

## SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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## February 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

**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

#### BIRTHDAYS

2/9 Andrea Martin  
2/14 Mary Lou Sohn

#### NO PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

### Pope Leo XIV Proclaims Franciscan Jubilee Year for the 800th Anniversary of the Death of St. Francis of Assisi

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has arranged that, from the 10th January, 2026 to the 10th January, 2027, this Year of St. Francis will be celebrated, during which all the Christian faithful are invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace. The Apostolic Penitentiary grants the plenary indulgence under the usual conditions to those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary jubilee, which represents an ideal continuation of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025.

This Jubilee Year is addressed especially to members of the Franciscan Families of the First, Second and Third Regular and Secular Orders, as well as to Institutes of Consecrated Life, Societies of Apostolic Life and Associations that observe the Rule of St. Francis or are inspired by its spirituality. However, the grace of this special year is also extended to all the faithful without distinction who, with their spirits removed from sin, visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis in any part of the world. The elderly, the sick and those who for serious reasons cannot leave home will also be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains or sufferings to God.

towards our neighbour and with sincere longings for concord and peace among peoples.

Conditions for receiving the Indulgence (for oneself or for the deceased): Sacramental confession to be in God's grace (in the eight days before or after); participation in Mass and Eucharistic Communion; to visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world, where one renews one's profession of faith, through the recitation of the Creed, to reaffirm one's Christian identity; the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, to reaffirm the dignity of children of God, received in Baptism; to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, to reaffirm belonging to the Church, whose foundation and visible center of unity is the Roman Pontiff.

## St. Charles 90th Jubilee

**Date:** February 8, 2026

**Time:** 11:00 am Mass followed by carry-in lunch

**Place:** St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church & School  
228 N. Main St., Avilla

**Carry-in:** Please bring a dish to share **and your own table service** (plate, bowl, cup, silverware, serving utensil 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.

**There will be no ongoing formation or Evening Prayer.**

## 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.

## Prayer Requests

**Within the fraternity:** Jackie Didier; Sandy Kiraly; Marcyle Voigt; Mary Lou Sohn.

**Beyond the fraternity:** Sr. Anita; political leadership; increase in OFS vocations.