

St. Francis Woods Campus News

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

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Proverbs 31:25 "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come."

Lord, grant every mother the courage to face whatever trials come her way and to remember you and your faithfulness whenever she is tempted to waver or shrink in frightening or painful moments.

SEND JUBILEE GREETINGS TO OUR SISTERS!

You are welcome to celebrate with our six Jubilarians by attending a special Mass in their honor on Saturday, June 14. (Luncheon is by invitation.) Meanwhile, you can send your greetings and congratulations through the home page of our website: <https://fssh.net/>. They would love to hear from you!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Mass: Tuesday-Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: 4:00-4:45 PM on Wednesdays and on the First Friday of the month. Please arrive by 3:55 PM as the Front Desk will close promptly at that time.



MATTHEW 28:8-15

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary "went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples..." Lord, you ask me to make your message known to others, yet I know what I say won't always well-received. Grace me, Lord, with the courage to make your message known. Also, Jesus let me be so convincing that, just as the two Marys were able to persuade Peter and John, let me lead others to "go and see for themselves." – Sr. Dominic Dybel

YOU'RE INVITED!



You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate Father Lawrence's 50th Celebration of Ordination. The mass will take place on **June 7th at 10:30 a.m.** followed by a luncheon in the auditorium. "I need nothing and simply ask for your presence at the Mass of Thanksgiving." - *Father Lawrence*

Please RSVP to Sister Ella at the motherhouse front desk at 815.469.4895 by **May 24th**, so we can properly prepare for the meal to follow. The RSVP is for the luncheon ONLY.



PORTIUNCULA Center for Prayer
Retreat and Holistic Center.

[See All Port Programs](#)

- [SANCTUARY TIBETAN BOWL SOUND JOURNEY WITH MARK BIEHL](#) - 05/02/2025 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- [WELCOMING SPRING AND SUMMER – SACRED STREAMS AND MUDDY PLACES](#) - 05/13/2025 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- [MY LIFE'S JOURNEY ... A SONG OF FAITH](#) - 05/20/2025 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- [WOMEN'S SUMMER RETREAT: A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE](#) - 06/18/2025 - 06/22/2025 - All Day
- [FRANCISCAN SUMMER RETREAT: BIRTHING THE WORD - SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD](#) - 07/13/2025 - 07/18/2025 - All Day
- [SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: LIKE CLAY IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER](#) - 08/06/2025 - 08/10/2025 - All Day

COMMUNITY PICNIC AT ST. FRANCIS WOODS



JUNE 28

All ages
Starts at 11 - All day



Reserve a blanket and pack your own lunch: \$10

Reserve a blanket and have a lunch packed and prepared for you: \$10 + \$10 per person/per lunch



Register now:

FSSH.net/give

Outdoor activities:

- Take a stroll through the beautiful acres of St. Francis Woods
- Go on a scavenger hunt
- Explore the unfolding story of life and the universe at the Cosmic Walk
- Enjoy a meditative walk at our Labyrinth
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FACILITY REQUEST FOR RETREAT GROUPS

We have many spaces available to rent for retreat groups. Click the button at right to make a request on our Portiuncula Center for Prayer website.

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

\$100 PER GOLFER SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2025

1 P.M. SHOTGUN REGISTER NOW

FRI., 1 AUGUST, 2025

George W. Dunne National Golf Course
16310 Central Ave, Oak Forest, IL 60452

- GOLF GIFT BAGS
- DRIVING RANGE PRACTICE BEFORE GOLF
- BOTTOMLESS BEER, WATER, & GATORADE
- SNACKS
- DINNER
- 50/50
- MEMORABILIA AUCTION

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