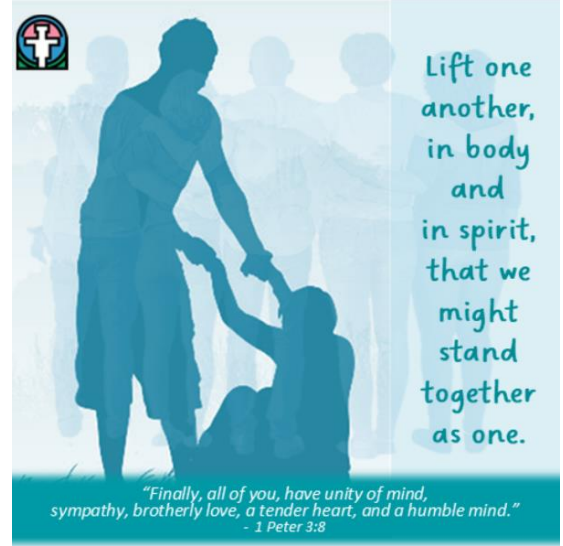




Transforming Pain into Unity, Hope, and Resilience

In the midst of tragedy and loss on September 11, 2001, compassion and kindness welled up from within everyday Americans who reached out in their pain to comfort one another. Strangers—people from all ethnicities, faiths, and walks of life—united as fellow human beings through shared experience. From small acts of caring to unimaginable acts of heroism and self-sacrifice, we reaffirmed our human potential for goodness in the face of every dark effort to break us in body and spirit. May this spirit of hope and resilience remain and continue to unite and transform our hearts and our nation. May we see and respond to the pain and challenges of our neighbors not just in times of national tragedy, but in everyday life. May we reach out to comfort. May we provide resources whenever we are able. May we pray for one another, be at peace with one another, and seek the good in everyone we meet.

A Remembrance



Franciscan Spirituality Program

Register before **Sept. 11** for this program that focuses on the life of St. Clare of Assisi. Join us the second Wednesday of the month, **Sept.-Dec. 2024 and Feb.-May 2025, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Register

Stigmata Celebration Sept. 15
at 4 PM in Chapel

More

Invitation to Associate Commitment Ceremony

You are invited to attend the Associate Commitment Ceremony of Mary Massingale and Eileen Redican on **Sunday, September 8, 9:30 a.m.** during the Motherhouse Mass. Mary and Eileen are connected with the Motherhouse/ Frankfort Circle. We currently have eight Associate Circles in the United States. Candidates complete an orientation process of approximately one year before making their commitment.



Christian men and women are warmly invited to identify more clearly with the charism of the Sisters by becoming our Associates. Together the Sisters and Associates seek to live the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In addition to supporting each other in prayer, Associates meet regularly for faith sharing in the areas in which they live and commit to carrying out "works of neighborly love" within their own professions, their families or communities.

2024 *Fraternitas* Join Us Sept. 28

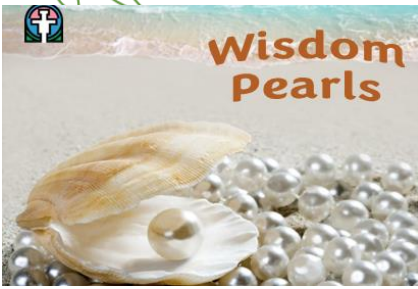
Blessings of Goodness

We invite you to our Franciscan home as we celebrate the Archangels at our 22nd Annual Fraternitas. Please join us for an enriching afternoon of friendship and reflection on the presence of angels, their blessings of goodness to us, and their companionship on life's journey.

The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael is Sept. 29.

Saturday, September 28th, 2024.
Appetizers & Experiences at 3:00 pm
Dinner at 4:00 pm in the Auditorium

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart
9201 W. St Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL



Matthew 19: 13-15

“Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray over them. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me.’”

I have a big responsibility when it comes to children. My task is to lead them to the Lord and not away from Him. The Lord also reminds me that I am to become child-like and not childish. Children are trusting and loving. They are also inquisitive, always asking, “Why?” They are always pondering.

Lord, may I be loving and trusting and may I, too, be inquisitive and pondering. Let me never believe I have all the answers—that I do not need to sit at your feet to learn from You. Jesus, as you welcomed the children may I also be welcoming and approachable like you so that I may bring others to you.

Sr. Dominic Dybel

Musings with Sister Maria

Click on the image below to enjoy this brief video reflection by Sr. Maria.



Zoom Option for Remote Participation in Scripture Reflections

We are so pleased to be able to welcome participants from around the world to join with us in preparing our hearts for Sunday Mass! Join Sr. Marilyn Renninger for a Scripture Reflection each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. beginning **September 5, 2024, through May 8, 2025**. Use the button below to receive a Zoom link.

If attending in person, there’s no need to register. Just come to the Assisi Center. You can reach Sr. Marilyn at marilyn.renninger@fssh.net.



Blessing of Pets and Gifts of Creation on October 6th



Gather with the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfort, Illinois, for a Blessing of Pets and Gifts of Creation at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024**. The event will be held outside in front of the motherhouse lobby at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Road. Pets of all kinds (on a leash or in a carrier) are welcome. Attendees can also bring special plants, seeds, stones, seashells and any item made from Earth’s resources that they would like blessed. All are welcome to stroll the grounds before and after the event. —*Sr. Kathleen Hook*



Grounding Personal Decisions in Catholic Social Teaching



Election Day is fast approaching and many might be voting early or voting by mail. As we prepare ourselves to vote let us continue to pray that all who can vote will be able to do so easily and safely. Let us pray for the candidates—for their well-being and honest intention of caring for all humanity and all of creation. As Catholics we are grounded by the social teachings of our faith. May we keep these before us as we read, listen, pray and decide who will govern our nation and help care for the world’s future. Many other versions and resources are available by researching the keywords: Catholic Social Teachings. — *Sr. Christina Fuller*



Prayer for the November Election

God of peace, these times demand a change of heart: to be, think, and act differently. Pour out your Spirit on your people as we prepare to vote in 2024 in unprecedented numbers across the globe. May we strive to make peace a reality by becoming agents of reconciliation, transforming and transcending polarization, misinformation, and division during this election year. Help us to recognize the reality of our interconnection and interdependence and to make decisions for the common good. Amen. —*Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace*