

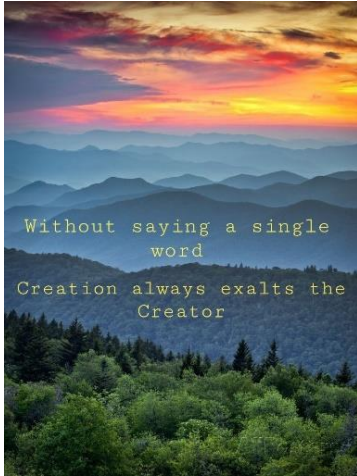


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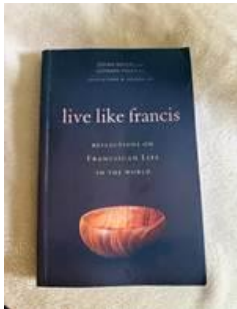
"SET ABLAZE THE FIRE OF GOD'S NEWNESS ... COMMUNITY, CHURCH, COSMOS"



CREATION PRAISES GOD!

Ever wonder if Creation praises God and if so, how? By Creation's very existence it praises its Creator, just by doing what it does! The flowers bloom and smell wonderful. Trees bud and some even produce fruit. They produce shade and wood for building many things. Waters flow for us to drink, cleanse with, cook with, provide energy and power. Animals have various roles from pets to food. The sun, moon, and stars provide light. Even insects play a role, whether as pollinators or as food for other creatures. Some even chime in with the birds who provide beautiful music. Meanwhile our atmosphere brings us the air we breathe and the weather we experience. Grasses provide beauty and spices provide flavors. Fish, dolphins, sharks, whales, starfish, crabs, shrimp, etc., share the ocean, providing us with beauty and again, food for us and other animals. Think of the various sounds emitted from Creation, from the gentle wind and the chirping of birds to the crashing of thunder! All of creation is like an orchestra praising God throughout the day in beautiful harmony, making music unto our God—the greatest concert ever played!

Sr. Mary Paul Shisler



YOUR INVITATION TO OUR FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM THAT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

Explore with us how to live like Saint Francis in today's society through participating in this year's Franciscan Spirituality Program. We will be reading *LIVE LIKE FRANCIS: Reflections on Franciscan Life in the World* by Jovian Weigel, OFM, and Leonard Foley, OFM (published by Franciscan Media, copyright 2016). Please purchase and bring a copy to the sessions every second Wednesday of the month beginning **Sept. 10 (September-May except January), 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**, in the Motherhouse Auditorium. Please RSVP. Looking forward to our time for reflection and sharing! Please RSVP on our [website](#) after August 5.

"MOST HIGH ALL-POWERFUL, GOOD LORD, YOURS IS THE Praise
THE Glory AND THE Honor AND EVERY Blessing." —St. Francis of Assisi
The Canticle of the Creatures

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 6!

Mark your calendars for **September 6** and reserve your table today. Mingle and experience the blessings of Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Sister Moon & Stars, and Mother Earth. Enjoy an array of appetizers and drinks followed by a homemade dinner by our very own dietary staff. The Grand Raffle follows!

See our Give Page after Aug. 5
to reserve your seat
and/or purchase raffle tickets



“AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME HE WILL GIVE YOU.” JOHN 16: 20-23

These words are sometimes very confusing to me, Lord, because I ask and sometimes do not feel that I am being heard—that my prayers have fallen on deaf ears! But I guess that is where faith comes in because you do hear and answer, but I want things one way and you have it planned another way. Don't let me give in to despair thinking that you have abandoned me or don't care about me. Help me realize you are always with me and always provide for me. Help me to realize that you have a reason for everything even if I don't understand what it is. – Sister Dominic Dybel

JOIN US FOR JUBILEE OF MISSION AND JUSTICE AT 3:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 21: “HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT”



The Catholic Church is celebrating a [Jubilee Year in 2025](#), with a focus on mission and justice. In a broader call for restorative practices and solidarity with those affected by the justice system, we aim to foster hope, mercy, and a renewed commitment to building a more just world. The Vatican will hold its [Jubilee of Justice](#) on Sept. 20. The following day, **Sept. 21, 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.**, St. Francis Woods will have its own Jubilee of Mission and Justice in our auditorium. We invite people of all faiths who are passionate about fostering a more equitable world to join us for this event of reflection and action. May it inspire continued dialogue and action locally and deepen our understanding of justice from a faith-based perspective!

AM I REALLY HEARING GOD'S CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE?

As part of our ministry in the Vocation Office, we help searchers in life to find some answers. Maybe it is a religious vocation and maybe it isn't, but we offer a process for discovering God's will. Peace to all! - Sister Maria Brizuela, maria.brizuela@fssh.net 815.464.3873.

LITURGIES, GATHERINGS & EVENTS

Mass: Tuesday-Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Queen of Angels Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration: 4:00-4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays and First Fridays. Please use front entrance. The Front Desk closes and the door is locked promptly at 3:55 p.m.

September 6: Fraternitas: “Come on our journey, pilgrims of hope.” (Annual fundraiser at the Motherhouse)

September 21 at 3:30 p.m.: Jubilee of Mission and Justice (Gathering for reflection and action)

October 3 at 4:15 p.m.: Saint Francis' Transitus in chapel. Potluck to follow. Please RSVP for potluck only to indicate if you are bringing a side or dessert. Please bring it to the kitchen before Transitus begins. Thank you!

October 5 at 1:00 p.m.: Season of Creation / Blessing of Pets and other items outside Motherhouse entrance

December 13 at 9:00 a.m.: SANTAmantal Christmas 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (free family event)

December 14 at 3:00 p.m.: A Franciscan Christmas Pilgrimage in the auditorium

RSVP for Potluck only

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

We are delighted to invite you to **Thursday Scripture Reflections** via Zoom and In-Person on **Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 4**. No registration required—either come to the Assisi Center (stop at the Motherhouse front desk for directions) or email sisters@fssh.net to request a Zoom link for the next gathering. Looking forward to seeing you!

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“Like Clay in the Hand of the Potter”

Silent Directed Retreat August 6-10