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Letter from the Prioress



*Sister Judith Murphy, OSB
Prioress*

*D*ear Friends,

Not long ago I heard an interview on National Public Radio in which a researcher described a millennial in Europe who wanted to hack into the Rule of Benedict to “learn about community.” There may be easier ways!

Visitors to the monastery say they find something here in the monastery that feels peaceful, when they come to join us in Eucharist or evening prayer or a meal. Benedict’s (and Scholas-tica’s) Rule guides the lives of those who belong to this monastery, where they serve under a rule and an abbot/ prioress. Sisters vow “Conversion through a monastic way of life,” ongoing conversion through living with one another and sharing prayer, work, and daily life. Here we learn that each day invites a new beginning: we try; we fail; we begin again, converted over a lifetime through day to day life in the monastery.

You know the exhortation, “Ora et Labora:” Pray and Work. We reverence the pattern of life that is Prayer and Work. These interacting activities help us grow over a lifetime into who we are to be. We say, “We seek God together in prayer and community, and serve where there is need.”

Herein you will see three of our sisters and their work “serving where there is need.” Thus, the atmosphere of joyful, life-giving peace spreads beyond the monastery. Thank you to all of you--friends, alumnae, oblates, coworkers, associates, relatives--who join in our life together so meaningfully.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith Murphy, OSB".

Judith Murphy, OSB

Letters From You

ST. SCHOLASTICA MEMORIES

Saint Scholastica meant so much to me as far as social justice & liturgical grounding was concerned. Thanks to the Benedictines of St. Scholastica, I was spared the Baltimore Catechism, which as we “cuss & discuss” about new images of God I find, is a great blessing.

-Sister Mary Moloney, S.P.
St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago '57

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Monastery News

The Oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery sponsored an inspiring lecture Sunday afternoon, January 21, 2018, where [Judy Logue](#) spoke on the topic of forgiveness. Logue's lecture, "Forgiving the People You Love to Hate: the Psychology and Spirituality of Forgiveness", was well received and was live-streamed for our online community as well. Logue both challenged and provided guidance in navigating the waters of forgiveness that will surely resonate beyond the afternoon.

National Catholic Sisters Week, at the St. Scholastica Monastery, welcomed many guests to the Chapel for an evening event: Monasticism For the 21st Century. On Thursday, March 8th, [Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB](#), Vocation Minister, organized an evening beginning with a warm welcome from [Prioress Sister Judith Murphy, OSB](#), the premiere of a short-film (Monasticism for the 21st Century by SurtzMedia), followed by Sisters and an Oblate speaking on aspects of Monastic life, these included: Community, Hospitality, Love of Learning, Ministry, and Prayer. Coinciding with NCSW, was a visit from students from [Detroit Mercy College](#) who were guests at the Monastery during their alternative spring break. The students could be found volunteering at Misericordia during the day or studying for exams in the Monastery dining room.

Congratulations to [Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB](#), on receiving the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry. [Cardinal Blase J. Cupich](#), Archbishop of Chicago, presented the award to Sister Patricia at the Keep Hope Alive Benefit Concert on Monday,

April 9, 2018, at Holy Family Church. Four other community leaders were also recognized with awards that evening for their dedication to immigrants and immigration reform.

Sister [Pat Coughlin, OSB](#) hosted a sold-out Dreams Workshop over the month of April on Wednesday evenings in the Oasis Room. Participants talked about the 4 levels of meaning in dreams, and each participant did experiential work on their own dreams. They also shared what they discovered in doing the exercises with a partner and listened to their partners' insights and questions. Finally, there were large group discussions on the value of dreams in living a spiritual life.

Once again on the first Saturday of May, the Sisters celebrated World Labyrinth Day with picture perfect weather. [Oblate Dan Raven](#) created the outdoor labyrinth at the monastery and co-hosts the event with the [Sisters Mary Melady, and Rita Nowak, OSB](#). Photos of the day may be found on our blog or Facebook.

The Spring Discernment Retreat: [Discern Your Gifts, Discern Your Life](#) welcomed a group of young women to the St. Scholastica Monastery for a weekend in May where the women took time to discover their gifts and learned how to put those gifts to use in service to God and God's people. The women also explored how using their gifts might lead to a fuller understanding of their vocation. [Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB](#), Vocation Minister, facilitated the retreat. For more information about vocations, please contact Sister Belinda by emailing or calling her: vocation@osbchicago.org or 773.338.7063.

Sister Judith Zonsius, OSB, began her first year of teaching at Cathedral High School, which shares the very corner the community was founded. Read more of her story on page 6.



Sisters and Oblate pictured above after the National Catholic Sisters Week Event: Monasticism for the 21st Century, held on March 8, 2018 in the St. Scholastica Chapel.





“I want to create a sacred space in the counseling office.”

-Sister Virginia Jung, OSB, LCPC

{Sister Story}

Sister Virginia Jung, OSB, LCPC

One Celebration Day (the day before Christmas Vacation) at St. Scholastica Academy- Chicago, the auditorium was filled with eager students and faculty, when the Franciscan priest at mass gestured to the altar cloth as he began the homily, pointing out to us the enormous letters appliqued on the front of the cloth. The letters were J O Y, which, the celebrant pointed out, stand for Jesus, Others, and You. It is a very simple way of stating the most essential truth of Christianity and therein Benedictine life. Being in right relationship with God, neighbors, and yourself is the ongoing work of a Christian life and sometimes, along the way, we look for guidance in the form of therapy, spiritual direction, courses, reading, membership in a parish, not necessarily in that order!

I sometimes share that example of J-O-Y – Jesus, Others, and You, with people who come to me for counseling because typically, what brings a person into therapy is that they are out of sorts with themselves, others, and/or their Higher Power (if they recognize one). Joy may be their goal, or abundant life, or peace of mind, or peace in the home.

People who come to me for counseling know that I am a Catholic sister and they know that they are coming to meet with me at a monastery. For some individuals, that is not very important or they don't yet have a clear sense of what it means, while for others, it is part of what draws them to check me out as a counselor.

As a pastoral counselor, I use a person-centered, feminist approach, integrating techniques from ACT, CBT, and narrative therapy. Together with my clients, I want to create a sacred space in the counseling office, walking with them as they find and recognize sacred space within themselves, a space of healing and of creativity that flows back out into the world around them, into their relationships, and into their work or play. We work together, using the person's strengths and values to guide us in telling the story of their life and their path to healing.

That I recently was appointed community archivist is exciting for me since I have the opportunity to continue Sister Vivian Ivantic's work with the life story of our community and the stories of the individual sisters, as well as the stories of the many places we have worked and prayed. I hope I can create sacred space in the archives as a place for others to come explore and work with that story. May researchers, scholars, and storytellers find Jesus present in the story of our work and prayer together over the centuries and may it increase their faith.

Sister Virginia Jung, OSB's Counseling Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (773) 764-2413 extension. 262

{Sister Story}

Sister Judith Zonsius, OSB

Though the Benedictine vow of stability is not meant to be interpreted as geographically remaining in the same place, my life has certainly been that way. Despite having lived my entire life within an 8-mile radius, my family, education, community life and ministry have provided me with a broad worldview of both diversity and unity. Raised in Niles, my family roots are very Catholic. A member of St. John Brebeuf parish, I attended grade school there, then on to St. Scholastica Academy, Mundelein College (BA), Loyola University (MPS), and Northeastern University for certification in Educational Administration.

Though I had an aunt that I saw quite often who was a BVM, I really wanted no part in becoming a religious, that is until 7th grade when the seeds were planted by my teacher who was a Franciscan from Dubuque. As a student at SSA, my interest in entering a religious community grew by the year. The strongest influences in my life at that time were two-fold: the retreat experiences both Junior and Senior years, and the Benedictine sisters I got to know outside the classroom, Sr. Judine (now Judy Borchers) and Sr. Benita Coffey.

The other great influence on me, and where my passion for liturgy began, was Vatican II. I was eager to participate in the new roles laity, particularly women, were being given at liturgy. (I would have really liked to have been an altar server, but I was born about 15 years too early for that.)

The sisters at SSA seemed very human, warm and welcoming, enjoying each other and the work they were involved in with us as students. After I completed my BA in religious studies/education, I decided to enter the Benedictine community that September. I was the first person to enter formation (and remain in the community) after the reforms of Vatican II, so I think everyone, including myself, my family and the Benedictine community, were a bit suspect about how this was all going to work out. My formation director, Sr. Suzanne Zuercher, couldn't have been a better choice for me. A lifelong friendship grew from those early years in community, and I'm truly grateful for her presence in my monastic life.

My first year of teaching took place at Cathedral High School, and it was not lost on me that I began my ministry at the very corner where our community began in 1861: Chicago & Wabash Avenues.

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-Sister Judith Zonsius, OSB



Over the course of these past forty-two years in ministry, thirty-two were spent at SSA in the theology/campus ministry department (20), as principal (7) or as IB coordinator (5). Though the hardest I've ever worked in my life, I consider my years as principal to be the most rewarding. A wonderful Benedictine spirit was formed among administration, faculty, staff and students. It was an honor for me to be “servant leader” for the school community during those years.

Since 1992, I have been the appointed liturgist for the monastery community. Since our prayer and worship are fundamental to our Benedictine way of life, I consider it a great privilege to serve in this capacity. Within the community I have also served as subprioress and been a member of the Monastic Council.

For the past few years I've worked in the ministry office of the Chicago Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center and as coordinator for the Archdiocesan Retirement Fund for Religious. Most recently, I've begun a full-time office manager position at St. Gertrude Parish in Edgewater. Since many Scholastics attended St. Gertrude's School, it feels like a second home.

Then there's Uncle Pete! When I was 7 or 8, Uncle Pete and his family moved to a house on our block in Niles, where he eventually took a maintenance job in the parish. I was probably in 4th grade and would always say “Hi, Uncle Pete” when I saw him in the hallways. After a while, everybody was calling him Uncle Pete, so it stuck. Before his death in 2012, the Benedictine and SSA communities were on his list as recipients of his generosity on his way to-or-from his regular deliveries of sandwiches and other items in his van to the West Side. After his death, a number of dedicated people he'd worked with during his years at St. John Brebeuf wanted to continue his sandwich-making ministry, and so it continues today.

Though at the time I was not too keen on everyone calling MY uncle, “Uncle Pete,” I'm now happy to share his name and good works both with those who serve and those who are served. We are all grateful that his generous ministries continue. As he would always say on his way out the door, “God bless.” I pray that, also, for each of you.

<--Sister Judith Zonsius, OSB, (third from right) stands with members of the DeVita team in Niles, IL as they present Uncle Pete Ministries with a generous donation.

Oblate News from Colorado and Chicago

There are twenty-eight Benedictine Oblates in Pueblo, Co., most of whom were introduced to The Rule by the late Sister Joan Hentges OSB. The current leadership team includes: Phyllis King, Rose Higgs, Connie Godfrey, and John Chavez. Pueblo Oblates meet monthly. Among the social justice activities of the Pueblo Oblates is silent peace walks along the Riverwalk. The ceremony for Rites of Oblation and Reception of Candidates will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral there on August 19. Sister Benita Coffey, OSB, Director of Oblates, and Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB will be in attendance.

On Palm Sunday in Chicago, the Oblates enjoyed a Lenten Afternoon of Reflection. As part of the focus of the day, Oblate Matt Ambre provided some original art pieces. Oblate Kevin Cheers presented a reflection on Lent from her pastoral experience. The Oblates joined the Benedictine Sisters for sung Vespers followed by the Oblation ceremony for Rachel and Benedict Hane, welcoming them officially into the community. Then all the Oblates present renewed their Oblation.

If you are interested in becoming an Oblate, contact Sister Benita Coffey, OSB, 773.764.2413 x327, bcoffey@osbchicago.org



New and veteran Oblates meet monthly in Pueblo, CO. where the late Sister Joan Hentges, OSB, ministered at Christ the King Parish, for many years, and strongly encouraged some of these men and women to become Benedictine Oblates.



Oblation Ceremony of Oblates Rachel and Benedict Hane (center) held after Palm Sunday Vespers, March 25th 2018, with Prioress, Sister Judith Murphy, OSB, (right) and the Director of Oblates, Sister Benita Coffey, OSB, (left).



Earth Day 2018

“Beyond a Throwaway Culture: Reduce Waste—Grow Community” was the theme of this year’s Earth Day program for the Oblates. “Beyond a Throwaway Culture” is all about plastic, how we use it, how it is harmful when thrown away and what we can do about it.

Join us for Reunion

The Alumnae of both St. Scholastica Academies, Cañon City and Chicago will gather in the next few weeks to walk down memory lane and celebrate their reunions. Cañon City alumnae will join together August 17-19 at The Abbey Events Complex for an all-school reunion, along with the alumni of The Abbey. Alumnae of St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago, who graduated in years ending in 3 or 8, will celebrate their Reunion Weekend September 22-23. For more information, visit www.osbchicago.org/reunion.

Members of the class of 1967 (right) are all smiles during last year's reunion in Chicago.



In Memoriam

St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago

Louise Schnitzius (1942)
Virginia Williams (1943)
Kathryn Hendrick Eckstein (1945) (deceased 6/19/17*)
Timothy "Bo" Kemper, son of Joan Fullenkamp Sealy (1946)
Marion Watrous Plencner (1947)
Antonette Haupt Lynn (1948)
Donamarie Fieberg Keefe (1948)
Anne Marie McDermott (1948), sister of Loretta Frank (1944)
Claire S. Schermerhorn, sister-in-law of Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, OSB (1948)
Carolyn Stone Maley, daughter of Mary Gay Barrett Stone (1948)
Jacqueline Erickson (1949)
Nancy Schaffer Sullivan (1951), (deceased 1/10/17*) sister of Dorothy Schaffer Sullivan (1949)
Donald Howe, husband of Judith Pfaffhausen Howe (1952)
Dr. Gerald Robert Blake, brother of Joan Blake (1953), Barbara Blake Glanz (1956) and Nancy Blake O'Connor (1960)
Dorothy Haley Arvidson (1953)
Nancy Hayden Lechner Pope (1953)
Peter Schueneman, son of Therese Byrne Schueneman (1953)
Jane Frances Back Struck (1953) (deceased July, 2017*)
Richard A. Thompson, (deceased 3/2/16*) husband of Carol Manning Thompson (1953)
Kevin Wehling, son of Mary Lambrecht Wehling (1953)
Donna McWayne Hielscher (1954) (deceased 7/30/16*)
Jane Kemper King (1954) (deceased 10/21/17*)
Mary Hereley Marren (1954), mother of Susan Marren McGinn (1982), Julie Marren Cooke (1987), and Mary Jo Marren Green (1992)
William O'Donnell, husband of Charlotte Mul-larkey (1954)

Mary Serb, daughter of Ann Toland Bales Serb (1954)
Eleanor Scanlan Wagner (1954) (deceased 3/15/17*)
Raymond Charles Wieser, husband of Maureen Manion Wieser (1954)
Judith Ann Beaumont (1955), sister of Jill Bergner (1960)
Skip Chidester, (deceased July, 2017*) brother of Patricia Chidester Muehl (1955)
Mary Devine (1955), aunt of Karen Devine (1986)
David Harman, son of Catherine Church Harman Arts (1956)
Joan McWayne Shannon (1956) (deceased 2/1/15*)
Patricia Monahan Wall (1956)
Cynthia Barney Douglas (deceased 10/6/17*), daughter of Mary Francis Ekstrom Barney (1957)
Maureen McGovern Porth Koch (1957)
Tom Moloney, (deceased 10/15/17*) brother of Mary Moloney, S.P. (1957)
Karen Bales, daughter of the late Barbara LaVarre Bales (1958)
Kathleen Kinsella Pecci (1958), sister of Sharon Kinsella Tomasello (1961), Margaret Kinsella (1969), and the late Ruth Kinsella-Tyler (1966)
Mary Kolstad Hardy (1959) (deceased 6/8/17*), mother of Mary Hardy Lewandowski (1982) and Karen Hardy Moran (1988)
Henry J. McGoldrick, husband of Joan Wagner McGoldrick (1960)
David Scott Plummer, (deceased 8/5/17*) husband of Kathleen Butz Plummer (1960)
Vincent Wiemer, son of Susan Fischer Wiemer (1960) (deceased 8/19/17*)
Faith Beaumont Bryant Wenger (1961)
Patricia Rowland Anderson (1963) (deceased 2017*)
Robert "Bob" Zwaska, husband of Catherine Kovac Zwaska (1963)
Mary Jane Ryan, (deceased 10/3/17*) mother of Kathy Ryan Roberts (1967) and Joanne Ryan (1969)

Linda Landi Schar (1968)
Jean T. Gump, mother of Mary Gump, deceased (1969) and Katherine Gump Lage, deceased (1969)
Mitchell Bennett, Sr., father of Joanne Bennett (1970)
Frances Allen Rassenfoss, mother of Janet Rassenfoss (1970) and Sarah Johnson (1977)
Susan Jardien (1971)
Eileen Farrell Schulz (1978)
Edward J. Mellon, father of Eileen Mellon Carter (1977)
Maureen Anne Nicholl (1978), sister of Mary Therese Turro (1982)
Jesus Manuel "Manny" Ortiz, father of Sara Ortiz Sanders (1987) and Anita Ortiz Maddali (1996)
Kimberly Tyda Pieper (1988), sister of Lisa Tyda (1986)
Shalandra Dexter (1989)
James T. "Jim" Pazik, father of Jennifer Pazik McDowell (1990) and Lisa Pazik Streff (1992)
Eugene Rooney, Jr., father of Kathleen Rooney Casey (1991)
Rebecca Babcock (1998), daughter of Mary Fearon Babcock (1970)
Jim Chrobak, father of Jamie Chrobak (2006)

St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City

Annette Aragon (1951), daughter of Euphrasine Mary Madrid Aragon (deceased)(1930), sister of Maria Aragon Stucker (1954), Patricia Aragon Reyes (1962), Margaret Aragon Toews (deceased) (1963), Rita M. Aragon Clark (1965) and Georgene L. Aragon (1969)
Clint Brown, husband of Julie Brown (1961)

The above represents notices received November 2, 2017 - May 31, 2018.

** Denotes that death was prior to November 2, 2017 but we received notice of their death in the last seven months.*

Remembering an Alumna's Legacy

Kathryn "Kay" (Hendrick) Eckstein first made her mark on the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago when she attended St. Scholastica High School. A member of the class of 1945, Kay never forgot her roots, nor the Benedictine Sisters. After graduation she attended Marquette University, where she majored in speech. It is at Marquette, during her second year, that she met her husband Ray Eckstein who was working on his law degree. Together, they have been long time supporters of many charities, but have always kept a special place in their hearts for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Throughout their family and business successes, the Eckstein's continued to honor their personal values – faith, family, education and human needs. Kay passed away at the age of 90, in June of 2017, but her legacy continues through the Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust. The Benedictine sisters of Chicago humbly thank Ray & Kay Eckstein and the Ray and Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust for their generous support over the years.



Kay and Ray Eckstein, Marquette University courtesy of <http://ecksteincharity.org>

'78 Alumna Performs in 25th Anniversary Show

Rosie Newton, SSA Chicago '78, (pictured left in costume) does our Sister's proud, as she performs in Late Night Catechism at the Royal George Theatre, Chicago. She thoroughly enjoys performing in this one "Sister" comedy, especially after the years of material she has to work with from her time at St. Scholastica High School. Writer, (with Maripat Donovan) producer, good friend and most generous supporter of our community, Vicki Quade has kept this gem of a theatric comedy on the stage for 25 years now. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!

Letizia Perna-Forrest bottom, (right) looks on at one of her patients participating in the virtual reality (VR) palliative care study.

'98 Alumna Combines VR with Palliative Care

Letizia Perna-Forrest, SSA Chicago '98, has been working at The Royal Trinity Hospice in London since March 2011. As the Head of Patient and Family Support she leads the team of psychologically minded professionals (social workers/counsellors/psychologists/art therapists/etc.) who provide specialist palliative psychological care to patients and their loved ones including children. Perna-Forrest is also part of an important research study that explores the potential of virtual reality (VR) as a therapy at the end of life. Because the study is due to end in the Fall, Perna-Forrest will not be able to attend the reunion weekend in Chicago. She lives with her husband and 4 year-old daughter in London, UK.





Joyous Service

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach celebrates 30 years

Sister Karen Bland, OSB, has served as the Executive Director of GVCO for 19 years and counting.

Before the doors open at 9:00 a.m. each week day, the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (GVCO) of Grand Junction, CO, staff and volunteers gather together in prayer led by Sister Karen Bland, OSB, Executive Director of GVCO. The calm before the storm, as each day is unique and the operating service hours are typically from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach provides emergency services to individuals and families in need on a non-discriminatory basis with the mission of proclaiming the dignity and worth of each person, by responding to their human needs and striving to show the compassion of Christ. The morning prayer touches on this mission and the importance of dignity for each and every person.

As Grand Valley Catholic Outreach continues to celebrate their 30th anniversary, it is remarkable how much they have accomplished and are able to offer to clients. Sister Karen Bland, OSB, the Executive Director for 19 years, says, "30 years of building on a foundation set and augmented year by year - 30 years of "caring and sharing" by dedicated Boards of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers; 30 years of a faith community - ecumenical in nature - proclaiming the dignity and worth of each individual and responding to human needs while striving to show the compassion of Christ; 30 years of faith in action!"

Sister Karen continues by proclaiming, "The vision of the four Catholic parishes in the Grand Valley and a subsequent collaboration with more than 50 churches in the valley, whose members provide volunteers and resources have

Photos, on page 10, from top to bottom left to right: a) Grand Valley Catholic Outreach Mission Statement and Logo on a banner that hangs in the GVCO conference room, b) the GVCO staff, volunteers and Executive Director-Sister Karen Bland, OSB, gather every morning for prayer before the doors open, c) Sister Karen Bland, OSB, stands outside St. Martin's Place where residents who have been chronically homeless or are a veteran, may have a home through GVCO, d), St Benedict's Place, another block of apartments for those chronically homeless.

enabled Grand Valley Catholic Outreach to provide food, clothing, and shelter to more than 2,341,159 individuals over these thirty years. Responsible leadership through the Board of Directors, committed staff, dedicated volunteers, and a generous community have all contributed to Catholic Outreach's spirited and financially stable presence in western Colorado."

GVCO offers: Financial Aid, utilities assistance, transportation vouchers, out of state birth certificates assistance, a Food Pantry, a Clothing Bank, a Soup Kitchen, Housing assistance through their Rapid Re-Housing program as well as Permanent Supportive Housing for those with mental or physical impairments who have been chronically homeless and are not abusing drugs. It is truly amazing to see the services that are offered to clients in the Grand Junction community. It is *the way* they are offered, with grace and care, that is most noteworthy. GVCO has an army of 525 volunteers, this past year alone, who help in any way they can to make this difficult time hopeful for clients. Two-hundred and twenty-five of those volunteers, along with the GVCO Board of Directors, attended the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 26th 2018. Despite the Dinner being a celebration of the volunteers who make GVCO run like a well-oiled machine, these volunteers continued their role by bringing side dishes and desserts as well as cleaning up the dining room so that it is ready to go for the Soup Kitchen. Most of all, one can't help but notice the joyous service from all who participate in assisting those most in need that come to GVCO. Congratulations to the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach community on this 30th Anniversary year. Discover more here: <http://www.catholicoutreach.org/>

As part of the 30th Anniversary Year of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, held on April 26th 2018. This year, was an extraordinary celebration of volunteers from the beginning to those just joining the GVCO community.

“ 30 years of a faith community - ecumenical in nature - proclaiming the dignity and worth of each individual....”

-Sister Karen Bland, OSB



24th Annual Testimonial Dinner

Special thanks to our event sponsors

Over 200 friends and supporters gathered at the Park Ridge Country Club on June 6, 2018, as we hosted our annual gala. This year we honored our Finance Committee members: Kathleen Brennan, Nancy Bryers, Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB, Myron "Mickey" Resnick, Dan Schermerhorn, Leo Sheridan, Jr., and Sister Mary Ann O'Ryan, OSB. Hundreds more participated by donating auction items, purchasing raffle tickets, sponsoring the event, placing ads in the program book, and countless other ways. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us meet our budget this year. Through your continued support you have assisted us in meeting our expenses for our ongoing ministry and mission. We are truly grateful!



Photos, on page 12, from top to bottom, left to right:
a) Sister Judith Murphy with honoree, Nancy Bryers, b) Sister Susan Quaintance, Judith Matz and Oblate Anne Matz, c) Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn (center), and honoree, Daniel Schermerhorn (far left) and members of the Schermerhorn family. Photos on page 13, left to right: a) Rev. Stephen Bevens, Sister Johnette Sawyer, and Judy Borchers, b) Mike Boland, Mary Beth Boland and Irene O'Ryan-Fox in the Blue Room of the Park Ridge Country Club. See more photos, a list of ad book contributors, and more on our website at www.osbchicago.org/fundraiser



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Prayer Ministry

We remember you in our daily prayers.

The following represents Memorial and Special Occasion prayer requests
from November 2, 2017 - May 31, 2018

Memorials

In memory of deceased members of the Chicago Class of 1948

Patricia McSweeney

In memory of deceased members of the Canon City Class of 1953 and their teaching Sisters

Barbara Bowdish

In memory of deceased members of the Chicago Class of 1954

Marilyn Oetringer

In memory of deceased members of the Chicago Class of 1969

Mary Ellen and John Quinn

In memory of Patricia Rowland Anderson

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Annette Aragon

Joseph Aragon

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In memory of Dorothy Haley Arvidson

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Ron Auer

Edward and Mary Coffey

In memory of Gina Marie Aweve

Lawrence and Judy Brod

In memory of Rebecca Babcock

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Bernice Babler

Helen Ueberbacher

In memory of Barbara LaVarre Bales

Lorraine Kottra

In memory of Karen Bales

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Kathleen Kirschen Janessa

In memory of Louis and Genevieve Balkin

Charlene Balkin

In memory of Patricia Butz Barilla

Madonna Rodgers McCutcheon

In memory of Frances and John Barron

Margaret Barron

Noranne Barron Siemers

In memory of Rudolph Basile

Joanne Spata

In memory of Judith Ann Beaumont

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Juliet and William Bergner

Judith Lee

In memory of Sister Maurus Becker, OSB

Carla and James Krcmarik III

In memory of Edwin Belz

John Masters

In memory of Mitchell Bennett

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Jeffrey Marc Bergen

Michael and Debbie Cielinski

Patricia Cielinski, OSB

In memory of Myron P. Bergstrom

Dominic and Margaret Caminiti

In memory of Ken and Florence Betts

Sue and Paul Betts

In memory of Margaret and Frank Bishop

Jane Bishop

Julie Brown

In memory of Dr. Gerald Robert Blake

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Pat and Martha Bower

Joseph Bower

In memory of Woods Bowman

Michele Thompson

In memory of Margaret Schorsch Boyle

Mary Finnan

In memory of Rev. Valentine Boyle, OCARM

Barbara Anne Bowdish

In memory of Marilyn Brod

Lawrence and Judy Brod

In memory of Lucie Brock Broido

Barbara Burns

In memory of Clint Brown

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Julie Brown

In memory of Joan Fogarty Brown

Gerrie Pretzel

In memory of Patricia Anne Buald

Lynn Laughlin

In memory of James Byrne

LuAnne Jautz Feik

In memory of Jacki Caldwell

Kenneth and Bonnie Nordstrom

In memory of Sister M. Carolyn, OSB

Patricia McClelland

In memory of Skip Chidester

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Patricia Chidester Muehl

In memory of Jim Chrobak

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Maureen Doyle

Susan Quaintance, OSB

Judith Zonsius, OSB

In memory of Stanley Ciesiun

Eileen and Michael Moorman

In memory of Margaret Clevenger

JoAnn Bonwell

In memory of Joan Coffey and other deceased members of the Coffey family

Edward and Mary Coffey

In memory of Robert G. Collins

Mary Pat Collins

In memory of Joseph Cotteleer

Marilyn Cotteleer

In memory of Jeremy Coutre

Sandy Gaynor

In memory of Donald Crandall

Noreen Brady

In memory of Melissa Craven

Harold and Audrey Tellefsen

In memory of Forrest Crays

Mary Ann, Anne, and Joe Jewell

In memory of Patricia Croak

Helga Ruby

In memory of Laura Cruz's parents

Laura Cruz

In memory of Barbara Crystal

Mary Nowesnick

In memory of Calogera "Lilla" Cuccia

Joanne Spata

In memory of John J. Cullom

Helen M. Slattery

In memory of Richard J. Cullen

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Bill and Helen Davis

Patricia McClelland

In memory of Sister Victoria Davis, OSB

Sue and Paul Betts

Gwenn and Steven Suvada

In memory of Barbara Cassidy De Smet

Harry De Smet

In memory of Mary Devine

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Patricia Cowhey and George Courtney

Mary (Jinx) Kotowski

Joan Marubio

Alicia and Myron Resnick

In memory of Shalandra Dexter

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of LaVerne and Eugene Dondlinger

Hixson Family Charitable Fund

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In memory of Patricia Hasselhorn Donovan

Richard and Evelyn Wynne and family

In memory of Cynthia Barney Douglas

Mary Francis Ekstrom Barney
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Darcy Dudley

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Delia Duarte

Estela Duarte Meluso

In memory of Dino Duarte

Lisa Duarte

In memory of Denny Dupin

Deborah Watassek

In memory of Marion E. Eckel

Mary C. Eckel

In memory of Kathryn Hendrick Eckstein

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of deceased members of the

Ehrmann Family

Virginia Koerber

In memory of Marie, Rolf and Rolfe Ehrmann

Paul and Frances Fredricks

In memory of Karen Elliott

Bill and Ellen Wirth

In memory of Jacqueline L. Erickson

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Ray Erjavec

Joan Erjavec

In memory of Jack and Juli Evans

Don and Leslie Dickerson

In memory of Julie Jaronik Evans

Mary Jo and Douglas Wilson

In memory of Ginger Evers

Barbara Nohr

In memory of deceased members of the

Farrow family

Margaret A. Schermerhorn

In memory of Joan Fickinger

Joan Frazier

In memory of deceased family and friends of

Maryanne Forde

Maryanne Forde

In memory of John and LaVelle Frawley

Paluch Family Foundation

In memory of Ugo and Eugenia Frediani

Paula Roselli

In memory of Lisa A. Fuss

Carol Popovich

In memory of Anita Roselli Galassini

Paula Roselli

In memory of John Galassini

Paula Roselli

In memory of Lois Hayhurst Gaquin

Jim Gaquin

In memory of Lynell Gaston

Uncle Pete Ministries

In memory of Marilyn Albrecht Gillespie

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Maureen Quinn

In memory of Joseph T. Glab

Lois Glab

In memory of Sister Joyce Gleeson, OSB

Suzanne Walsh

In memory of Jeff Goldman

Dianne Goldman

In memory of Steven Gould

Judith Borchers

In memory of Thomas E. Green

Joseph Green

In memory of Darlene Grumbech

Genevieve Delana

In memory of Silvia Zaldivar y Guardiola

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Maria C. Guarin

Ivette Guarin

In memory of Jean T. Gump

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Frank Haas

Patricia Hartmann

In memory of Peter Hajdu

Melissa Bianchi Hajdu

In memory of John Halleran

Martin and Christine Halleran

In memory of Charles "Buddy" Hanlon

Maureen Hanlon

In memory of deceased members of the

Hansen and Richter families

Jim Richter

In memory of Mary Kolstad Hardy

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Roger Hardy

Colleen and Glenn Laske

In memory of David Harman

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Cecile Mikulski

In memory of Lillian Hart

Judith Palmer

In memory of Catherine Hartmann

Patricia Hartmann

In memory of Emily Hartmann

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and Oblates

In memory of Fred Hartmann

Patricia Hartmann

In memory of John Hartmann

Patricia Hartman

In memory of Rosalee Hedin

Helen Ueberbacher

In memory of Charles Heffernan

Marynell Heffernan Mayfield

In memory of Sister Joan Hentges, OSB

Theresa Randall

In memory of Ruth Hervoy

William Ivantic

In memory of Donna McWayne Hielscher

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Betty McWayne Johnson

In memory of Patricia and Charles Hinni

John and Mary Yena

In memory of Peggy Hogan

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In memory of Brent Hohnemann

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In memory of Paul Hoover

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In memory of Honorable John N. Hourihane

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In memory of Donald Howe

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In memory of Joseph Hrutka

Joan Alexander

Mary Ellen Hrutka

Judy Joy

Marie Zelenik

In memory of Mary Therese Huber

The Kulans family (Gerry and Gunars Kulans)

In memory of deceased members of the

Ivantic family

Paul Ivantic

In memory of Ruth Ivantic

Charlene Merlock Neuses

In Memory of Frank Jallits, Sr. and Rosina

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Frank Jallits

In memory of Susan Jardien

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Catherine Jarzombek

Arlene Porter

In memory of Kevin Jennings

Paul and Frances Fredricks

In memory of Mary Neuses Jordan

Charlene Merlock Neuses

In memory of Anton Kaplan

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Frances Kaplan

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Marshall Kearney

Denise Ryan Kearney

In memory of Donamaria Fieberg Keefe

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Colleen Carter Kelly

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Francine O'Connor

In memory of Timothy "Bo" Kemper

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Cecile Mikulski

In memory of Anne Marie Kenter

William Kenter

In memory of Bonnie Kepplinger

Mary Ann Quinn

In memory of Jane Kemper King

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Cecile and James Mikulski

In memory of Gary Klug

Mary Klug

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In memory of Walter D. Kobeski

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Kathleen Krieger

In memory of Maureen McGovern Porth Koch

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Ken and Mary Kay Bueltmann
Glenn R. Koch
Kathy Stratz Rees

In memory of Krista Annetti Kopp

Mary Annetti

In memory of Albert Anthony "Abby" Krall

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Irene Krizan

Helga Ruby

In memory of Manfred Krupka

Juliana Krupka

In memory of Cecilia Kuhlmann

Mary Groark

In memory of Sister Hildegard Kunz, OSB

Michael Surdyk

In memory of Sister Juliana Kunz, OSB

Michael Surdyk

In memory of Jean Mitchell Lake

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Dorothy Trapp La Mere

James and Eileen McQuillan

In memory of Louis and Anna Lang

Lorraine Kottra

In memory of James Langton

Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB

In memory of Richard LaVan

Wayne and Margaret Wagner

In memory of Timothy Lawler

Maureen Lawler

In memory of Wanda and Victor Lechowicz

Carlos Martinez and Patricia Lechowicz

In memory of Jean Maloney Leiston

Andrea Ciccone

In memory of Ann and Cliff Leuschner

Meg Riordan

In memory of Richard E. Lind

Kathy and Jeff Caudill

In memory of Ann and Francis Littau

Katherine Littau Bell

In memory of Sister Catherine Lynch, OSB

Helen M. Slattery

John and Mary Yena

In memory of Antonette Haupt Lynn

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Frank Mafin

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In memory of John and Dorothy Maloney

Therese Dokman

In memory of Beth Marcela

Pilar and Jerald Meyers

In memory of John Marconi, Jr.

Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB

In memory of Mary Marren

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Mary J. Green

Maureen Kaucher

Cecile and James Mikulski

In memory of deceased members of the Martin family

Patricia Martin

In memory of Marion Martin

Arlene Martin

In memory of Julia and Rafael Martinez

Carlos Martinez and Patricia Lechowicz

In memory of Elizabeth Masculli

Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB

In memory of Dr. Gregory Matz

Lauren Wolfram Beuerlein

Leo and Kathleen Dietlin

Evan Greenbaum and Elizabeth Pappano

Judy Matz

Kathleen and Norman Pater

Anthony Rizzato

Rosa Rizzato and Lee Goldfine

Rosarina Rizzato

Dr. Kirk and Mrs. Nadine Shepard

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In memory of Petro Mbehoma

Sister Leocretia Muganda, sTh

In memory of Wilma McCallister

Judith Alexander

In memory of Anne Marie McDermott

Anne Ackerman and Edwin Frank

Kay Ackermann and family

Sarah Andrews

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Diane and Mario Bertellotti

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Steve Krol and Greg Raub

Lambrecht's Jewelers, Inc. – Mary Lambrecht

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Bill and Judy Reidy

In memory of Henry J. McGoldrick

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Patricia and Donald Lund

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In memory of deceased members of the McMahon family

Susan McMahon O'Neill

In memory of Sister Kathleen McNamara, OSB

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In memory of Elizabeth Ann Meehan

Nancy Butler Slagg

In memory of Peter Meehan

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Katherine Mella

Katherine Sherman

In memory of Edward J. Mellon

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Eileen Carter

In memory of Joseph and Jean Miks

Evelyn Miks

In memory of Kathleen Meade Miller

Wayne and Peg Wagner

In memory of Tom Moloney

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Patricia Crowley, OSB

In memory of deceased members of the Mullenix family

Nancy Frazier

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Colleen DesRosiers

In memory of Maureen Anne Nicholl

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In memory of Richard William Niemi

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In memory of Mary Noah

Seraphine Noah Wang

In memory of Ann O'Connell

Shirlanne Reynolds

In memory of William O'Donnell

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Charlotte O'Donnell

Charles and Mary Smoot

In memory of deceased members of the O'Neill family

Susan McMahon O'Neill

In memory of Gloria Orlowski

Friends and family of Gloria Orlowski

Susan Goedke

John Orlowski

Wilma and Jerome Spellman

In memory of Barbara Kob Ostdiek

Glen Ostdiek

In memory of Manuel Ortiz

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Jack O'Ryan

Jean Marie and Kevin O'Ryan

In memory of OSB Sisters who served at St. George School, Chicago

Joseph L. Rhodes

In memory of Barbara Ostdiek

Glen Ostdiek

In memory of Mary Pardue

Martha Pardue

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In memory of Maury Pardue

Martha Pardue

In memory of Margaret Pasteris

Susan Quaintance, OSB

Judith Zonsius, OSB

In memory of Camille Paulson

Florence Sabia

In memory of Valerio Paulo

Lilian Nacevska

In memory of James T. Pazik

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Kathleen Kinsella Pecci

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Judith Borchers

Donna Dehnert

Richard and Constance Rosler

In memory of Jon Mortensen-Perlin

Joanne Spata

In memory of Edmund A. Perse

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Helen Perse

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Mary Gersick Perse

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Peter A. Perse, Jr.

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Richard Perse

Margaret Cullen

In memory of John Peterlin

Josephine and Raymond Krasovic

In memory of Kimberly Tyda Pieper

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Joseph "Papa Joe" Pillizzi

Thomas and Elizabeth Kneesel

In memory of Elizabeth Pirman

Margaret Pirman

In memory of Marion Watrous Plencner

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of David Scott Plummer

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Madonna Rodgers McCutcheon

In memory of Nancy Hayden Lechner Pope

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Mary Jane Porcelli

Dorothea Jung

In memory of Dominica Raccuglia

Judith Zonsius, OSB

In memory of George Radacy

Susan Ernst

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In memory of Frances Allen Rassenfoss

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Cliff Rees

Kathy Stalz Rees

In memory of Kathleen M. Dorgan Rhea

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In memory of deceased members of the Rhodes family

Joseph L. Rhodes

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In memory of the Schermerhorn brothers

Edward and Mary Coffey

In memory of deceased members of the Schermerhorn family

Margaret A. Schermerhorn

In memory of Claire S. Schermerhorn

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Ninfa Redmond

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Richard and Patricia Schermerhorn

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Michael Thomas

Caroline and Frank Urbahn

Cynthia Willis

Amelia Winchester

Bob and Amy Zahorik

Robert and Marilyn Zahorik

In memory of Thomas Schermerhorn

Patricia Schermerhorn

In memory of Donnie Schill

Mary Schill

In memory of Michael Schiltz

Mary Schiltz

In memory of Louise Schnitzius

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Carol A. Marcou

In memory of Al Schorsch III

Rosemary Frazel

In memory of Sister Dolores Schorsch

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Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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In memory of Eileen Farrell Schulz

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Anne Sedgeley

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Susan Lange Sedgeley

In memory of Mary Serb

Dorothy Andries

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Joan McWayne Shannon

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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In memory of Ann and Joseph Streich

Susan Streich-Boldt

In memory of Jane Frances Back Struck

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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In memory of Jorge Humberto Suarez

Jorge Luis Suarez

In memory of Nancy Schaffer Sullivan

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of William and Margaret Syms

Diane Syms

In memory of Bishop Arthur Tafoya

Bernice and Rudolph Krasovec

Michael and Theresa Randall

In memory of Richard A. Thompson

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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Holly Rumpel

In memory of Richard Tomz

Nancy Tomz

In memory of Ivy J. Rhodes Toutloff

Helen K. Rhodes

In memory of Sister Joanna Trapp, OSB

David and Dorothy McCarty

Norene Mahoney

Ann Metzger

In memory of Richard Valenzo

Dominic and Margaret Caminiti

In memory of Joseph Van Alstyne

Betty and Bud Chess

In memory of deceased members of the Van Derbosch family

Margaret A. Schermerhorn

In memory of Jack Van Derbosch

Edward and Mary Coffey

In memory of Dominic Verlotta

Joanne Spata

In memory of Eleanor Scanlan Wagner

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Mary Scanlon Specht

In memory of Patricia Monahan Wall

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Kevin Wehling

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Edward Wells

Cynthia Bachmann

In memory of Faith Beaumont Bryant Wenger

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Margaret Mary Wenthe

Mary Ellen Wenthe Bolt

In memory of Sister Collette Westrick, OSB

Edward and Barbara Cunningham

In memory of Eleanore Wetzel

Peggy Matson

In memory of Esther Whitlock

Joanne Spata

In memory of Vincent Wiemer

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Susan Fischer Wiemer

In memory of Raymond Charles Wieser

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Ann Toland Serb

In memory of Marie William (sister of Rosie Randle)

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Andrea Ciccone

Jackie LeSanche

In memory of Virginia Williams

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

The Fellendorf family

Patty and Eric Fess

Diane Ford

Kathleen Meyers

Al and Sandy Schellinger

In memory of Sister Miriam Wilson, OSB (Sister Gerard)

John Colomer

In memory of Fred and Dolores Winkler

Sue and Paul Betts

In memory of Dale Winslow

Don C. Winslow

In memory of Sister Marilyn Wolfram, OSB

Lauren Wolfram Beuerlein

Elise McDonald

In memory of Marie Zalaznik

Dorothy and Matthew Miholic

In memory of Louis J. Zember

Raymond and Patricia Erjavec

In memory of Anna Ziegler

Brigitte and Johnie Guffey

In memory of Uncle Pete Zonsius on his birthday

Elliott and Rosemary Satinover

In memory of Danilo Zucchelli

Rosemary Peck Kuga

In memory of Sister Suzanne Zuercher, OSB

Philip Lo Dolce

In memory of Bob Zwaska

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Catherine Zwaska

Special Occasions

In honor and remembrance of our beloved teachers on our 57th anniversary

John and Terese Terry

In honor of Judy and Ken Bartels

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Kenny Bartels

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Kenny Bartels on his birthday

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Judith Borchers

Robert Borchers

In honor of Patty and Leo Cassidy

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Steph and Michael Cassidy

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Sister Benita Coffey, OSB

Margie Auer

In honor of Sister Benita Coffey, OSB and her ongoing support of Dreamers

John and Patricia Sebahar

In honor of Margaret Fricano on her 100th birthday

Paula Roselli

In honor of Sister Hilary Halpin, OSB

John Brady family

Sharon P. Wang

In honor of Pat Heineman-Vernon and

Margaret Heineman

Marian Vernon

In honor of Marilyn Hennessy on her birthday

Julie Kaufman and Beth Wright

In honor of Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, OSB

Michael and Mary Cole

In honor of Cathy and Sam Ingrassia

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Tony Ingrassia

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Tony Ingrassia on his birthday

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB

Edward and Carol Finnegan

Mary Jo and Douglas Wilson

In honor of Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB on her 104th birthday

Vivian Gingras

Joe and Geri Mesec

In honor of Sister Callista Kaley, OSB

Linda Kneesel Barnard

Mary Ann and Jeff Liautaud

In honor of Sister Susan Kilduski, OSB

Ellen and Thomas Hardy

In honor of Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB

Kathleen Egloff

Robert Jung

In honor of Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB for her dedicated service to St. Peter Parish

Knights of Columbus, Father Joseph C. Stroot
Council 3243

In honor of Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB

Mary Jane and Joseph D'Amore

Janice Graziano and Joanne Anderson

In gratitude to Sister Mary Melady, OSB for spiritual guidance

Leslie Pitner

In honor of Sheila McGuire on her 80th birthday

Sister Jane Smith, OSB

In honor of Carolyn Murphy, USF Trustee Emeritus from Univ. of St. Francis, Joliet, IL

Arvid Johnson

In honor of John Olen

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of John Olen on his birthday

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Mary Jo and George Olen

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Francine and Steve Palm

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Georgine Reynolds on her 90th birthday

Kathleen Murphy Anderson

In honor of the Schermerhorn family

Ann and Edward Tearman

In honor of Carol McHugh Schweidel on her 50th birthday

Anna Pasteris

In honor of the Sisters who served at St. Lambert's School

Susan and Thomas Reilly

In honor of Lawrence Skaja

Joanne Spata

In honor of Judith Valenti

Philip Lo Dolce

In honor of Barbara Zonsius on her birthday

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Eddie Zonsius on his birthday

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

If you have a loved one that you would like the Sisters to remember in prayer, please share their names with us via the envelope provided in this newsletter.



One Last Thing-Thank You!



Photos from left to right: a.) Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB- Well For Life was built in Uganda in honor of her 104th Birthday, donated by John Velasquez; b.) Thank you to Skokie Fire Station 16 for hosting Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, OSB, (l), Sister Hilary Halpin, OSB, (r), and the British Infant School preschool students on their field trip to the station. Learn more about the British Infant School here: www.britishinfantschool.com



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