



Regional Newsletter

Juan de Padilla

Secular Franciscan Order

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

March 2025

Blessed Holy Week and Easter Season to all of you in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

As I pondered what inspirational message to send out to all of you, no inspirational message came. What did come to mind is the work the REC has been doing to lead the Juan de Padilla region this year so I will share the details with you.

The REC met March 7 - 9 at the Capuchin Spiritual Life Center in Victoria, KS. The REC attended the free will offering soup supper and Stations of the Cross Friday evening at St. Joseph's parish in Hays, KS. Saturday we prayed the Liturgy of the Hours, prayed our Franciscan Family Vocations Chaplet, and Geri Rupp OFS, formation director presented ongoing formation which is in this newsletter. We had a full day's agenda including a visit from Provincial Spiritual Assistant Fr. John Cousins OFM Cap. for about 90 minutes. Fr. John answered many of our questions. Fr. Mike Scully OFM Cap our regional spiritual assistant is now fully retired and out of state until May. The Capuchin province will be



Fr. John Cousins OFM, Cap, Provincial meets with the members of the Regional Council

meeting in May 2025 for their Chapter of Elections. Let's pray for them as they discern their next leadership positions.

I am excited to share about the Regional Summer Gathering July 18 - 20, 2025 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Our regional theme this year is My God and My All. Pope Francis has declared this year the Jubilee Year of Hope and the Franciscan Centenary theme this year is Cantic of the Creatures. Our speakers for the weekend are Fr. Jim Dieker, diocesan priest, third order Franciscan, and a member of St. Frances Cabrini fraternity in Liberal, KS. Diane Menditto, national vice minister and Layna Maher national formation chair will be presenting on "Servant Leadership".

Francine Gikow, national formation commission will be presenting "Fraternity is....." I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the summer gathering. Come for the whole weekend, a day, or one talk.

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REC members; (l-r) Richard Cronk, Geri Rupp, Cheryl O'Neil, Stanley Cordova, Renee Schmitt, and Betty McClatchey

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This is a great opportunity to meet your Franciscan brothers and sisters from around the region, break bread together, learn together and pray together.

August 29 - 31, 2025 is our regional visitation from National and our Regional elections. Donna Hollis OFS and Fr. Marek Stybor will be the presiders from National. Any professed active member can nominate someone for the positions of minister, vice minister, secretary, treasurer, formation director or one of the 3 councilor positions. Please be in prayer for these positions and please nominate members who have the skills and knowledge appropriate for the position you are nominating them for. Please be in prayer about accepting a nomination and be willing to serve. Judith Cronk OFS and Susan Tabor OFS are the nominating committee. The nomination forms are on the regional website and the forms have the contact information of where to send the nomination form to. Nominations are due no later than July 27. Nominees' biographies will be collected no later than August 3 and sent to the voting members of the regional fraternity which is all local ministers, the REC, and spiritual assistants. The slate of candidates will be sent to the national presiders and the regional fraternity. There will be 3 calls for nominations from the floor the weekend of the visitation and elections in August. Nominations from the floor can only be made by voting members. We should have a minimum of two nominees per council position on the slate.

The REC is aware that there are several elections and visitations to be completed this year. There are only 3 spiritual assistants who are free to travel to complete these and it is difficult to find dates to schedule all of these events. Please allow grace in getting these done. There are 7 people in training to be an SA but, they can not be assigned until their training is complete with Fr. Mike Scully who is still conducting the correspondence course. Judith Cronk OFS has officially completed the course.

The council discussed several other topics including the group in Fayetteville, AR and how to proceed. The process of deactivating a fraternity and we are still waiting on English translations from International (CIOFS) and the process to follow (International met in November). The councilors shared reports from their areas they represent. We reviewed the annual report and noted that National collects the same fair share amount for all members except lapsed. At the regional level we collect different amounts for different status (e.g. \$60 for candidates, active professed and \$20 for active excused). (National collects \$22 for candidates, active professed and active excused). We also discussed the stipend for travel for elections and visitations, but any changes must be voted on by the whole regional fraternity.

There are lots of great things happening in our region. Read the rest of this newsletter to catch up on all your Franciscan brothers and sisters.

I pray blessings on you as you finish your Lenten journey and pray this Easter Season brings you great joy and hope!

Brenda Haas OFS
Regional Minister, Juan de Padilla Region





JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION REFLECTIONS

Susan Tabor OFS

Juan de Padilla Regional JPIC Animator

I love studying all the Gospels, but there is a special place in my heart for the Gospel of Luke, which, as you know, we study in Cycle C of the liturgical calendar. And it is especially fitting that just before Lent, we attended to what Jesus had to say to us about the importance of loving our enemies.

Anyone who has ever been through a powerful experience of reconciliation or who has a special relationship with a friend in which anything can be discussed, and it is OK to disagree, knows what I mean. That kind of reconciliatory power and unconditional/everlasting acceptance is a special gift to the soul, and it makes us stronger. This is also Franciscan love, the honoring of the fact that we are all brothers and sisters and that we all are God's because God created us.

Thus, Lent is a great time to continue on that journey to profound loving and to profoundly letting we be loved by God and by others. May you have a glorious Lent and Easter!

The OFS. The JPIC Commission held a networking Zoom call on March 15 and is also involved with planning the JPIC national conference held every two years. This one is May 8-11 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. A primary focus will be on immigration, and Franciscan prayer and action responses to the issue of immigration.

If you would like information about the JPIC event in May, please contact me via email at souljourner@sbcglobal.net. There are a few spots left.

St. Anthony has many happy memories of Father Felix who served the Juan de Padilla Region for many years. Pictured are Larry Menestrina, minister and Chris Riggs, councilor.





Living the OFS Rule



When was the last time you read the letter from Saint Francis to **“Those Who Do Penance”** in the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order? Whether you have recently done so or not, please read it during this time in Lent, prayerfully and with much reflection. How blessed we are as brothers and sisters in this order that we are able to assist our holy mother church by doing penance for the body of Christ. Sometimes it is helpful to revisit the beginnings of our order along with our personal journey as Secular Franciscans. We can ask ourselves those important questions concerning our walk with Francis and reflecting on how much of our daily life includes penance for those in the church and in the world. If we are following our Seraphic Father there will be fruit from our prayers, our fasting and our penance. In our hearts there will be a desire to do more for Christ, not less. Our prayer life will increase and will deepen as a result and fasting will become easier and penance will be a daily act of love. Doing more for God and less for oneself.

St. Bonaventure writes about the beginnings of the three orders: Order of Friars Minor, Order of the Sisters of St. Claire, and the Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance. St. Francis thought of these three orders as daughters to him and their existence was solely for the service of God. St. Bonaventure also writes,

“Carried away by the force of his preaching, great numbers of people adopted the new rule of penance according to the form instituted by St. Francis, which he called the “Order of Brothers of Penance.” The way of penance is common to all those on the road to heaven and so this way of life includes members of both sexes, clerics, lay-folk, married or single. How meritorious it is in the eyes of God is clear from the numerous miracles worked by some of those who followed it.” (Omni. p.657 c. 1983)

Penance is what we have been called to do for the service of God. By our profession we are “united more intimately with the church” and are “witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words.” (Rule 6) Not only as individuals but also as an order are we to exercise this way of life. We are strengthened by knowing our brothers and sisters of Penance are joined together as one in the Secular Franciscan Order. (Rule 7) Penance, in whatever form Christ has asked from you, will be used for His glory in the church. (Rule 1)

We Franciscans have been given a special purpose along with the grace to succeed in our gifts of penance to Christ. Let us renew in our fraternities this love of penance that Francis specifically asked of us by the naming of our order, Brothers and Sisters of Penance. Not for ourselves but for the love of Christ and love of neighbor. As Francis did, we also should do. (Rule 2) Amen.

Geri Rupp OFS
Formation Director
Juan de Padilla Region

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Prayers to St. Francis

For Fidelity to the Rule

Holy father, loving and most beloved St. Francis, I beseech you by the holy wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ, which were imprinted on your body, assist me to govern the five senses of my body according to the will and pleasure of almighty God. Intercede for me, so that I may be most faithful in the observance of your Rule of Penance. Obtain for me contrition and devotion, faith, hope, and charity, patience, and purity of body and soul, together with the grace of persevering in the service of our Lord; so that after this life I may merit to come to you, with you to enjoy eternal happiness, which I hope through your intercession to obtain from Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Spirit of Penance

O Seraphic father, St. Francis, I venerate in you the living image of Christ crucified. Your love transformed your whole life into one whole martyrdom. It made you strive by means of severe penances to satisfy the ardors of your desires, until at last it impressed on your body the wounds it had long before engraved deeply in your heart. It thus made you a living crucifix, preaching sweetly to all people the sufferings and love of Jesus. Obtain for me, oh holy father, that I too may banish from my heart the spirit of the world; that I may esteem poverty and humiliation above wealth and honor; that I may mortify my passions and advance daily in the knowledge and love of God, until at last, detached from myself, from the world and all creatures, I may live for God alone, and like you say with my whole heart, "My God and my all", my God, my inheritance and my joy in time and eternity. Amen.

Prayers taken from the Secular Franciscan Companion (c. 2009)



My God and My All

Juan de Padilla Regional Summer Gathering



Registration form due: July 4, 2025

2025 Centennial Theme:

Jubilee of Creation



Featured Speaker

Reverend James Dieker OES

Pastor, Vice Minister,
Formation Director

Father James Dieker, a Secular Franciscan, is a member of Mother Frances Cabrini in Liberal, KS. He serves as a full time Pastor of several parishes in the Diocese of Dodge City, KS. Father Dirker will speak on the 2025 Centennial Theme of **CREATION**.

“Jubilee of Hope”

July 18-20, 2025

Spiritual Life Center

Wichita, KS

National Formation Speakers will **ZOOM IN** to meet the region and provide two formation talks.

2025 Regional Summer Gathering REGISTRATION FORM

Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Kansas

July 18 - 20, 2025

"My God and My All"

Directors: Fr. James Dieker and National Formation Commission

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED TO SUPPORT THE CAPUCHINS OF OUR PROVINCE

NAME: _____ LOCAL FRATERNITY: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Scholarships are available. Please contact:

Regional Minister Brenda Haas OFS at brendalager2008@gmail.com or 785-628-3107

PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR ROOM AND MEAL CHOICES TOTALS

ROOM:

Single per night \$86 Friday _____ Saturday _____ \$ _____

Double per night \$76 Friday _____ Saturday _____ \$ _____

Name of roommate: _____

I need a roommate: _____

I am a Commuter _____

MEALS:

Friday dinner 5:30 PM \$18.00 \$ _____

Sat breakfast 8:30 AM \$11.50 \$ _____

Sat lunch Noon \$14.75 \$ _____

Sat dinner 5:30 PM \$18.00 \$ _____

Sun breakfast 8:30 AM \$11.50 \$ _____

Special dietary needs: (please circle)

Gluten-free Vegan

Vegetarian Other (please explain on back)

REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL ATTENDEES - \$60.00 \$60.00

I would like to make an additional donation toward the costs of

The Summer Gathering. \$ _____

TOTAL COST OF REGISTRATION FEE, ROOM AND MEALS \$ _____

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT OF AT LEAST 50% OF TOTAL BY July 4, 2025

TO: Rebecca Cheek 26390 W. 226th Spring Hill, KS 66083

Make checks payable to: JUAN DE PADILLA REGION

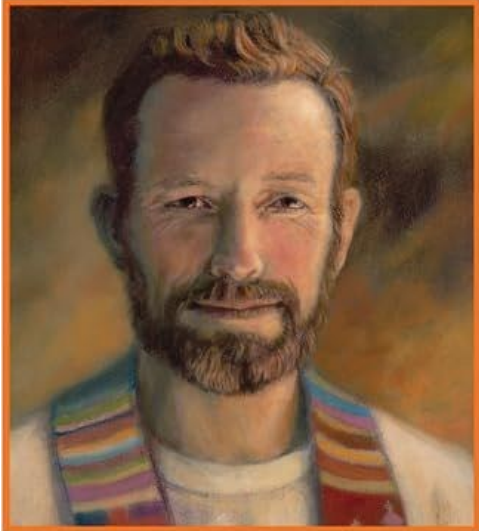
I can assist at Mass:

Lector _____ Antiphonist _____ Cantor _____ Musician _____

ALL REGISTRATION MONIES ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND WE WILL ACCEPT NO LATE REGISTRATIONS

(DUE TO CONTINUED RISING COSTS AND DEADLINES AT THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER)

St. Frances Cabrini Fraternity Professes Three new Members



Father James Dieker reports that Mother Cabrini Fraternity of Liberal, KS had a beautiful retreat and profession ceremony for their three new members.

Candidates Lina Alvarez, Mary Ann Burdo, Emilee Ficher and Emilee's husband Harry Fischer made a self-retreat January 22nd through 26th at the St. Francis of the Woods retreat center outside of Coyle, Oklahoma. They also made a Saturday pilgrimage to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City.

Blessed Stanley Rother: An American Roman Catholic priest from Okarche, Oklahoma, who served as a missionary in Guatemala from 1968 until his martyrdom in 1981

The three candidates made their perpetual profession with Minister Stanley Cordova and Vice Minister and Formation Director, Father James Dieker at

10:00 AM in the Stanley Rother Chapel containing the body of Blessed Stanley in the wooden altar made in Italy. Afterwards they had a guided tour of the shrine and the Holy Eucharist with the shrine community.



Pictured above, - back row: Stanley Cordova, minister; Father James Dieker, vice minister and formation director, and Judith Cronk, spiritual assistant. Front row: Mary Ann Burdo, Lina Alvarez, Emilee Ficher.



The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine is a Roman Catholic shrine located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It was dedicated on February 17, 2023 and serves as a church, museum, and pilgrimage site. Blessed Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma-born priest, missionary, was martyred in Guatemala in 1981..

Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity. Olathe KS



On January 4, Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity members assisted residents of Villa St Francis in attending the Saturday morning Mass.

Left picture: Beth Antonacci, Megan Ratzlaff, Renee Schmit and Rebecca Cheek. Center picture: Residents during Mass. Right picture: Chapel at Villa St Francis in Olathe Kansas.



Above: Beth Antonacci. Pictured below from left to right: Beth Antonacci, Renee Schmit, Mike Pottorff, Marina Zeller, Rebecca Cheek and visitor Art Ercolani.

Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity gathered together at Megan Ratzlaff's house to assemble gift boxes for seminarians. We decided to focus upon the seminarians from our members home parishes. The seven seminarians came from these parishes: Prince of Peace, Church of the Ascension, St Paul, and Holy Trinity. We also dedicated our monthly adoration hour to them. The boxes included some snacks, notes of encouragement, a card from adoration, religious items, a picture of our fraternity, and a letter which explained who we are, and about the Secular Franciscans. One seminarian has invited us to his ordination.



Above: Rebecca Cheek. Below: Marina Zeller, Art Ercolani, Mike Pottorff, Rebecca Cheek, Beth Antonacci, and Renee Schmit. Center: Marina Zeller.





Father Felix Petrovsky OFM CAP Former Regional Spiritual Assistant



Basilica of St. Fedelis, Cathedral of the Plains. Victoria, KS—

Bishop Vincke celebrated the Funeral Mass for Fr. Felix, along with Diocesan and Capuchin priests. Men in formation served the Mass. Fr. Curtis Carlson OFM Cap gave the homily and mentioned how often Father Felix asked, "How can I serve?"

Pictured below:

Pall bearers: Brother Mark Schenk - provincial. Bill Dowling - husband to Lynn Dowling the Capuchins nurse. Fr Jim Moster, pastor St Fidelis. Kevin Rupp - friend of the Capuchins. Ross (one of the husbands of Fr Felix's 5 nieces)

Members of St. Josephs Fraternity from Hays, KS were in attendance. Father Felix was their long-time spiritual assistant.



Queen of the Angels Fraternity - Buckner/Blue Springs, MO

Fraternity's Long-held Tradition Become Something New

At the beginning of every new year, Queen of the Angels fraternity takes part in a three-fold tradition.

Each year we select:

- 1) A Franciscan saint asking for their intercession to accompany us for the next twelve months,
- 2) A Franciscan virtue to focus on during that same time,
- 3) And a fraternity prayer partner to pray for throughout the coming year to be revealed at the end of the year.

At the December Christmas Gathering, we make ourselves known to our prayer partner and give a small gift to them. In 2024 we decided that instead of giving gifts to our prayer partner, we would collect money and buy gifts for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist in Independence, MO. The money collected enabled us to purchase comfy lap blankets in an assortment of colors and patterns along with 2 pairs of warm socks with grippy dots for each sister.

During our November gathering all brought wrapping paper, gift boxes, scissors, and tape. Then we had a gift-wrapping assembly line. The gifts were delivered to the Franciscan Prayer Center before Christmas morning so that the sisters could open their gifts on Christmas Day!

Later, the sisters shared how much they liked their new blankets. Sister Connie remarked that not one sister returned their blanket back. *(If the sisters cannot use a gift they receive, they turn it in so that another can use it.)*

What started out as one of a fraternity's long-held traditions has changed into something new to help others. ***And it is all good.*** – Kathy Johnson, OFS



Sister Connie



Sister Madonna



Sister Mary Clare



Sister Madonna



Sister Loretta



Sister Loretta

Creating a Culture of Life in the USA



Thank you so much for making it possible for our group to go to the March for Life! Not only were we brought together as a group but we were able to see that there is a future for the pro-life movement. Sincerely, SMA 2025

Queen of the Angels Fraternity in Buckner/Blue Springs, MO supports LIFE in many ways. This year they helped to sponsor St. Michael the Archangel High School's trip to Washington D.C. to march in the National March for Life Event. They were so excited to hear the speech of the new Catholic Vice President, JD Vance.



Councilors Keeping Up Appearances

During a break in the Regional Executive Council Meeting, Western Kansas Councilor, Stanley Cordova, a professional hairdresser and business owner, gave a haircut to KCMO Metro Councilor, Cheryl O'Neil.



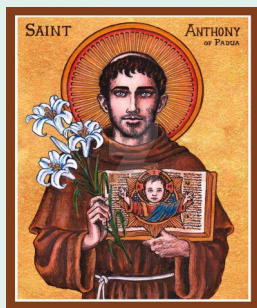
We have restructured procedures for regional prayer requests in order to be more responsive to your need for prayer. The old Mailchimp account has been deleted.



Please continue to use the address:

prayer@jdpofs.org





St Anthony's Fraternity Wichita, KS

*Makes Donation to
Lord's Pantry
Feeding the Poor*



The St. Anthony Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in Wichita donated \$1,200 to the Lord's Pantry, a north-Wichita ministry to the hungry, on Saturday, Dec. 14, at St. Jude Parish in Wichita. Several Secular Franciscans took part in a check-passing ceremony and a tour of the basement of the rectory, where the food is stored and sacked for the weekly Monday distribution to clients. Holding the check is Sharon Meckenstock, director of the pantry. Next to her is Fr. John Fogliasso, pastor. Franciscans, from left, are Christopher Riggs, Chet Kirby, Jeanmarie Murry, Antonio Ramirez, and Larry Menestrina.



Fr. Matthew Siegman, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Wichita, baptized Joan Marie Dorr Sunday afternoon, March 16, at St. Joseph Church. Joan Marie is the second child of William Dorr, OFS, and Jamie Dorr, OFS, members of St. Anthony Fraternity in Wichita. Fr. Siegman is the son of Alan Siegman OFS, and Julie Siegman OFS, members of St. Anthony Fraternity.

Sister Mary Josephine Boyles, OSF

April 23, 1932 — March 3, 2025

Dolores Elaine was born April 23, 1932, in Kansas City, MO. She grew up on a farm in Germantown, Missouri, with her grandparents Joseph Henry and Minnie Schmedding. She entered the convent in 1950 and professed first vows March 19, 1952, the feast of St. Joseph. She took the name Josephine after St. Joseph, her mother, Josephine, and most importantly after Grandpa Joe, the man she loved the most in her earthly life.

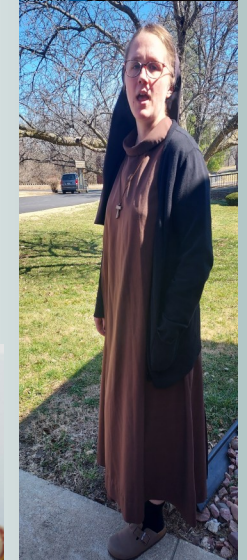
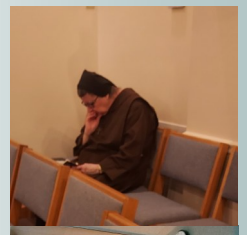
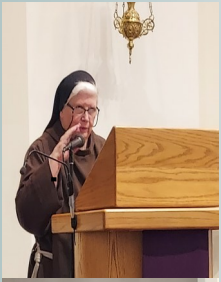
Sister Josephine served the Lord as a teacher and principal. She was a great organizer in the office, the classroom, and the life of her students. Those skills led her to be elected Sister Servant (Superior General) of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist in 1976. She remained in an administrative role in the community until 1992. During that time, she helped establish the Mission of St. Joseph in Rodrigues Alves, Brazil. She coordinated the purchase of the Police Academy in Independence for the new Motherhouse, the sale of the Nevada property, the move to Independence, and the first renovations of the new property, including the construction of Our Lady of the Angels Chapel.

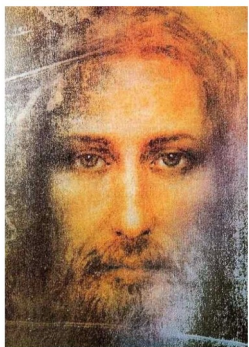
She was a visionary and never let any opportunity pass her by. Sister had energy and ideas enough to keep everyone “hopping.” In her spare time, she established the Franciscan Prayer Center and the Good News Bookshop.

After her “retirement,” she was an early promoter of the Divine Mercy devotion in the area, True Life in God, the Charismatic Renewal, Marian Conferences, and the Secular Franciscan Order. A teacher from the heart, she was a sought-after speaker in parishes, prayer groups, and religious organizations.

She herself could not physically hop because of a childhood hip handicap, but it did not keep her from staying on the move. When she could not walk unassisted, she used crutches, a cane, a walker, a scooter, or a wheelchair. Nothing was going to stop Sister Josephine from her rounds. As age took her hearing, her sight, and her short-term memory, nothing limited her quick wit, her love for her friends and family, and her memories of Grandpa Joe, Snippy (her puppy), and the days on the farm. So many stories, so many memories of cherished experiences and the people who touched her life these 92 years filled her heart and her soul. On Monday, March 3, she called for Jesus and Grandpa and Grandma just one last time and she was with them. She is with them for all eternity.

(edited from Obit of Sr. Josephine)





Sister Mary Josephine Boyles OSF

True Life in God—Sister was very involved with this movement and traveled the world spreading devotion to Jesus.



If she wasn't on a cane, a motorized chair, she was on a "slow" wheel chair pushing it with her feet.

Sister was always on the go and ready to bring souls to God!

Remembering Sister Josephine's life— Secular Franciscans began with Jeanette Harriman OSF at Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Monica, Holy Eucharist, and Queen of the Angels fraternities. She served as Pastoral Visitor and Ecclesiastical Presider for many fraternities throughout the region. Sister Jo loved yellow roses. Years ago, Seculars planted a "knock out" yellow rose bush in front of Our Lady of the Angels Chapel.



Our Lady of the Angels Chapel was overflowing for the funeral Mass. The Mass was celebrated by Father Hanson and four other priests and a deacon.

Father Richard Rocha and his Deacon presided over the Christian burial and graveside services.

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist's graveyard in Nevada, MO. Nevada was where the sisters had an elementary and secondary school before moving the Independence.

Sister Josephine was buried next to her childhood friend, Sister Dorothy Brownsberger.

Sister Madonna traveled over each gravesite sprinkling Holy Water on each grave.





The lily symbolizes purity and is often associated with St. Joseph.

March 16, 2025, **St. Joseph Fraternity, Hays, KS** attended a day of recollection in Vincent, KS. The day began with Mass at 8:30 am and Fr Curtis Carlson OFM Cap. gave the homily.

The fraternity then made their consecration to St. Joseph, whose feast day is in a couple of days.



The almond branch symbolizes St. Joseph in the Eastern Catholic Church

St. Joseph Fraternity Makes Annual Consecration to St. Joseph during Retreat





Holy Family Fraternity Tulsa, OK

Holy Family Fraternity in Tulsa, OK held elections on December 8, 2024.



Minister: Leila Safavi; Vice-Minister: Patrick Maher & Secretary: Karen Spurgeon. Missing—Treasurer: Jim Southard.



Front row: Tellers: Wendy Benford, Candidate & Sharen Stultz. Back row: Secretary of the Election: Kenton Miller; Presider: Richard Cronk; Ecclesial Witness: Judith Cronk.



Sister Death—May They Rest in Peace

DATE	NAME	FRATERNITY	LOCATION
December 10, 2024	Fr. Felix Petrovsky OFM Cap	Capuchins of the Mid-West	Basilica of St. Fedelis, Victoria, KS
December 22, 2024	Jim Disbrow OFS	St. Francis of Assisi	Oklahoma City, OK
February 8, 2025	Sean Bauer OFS	St. Maximilian Kolbe	Atchison, KS
March 3, 2025	Sr. Josephine Boyles OSF	Sisters of St Francis of the Holy Eucharist	Independence, MO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NAME(S)
April 14, 2025	REC Zoom Meeting	Zoom	REC
May 8-11, 2025	JPIC Workshop	Las Cruces, New Mexico	JPIC Animators and interested others
June 28, 2025	Queen of the Angels Election	Church of the Santa Fe Buckner, MO	Fraternal— Pastoral—
July 13, 2025	Holy Eucharist Election	St. Mary's Church Independence, MO	Fraternal— Pastoral—
July 18, 2025	REC Meet @ 3 pm	Spiritual Life Center	REC Members
July 18-20, 2025	"My God and My All" Regional Summer Gathering	Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, KS	All Invited
August 29-31, 2025	Regional Chapter of Elections	Spiritual Life Center Wichita, KS	Donna Hollis, National Councilor, Fr. Marek Stybor, CNSA, REC, Local Ministers, Observers invited
September 9-14, 2025	National Chapter of Elections	Bon Secours Retreat Center, Marriottsville, MD.	NEC, Regional Ministers, observers
July 29-August 2, 2026	21st Quinquennial Congress	Lexington, Kentucky	All Invited
October 10-18, 2026	National OFS Chapter	Spiritual Life Center Wichita, KS	NEC, Regional Ministers
November TBA, 2026	Chapter of Mats	Rome, Italy	Members of NEC, All Franciscans



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