



FRANCISCAN
SISTERS
OF LITTLE FALLS
MINNESOTA

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Community News

Donor Day, a grand event!

Elizabeth Rydeen, CRD

Almost 200 donors joined the Franciscan Sisters to celebrate Mass, then enjoyed a meal and program in St. Francis Hall. It was a glorious day!

An event such as Donor Day has many moving parts and requires many hours from a multitude of people. Many thanks to Joan Wingert, the sisters' choir and all the musicians—which included sisters, students from St. Francis Music Center and Associates Ramona and Russ Kadow—for a meaningful liturgy. Presider Father Bob Kieffer is a dear friend of the sisters, and Sister Jan Kilian beautifully tied in the gospel message with the fruits of the harvest, highlighting the success of the Welcoming House gardens. Thank you, all!



Above: Jean Nelson and Sister Patrice Kiefer



Above: Very busy in the west entrance!

The coffee and pastries before Mass and the turkey dinner that followed were top notch in every way. People raved about the food. Special thanks to Terry Bernardy and his capable staff and dedicated volunteers. Nearly 300 people were served. Wow!

At the beginning of the program, the Leadership

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Living the Gospel courageously . . . with energy, spirit, peace.

School Supplies donations delivered

Cheryl Aswegan, Knute Nelson

The Values Committee “School Supplies” campaign began in early August to encourage staff and sisters to donate school supplies and funds for the Morrison County Food Shelf and area parochial schools. When the campaign was finished, Sister Mary Lou Eltgroth and Knute Nelson staff member Cheryl Aswegan delivered supplies and cash for school supplies on Friday, August 24, to the Morrison County Food Shelf. On Wednesday, August 27, Cheryl and Sister Therese Lenz delivered school supplies and cash for school supplies to St. Mary’s School in Little Falls and Holy Trinity School in Pierz. We thank the sisters and staff for their generosity in supporting our youth in the community.



Clockwise from above: Carol Schirmers Johnson and Sister Mary Lou Eltgroth with some of the donated supplies. Sister Therese Lenz dropping off supplies at Holy Trinity School in Pierz and at St. Mary’s School in Little Falls (photos by Cheryl Aswegan).



Join in on the
Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 7, 2018, 12 noon

**Washington Park
113 NE 4th Street, Little Falls, MN**

Donor Day continued...

team had an opportunity to share a bit about themselves, and Sister Carolyn delighted the attendees with a few jokes. Without a doubt the highlight of the day was Pat Flicker's presentation on Franciscan Community Volunteers. Donors want to know where their gifts go, how their donations matter. Pat was able to convey the purpose and value of FCV in an engaging and meaningful way. It was a gift to have former volunteers involved as well—a couple helped served and two were part of the presentation, one in person, the other via video. I know the donors were very impressed. Thank you, Pat!



Above: Sister Pat Forster and this year's FCVs Left: Sister Bernice Ebner and Deacon David and Jackie Holst from Brooklyn Park Below: A captive audience

Beyond the liturgy, meal and program, the success of any event here on campus is the presence of the sisters. Thank you to those sisters who were greeters and ushers and all those who made a special effort to welcome and sit with the donors during lunch. It's Franciscan hospitality and gratitude that keep people coming back. Thank you!

(photos by Sister Cordy Korkowski)



Upcoming Associate Commitment Day

Geri Dietz, Associate Office

Greetings sisters! Can you believe that October is almost here? You know what that means: it's the Feast of Saint Francis, and October is a perfect month to celebrate our relationship with God, Saint Francis and Saint Clare, the Gospel and one another! So, how can we rejoice together?

You are graciously invited to celebrate **Associate Commitment Day on Sunday, October 14**, at the Convent. We have a great day in store for you! **Mass will begin at 11 a.m.**, followed by a festive lunch.

On this day, nine of our marvelous applicants from Minnesota will be making their commitment to the Franciscan Sister & Associate Relationship in a brief ceremony during Mass. They are **Ramona Fedor** from Holdingford, **Mela Finn** from St. Cloud, **Sheila Gardner** from Flensburg, **Maureen Gertken** from Royalton, **Marie Popp** from Sartell, **Alison Swoboda** from Little Falls, **John-Caleb Vacheresse** from St. Cloud, **Carole Wiest** from Coon Rapids and **Duane Wiest** from Coon Rapids. I cannot wait for you to meet them all!

Also, and very importantly, on this day there will be a blessing for all those celebrating their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30th Anniversaries of being an Associate, then a brief renewal of commitment and blessing for all associates at Mass. In addition, other applicants still in formation are invited to celebrate and witness this event. Of course, my hope is that YOU will be rejoicing, beholding what your efforts at extending your love has done in the world! It will be a fine day to celebrate everyone!

You are appreciated! You are valued! And You are cherished! I hope you can celebrate Associate Commitment Day.

To help us be prepared for you for such things as lunch, worship aides, etc., **if you do not live on campus please register no later than Friday, October 5, 2018** (if you live on campus, we already have you registered). Just call Joan at (320)632-0669 or e-mail her at jwingert@fslf.org. Joan and I want to make this a sacred and delightful event for you.

Love & joy to you!



Feast of Saint Francis

We invite you to join us in this celebration here at the Motherhouse.

Our schedule is:

Wednesday, October 3

7 p.m. Transitus

Thursday, October 4

8 a.m. Morning prayer
followed by breakfast

11 a.m. Liturgy with Bishop Kettler
presiding followed by lunch

4 p.m. Evening prayer
followed by dinner

*Please let the receptionist know if
you plan to be here for meals.*

Happy Feastday!

Election Issues Discussion

Jeff Odendahl, JPIC

From the U.S. Catholic Bishops and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we learn that participating in public life to promote the common good is a moral obligation. Every election cycle, many of us struggle with the difficult choices facing us as we decide who to support for public office. To help place this in the context of our civil and moral duty, there will be a session for sisters on Wednesday, October 10, at 5:30 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Jeff Odendahl will discuss how we might best prepare for voting as both informed citizens and followers of Jesus. He will also have information about candidates' stands on the issues. There will be the opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the issues or the election process. This is a nonpartisan forum.



Antiques Committee

Julene Ley, Archives

An Antiques Committee was created to determine how to sell/liquidate antiques. The committee reviewed several possibilities and decided to work with Steve Foy of Design Consign in Brainerd. On October 1, he will be taking several items to his store to sell on a consignment basis.

Antiques Committee:

Julene Ley
Maureen Gertken
Aimee Kruchten
Sister Julien Dirkes
Sister Clara Stang
Elise Carey
Sister Char Grossman



DONORS OF THE DAY

SEPTEMBER

- 26 Mark & Mary Ann Monroe (Melrose)
- 26 Al Weber (Little Falls)
- 27 Ed Pintok (Holdingford)
- 27 Viola Wuebkers (Upsala)
- 28 Gerald & Donna Bauer (Watkins)
- 28 Marilyn Senn (Hollywood, Md.)
- 29 Marvin & Elaine Binstock (St. Cloud)
- 29 Gerry Sinderman (Little Falls)
- 30 Julie Bizzell (Lusby, Md.)
- 30 James & Beverly Sylvestre (Eden Prairie)

OCTOBER

- 1 David & Mary Ann Bouley (Ham Lake)
- 1 Barbara Stumpf (Little Falls)
- 2 Eldon & Sharon Brustuen (St. Paul)
- 2 Mary Godfrey (Oklahoma City, Okla.)
- 3 Nancy Bublit (Franklin, Wis.)
- 3 Peter & Lisa Germscheid (Little Falls)
- 4 Kevin & Lisa Bursch (Buffalo)
- 4 Gary & Linda Williams (Berea, Ky.)
- 5 James & Betty Cassidy (Pleasanton, Calif.)
- 5 Alexander & Margaret Leitner (Mineral, Va.)
- 6 Letitia Dick (Monticello)
- 6 Robyn Gray (Little Falls)
- 7 Rev. Francis Fried (St. Paul)
- 7 Mark & Beverly Wiechman (Freeport)
- 8 Joanne Haire (Breckenridge)
- 8 Jan Kurtz (Fort Ripley)
- 9 Edwin Hartung (Bowlus)
- 9 Richard & Louise LeSavage (St. Paul)
- 10 Elisabeth Ljungkull (Rochester)
- 10 Anita Hendrickx (St. Cloud)
- 11 Robert Cadotte (Livonia, Mich.)
- 11 Patricia McCarty (Minneapolis)
- 12 Joseph & Jean Krause (Brownsville, Tex.)
- 12 Margaret Mercer (Long Lake)
- 13 Jerome & Sharon Kelly (Buffalo)
- 13 James & Doreen Meyer (St. Cloud)
- 14 Thomas & Sharon Kloss (Royalton)
- 14 Marion Nohner (Grey Eagle)
- 15 Timothy O'Driscoll (Sartell)
- 15 Joe & Clare Reagan (Norfolk, Va.)

Briefly

FROM DEATH TO LIFE WE PRAISE GOD IN...

Cordelia Fiero (formerly Sister Cletus Kroll), who died September 5 at the age of 91. She is a sister of Sisters Lillian and Ade Kroll.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Nicholas Buchholz, who is in his 20s and has been diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome which has left him paralyzed. He is a great-nephew of Sister Sylvia Opatz.

Victor, a brother-in-law of Sister Isa Berrones, who is on kidney dialysis and hopes to be a candidate for a kidney transplant.

Sister Betty Berger, who has been diagnosed with a sarcoma in her leg.

John, a brother of Sister Mary Ann Capizzo, who has a spinal infection. Prayers are requested that medication is effective in fighting the infection.

Sister Jeanette Quinn, who is recovering from being hospitalized with an infection around her heart.

Samantha, a grand-niece of Sister Mary Zirbes, who has been placed in a psychiatric safe residence hospital because she is suicidal. She is a junior in high school.

John Obowa, who had a stroke and was hospitalized in Fargo. He had a large clot removed from his brain but cannot speak. He is a brother of Sister Mary Cassilda Obowa.

Rose Wiechman, who was hospitalized with fluid in her lungs and possible slight heart attack. She is the mother of Sister Janice Wiechman.

Sister Therese Lenz, who has bleeding in her right eye, which is her good eye.

Shari Denizen, who has cancer in her spine. She is a grand-niece of Sister Corrine Millner.

Joan, sister of Sister Maurita Bernet, who has a cancerous lump on her throat.

Sister Sharon Fitzpatrick, who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3..... Transitus of Saint Francis, 7 p.m.
October 4..... Feast of Saint Francis
October 7..... Blessing of Animals, 12 noon
October 14..... Associate Commitment Day Mass, 11 a.m.
October 18..... Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, 6-7 p.m.
October 23-26..... Community Days

THANK YOU

Many thanks, sisters, for your expressions of sympathy, promise of prayer and presence at the wake and funeral of my sister, Cordelia Fiero. It was good to hear of the many pleasant memories you have of Cordelia as Sister Cletus. Thank you,

- Sister Lillian Kroll

AVAILABLE CSA ITEMS FROM THE KITCHEN

Apples
Horseradish
Sauerkraut



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