



FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART, FRANKFORT, IL

# St. Francis Woods Campus News

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



## STORMS COME, CALM RETURNS

Water is beautiful as well as powerful. A tsunami, for instance, is fascinating but destructive and deadly. Those who go to the shore to witness it are unlikely to survive. It stirs up from the depths creatures never seen before. In 2011 pieces of boats and buildings from Japan found their way to the California coast 5, 500 miles away. Some debris did not arrive until 2013 and 2014! There are times in our lives that can feel like a tsunami— disorienting and frightening. Old wounds are stirred up or new ones are inflicted. We may feel vulnerable or weak in presence of powerful forces and may watch helplessly as people, possessions, or ways of life are taken from us...

[Click to continue reading a reflection by Sr. Mary Paul Shisler](#)

"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

*Come on our journey,  
pilgrims of hope.*

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

## NEVER BEEN TO ST. FRANCIS WOODS? ENJOY A PEACE-FILLED, HOPE-FILLED DINNER OUT: WELCOME TO FRATERNITAS ON SEPTEMBER 6!

Need a relaxing, peaceful dinner out, away from the noise of traffic and big crowds? If you haven't reserved a seat yet, make your reservation *today* for dinner amid the serenity of St. Francis Woods on **September 6**. Come to experience the blessings of Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Sister Moon & Stars, and Mother Earth. As you enjoy an array of appetizers and drinks, mingle with Sisters and other guests, and then enjoy a delicious homemade dinner by Chef Kristin and our dietary staff. The Grand Raffle follows! Winners need not be present, so if you have other plans, you can still buy chances in the raffle.

[Reserve your seat  
and/or purchase  
raffle tickets](#)

BEGINS  
WED. SEPT. 10

2025-2026

*Franciscan Spirituality*

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY  
SEPT.-DEC. 2025 AND FEB.-MAY 2026

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

ST FRANCIS WOODS AUDITORIUM  
9201 W ST FRANCIS ROAD  
FRANKFORT, IL 60423-8330

[Register](#)

*Jubilee of Mission & Justice*

September 21, 2025, 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.  
Motherhouse Auditorium

Dialogue

Reflection

Action

Understanding

"Hope Does Not Disappoint"



## "HE WITHDREW FROM THAT PLACE." MATTHEW 12: 14-21

Taking a time out--that is what it seems that you did, Jesus. But it seems that you were also busy because you cured all the sick. Balance of work and prayer is what I hear you speaking to me in this scripture passage, as you needed time to reconnect with the Father. How much more, then, do I, a child of your creation, need this? Dear Lord, help me daily to reconnect with you and recharge! – Sister Dominic Dybel

A colorful illustration of a winding green path leading from a parking lot with a church in the background, through trees, to a small pond with a cross. A sun with rays is in the top left corner. The text "Join us!" is written in a playful font.

## "Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation"

800 Steps | October 4, 2025

St Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423  
Sponsored by Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart/ Laudato Si' Committee

9:30 a.m. Mass followed by 10:30 a.m. Pilgrimage

*Join us as we journey, renewing our commitment to live in harmony with one another, Mother Earth, and the Cosmos.*

*Let this pilgrimage be a time of prayer and silence, and a time to enjoy one another's company as we celebrate creation.*

\*Rain plan: Journey will take place inside the Motherhouse building.

The pilgrimage begins in chapel parking lot...

## "Blessing of Pets"

1:00 p.m., October 5, 2025

*Celebrating the Season of Creation:  
Blessing of Pets (and other items)*

An illustration showing a group of people and their pets (dogs and cats) gathered together. A small bird is also shown flying above them.

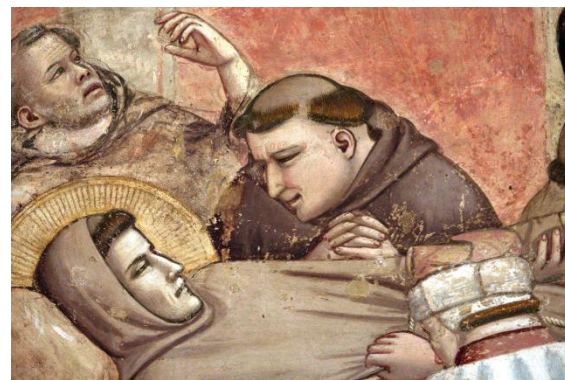
Sponsored by Franciscan Fire Committee  
Event held outside the Motherhouse Entrance

St. Francis Woods  
9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423

## TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK SUPPER

**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!



RSVP for Potluck Only

## SAVE THE DATES

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

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

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS BEGIN SEPT. 4

Join us each Thursday, Sept. 4- May 7. No need to register. To attend by Zoom, click [here](#).