

## SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

St. Charles Fraternity  
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## January 2026

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Established on or before 2/9/1936	Last elections: 9/15/2024	Last fraternal visit: 11/19/2023	Last pastoral visit: 11/16/2025

## Calendar

**1/4** 1:30pm SC Christmas party St. Vincent CC, Spiritual Center, Room B.  
**NO** ongoing formation. **Please bring your Liturgy of the Hours.**

1/8 6:00pm Council meeting Zoom

1/15 7:00pm Kathy's initial formation (ch 11) Zoom

1/22 6:00pm Barbara's interview for Profession Zoom

**2/8 11:00am** 90th Jubilee Mass & potluck lunch St. Mary's church & school.  
**NO** ongoing formation or Liturgy of the Hours.

2/12 6:00pm Council meeting Zoom

2/19 7:00pm Kathy's initial formation (ch 11) Zoom

## Prayer Requests

### Within the fraternity:

Jackie Didier; Sandy Kiraly; Marcyle Voigt; Mary Lou Sohn; repose of the souls of Marcyle Voigt & Doris Bermes.

### Beyond the fraternity:

Sr. Anita – continued recovery.

## BIRTHDAYS

1/20 Carole Beiswanger

## PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

1/22/2012 Karen Amstutz

## The Incarnation



## St. Charles/Holy Family Christmas Party

**Date: January 4, 2026**

**Time: 1:30 pm**

**Place: St. Vincent Catholic Church, Spiritual Center, Room B  
1502 Wallen Road, Fort Wayne**

**Carry-in:** The St. Charles Council will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service (plate, bowl, cup, silverware, serving spoon and napkin) that you can take home and wash. (We're trying to be more environmentally conscious and not create more trash for the landfills.) **Helpful hint:** bring a plastic bag for your used table service.

### Evening Prayer for the Liturgy of the Hours: Epiphany

Christian Prayer: pages 214      Hymn: #81 on page 1541

Vol I: pages 569      Hymn: page 569

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

## 21st Quinquennial Congress General Information

29 July – 02 August, 2026 in Lexington, Kentucky

Registration is now open!

### Easter of St. Francis: Rekindle the Flame

#### Q Registration Cost:

Regular \* \$650    1/1 - 5/31/2026      "Late Owl" \* \$725    6/1 – 6/15/2026

One-day-only \*\* \$160    1/1 – 6/15/2026

\* Includes 4 dinners, 3 breakfasts & 3 lunches, beginning with 7/29 dinner. Meals on your own Sunday, 8/2. Please note: *Penitential meals will be offered on Friday.*

\*\* Includes 1 lunch and 1 dinner

**Registration closes June 15, 2026**

#### Q: How do I register?

- Registration link is: <https://ofs-usa.regfox.com/21st-congress-secular-franciscan-order-usa>
- The registration link will take you to RegFox, an online registration service.
- Please fill out the registration form provided.
- You may register two (2) persons on one registration form.
- You will receive your Registration Confirmation by email.

#### Q: Do I pay when I register?

- A non-refundable \$100 per-person deposit is due at time of registration.
- You can pay in full OR you can return to the registration form and make payments.
- You will be able to return to your account at your convenience to make payments until May 30, 2026 or update information any time. To do that, you will need to create a RegFox account, save and retain login and password information to access your account.
- Remaining balance will be automatically charged to your credit card on May 30, 2026.
- If you register after May 30, 2026, and until registration closes, you will need to pay in full.