

2026 Annual Gathering Schedule

A letter of welcome from the Steward Guardian

Annual Gathering 2026 is here and upon us! And you are here to enjoy it, learn from it, be uplifted by it, and join with your CMJ siblings in prayer and living the monastic life! Thank you for the sacrifices you made to be present for this milestone in our Community's history and spiritual journey.

Please remember that one of the purposes of this week is for you to retreat from the everyday world of your life and to spend lots of time in prayer. These beautiful grounds provide you an atmosphere where you can commune with the God of all creation. Make good use, therefore, of the quiet times and alone times.

The annual gathering is also a real building block of our Community Life. Make sure you are spending time with each member of the CMJ who has journeyed to this spot. Be sure you have experienced the beauty and uniqueness of each person who, like you, desires to live justice, tenderness, humility, and contemplation.

Remember that we are not the only group here this week. Respect the grounds and holiness of this place so others may also commune with God.

As you go through this week, if I can do anything to help make this week more spiritually profitable for you, please ask me.

Lastly, a special welcome to Bishop Jos! This is his first time with us. We rejoice that he can be with us until Thursday morning.

Peace!

Stephen. CMJ

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09/28 Monday *Feast of Mary, Undoer of Knots*

- 4:30 PM** **Arrival Deadline**
- 5:00 PM** **The Installation of the New Bishop Visitor**
Barn & Zoom
Presider Br. Stephen; Reader Sr. Faith; Homilist Br. Will
- 6:00 PM** **DINNER**
- 7:15 PM** **Plenary Session**
North Meeting Room & Zoom
Presentation: Br. Stephen's Year of Grace Letter

09/29 Tuesday *Feast of St. Michael and All Angels*

- 7:30 AM** **Angelus & Lauds**
Library (optional)
- 8:00 AM** **BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 AM** **Hour of Prayer with Lectio**
Small Groups
- 10:00 AM** **Plenary Session**
North Meeting Room & Zoom
Nominations for Steward Guardian
- 11:00 AM** **Eucharist**
Barn
Celebrant Fr. Joe; Reader Br. Ricky Joe; Homilist Br. Dylan
- 12:00 PM** **LUNCH**
- 3:15 PM** **Workshop**
North Meeting Room & Zoom
Our website - bring your laptops/tablets
- 3:40 PM** **Plenary Session**
North Meeting Room & Zoom
Reflection by Br. Stephen - That title "Steward Guardian"
- 5:00 PM** **Novitiate Liturgy**
Barn & Zoom
Readers Brs. Zeke, William, David, Mike; Homilist Br. Joshua
- 6:00 PM** **DINNER**
- 7:15 PM** **Roundtable with Nominees**
North Meeting Room & Zoom
- 8:15 PM** **Meeting of Br Stephen with Novices present in Ohio**
North Meeting Room

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09/30 Wednesday Feast of St. Jerome, Priest and Scholar

7:30 AM	Angelus & Lauds Library (optional)
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM	Hour of Prayer with Lectio Small Groups
10:00 AM	Plenary Session North Meeting Room & Zoom <i>Presentation: The Way of Cana, Br. Stephen</i>
11:00 AM	Eucharist Mass of the Holy Spirit Barn Celebrant Bp. Jos; Reader Br. Ricky Joe; Homilist Bp. Jos
12:00 PM	LUNCH
3:00 PM	Rite of Election North Meeting Room & Zoom
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Profession of Vows Barn <i>Presider Bp. Jos; Lector Br Bill; Homilist Br. Will</i>
6:00 PM	DINNER
7:15 PM	Plenary Session North Meeting Room & Zoom <i>Bishop's Conference</i>
8:15 PM	Reception North Meeting Room

10/01 Thursday Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

7:30 AM	Angelus & Lauds Library (optional)
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM	Hour of Prayer with Lectio Small Groups
10:00 AM	Plenary Session North Meeting Room & Zoom <i>Community Meeting</i>
11:00 AM	Eucharist Barn <i>Celebrant Mthr. Thea Joy; Reader Br. Zeke; Homilist Br. Don</i>
12:00 PM	LUNCH

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5:00 PM	Evening Prayer Barn <i>Presider Sr. Faith; Reader Br. William; Homilist Br. Dylan</i>
6:00 PM	DINNER
7:15 PM	Plenary Session North Meeting Room & Zoom <i>Presentation on The Rule & The Office</i>

10/02 Friday Feast of Our Lady of Cana

7:30 AM	Angelus & Lauds Library (optional)
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM	Hour of Prayer with Lectio Small Groups
10:00 AM	Plenary Session North Meeting Room & Zoom <i>Presentation: Theology around DEI, Br. Dylan</i>
11:00 AM	Eucharist Barn <i>Celebrant Fr. Joe; Reader Br. Mike; Homilist Sr. Karoline</i>
12:00PM	LUNCH
3:45 PM	Plenary Session North Meeting Room & Zoom <i>Presentation: The PS to our Rule, Br. Stephen</i>
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer Barn <i>Presiders Br. Stephen and new Steward Guardian; Reader Br. David; Homilist: Br. Joshua</i>
6:00 PM	DINNER
7:15 PM	Roundtable with New Steward Guardian North Meeting Room & Zoom

10/03 Saturday Feast of Francis of Assisi

7:30 AM	Angelus & Lauds Library (optional)
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM	Hour of Prayer with Lectio Small Groups
9:30 AM	Dismissal