Holy Spirit gave me an idea, so I ask you to bear with me while I share a tale that is almost 45 years old.

I was driving with my mom on I75 in Detroit. Mom was good at getting our undivided attention on the highway-she had a captive audience, that's for sure. She asked me "Nora, your dad and I are wondering about your relationship with Tom. Is this something serious? Do you love him?" Whoa, I was sure caught off guard with that one. I said "Oh I don't know mom. I sure am happy; I'm more confident with him since we began dating; he makes me calm and I love spending time with him, but I just don't know." Mom reached across the seat and grabbed my hand...she said "that's what a loving relationship is. It's built on trust and comfort." Oh gosh, I wasn't ready for that. I loved the freedom of making my own decisions and planning my own life. But I have to admit.....that kind of relationship appealed to me.

Fast forward about 30 years. During my Initial Formation, I was frequently exposed to the idea of a friendship with the Holy Spirit. I often read about metanoia. I felt my heart changing and folks noticed a difference....I was more calm, more joy filled and much more steady in my faith. OH I resisted at times.....remember I am a stubborn Irish gal from Detroit! But the Holy Spirit's whispers were louder than my resistance. When I finally could imagine being loved in the manner Francis believed possible-a way full of trust, that he shared and invited us all to take part in. It's only when we know and believe we are truly loved that we can be transformed. As my mom said "a relationship built on trust and love creates a calm confidence."

In my preparation for today, I found a beautiful letter that St. Mother Teresa wrote to her fellow sisters living in Varanasi-known as the spiritual capital of India that I'd like to read if you don't mind. Sit up straight, relax your shoulders, take a deep breath and close your eyes if you feel safe enough to do so....while I read.

I worry that some of you still have not really met Jesus—one to one—you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in chapel...but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how he looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus...not from books but from being with him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words he speaks to you?

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Ask for the grace; he is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying "I thirst" in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person....not just the idea. How can we last even one day without hearing Jesus say "I love you"....impossible. Our soul needs that as much as the body needs to breathe the air. If not, prayer is dead.....meditation only thinking. Jesus wants you each to hear him.....speaking in the silence of your heart. Be careful of all that can block that personal contact with the living Jesus. The devil may try to use the hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that he loves you, but even more...he longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not

accepted by others, even by yourselves sometimes He is the one who always accepts you. My children, you don't have to be different for Jesus to love you. Only believe....you are precious to him. Bring all your suffering to his feet.....only open your hearts to be loved by him as you are. He will do the rest!

She always had the words, didn't she? It IS only when we realize that we are truly, deeply and fully loved by Our Saviour that we can be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit that Francis modeled for us. It is then that our hearts can be transformed....and we can offer the same to those around us. We need to trust God's delight in each one of us and then go out and share that with our families, our fraternities, the world.

While looking thru the early Rules, Admonitions and letters of Francis....guess what? The word transformation was never mentioned. Not once. BUT.....Holy Spirit was mentioned 38 times. There ya have it-proof that while Francis wanted us to become a new creation in Christ....he didn't want us to do it alone.....but with the Holy Spirit as our guide! Francis knew from scripture that God sent us a guide-John 14:26 we are promised "the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit".....to accompany us on our life journey. This joyful journey is not without challenges. Sometimes transformation happens not when something new begins, but when something old falls apart. It is then that the Holy Spirit can guide our soul to listen at a deeper level The Holy Spirit can celebrate with us during the Joyful and Glorious Mysteries of our lives; comfort us in our Sorrowful Mysteries; fan the heart flames in our Luminous Mysteries. Knowing we have such a dear friend beside us, we can stand strong and help others transform the world.



August 21

St. Pius X

Pope, Third Order Secular

June 2, 1835-August 20, 1914

<https://franciscansoflife.com/2015/08/22/st-pius-x-our-brother-giuseppe/>



August 25

St. Louis IX

King of France, Patron of the Third Order Secular

(April 15, 1214-August 25, 1270)

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=1011

From the St. Anthony of Padua - Marquette

Many years ago the fraternity received a bequest from a member that was used to help all the members in various ways. The bequest has been used over the years and still has a small balance. Then, about 3 years ago the fraternity was informed by the Diocese of Marquette, of another bequest, controlled by the Bishop, from the same member, that our fraternity had been designated to receive annual distributions from the account earnings to be used as part of the fraternity's outreach programs. One area we help with is the Bishop Frederick Baraga prayer garden in Marquette. The fraternity decided to help while advertising the fraternity by donating a bench for those visiting the prayer garden to rest on while celebrating the 70th anniversary of the fraternity's establishment.



Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, (b. 29 Jun 1797, † 19 Jan 1868) first bishop of the Diocese of Marquette (from 1853 until 1868), was the first of many Slovenian missionaries to come to the United States to help build up the American Catholic Church. The seminarian, St. John Neumann, was inspired to come to America after reading Baraga's missionary accounts in *Berichte*, a publication of the Leopoldine Missionary Society in Vienna. Father Baraga arrived in the New World on December 31, 1830. For the next 37 years he traveled the length and breadth of the Great Lakes area to minister to the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. **See fraternity picture on page 17.**



In 2012, [Pope Benedict XVI](#) declared Baraga as "venerable."

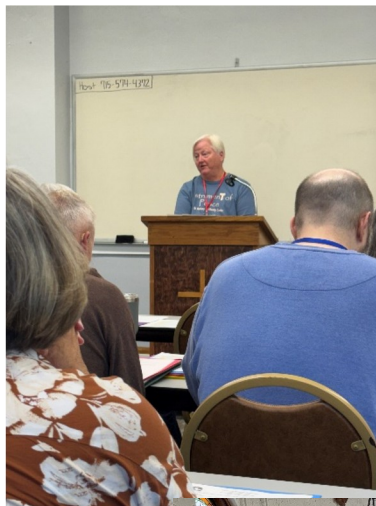
St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon City, WI



Friday evening started with the agenda.

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Saturday began with Mass and after breakfast the Memorial Prayer Service.



Welcoming, Introductions & review of the



Afterwards the Chapter was opened with a Prayer from the Ritual, led by Art Montgomery, OFS. Roll -call was made by Pam Kaskin, OFS followed by The vote and Approval of the 2025 minutes. Next, the Councilors gave their reports as did

Our Regional Spiritual Assistant,

Br. Jerome Schroeder OFM CAP. The financial report was given and then both the revised 2026 budget and 2027 budget were voted on



and approved. Then ministers were each given time to give reports about their own fraternities, after which Barb Spies, OFS, gave part 1 of her presentation “A Story, A Gift, A Guidebook: Franciscan Formation” which can be viewed at this link;

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After lunch Barb presented part 2 which can be viewed at this link;

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/2iri28A1FpuAGVd5J7IZ3F00frUTUTYeqpxTVAqmusUvOLp8RjmaO6g4uu1WKbwE.uxPwI5Jq6AI8xDRW?startTime=1782585174000> You will need this Passcode: w!l0E@?B to access it.

As this is a ‘first attempt’ to record part of a Chapter there are imperfections. However, it is a learning process but the message is clear. Suggestion, if the lip-sync bothers you, just listen.

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Then the group was split into 3 groups and three separate presentations were given to each group.

The topics were “*Placing Ourselves Before the world*”, “*Our Franciscan Charism*” and “*Nurturing Hope*”.

Everyone was reminded about the elections coming in 2027 and a call went out for a Nominating Committee Chair which was answered by Mary Jane Henning, OFS.

Later, Br. Jerome celebrated Sunday Mass for us and then supper. Evening prayer followed which included a Healing Service.

After the Sunday morning prayer service there was Q & A time, drawing for donated gifts and then the Closing prayer.



St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity, Marquette, MI – 11 July 2026



Our next Chapter will be held on July 23- 25,2027 to accommodate the scheduling of the National visitors. That will be a Chapter of Elections. A nominating committee has been formed and is chaired by Mary Jane Henning, OFS, who has enlisted the help of Jennifer Jones, OFS & Amy Janusz, OFS. Over the next several months they will contacting members to consider answering the Holy Spirit's call to run for an office. Remember, our Region has a "Mentoring Program" which will cover the costs.

Our Region is financially sound as shown in the report on the next page.

La Verna Regional Fraternity OFS					Approved	Approved
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSE					2026	2026
FOR PERIODS ENDED DEC 31, 2025 and 2024					Budget	Amended
	THIS YEAR	Budget	Budget	Last Year		
	Y. T. D.	3 months period	Variance	Actual	2026	2026
	2026	2026	Favorable	2025	28 Jun 2025	27 Jun 2026
			(Unfavorable)			
BEGINNING BALANCES:						
REGULAR CHECKING -----	24,533.80			25,532.67		
RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND -----	6,470.15			5,699.15		
EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND -----	7,924.52			7,153.52		
RETREAT/EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FD ---	25,000.00			25,000.00		
CUSTODIAL FUND -----	25,547.00			25,547.00		
CASH ON HAND -----	0.00			0.00		
FAIR SHARE FUND -----	620.00			620.00		
St Joseph reactivation fund	500.00			0.00		
TOTAL CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS -	90,595.47				89,552.34	
REVENUE:						
DONATIONS -----	156.28	807.00	(650.72)	2,064.88	3,228.00	3,228.00
FAIR SHARE FUND -----	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INT. RETREAT ENDOWMENT FUND	825.33	206.33	619.00	771.00	771.00	825.33
INTEREST EDUCATION FUND	825.33	206.33	619.00	771.00	771.00	825.33
SPECIAL MEMORIALS -----	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
CHAPTER -----	1,265.00	308.50	956.50	1,234.00	555.00	1,234.00
FAIR SHARE -- 303 + 11 @ 80-40	7,950.00	4,950.00	3,000.00	22,450.00	23,160.00	19,800.00
SA WRKSP -----	0.00	40.00	(40.00)	160.00	160.00	160.00
INTEREST CUSTODIAL FUND -----	1,705.84	426.46	1,279.38	1,593.56	1,600.00	1,705.84
MISC & FORMATION WS INCOME -----	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE -----	12,727.78	6,944.62	5,783.16		29,544.44	30,245.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS -----	103,323.25				119,096.78	27,778.50
			Favorable			
			(Unfavorable)			
EXPENSES:						
STIPENDS & EXPENSES -----	0.00	450.00	450.00	1,350.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
RENT INCLUDING EQUIPMENT -----	580.00	145.00	(435.00)	0.00	530.00	580.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES -----	0.00	12.50	12.50	0.00	50.00	50.00
EDUCATION/TRAINING -----	305.06	896.25	591.19	3,095.98	3,585.00	3,585.00
MEETING ROOM & FACILITIES -----	300.00	25.00	(275.00)	1,700.68	100.00	100.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES -----	0.00	62.50	62.50	0.00	250.00	250.00
DONATIONS -----	0.00	62.50	62.50	250.00	250.00	250.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & WEB EXP -----	1,182.25	350.00	(832.25)	481.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
NEWSLETTER -& MARYWOOD-----	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
TRAVEL EXP & EXPENSES -----	4,559.75	1,200.00	(3,359.75)	3,435.35	4,800.00	4,800.00
FAIR SHARE TO OFS-USA ---320@17---	5,720.00	1,430.00	(4,290.00)	6,666.00	6,204.00	5,720.00
ANNUAL CHAPTER -----	8,134.64	1,782.62	(6,352.02)	7,130.47	7,390.00	7,130.47
VISITATION / ELECTION -----	0.00	-	0.00	2,763.61	2,000.00	0.00
RETREAT SUBSIDY -----	150.00	37.50	(112.50)	150.00	150.00	150.00
FAIR SHARE FUND	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SA WRKSP -----	0.00	327.75	327.75	1,478.22	1,311.00	1,311.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE -----	0.00	31.25	31.25	0.00	125.00	125.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -----	20,931.70	2,270.96	(14,118.83)		28,501.31	30,245.00
GAIN OR (LOSS) FOR PERIOD ---	(8,203.92)	4,673.66	(8,335.67)		1,043.13	\$ 527.03
ENDING BALANCE -----	82,391.55				90,595.47	
CURRENT BALANCES:						
REGULAR CHECKING -----	14,679.22	31,344.55		24,533.80		
RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND -----	7,295.48			6,470.15		
EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND -----	8,749.85			7,924.52		
RETREAT / EDUCATION CATHOLIC FUND *--	25,000.00			25,000.00		
CUSTODIAL FUND INVESTMENT (JC)-----	25,547.00			25,547.00		
CASH ON HAND -----	0.00	148%		0.00		
St Joseph reactivation fund	500.00			500.00		
FAIR SHARE FUND -----	620.00			620.00		
TOTAL CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS --	82,391.55			90,595.47		
					Outstanding	
					Checks	

You may notice some differences between the original budget and the amended one. The amount of the Fair Share we expected to receive has been reduced due to a 4% loss of membership since the end of last year. As of this report, we have 15 fraternities, 239 Professed and 11 Candidates. A point in fact is our Region had 30 Fraternities, 873 Professed and 33 Candidates in 1999. See page 20 for more information and a map.

"St. Bridget once received and bore patiently a succession of trials from various persons. One of them made an insulting remark to her; another praised her in her presence, but complained of her in her absence; another calumniated her; another spoke ill of a servant of God, in her presence, to her great displeasure; one did her a grievous wrong, and she blessed her; one caused her a loss, and she prayed for her; and a seventh gave her false information of the death of her son, which she received with tranquility and resignation. After all this, St. Agnes the Martyr appeared to her, bringing in her hand a most beautiful crown adorned with seven precious stones, telling her that they had been placed there by these seven persons. Then she put it upon her head and disappeared. How could so much have been gained by any other exercise? The Blessed Angela di Foligno, when asked how she was able to receive and endure sufferings with so much cheerfulness, replied: 'Believe me, the grandeur and value of sufferings are not known to us. For, if we knew the worth of our trials, they would become for us objects of plunder, and we should go about trying to snatch from one another opportunities to suffer.'"

Cultivating Virtue: Self-Mastery With the Saints

An excerpt from Cultivating Virtue: Self-Mastery With the Saints: Pg. 137



September 13

First Order, Third Order Regular and Secular Franciscans, Martyrs of Japan (d. 1617-1628)

<http://franciscanchapelcentertokyo.org/history-of-franciscan-friars-in-japan/>



September 17

Feast of the Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis

<https://catholicism.org/the-stigmata-of-saint-francis-of-assisi-1224.html>

Future dates of interest;

October 23 - 25, 2026 - Annual REC Planning meeting, Marathon, WI

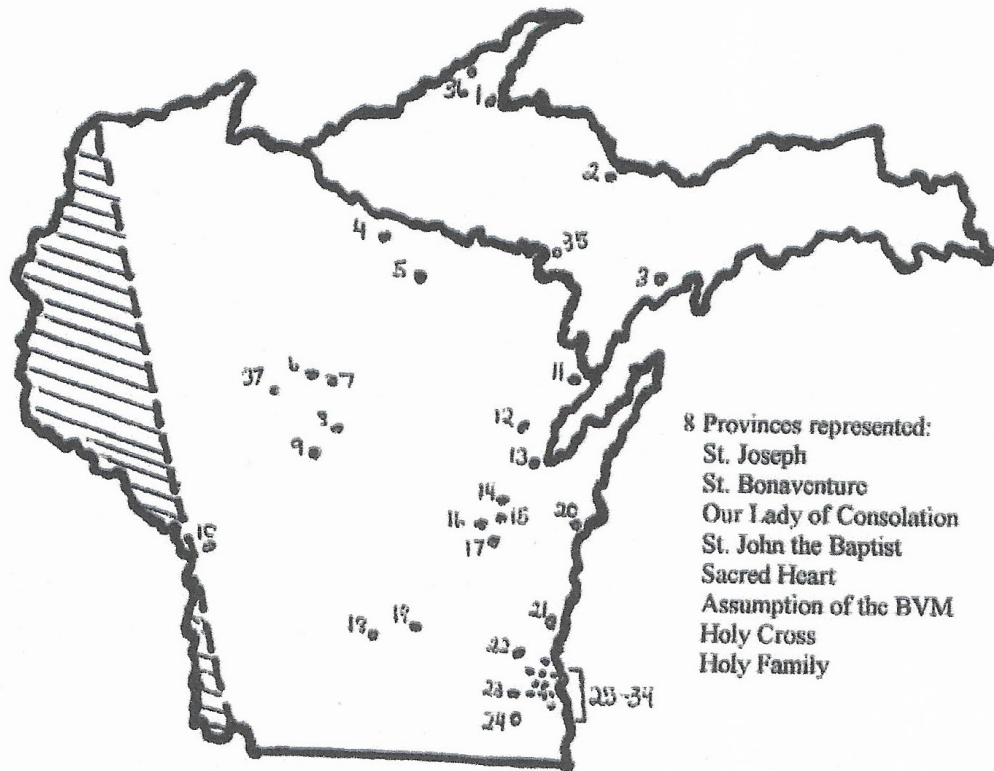
District - North - TBD - 2027

District - South TBD - 2027

July 23 - 25, 2027 - Chapter of Elections, Marathon, WI

October 22 - 24, 2027 - Annual REC Planning meeting, Marathon, WI

1995 La Verna Region map of Fraternities



The New La Verna Region- October 13, 1995

Fraternities

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| 1. St. Ann- Baraga, MI | 19. St. Peter- Beaver Dam, WI |
| 2. St. Anthony- Marquette, MI | 20. Holy Innocents- Manitowoc, WI |
| 3. St. Francis- Escanaba, MI | 21. St. Mary- Belgium, WI |
| 4. Our Lady of the Universe- Woodruff, WI | 22. Immaculate Conception- Hrtfold, WI |
| 5. St. John Neumann- Rhinelandor, WI | 23. St. James- Mukwonago, WI |
| 6. St. Anthony- Marathon, WI | 24. St. Paschal Baylon- Burlington, WI |
| 7. St. James- Wausau, WI | 25. St. Rose of Lima- Milwaukee, WI |
| 8. St. Peter- Stevens Point, WI | 26. St. Anthony- Milwaukee, WI |
| 9. Our Lady Queen of Heaven- Wisc. Rapids, WI | 27. St. Francis- Milwaukee, WI |
| 10. Little Portion- LaCrosse, WI | 28. Sts. Francis and Clare- Milwaukee, WI |
| 11. St. Victoria- Marinette, WI | 29. St. John Nepomuc- Milwaukee, WI |
| 12. Sacred Heart- Shawano, WI | 30. St. Josaphat- Milwaukee, WI |
| 13. St. Ann- Green Bay, WI | 31. St. Thomas Aquinas- Milwaukee, WI |
| 14. St. Joseph- Appleton, WI | 32. St. Clare- Greenfield, WI |
| 15. St. Francis Xavier- Menasha, WI | 33. Holy Assumption- West Allis, WI |
| 16. Sacred Heart- Oshkosh, WI | 34. St. Augustino- West Allis, WI |
| 17. St. Joseph- Fond du Lac, WI | 35. St. Elizabeth of Hungary- Iron Mountain, MI |
| 18. Rainbow- Middleton, WI | 36. St. John the Baptist- Calumet, MI |
| | 37. St. Clare- Marshfield, WI |

We have shrunk a lot since 1995 and are still shrinking.

When was the last time you invited someone to attend your gathering?