

AGENDA

March 23, 2025

Padre Pio Fraternity



Opening Prayer from the Ritual

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Minister: Most high, all-powerful, good God, praise, glory, and honor and all blessings are yours.

All: Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve him with great humility.

Minister: Let us pray. (Pause)

Most high, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our hearts
and give us right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity,
with wisdom and insight, O Lord,
that we may accomplish your holy and true will. **All:** Amen

Welcome guests and new orientees

Ongoing Formation

[To Set Themselves Free. Article 4](#) presentation by Shannon Brooks, OFS.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Initial Formation:

1) Francis, in searching out a meaning for his life and the life of those to follow him, chose to look to the gospels. Where do you get direction for your life?

2) Why have you chosen this directive?

Ongoing Formation:

- 1) Francis took these words of the gospel literally and made them the basis for his life. Which Scripture passages have impacted your life and aided your vocation?
- 2) How have these Scriptures impacted your Franciscan journey?

INTEGRATION AND DECISION QUESTIONS

Initial Formation:

- 1) Which is your favorite gospel narrative? Pray it in the method suggested.
- 2) List the insights you gleaned from this prayer experience.
- 3) Which one will you carry into the world this month? How do you expect it to make a difference?

Ongoing Formation:

- 1) List insights into your giftedness that your time with the individual gospel narratives have given you.
- 2) Enumerate ways you can share this giftedness with others.
- 3) Be open this month to meeting someone new. Share your giftedness with this person.

Fellowship and Celebration of March Birthdays

03.05 Char Witosky, OFS; 03.11 Stacy Lewis; 03.12 Suzie Nelson, OFS; 03.15 Dave Shick, OFS; 03.24 Gladys Whitehouse, OFS

Please consider a donation to the Catholic church in Arochukwa, an Amuvi village in Nigeria, where our sister Nkem will travel in April. There is a basket on the table.

Business

Treasurer's Report: Janette Perez, OFS

Formation Director's Report: Gladys Whitehouse, OFS

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Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer 2

[Link to Liturgy of the Hours](#)

Dates to Remember

March 9-April 13 : 6 p.m., on Zoom. Book Club on nonviolence led by Michael Evangelista, OFS.
TODAY, Sunday, March 23: After gathering, Dinner, and discussion of the Franciscan Action Network immigration webinar at Theresa Flynn's
April 4-6: Retreat at St. Francis Springs.
April 22: Earth Day nature time and park cleanup at Lake Lynn. Meet at the recreation center at 4 p.m..
April 27: Gathering
May 3: North Carolina Museum of Art visit at 10 a.m.
May 31: Candidates will be permanently professed at 11 a.m. Mass, followed by a reception. We will not have a gathering in May.