



# Sacro Speco Sacred Space

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## Charism

We are Benedictine women called to seek God in prayer and community, serving where there is need.

## Mission

Reverence:

Through common prayer, stewardship, hospitality and mutual respect, we seek to find and honor God present in each person and in all created things.

## Sisters and Faithful Friends Celebrate Liturgy of Thanksgiving



*(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)*

Members of the community of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago raise their hands and join the Prioress, Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., in a blessing of their generous donors, in thanksgiving for their many gifts.

Each year, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago express their gratitude to their benefactors at a special Mass. This year, many friends joined the community to celebrate a liturgy of thanksgiving in St. Scholastica Chapel on November 23, 2008. On behalf of the community, Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. thanked the donors who joined the

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*(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Zeno Sagong, O.S.B.)*

Members of the community comes forward to impose hands on Sister Virginia. Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B. watches as Sister Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B. blesses Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B.

## Sister Makes Final Profession of Vows

On December 28, 2008, family and friends joined the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in St. Scholastica Chapel as Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B., pronounced perpetual vows during a Sunday afternoon Mass. Following a traditional monastic ritual, she made a lifelong commitment as a Benedictine Sister. By her vows, she promised to share in the common life of prayer and ministry with the other Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery. Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., prioress of the community, led the congregation in a blessing of Sister Virginia and presented her with the symbol of Final Vows



*(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)*

Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B. signs her vows as Prioress, Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., looks on.

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## Message from the Prioress



**Prioress Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.**

As I write this letter to all of you, the snow is piled high, the house is warm and I am longing to pull up a chair and spend some hours reading. For over 1500 years, Benedictines have cherished those hours of the day (of the week, of the year) given to reading. In the Rule, Benedict structured the monastic day with some three hours set aside for “LECTIO” – reflective reading of the Scriptures and other texts.

Our Judaeo-Christian tradition is built on a theology of WORD. John’s gospel contains the most explicit texts on this theme but other biblical texts proclaim the word of creation, the word of wisdom, and the prophetic word. Recently, the bishops’ synod (the Synod) in Rome focused on that prominent theme. One of the sections of their document elaborates on the practice of “LECTIO” (both individual and communal). The Synod encouraged all to use this ancient practice of reading and re-reading treasured texts as an enhancement to prayer.

The Rule of Benedict contains a chapter on Lent in which each monk is to be given a book to read during the forty days of Lent. This year, dedicated to Paul on the 2,000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, during Lent, we, as a community, will focus our reading and our communal sharing on the writings of Paul. We invite you to join us in that endeavor to probe the richness of an oft-misunderstood writer.

This issue of *Sacro Speco* invites you to enhance your own practice of “LECTIO” and your own reading this winter. You will find some brief (and varied) recommendations from six of our Sisters on page four of this issue. We hope some of their favorite books will entice you to expand the range of your reading! I would invite you to share your favorite books with us, too!

*Patricia Crowley O.S.B.*

## In Loving Memory



**Sister Olivia Schaefer, O.S.B.**

Elsie Elizabeth Schaefer was born in Chicago on September 21, 1913, one of five children of Adam and Anna Noska Schaefer. She was baptized in, and attended elementary school at, St. George Parish.

On September 7, 1932, Elsie joined the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at St. Scholastica Monastery. On July 11, 1933, she received the habit and the name Sister Olivia. She professed her first vows in 1934. Her ministries included serving as housekeeper for the chaplain for fourteen years, maintaining his house and serving his meals, and community seamstress for twenty years. As seamstress, she worked closely with the revered community procurator, Sister Henrietta Dutli. During the last years of Sister Henrietta’s life, Sister Olivia ministered as her nurse and close companion.

In 1951, Sister Olivia began teaching large classes of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Sacred Heart School in Tucson, Arizona. Later she served at St. Leander’s in Pueblo and St. Michael’s in Cañon City, Colorado. Other parish teaching assignments included Queen of All Saints, St. Joseph, St. George, and St. Symphorosa in Chicago; St. Lambert in Skokie, Illinois; and Mother of God in Waukegan, Illinois.

Many summers were spent teaching religious education in Minturn, Eagle, Redcliff, Alamosa, Steamboat Springs, Gunnison, and Brookside, Colorado. In 1977, Sister Olivia joined the St. Scholastica Academy staff in Cañon City, teaching sewing and handicrafts to middle school and high school girls. Other tasks included study hall and dining room prefecting, and serving as weekend housemother for the boarding students. Always known for her “green thumb,” she raised many plants to be sold at the annual Smorgasbord event held at the Academy.

Sister Olivia became a grandmother figure for the children of Olen and Kim Kalkus, the Academy’s principal and a teacher, respectively. The family remained in contact with her over the years and visited Sister frequently after she retired to Chicago. Olen flew to Chicago to visit Sister Olivia shortly before her death.

In her final years she was sacristan for St. Joseph Chapel in the infirmary, continued making coifs, and offered tender loving care to houseplants throughout the monastery. Sister Olivia supported the community’s stand against the death penalty, and faithfully prayed for those scheduled to be executed. Sister Olivia lived a long life of faithful commitment to community and service to God’s people, and once wrote, “The Lord gave me the knowledge of being a self-learner. He guided me in doing what I have done...for the community.” A good and faithful Benedictine, Sister Olivia was active until a few months before her death, December 23, 2008. She is survived by her sister-in-law Gloria, many nieces and nephews, and her Sisters in community.

## In Loving Memory

Victoria (Vicki) Davis, the youngest child of Victor and Rose Davis, was born December 27, 1947. She and her siblings grew up in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Chicago.



*Sister Victoria Davis, O.S.B.*

Sister Victoria graduated from St. Scholastica Academy, earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Rosary College, Masters in Education (Curriculum) from DePaul University, and Master of Arts in Education (Administration and Supervision) from Dominican University. While in college she worked part-time at Uptown Savings and Loan, and was awarded a graduate diploma by the Savings & Loan Institute. As a lay teacher, she taught mathematics for eight years at Queen of All Saints Parish School before entering St. Scholastica Monastery. In the fall of 1978 she joined the faculty of St. Scholastica Academy.

During her novitiate year Sister Victoria served as a tutor at one of the jails in Chicago where she encouraged learning and showed genuine concern for each individual. In 1980, she spent time in Salida, Colorado, visiting the sick and elderly at St. Joseph Parish. Returning to Chicago, Sister Victoria pronounced triennial vows on July 11, 1980.

In the fall of 1980, Sister Victoria returned

to teach at St. Scholastica Academy. She later served as the math department chairperson, moderator of the student council, and assistant principal. In 2003, her health required that she leave that position. Sister Victoria made her perpetual profession on August 11, 1984. In addition to serving as a tutor, she worked in the office at St. Monica rectory and taught religious education classes until 2005.

Sister Victoria was known for her generosity and willing service within the community. At various times, she served as a member of the community's Communication Board, Government and On-Going Formation Committees, and Monastic Council. She loved planning nameday parties for the community, and enjoyed games, reading, and travel.

Students valued her trust, her challenges, and her fairness. She insisted on their respect for themselves and others, and helped them to see how their actions affected the whole community.

Surrounded by family and good friends whom she treasured, she joyfully celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 2005. Sister Victoria died October 20, 2008, preceded in death by her sister, Jacqueline (Joe) Kuruc. She is survived by her brother, Bruce (the late Tina), her sister, Susan Vigil, brother-in-law, Joe Kuruc, eight nephews and nieces, twenty-one great nieces and nephews, a great-great niece, and the loving Sisters of her community.

## We Love To Hear From You

God bless all of you! My debt to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago for all they did for me and my family is beyond imagination, much less repaying. Thank you so much.

Remembering Sister Laura who took me in when I needed a home.

*Sister Vicki was the reason I stayed in school.*

*I worked with Sister Vicki at Uptown Federal. She was a special lady.*

Sister Vicki was one of my favorite teachers while at SSA. Her smile and laughter would fill the room. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of crossing paths.

Sister Ada was my 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. I never forgot her.

Sister Ann, please know that you were a great positive influence on me, and for that I thank you.

*Sacro Speco* Fall 2008 arrived today, and I'm thrilled to see so many smiling Sisters' faces! What a joy to see so many old friends.

I really didn't learn so much about Benedictine spirituality in my youth, but thank God to have encountered the marvelous women of your community.

## Sisters Serving "Where There Is Need"

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are "called to seek God in prayer and community, serving where there is need."

For nearly fifty years, **Sister Amy Campbell, O.S.B.** taught in elementary schools in Chicago and Colorado. "I loved to teach, the younger the better," said Sister Amy. "I have wonderful memories of my years of teaching pre-school at St. Scholastica Academy in Cañon City, Colorado." She then served as Director of Alumnae Affairs for the boarding school. Sister Amy finds new challenges as she "serves where there is need" - preparing meals for the Sisters in Cañon City.

**Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.** was a highly respected English teacher at St. Scholastica Academy for many years. She is now a member of the monastery's Elders' Council, assists **Sister Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.** in the monastery library, serves as sacristan for the infirmary chapel, and offers her wonderful "eagle eye" proofreading skills to assist the development office in the preparation of each issue of *Sacro Speco*. In addition, Sister Eleanore is a voracious, but selective, reader whose face lights up when discussing her favorite books. While open to reading books by new authors, she is not afraid to let you know if the story or the writing style just wasn't her "cup of tea."

For many years **Sister Louise Eggen, O.S.B.** served as the Manager of the Pastoral Care Department at St. John's Mercy Hospital in Missouri. Since 2007, she has served as the Infirmary Administrator in St. Joseph's Court in the monastery. She coordinates the staff, works with doctors when a Sister is hospitalized, and finds each day provides new experiences. "There is certainly no routine to a day," Sister Louise remarked. "It is truly an awesome and blessed ministry to companion those who are sick and dying. You can certainly feel the presence of God as you are ministering."

## Newsbriefs



Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sr. Louise Eggen, O.S.B.

**S**ister Judith Murphy, O.S.B. (above, left, with her niece, Peggy Hulseman Kovach), as a member of the Cristo Rey Leadership Team from 1996 – 2008, was awarded the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J. Award for Distinguished Service in the Cause of Youth at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual President's Dinner at Loyola Academy on November 7. Sister Judith currently works at two part-time positions: assisting Spanish-speaking parents at the United Stand Counseling Center, and working on special projects at the Office of Catholic Schools.

**S**ister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. received the Civic Contribution Award from the League of Women Voters of Chicago at the 2008 State of the City luncheon.

**T**his fall Sister Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B. attended the Midwest Oblate Directors meeting in Beech Grove, Indiana.

**J**eanne Sanchez, M.D. visited Sister Jeanne Hegarty, O.S.B. at the monastery in late September. Dr. Sanchez graduated from St. Scholastica Academy in Colorado, and is a former member of the community.



(l-r) Sisters Gregory Rohar, O.S.B., Mildred Zember, O.S.B., Jeanne Hegarty, O.S.B., Louise Eggen, O.S.B., Dorothy Van Alstyne, O.S.B., Ann Sharp, O.S.B., and Pierre Marie Moore, O.S.B. gather together by the Christmas tree before opening gifts in the infirmary.

**T**he Retirement Research Foundation awarded a \$40,000 grant to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago to install a wireless nurse call system and a door alarm system in St. Joseph's Court, the sixteen bed infirmary unit in the monastery.

**T**he Governor of Colorado has re-appointed Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B. to serve on the Colorado Commission on Low-Income Energy Assistance. She is also a member of the Grand Junction Chiefs' Advisory Committee. Sister Karen, Director of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, reports that Grand Valley recently received the Housing Colorado NOW Eagle Award at the Housing Colorado NOW annual conference for St. Benedict's Place, built by Grand Valley Catholic Outreach with the assistance of local citizens, the city of Grand Junction, and other organizations, churches and foundations.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sr. Louise Eggen, O.S.B.)

(l-r) Sisters Jeanne Hegarty, O.S.B. and Dorothy Van Alstyne, O.S.B. opening a special gift created by Sister Louise Eggen, O.S.B. - personalized calendars with photos of the Sisters.

## Have You Read a Good Book Lately?

Is there anything better on a cold winter's night than curling up and reading a good book? Here are some recommendations:

**Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.** recommends *In the Heart of the Temple: My Vision for Today's World* by Joan Chittister, O.S.B. "This noted Benedictine author presents a collection of essays sharing her pastoral wisdom as she examines the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, prompts the reader to recognize ways to love and provides a reminder of what life is really all about."

**Sister Rosemarie Rugar, O.S.B.** loves to read about the interesting characters in books written by Mary Higgins Clark, Nicholas Sparks, and Sherryl Woods.

*Fully Human, Fully Divine: An Interactive Christology* by Michael Casey is a "challenging" book now being read (a second time) and recommended by **Sister Jeanne Hegarty, O.S.B.**

**Sister Joan Gannon, O.S.B.** enjoys reviewing her notes from theology classes taken nearly thirty years ago, and reading *The House of The Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne and assorted paperbacks.

**Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B.** recommends *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister, O.S.B. Sister Karen calls it "a book that many are finding perfect for understanding their later years."

**Sister Mary Melady, O.S.B.** enjoyed reading *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert, and *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch.

*A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life* by Parker J. Palmer comes recommended by **Sister Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B.** "What distinguishes this and his other books is the approach he advocates to help people recover their souls. In this easy to read and encouraging book he has given us a practical way to help each other stay awake."

## News from St. Scholastica Academy (Cañon City) Alumnae



Class of '53 members (above, l-r): Alice Javernick Skerjanec, Marian Weaver Darling, Colette Lino MacDonald, Susan Sutton Snelson, Arlene Boben DiOrio, and Barbara Ellithorpe Remmers.

**M**embers of the St. Scholastica Academy class of 1953 gathered for their 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion in Cripple Creek, Colorado on September 7, 2008. It sounds like everyone had a wonderful time!

The St. Scholastica Academy class of 1969 is planning their 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Contact Connie Scheetz Maanum ([codan@getgo.in.net](mailto:codan@getgo.in.net)) if you are interested in serving on the planning committee.

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community at liturgy on that brisk fall day, saying, "Today is our opportunity, as a Benedictine community, to welcome all of you and to thank you for the ways in which you support us throughout the year." After the Mass, Sisters and friends of the community gathered for Benedictine hospitality – delicious sandwiches, delectable cookies, and delightful conversation.

Some friends expressed their regret that they were unable to attend the appreciation liturgy Mass, often due to illness, disability, or distance, but indicated that they would be keeping the Sisters in their thoughts and prayers.

In the fall, community friends were sent cards on which to name deceased loved ones. Many cards were returned, and the Sisters included these departed friends and family members in their daily prayer throughout November.

The community thanks the many loyal friends who show their support for the Sisters and their work in various ministries through their financial contributions, their donations of time, talents or goods and, especially, with their prayers.

## Final Vows

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her dedication, the traditional Benedictine ring. Sisters, family and friends shared a festive meal immediately following the service.

Sister Virginia is the daughter of James and Dorothea Jung. She graduated from St. Barnabas elementary school and the Academy of Our Lady. Her first degree was earned at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, and her master's at Loyola University, Chicago. She was a member of St. Gregory Parish in Andersonville for 20 years.

After serving as a high school teacher of Spanish at St. Scholastica Academy and as a preschool teacher at

(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).



**Upper left (l-r):** Development Council and Testimonial Dinner Committee member, Kitty Gehrke, visits with **Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B.** at the brunch following the Appreciation Liturgy. **Upper right (l-r):** **Sister Vivian Ivantie, O.S.B.** chats with Peggy Hayes, Janet Hayes, and **Sister Callista Kaley, O.S.B.** in a dining room at the monastery. **Middle left (l-r):** **Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B., Oblate Georgianne Ellis, and Dick Heidkamp** spoke in a monastery hallway. **Middle:** Development Office volunteer and **Oblate, Roberta Michaletz, and Sister Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B.** reminisce about past appreciation gatherings. **Middle right:** **Sister Jane Smith, O.S.B.** (standing), visits with (l-r) **Oblate Bonny Roth, Max Davis, Beth Boosalis Davis, Christine Brennan, and Christopher Davis.** **Bottom left (l-r):** Cecilia Hoang, Long Quach, Cecilia Vuong, and Joseph Nghi Hoang enjoying refreshments. **Bottom right (l-r):** Cherie Yost and Susan Werner joined in the festivities after the liturgy.

the Carole Robertson Center for Learning, Sister Virginia entered the monastery where she is now in residence. Her current ministry is at Grace House, a program of St. Leonard's Ministries, where she holds the position of After-Care Director. The women residents at Grace House are transitioning from life in prison to independent living.

Sister Virginia is a weekly volunteer at Metropolitan Correctional Center, serves as a translator for the Alliance for International Monasticism (AIM) and is working toward an advanced degree in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill). **Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B.** (center) with her proud parents, Dorothea and James Jung.

## Please Join Us at St. Scholastica Monastery

During Lent

Sung Vespers - Sundays, 5 p.m.

**Palm Sunday, April 5**  
10:30 a.m. Mass

**Holy Thursday, April 9**  
9 a.m. Tenebrae  
5 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 10**  
9 a.m. Tenebrae  
3 p.m. Service

**Holy Saturday, April 11**  
9 a.m. Tenebrae  
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 12**  
10:30 a.m. Mass

# Memorials

October 8, 2008 through December 26, 2008

## In memory of:

### **Adelaide Agnew**

John and Elizabeth Batcha  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
Keith Bolek  
Ken and Diane Bolek  
Belle Brosamer  
Gerard Brost and family  
Elizabeth Brown  
Carmel Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery  
Mr. and Mrs. William DeBaets  
Robert and Mary Fabbrini  
Jim Rose & Kimberly Franke  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glaser  
John P. Glunz  
Bob and Ann Harazin  
Barbara Hittle  
Dr. Kenneth and Diane Klotz  
Nancy Kovacinski  
Joan Murphy  
Marion Murray  
Don and Kathleen Placek  
Josie Roach  
Rosemary Rockelmann  
Penny Scott  
Ann W. Serio  
Kelly Voor  
Jeff and Kim White  
Gladys Yezek

### **Jeanette Ahern**

Ellen Ahern  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
**Donald Joseph "D.J." Andries**  
Donald and Dorothy Andries  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
Jeff and Kathy Caudill

### **Deceased members of the Bajda family**

Danuta Bajda

### **Deceased members of the Bermingham family**

Catherine McDermott

### **James Biggins**

Jim and Barb Jank

### **Frank and Margaret Bishop**

Julie Bishop Brown

### **Hugh Bowler**

Sr. Winifred Sommer, O.S.B.

### **James Byers, Sr.**

Ann Byers

### **Rollin Caldwell**

Jim and Dot Jung

### **Lillian Casey**

Sr. Sue Kilduski, O.S.B.

### **Jeanette Cassidy**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

### **Rudolph Cepon**

Susanne Cepon

### **Pat Heavers Cihl**

Mary Kay Wulff

### **Doris Cole**

Jim and Dot Jung

### **Gloria Anne Cotaquispe**

Barb Jank

### **Deceased members of the Coyne family**

Catherine McDermott

### **Patrick and Patty Crowley**

Sr. Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.

Gary and Mary Ann Kono

### **Richard Cullen**

Margaret Cullen

### **Deceased members of the Dabrowski family**

Danuta Bajda

### **Carl Damlos**

LaVerne Damlos

### **Daniel Thomas Daniels**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

### **Sr. Victoria Davis, O.S.B.**

Ellen Ahern

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Pamela Babler

Beverly Ann Battiste

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Nancy Bohaboy

Bobbie Bonviso

June Bonviso

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Kathy Brown

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Marie Spanola

Gregory and Elvira Steele

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Fr. Thomas Tivy

Michael Victor Vigil

Susan Davis Vigil

Ellen Zonsius Wirth

Kay Witt

### **Eileen Delana**

Genevieve Delana

### **Judy de Roeck**

Jane Thain

### **Kevin DeVuono**

Eileen Moorman

### **Eva Domagalswa**

Danuta Bajda

### **Donald Ernst**

Jim and Dot Jung

### **Betty Giarratano**

Charles and Ursula Perko

### **Deceased members of the Gleeson family**

Sr. Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.

### **Deceased members of the Halleran family**

Catherine McDermott

### **Sr. Bernadette Harrison, O.S.B.**

Lucy Henry

### **Mary Therese Heidkamp**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Maureen Quinn

### **Noreen Ryan Hetznecker**

James and Patricia Dolan

Madonna Rogers McCutcheon

### **John A. Hillenbrand, Jr.**

Joe and Marion Goetz

### **Deceased members of the Hoang family**

Ngoc Hoang

### **Sr. Gertrude Holtz, O.S.B.**

Larry Zimmer and Ted Perzanowski

### **Mary Holter**

Georgette Kesselring

Ruth Kesselring

Marian Winkens

### **Joseph Kaenzig**

Sr. Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B.

### **John and Katherine Keech**

Sr. Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B.

### **Chester and Zofia Kouszawski**

Danuta Bajda

### **Jeanne Kukla**

LaVerne Damlos

### **Gordon LaBounty**

Marilyn Higgins

# We remember daily those entrusted to our prayers ...

## **John Lajka**

Joan Lajka

## **Deceased members of the Langan family**

Sr. Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.

## **Barbara Lannan**

Maureen Quinn

## **Sr. Catherine Lynch, O.S.B.**

Myron and Alicia Resnick

## **Frank Marcello**

Joseph and Vivian Nemanich

## **Ray Marqui**

Gilbert and Margaret Heaphy

## **Mary Kay McAllister**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Tim and Marian Briggs

Sr. Jane Smith, O.S.B.

Susan and Mary Jane Harnett

William and Susan Harnett

William and Sara Smith

## **Deceased members of the McDermott family**

Catherine McDermott

## **Antonio, August, and Serafina Mecali**

Anthony Mecali

## **Marietta Sebenik Melvin**

Tom and Terri Ivantic

## **William Meyering**

Jim and Dot Jung

## **Catherine Miller**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Carol Mivshek**

Jack and Mary Flessner

## **Mary Monahan**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **David Moore**

John and Val Moore

## **Richard Moore**

Joseph and Vivian Nemanich

## **Margaret Muna**

Ron Hoover

## **Francis Murray and family**

Ann Murray

## **Joan Taylor Napoli**

Ellen Ward

## **Mary Lou Nemanich**

Joseph and Vivian Nemanich

Tom and Terry Ivantic

## **Caroline Norton**

Nelly Bakula

## **Gerald O'Reilly**

James and Dot Jung

## **Eileen O'Ryan**

John and Kathleen O'Ryan

Sr. Mary Ann O'Ryan, O.S.B.

## **Rocco Pacelli**

Bob and Murph Anderson

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Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Bernard Burczak

Betty Scott

## **Michael Pavlo**

Rosemary Pavlo

## **Dorothy Meyenberg Payne**

Rosemary Pavlo

## **Edmund Perse**

Margaret Cullen

## **Marc Alan Perse**

Margaret Cullen

## **Taylor Perse**

Margaret Cullen

## **Ted and Helen Perzanowski**

Larry Zimmer and Ted Perzanowski

## **Paul Quigg**

Dorothy Flock

## **George Radacy**

Marian Radacy

## **Mary Reuteman**

Robert and Mary Bzik

Agnes Ivantic

Sr. Vivian Ivantic, O.S.B.

Lawrence and Eileen Klonowski

## **Sr. Ada Rico, O.S.B.**

Ellen Ahern

Audrey Brown

Marilyn J. Dreier

Tom and Santena Harris

Agnes Ivantic

Madonna Ivers

Mary Schorsch-Finnan

## **Denise Riportella**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

## **Robert W. Robinson**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

## **Mary Eileen Rohan**

James Rohan

## **John Rudd**

Gilbert and Margaret Heaphy

## **Kelly Joan Russotto**

Sr. Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B.

## **Patricia Ryan**

Terry Smith Tatum

## **Deceased members of the Rybicki family**

Sr. Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.

## **Cindy A. Sanders**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

## **Henrietta Sanders**

Fred and Mary Ann Henning

## **Elizabeth Scheetz**

Raymond Scheetz

## **Ralph Scheetz**

Raymond Scheetz

## **Harry Schermerhorn**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Margaret Crumley

Sr. Hilary Halpin, O.S.B., and the staff

and students of the British Infant School

Sr. Jane Smith, O.S.B.

Sr. Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B.

Sr. Mary Frances Schermerhorn, O.S.B.

## **Eugenie S. Schlueter**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Irene Schmalz**

Raymond Scheetz

## **Eugenie Schreiner**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **William Schreiner**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Lucille Serbicki**

Tom and Terry Ivantic

Elizabeth McGhee

## **Deceased members of the Simmons family**

Sr. Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.

## **Josephine Smith**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Rosalie Smith**

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Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

## **Michael Solazzo**

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## **Jack Stanton**

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## **Tom Stuermer**

Mary Ellen Stuermer

## **John Sutton**

Sara and William Smith

## **Gene Swenson**

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## **Sharon Tanguy**

Sr. Mary Ann O'Ryan, O.S.B.

## **Anna Waltenspiel**

Charles and Ursula Perko

## **Sr. Colette Westrick**

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## **John Wittner**

Lillian Wittner

## **Sr. Susanne Zeller, O.S.B.**

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## **Joseph Zupce**

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## **Edward Zonsius**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Frederick Zonsius**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Margaret B. Zonsius**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Sr. Margaret Zonsius, B.V.M.**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## **Vincent Zonsius**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

## Special Occasions

### In honor of:

#### **Her family**

Danuta Bajda

#### **Judy Beaumont on her birthday**

Jill Bergner

#### **Dr. Patricia Bloom**

Ellen Ahern

#### **Sophia Dehnert**

Donna Dehnert

#### **Marilyn Hennessy**

Beth Wright and Julie Kaufman

Margaret Kearney

#### **Birthday blessings for Barbara Jank**

Sr. Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.

#### **Edward and Florence Klinger**

Elizabeth Klinger

#### **Jo Meehan's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Malinowski

#### **Sisters who taught at St. Lambert School**

Thomas and Susan Reilly

#### **Sr. Joanna Trapp, O.S.B.**

David and Dorothy McCarty



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## Directions in Development

**Thank you - again!** Many of you answered our request for cancelled stamps, used Christmas cards, and new greeting cards. **Sister Vivian Ivantic, O.S.B.** offers a heartfelt "thank you!" to the friends who donated, and a special "thank you" to the anonymous friend who brought many stamps and cards to the monastery. The ministries with which Sister Vivian shares these items are most grateful. Please keep those cards and stamps coming!

**Wanted: Drivers.** Would you like to assist the Sisters in their ministry working with those who are homeless? We are looking for drivers to bring retreat participants to and from the monastery. Please contact **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** (773/764-2413, ext. 230 or [pri-oress@osbchicago.org](mailto:pri-oress@osbchicago.org)). Thank you!

**Automatic Withdrawal Options.** Monthly donations to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago can be made automatically from your checking account or your credit card. If you are interested in making such a gift, please call the Development Office.

**E-mail Updates.** Would you like to receive an occasional e-mail letting you know about special events involving the Benedictine Sisters and St. Scholastica Monastery? We would love to share news about the ministries and lives of the members of this wonderful Benedictine community. Please send an e-mail to: [kcaudill@osbchicago.org](mailto:kcaudill@osbchicago.org) with "e-mail address" in the subject and your full name in the message. Look for a "test" e-mail in the spring.

**Tax Planning Opportunity.** The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 renewed tax laws that allow individuals who are 70½ to make contributions totaling up to \$100,000 directly to a qualifying charity (like the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago) from a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Roth IRA without having to count the donation as taxable income. This special provision is available for tax years 2008 and 2009. Please discuss with your IRA custodian or tax advisor to determine if this is advisable for your tax situation.

## Save the Date

15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Testimonial Dinner  
Wednesday, June 17, 2009

5:30 cocktails

6:30 dinner

Park Ridge Country Club  
636 N. Prospect Avenue  
Park Ridge, Illinois

Come and join our  
2009 Honorees:  
LaVerne Dondlinger,  
**Sister Callista  
Kaley, O.S.B.,**  
and Rainbow Hospice  
for a special evening.

2009 Testimonial Dinner Chair,  
Joanne O'Malley Kelly