

# Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity

October, 2023

"Listen, Discern, and Go Forth"

Volume 11, Issue 4

Congratulations to: Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Order of Friars Minor



## Our Regional Prayer

Holy Virgin Mary, there is no one like you born in the world among women: Daughter and Handmaid of the most high, sovereign King, the heavenly Father, Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for us with St. Michael the archangel and with all the powers of the heavens and with all the saints together with your most holy beloved Son, Lord and Teacher.

The minister general of the Order of Friars Minor, Massimo Fusarelli, OFM, formally established the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe in mid-October in the witness of Franciscan friars from 26 states, the Friar Massimo installed the province's first minister provincial, vicar provincial, and seven councilors. The Provincial Administration who has been appointed and will be presented at Chapter is composed of: Br Lawrence Hayes, OFM, Provincial Minister; Br. Mark Soehner, OFM, Vicar Provincial; as well as a Provincial Secretary who will be identified shortly after Chapter. The fol-

lowing have been appointed to the office of Provincial Definitors, also known as Provincial Council: Br. John Eaton, OFM; Br. Erick Lopez, OFM; Br. Roger Lopez, OFM; Br. Samuel Nasada, OFM; Br. Rommel Perez Flores, OFM; Br. José Rodriguez, OFM; and Br. Edward Tluczek, OFM. They will serve a 3-year term.

In the corner above, the new logo for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province.

**The following fraternities from Our Lady of Indiana Secular Franciscan Region are now bonded to the new OFM Province of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:**

People of Peace Fraternity, Indianapolis  
Peregrinos de la Paz Fraternity, Indianapolis

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## Let us pray Psalm 122:6-9:

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*

*May those who love you be secure.*

*May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.*

*For the sake of my family and friends, I will say:*

*"Peace be within you."*

*For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,*

*I will seek your prosperity.*



The Order of Friars Minor has been present in the Holy Places for eight centuries and preserves, together with the Sanctuaries, also the link with the local people who dwell in that land.

The current situation of violence and war deeply *saddens* us, and worries us for the fate of the people who live there. We are intensifying our prayer of intercession for peace.

The Friars Minor, present in the Custody of the Holy Land, together with the Custos Fr. Francesco Patton,

(who is in regular contact with Fr. Massimo Fusarelli, the Minister General), are always present, they are well and remain close to the people, continuing to pray for peace and to sow it with concrete gestures.

Therefore, as an Order and as a Franciscan Family, let us allow the friars of the Custody to feel that we are near to them, that they may feel our closeness as they await for us to return to visit the Holy Places as soon as possible.

In this way we are able to express our communion and belonging together with the Christians of the Holy Land and to all the people who live there.

## REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Cindy Pilot, OFS: Regional Minister  
 Rich Cain, OFS: Regional Vice Minister  
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 Sr. Agnes Marie Regan, OSF  
 Kathleen White, OFS



Recently, [The Conference of the Franciscan Family](#) sent a letter to all Franciscans announcing the blessing of a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions from December 8, 2023, to February 2, 2024, in honor of eighth centenary of "Christmas at Greccio". Some of you have asked where the Franciscan chapels/churches are located where you can fulfill the requirements for this intention.

**Indianapolis area:** chapel of Marian University, chapel of Franciscan Health in southeast Indy, Sacred Heart Parish

**Fort Wayne area:** chapel of University of St Francis, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola

**Mishawaka area:** Adoration Chapel and Main Chapel of St. Francis Convent

**Lafayette area:** chapel of St. Elizabeth Hospital or the Adoration Chapel (if you have an entrance FOB)

**North-Western counties:** Holy Name Parish in Cedar Lake, chapel of Franciscan Health in Dyer or chapel of Franciscan Health in Crown Point

**Terre Haute:** St. Joseph University Parish

This privilege given with the blessings of Pope Francis and the Apostoli Penitentiary and shows the special relationship established between Saint Francis and the Church when he asked for the Portiuncula Indulgence.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus Fraternity, Indianapolis  
 St. Anthony Fraternity, Muncie  
 St. Boniface Fraternity, Lafayette  
 Holy Family Fraternity, Fort Wayne  
 Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Mishawaka  
 Lady Clare Fraternity, Kokomo  
 Little Portion of St. Francis Fraternity, Valparaiso  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Fraternity, Cedar Lake  
 St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, St. John

**Bonded to the OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION PROVINCE OF OFM Conventual:**

St. Michael the Archangel, Hicksville, OH  
 St. Rose of Viterbo Fraternity, Terre Haute. IN

**Bonded to the ST. JOSEPH PROVINCE of the CAPUCHIN ORDER:**

St. Charles Fraternity, Avilla

**Newly Forming Group**, therefore unbonded as of 11/6/2023 but their sponsoring fraternity is St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity in Hicksville, OH

La Sociedad de La Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

**Legacy Provinces**

Origins of the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Province:

Includes the provinces of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wisconsin, Holy Name in New York City, Our Lady of Guadalupe in **Albuquerque, New Mexico**, Sacred Heart in St. Louis, St. Barbara in California and St. John the Baptist in Cincinnati.

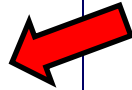
## Celebrating the "CENTENARIOS"



Message from Tibor Kauser, OFS, Minister General SFO regarding celebration of the CENTENARIOS:


*"When we celebrate these centenaries, we should remember the great deeds and gifts from God, give thanks for them, and do all this with a joyful heart opened to God and to each other. I also invite you to re-ignite that fire which was set in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, when we first felt called to be Secular Franciscans. May these years be for us the time to go back our roots, give thanks to God in a joyful spirit! May these years be for us the time to strengthen the fraternal spirit at all the levels of our Order!. Learning about our past and living intensely in the present will give us the hope to a great future "(Tibor Kauser, OFS, Pentecost Letter 2023).*

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|   | Also please see information about the Greccio Retreat to be held at Mt. St. Francis from December 29-31, 2023 on page 5 of this newsletter. Registration connection available.  |
|  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2023</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GRECCIO/INCARNATION:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN<br/>                 Contacts: Sr. Anita Holzmer, OFS<br/>                 Sunday, December 3, 2023 @ 12:30 p.m.<br/>                 Eucharistic Celebration/Luncheon/Greccio</p>  |
|  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2024</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"STIGMATA/ CROSS"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. John, IN, Shrine of the Passion: September 2024<br/>                 Reflection/Celebrant: Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM<br/>                 Contacts: Ted Boczkowski, OFS, and<br/>                 NW Fraternities</p>   |
|  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2026</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contacts: Helen Burke, OFS, Jack Hill, OFS<br/>                 and Indianapolis Fraternities</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2026</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"EASTER OF ST. FRANCIS (Transitus)"</b><br/> <b>"Praised be my Lord through Sister Death"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITY DAY: August 8, 2026<br/>                 St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo<br/>                 Fr. Jerome Schroeder, OFM Cap<br/>                 Contact: Immaculate Conception<br/>                 Fraternity and St. Charles Fraternity</p> |



**Hope to see many of you in FW to celebrate the Gift of Greccio and above all, the Incarnation which it celebrates. You might consider it a REGIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATING JESUS' Birth**



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| Purposes of Centenaries |  | (1) Gaze to the Future<br>(2) Deepening our Franciscan Identity and Charism |
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## A Book You Cannot Pass By

A book very much worth your money, draws together two important concepts: the Rule of 1223, which we studied and celebrated at our Unity Day in Kokomo in August, and the various celebrations of Greccio which still are before us in December throughout our Region.

The recently published "*Celebrating Life: The Rule and Christmas at Greccio (1223-2023)*" by Friar Martin Carbajo-Nunez, OFM, would be an excellent choice bringing the theologies of these two events together. TAU Publications has scored BIG time in offering us this volume at exactly the right time to help us see the connection between these two major events in the life of St. Francis — the Crib and the Cross.

As we continue our celebration this year of Greccio and the gift St Francis gave us, this book would be an excellent means of reflecting in our Continuing Formation sessions on both the Rule of 1223 (Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv Unity Day reflections) and our celebration of the 1223 event in Greccio given to us by Francis himself. And it would be a prime way to continue our celebration of the CENTENRIOS whose purpose are to:

- (1) Gaze to the Future, as well as to
- (2) Deepen our Franciscan Identity and Charism

At the release of this outstanding edition, TAU Publications said:

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<https://taupublishing.com/book-store/ols/products/celebrating-life-the-rule-and-christmas-at-greccio-1223-2023-fr-martin-carbajo-nunez>

"Francis continues to repeat to us: " I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you yours" (LMj 14:3). To respond to this challenge, we need a deep faith that can help us see the starry sky in the darkness of night. In a consumerist and hyper-accelerated society, we need to return, metaphorically, to the refuge of Greccio, finding shelter in the rock, and allowing ourselves to be "wrapped in silence: (AdS 3, Benedict XVI, General Audience, Dec. 223, 2009)."

— "Celebrating Life: The Rule and Christmas at Greccio, p. 81

## A Retreat Invitation to YOU: 800th Year Anniversary Celebration of Greccio

In the year 1223, St. Francis of Assisi created a live nativity scene to share the story of the Incarnation with the people of Greccio. It became an instant success and is continued today when we place the nativity set under our Christmas trees.

You are invite to join members of the Franciscan family at Mount St. Francis Center for prayer and reflection as we unpack this history making event. From December 29-31, 2023, join Franciscans from all three First Order Branches, Franciscan Sisters and Secular Franciscans of the Third Order to nourish your soul as we explore and encounter the Light that entered the world for our salvation. The Second Order, our Poor Clare Sisters in Kokomo, though not present physically, will be keeping us in their hours of prayer during our time of retreat. The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, IN, will also be offering prayer for the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance of al participants during this weekend.

Featured speakers are Fr. Jack Clark Robinson, OFM, with excerpts of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano. Dennis Feece, OFS, will speak on "Gifts". There will be opportunities for prayer and liturgy together as well as times for quiet reflection in the chapel or outside in the beautiful outdoor setting of Mount St. Francis.

On Saturday evening we will use Fr Michael Lasky's OFM, Conv's publication of ***Greccio and the O Antiphons, Creating Your Nativity Scene with Pope Francis*** as we re-create the Nativity Scene and walk the journey on our grounds. Registration information may be found at the following web address:

<https://mountsaintfrancis.org/greccio-800-year-celebration-1>

You will want to register soon as this retreat is open to all members of our Franciscan family!



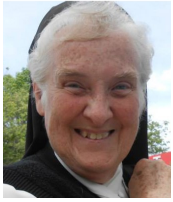
Actual cave at Greccio in Italy where Francis celebrated the Feast of the Incarnation



Mount St. Francis:  
Our Retreat Setting



## Listening: Can You Hear Me Now?



Bishop Barron has been offering summaries of the content of the discussion at the Synod taking place in Rome. In one of his communications, he shared the following about his desire “for a church that goes out from itself”. This surely seems like an echo of what Jesus himself commanded his disciples, namely, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matt 28:18-20).”

In describing the work of the Synod, Bishop Barron wrote:

“The Synod will be about all of us—clergy and laity—walking together (*syn-hodos*, “on the way with” in Greek) under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In this measure, the synod will be very much in continuity with Vatican II’s universal call to holiness and the consistent post conciliar emphasis on a “new” evangelization. It will embody Pope Francis’ oft-stated desire for a Church that goes out from itself all the way to the margins in order to bring Christ to everyone (Bishop Robert Barron).”

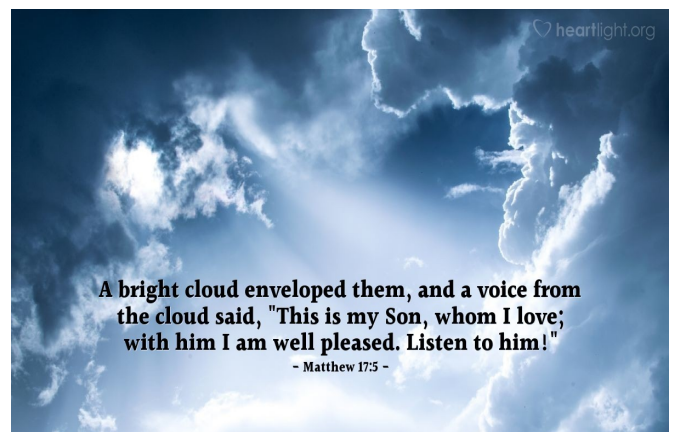
Interestingly, Fr. Massimo Fusarelli, OFM, in his Letter and that of the General Definitory to the Whole Order for the Solemnity of St. Francis 2023, wrote:

“The synodal journey that the Church is making invites us to broaden listening and dialogue to overcome the boundaries of our own fraternity or of the Franciscan family, and to open ourselves to listening to the world with its cultures and realities, today so increasingly complex. In short, to learn to listen to those “outside” (the laity who surround us, the collaborators in the mission, the young, the non-believers and the so called “indifferent”, immigrants, workers and the elderly, the voices and questions that creation poses to us, ...). What are the moments planned in fraternity to open ourselves to this 360° listening? What concrete steps can we begin to take to learn better to know, interpret and live the

reality around us, without isolating ourselves from it?”

In Jesus’ message to the disciples, he didn’t omit anyone from the efforts they would make to evangelize, to spread the Good News of His Gospel message to every person on the face of the earth. “To all nations”, Jesus said.

So the question is: are we listening and not just hearing random sounds — lovely though they may be. It’s easy to hear sounds, words, notes, broadcasts, but it’s much more difficult to listen for understanding what is being communicated. Thus, are we reading the Gospel so as to LISTEN to what Jesus is saying to us that needs to be taught and observed, or are we merely hearing the multiplicity of sounds, sacred or otherwise, around us — which have, sadly, deadened our ability to LISTEN: that is, to listen to His message of the Father’s love for us, to listen to His prayer for peace at the Last Supper, to listen to who Jesus said He was, to listen to Him saying “Fear not”, to listen to His invitation to “Come to me”, to listen to our brothers and sisters in the midst of their pain and need, to listen to our earth which is groaning under the weight of our misuse, to listen to all that the Gospel says which we Franciscans have promised to live.



Can you hear Him now?

## Fixing Boat Holes

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left. The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting.



paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time. When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a

hole. Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole! You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat, Sir!"

"But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

"My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: When I asked you to

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone. Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've saved.



### Nativity Scenes from around the World

Mary Anderson Gallery  
Mount Saint Francis, Indiana  
December 7 – January 7



Join with us this holy season in observing the Incarnation of God in the Child of Bethlehem. 800 years ago St. Francis of Assisi celebrated the live nativity with the people of Greccio, Italy. This began a long tradition in Christian cultures from around the world of depicting the birth of Christ with nativity scenes in their own styles. Come, pray and observe this unique exhibition which

continues this beautiful Franciscan tradition.

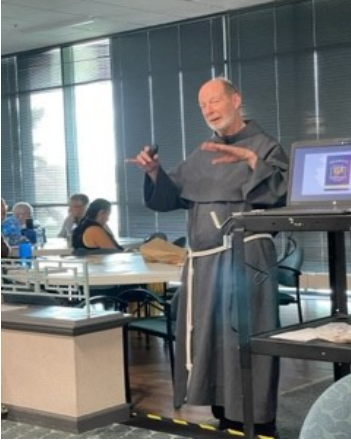
Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Thursdays – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

*This exhibit will be open and available for visiting during the Greccio Retreat as described on page 4 of this newsletter.*



## UNITY DAY — 2023 — Memories of a Joyful Day Together



Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM, Conv reflected with us on the contents of Francis' "Rule of 1223" often showing its relationship to the OFS and TOR Rules.



The assembly room at St. Joan of Arc was almost filled with our brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity for our Unity Day reflecting on the first of the CENTENARIOS, "The Rule of 1223" with Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv.



A lovely choir of singers from Lafayette, Mishawaka, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and around our Region supported the liturgy under the very capable leadership of Jorge Munoz, OFS.



Sacred Heart Fraternity, Peace of Peace Fraternity, and Peregrinos de La Paz Fraternity in Indianapolis gathered together to pray and celebrate the Feast of St. Clare by a novena in her honor before August 11. Celebrating here after the completion of the Novena.

### Newly Elected Council of Holy Family Fraternity, Fort Wayne



Back Row: Bill Duffy, OFS, Formation; Francis Albert, OFS, Treasurer; Susan Maloney, OFS, Minister;  
Front Row: Susan Solloway, OFS, Treasurer; Teri Queitsch, OFS, Secretary



## "Ministering"

On Tuesday, 27 June 2023, after working a double shift, I had the pleasure of meeting Kevin at the corner of Touhy Street and McCormick in Lincolnwood, IL. For a few weeks now I have been observing Kevin, a male black about 24 yrs. old, using 5 gallon buckets to drum away using his drumsticks. He would play on the corner then as the light is changing, he would stand and walk between cars asking for donations.

I must admit, I do have a bias when comes to bucket boys (a slang term used to describe individuals who use drum sticks to play on 5 gallon buckets and ask for donations.) When I worked by Wrigley Field, the calls complaining about the bucket boys were an everyday occurrence--from disturbances to harassment and as the evening went on to thefts and robberies.

So, I looked at Kevin with a suspicious eye, but what I noticed over time that he would store his buckets neatly behind the bench where he hides his backpack and keeps the area clean. Another day, I had seen him walking from the McDonald's with a joyous skip in his step and he had the look and aura of being happy.

On this day, I watched him drum away at his buckets and I noticed that he loved his music. He was so enveloped in his drumming that he resembled a musician who is entranced in their moment of music. No matter what his situation was, he had a deep appreciation for the music he was producing and performing.

I gave Kevin a monetary donation and noticed how light hearted he was. Despite his actions of asking for donations, I noticed that Kevin was happy inside. I noticed a good and humble person. So, I asked Kevin if he would like a care package. He quickly said yes with curiosity and I then described what the contents were.

He was thrilled! He gave me much love... A word he used to describe his gratitude, "that's love," as he shook my hand.

It's not just the smile that completes my mission, but it is the learning experience spiritually that showed me how a person can remain light-hearted, happy, and enjoy the simplicity of producing music while working for donations that the act itself takes a large amount of humility for one to ask for help. Kevin was Jesus. Jesus was standing before me giving me the opportunity to connect Spirits, to acknowledge him, and to do God's will.

I am thankful that Ted gave me the care package mission with the purpose of making it personable. I am thankful that Jesus presented himself before me. I am thankful to have met Kevin and learned from him of God's message, joyous humility. Thanks be to God.

*Reflection is by Mark Lemus, OFS, of St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity in St. John, IN.*



*"Celebrating Life: The Rule and Christmas at Greccio (1223-2023)"  
Nunez, OFM*

*by Friar Martin Carbajo-*

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Congratulations to the Newly Elected of St. Boniface Fraternity



Treasurer: Carolyn Pruitt, OFS, Treasurer; Mary Stewart, OFS, Formation Director; Tim Klink, OFS, Minister; Holly Jacobson, OFS, Vice Minister; Vanda Rascoe, OFS, Secretary.

Sister Death has taken home . . .  
 . may they rest in the love and  
 peace of the Lord



**St. Anthony Fraternity**  
 Doyne Hahn, OFS

**SACRED HEART FRATERNITY**  
 Fr. Justin Belitz, OFM  
 Spiritual Assistant  
 Sacred Heart Province

Blessings to the Newly Elected: St. Michael the Archangel



From left to right: Region Formation director, Barb Braley OFS, Formation Director Brian Buettner OFS, Minister: Christopher Bercaw OFS, Secretary Melodie Talbott OFS, Treasurer Becky Kimpel OFS, Vice minister Elizabeth Mendez OFS, Councilor Tim Husted OFS, and our Spiritual Assistant, Sister Anita Holtzmer OSF.

## Our Lady of Indiana Secular Franciscan Regional Fraternity

International Website:

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National Website:

[www.secularfranciscansusa.org](http://www.secularfranciscansusa.org)

Regional Website:

[www.olirf-OFS.org](http://www.olirf-OFS.org)

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"We, the Secular Franciscans of Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity, are called by virtue of Baptism and Confirmation to holiness. We are committed by our Profession to living the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in our time according to the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi for the rebuilding of the Church.

With the help of Mary our Advocate, Protectress, and Patroness, we will foster prayer, vital fraternities, and communication. We will provide direction, support and resources to local fraternities for understanding and implementing the Rule, the General Constitutions, and the National Statutes of the Secular Franciscan Order, and our Regional Fraternity Guidelines."

## Dates to Remember



### 2023

November 11: Chapter of Mats: Kokomo at 10:00 a.m.

December 3, 2023: Celebration of Second Centenario — Greccio: At the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne (See page 3 for details). All Franciscans in Indiana are invited to attend.

*December 25: Solemnity of the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

December 29 <[olof7191@comcast.net](mailto:olof7191@comcast.net)> -31: "Greccio": Franciscan Weekend Retreat at Mt. St Francis Retreat Center in Mt. St. Francis, IN. (See page 5 for details).

### 2024

January 13: Regional Vocations Committee: ZOOM at 10:00

February 10: Regional Executive Council: ZOOM at 10:00

March 9: Candidates Day of Enrichment: Kokomo at 10:00

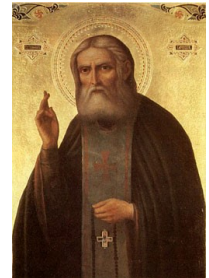
April 13: Chapter of Mats: Kokomo at 10:00

June 8: Regional Executive Council: ZOOM at 10:00

*August 2: Feast of Our Lady of the Angels*

*August 11: Feast of St. Clare*

August 10: Annual Unity Day: Kokomo at 9:30 a.m.



"Drink water from the spring where horses drink. The horse will never drink bad water. Lay your bed where the cat sleeps. Eat the fruit that has been touched by a worm. Boldly pick the mushroom on which the insects sit. Plant the tree where the mole digs. Build your house where the snake sits to warm itself. Dig your fountain where the birds hide from the heat. Go to sleep and wake up at the same time with the birds – you will reap all of the days' golden grains. Eat more green – you will have strong legs and a resistant heart, like the beings of the forest. Swim often and you will feel on earth like the fish in the water. Look at the sky as often as possible and your thoughts will become light and clear. Be quiet a lot, speak little – and silence will come in your heart, and your spirit will be calm and full of peace."

~Saint Seraphim of Sarov