The Franciscan Sisters invite everyone to attend Holy Week services at Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Francis Convent, Little Falls.

**The schedule is as follows:**

**Palm Sunday, April 5 • 8:30 a.m.**, Blessings of palms and Eucharist

**Holy Thursday, April 9 • 7 p.m.**, Mass of the Lord’s Supper
  - Adoration until 10 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 10 • 9:30 a.m.**, Silent Walk for Peace
  - 11 a.m., Stations of the Cross
  - 2 p.m., Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

**Holy Saturday, April 11 • 8 p.m.**, Easter Vigil *begins* (not a Mass)
  - Service of Light/New Fire Liturgy of the Word (Old Testament readings/psalms)
  - Dismissal to vigil (watch & pray) through the night

**Easter Sunday, April 12 • 8:30 a.m.**, Easter Service *continues*
  - Liturgy of the Word (Epistle, psalm & Gospel)
  - Blessing of Water
  - Eucharist

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**Holy Week SCHEDULE**

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**Our Mission:**

We, Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota, are a community of women religious whose members are called to live the Gospel joyfully and to reverence the earth and all of God’s creation. In the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare, we embody a life of prayer, simple living and service to those in need.

We are committed to nonviolence as we recognize the need for healing in ourselves and in our world. We seek to build communities of peace and justice wherever we are called to serve.

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Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota
Dear friends,

While this Our Journey comes to you at the start of a new decade, the highlights of the previous 10 years take center stage. Indeed, the Franciscan Sisters accomplished some big things and marked milestones, including 50 years of ministry in Latin America, 10 years of the Franciscan Community Volunteers program, the 125th anniversary of the entire Franciscan community and the launch of Engaging Franciscan Spiritually. The growth of the Associate Relationship, hundreds of St. Francis Music Center concerts and recitals, ministry along the border, renovation of St. Francis Health and Wellness and much more.

As I look back at the 30 issues published from 2010 through 2019, I am reminded of the meaningful articles—the beautiful writing—that pulled at our heartstrings, exemplified the dedication and good work of these gospel women, and spoke to all things Franciscan, the spirituality, the relationships, the care and love extended to people on the margins—and the photographs that often captured more than words could say.

Often, the biggest challenge in producing Our Journey is coming up with a great cover. Sometimes an idea lands in our lap, other times we count on the Holy Spirit to spur creativity. Over the years, I’ve had many favorite covers. Here are just a few. Can you recall your favorites?

This issue also serves as our annual report—and without the generosity, love and partnership of hundreds of donors and volunteers over the past decade and thousands over the past 129 years, there would be no Our Journey, there would be nothing to fill the pages and no photos to take.

It’s your commitment to the mission and ministries of the Franciscan Sisters, to the gospel of Jesus Christ that make our work possible. Thank you for your generous support through the gift of your time, treasure and unending prayers.

Gratefully,

Elizabeth Mahoney Rydeen
Director of Development
They worked hard in awful heat

Harry and Mary Fleegel

Mary and I are privileged to minister amongst people who have no house in which to live. You see them on street corners with their signs panhandling, looking for handouts with their dirty clothes, shopping carts and backpacks. Often people assume that they are drunks, addicts or scammers too lazy to get a job. In their efforts to survive, they are scorned, ridiculed, cussed at and avoided. “Get a Job” shouts a passerby out of their car window, time and again. No one stops to hear their story or learn how they feel. Occasionally, someone will hand them some money. In today’s economy, it seems that there are “help wanted” signs on every store window, yet there are more and more homeless without work. Why? Do they really not want to work? Is it really easier to just beg?

If a person just stops to listen, the answers come quite quickly. Imagine that you are filling out a job application, the first question asks for your name, the next your address . . . you enter “none.” The third asks your phone number and the forth your e-mail address, again you answer “none.” What do you think your chances of getting hired are? How could the employer even contact you if you managed to secure the job? Recognizing this, the only job options for our homeless friends are jobs that require no application forms or process. Day jobs, odd jobs and cash jobs all meet this requirement.

Are the homeless really lazy work avoiders? We found an organic farming couple who needed help weeding. They had trouble finding help to assist with this back-breaking work so the weeds had grown waist high. The farmers decided to give the homeless an opportunity to earn some cash by weeding their fields. We went to the Salvation Army and asked those standing around if anyone was interested in helping to weed? About a half dozen said yes and we brought them to the field. They worked very hard in awful heat. The farmers were pleased with their work. But since it was obvious it would take more than six people to weed 36 acres, we asked those who worked to mention the opportunity to other homeless friends. The next day we had 13 people, then 22 the following day, more than was needed. Even though it was very hard work, homeless men and women swarmed our cars to get a job. They all chose hard labor over begging. People value dignity. So that is how we learned that the myth of the drunken, lazy, job-avoiding homeless bum was a lie.

We started looking for more day jobs and organized car pools to bring them to work. In the first month, the homeless workers of St. Cloud earned just over $2,000 combined to keep for themselves. At the end of the second month, over 35 homeless workers have earned over $21,000. With this money, many will be able to pay for a phone, so they can apply for a regular job or save for an apartment. But best of all they didn’t have to demean themselves to get the money.

We want to thank the Franciscan Sisters and Associates for their prayers and financial support in our efforts to serve the homeless of the St. Cloud area.

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Earth is our Church

Associate Jeff Odendahl

We are accustomed to hearing the expression, “Earth is our home.” Franciscans believe that if Earth is our home, it is also our Church. At first, Francis of Assisi mistakenly believed his mission was to rebuild the physically crumbling church building at San Damiano. He soon came to recognize that the church Christ wanted him to rebuild was the Universal Church. Francis also came to realize that Christ’s Church wasn’t limited to the human realm, but included all of Creation.

While much of the world’s leadership has begun to acknowledge the damage being done to our Earth, our collective actions don’t match the peril we face. It is this lack of commensurate response that Pope Francis sought to change when he wrote *Laudato Si’*, subtitled, *On Care for Our Common Home*. In it, Pope Francis says, “Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions.”

The Franciscan Sisters believe that changing attitudes and seeking solutions are equally important as we come to the aid of our ailing planet. While the sisters continue to appeal for change in national and global systems that are despoiling and destroying the Earth, their more immediate efforts are on the very local and personal level. In 2007, the sisters set up a Campus Green Committee to find ways our sisters, employees and associates can live more sustainably. This has led to many campus initiatives regarding energy use and conservation of resources. In 2009, the Franciscan Sisters endorsed the Earth Charter which challenges us to live justly and sustainably to build a peaceful global society.

We can name more initiatives of the sisters: the annual Green Fair Folk Festival that brings in 50-60 exhibitors and about 1,000 participants for a public event that models and teaches sustainability; inviting members of the Little Falls community to plant their own gardens where they can grow their own food; the Garden-to-Cafeteria program in cooperation with Little Falls community schools; native prairie restoration at Umbria; Earth Healers committees; Earth Day celebrations; planting trees; Blessing of the Animals; Earth Citizen Awards; the St. Francis Pledge, and many more.

Most important to our sisters, though, are still those at the margins. In caring for the Earth, the Franciscan Sisters recognize how much the abuse of the Earth affects those who are poorest and most vulnerable. Caring for the Earth is not at their expense, rather it is not caring for the Earth that heaps more devastation on those already suffering. In his encyclical, Pope Francis notes that it is precisely the overuse and abuse of the Earth’s resources by the world’s wealthy that contributes to the grave conditions faced by those who are poorest.

For the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, all Creation is of God, and all Creation is a sacred expression of the Creator. The Church includes all of Creation and all of us. Saving our Church means respecting and caring for our Earthly environment. It means ending our relentless exploitation of the Earth’s resources for the benefit of a few, and beginning to restore ourselves in right relationship to our natural environment.
Oh, the luck of the Irish

Sister Bea Eichten

Sister Sharon Fitzpatrick is the most Irish person I know. Her name and her appearance definitely tip you off as to her nationality. Her propensity to answer a question with a question, her closeness to the earth, her creativity and readiness to try something new are characteristic of her. Sharon lives without fear, laughs and enjoys life, taking things as they come and getting along with all kinds of people.

As classmates, Sharon and I worked, studied and played together. I have any number of funny stories about her from our Novitiate. I would urge her to eat vegetables (tomatoes, potatoes and onions were the only ones that counted). When we did an art project, her contributions took lots of coaxing. In our Gregorian chant class, she once was complimented for directing Mass 8 only to learn from her that she was directing a different Mass.

Sharon’s ministry has involved food preparation, homemaking, counseling and working with novices. In 1983, she co-founded the House of Bread and Peace in Evansville, Ind., for homeless women and their children. In 1988, realizing a need to find healthy living arrangements for young women who needed to move out of unhealthy, dysfunctional homes, I approached Sharon about establishing such a house in Chicago. She agreed to work with finding a suitable house and establishing a “home” for five-six women. At Becker House, named after our own Sister Yvonne Becker, Sharon lived with the women, teaching them simple things like how to sit at the table, use good manners and make conversation. They learned how to celebrate a holiday without chaos and disruption, how to take personal and financial responsibility, and how to pitch in with common households tasks. An important part of her ministry was helping the women transition and make positive life choices.

Sharon managed Becker House, took care of administration/finances and networked with local agencies. She worked with an advisory committee, searched for funding, wrote grants and met with donors. Sharon was an unlikely looking administrator and was someone who could easily be overlooked. Once she, after receiving a check for $70,000 from a donor, walked down the Chicago street to her local bank to deposit it. No one would have thought this simply dressed woman had that much money on her.

In 2009, Sharon joined the staff of our Community Relations Department to use her gifts in developing relationships with donors, making special efforts to connect with the families of our deceased sisters. Her simple approach and careful listening are her most endearing qualities. She’s also been a go-to person in helping sisters as they transition from active ministry to retirement.

Over the past year or so, Sharon has taken on a new challenge: living with cancer. She comes to work in the Development Office most days and is using her gifts to secure the restaurants for our annual Taste of St. Cloud. She is quite the salesperson! Her ministry is evolving to one of presence with her sisters in community. “They need to see me,” she said.

Thank you, Sharon, for your gift of Irish wit and laughter, your generous and caring presence and the many ways you are the hands, face and heart of Jesus present in our world.
DECADE in review

• Sr. Carolyn Law bicycled with ClimateCycle to raise funds for school solar panels
• FCV – first group of volunteers featured
• Sr. Ange Mayers works with the Tohono O'odham Nation Indian Reservation

SPRING 2010

SUMMER 2010

FALL 2010

SPRING 2011

SUMMER 2011

• Sr. Aurora Tovar and Isa Berrones take first vows
• Sr. Rose Margaret Schneider teaches English in Richmond, Calif.
• Sr. Donna Zetah prepares girls from St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Long Prairie, for quinceañera

• Umbria prairie restoration
• Community gardens flourish
• Sr. Margarita Aringo and Mary Obowa at the Headwaters of the Mississippi

• Sr. Michelle visits Homa Bay Diocese, Kenya
• First Earth Citizens recognized

FALL 2011

SPRING 2012

SUMMER 2012

FALL 2012

SPRING 2013

• Associate Relationship celebrates 25 years
• Sr. Colette Toenies, founding member of the mission in San Rafael, Mexico, honored for 8 years of service
• Sr. Carmen Barsody received Franciscan Federation award.

• Sr. Callista Robinson receives Claver Legacy Award.
• FCV Sara Pennebecker helps launch St. Cloud's human trafficking prevention campaign

• The band Power Plant performs at Five Wings Arts Council
• New associates from Nicaragua welcomed

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2020 Spring Our Journey
DECADE in review

- Sr. Patrice Kiefer retires after 53 years of ministry at Douglas County Hospital
- Associate Rick Dietz becomes new director of Franciscan Life Center
- Mexico Mission celebrates 10 years!
- FSLF joins Facebook

SUMMER 2013
- FSLF joins local high school for Garden-to-Cafeteria project.
- Sr. Karen Niedzielski featured in Nice Bike by Mark Scharenbroich

FALL 2013
- Casa Franciscana in San Rafael, Mexico, serves up to 20 students
- Sr. Joan Tuberty leads centering prayer at St. Olaf Church

SPRING 2014
- Sr. Mary Ann Capizzo and Mary Pat Burger serve St. Francis Parish
- Judi Welle, archivist, retires

SUMMER 2014
- Sisters’ 78-year ministry in Flensburg honored
- URock expands, adds violence prevention initiative

FALL 2014
- U.S./Mexico Border Encounter
- “The grace of the office” – looking back at the 2011-2018 Leadership team
- Opening Doors: Lay Ministry by Sister Pat Forster published

FALL 2016
- Sr. Joel Bieniek, Bernarda Sanoski and Fabian Schneider lead Dam Festival parade
- Sisters in Mississippi say, “No more!”
- St. Clare Seed Library introduced

SPRING 2017
- FCSO celebrates 50,000 hours of community service
- St. Francis Health and Wellness adds pickle ball

SUMMER 2017
- Sr. Carol Schmit, Aurora Tovar, Isa Berrones serve new mission in Ocampo, Coahuila, Mexico
- Sister Mary Obowa teaches sewing skills to immigrants
- FSLF host study on Muslim culture

FALL 2017
- St. Francis High School gatherings gain momentum. The Christian sisters: Rene, Jeanie and Michelle
- Memories of St. Cloud Children’s Home
- Growing up Franciscan

SPRING 2018
- FCV celebrates 50,000 hours of community service
- St. Francis Health and Wellness adds pickle ball

8 2020 Spring Our Journey
Ministry in Monterrey, Mexico, profiled
Sr. Audrey Jean Loher serves Humane Borders

Clothes Review comes to a close
Engaging Franciscan Spirituality program launches

Clare’s Well spirit lives on
Sr. Carol Virmig returns to nursing as home health care provider
StarTribune names FSLF a Top Workplace in Minnesota

Spring 2015

Summer 2015

Fall 2015

Spring 2016

Summer 2016

Spring 2018

Summer 2018

Fall 2018

Spring 2019

Summer 2019

Fall 2019

FSLF recognizes at Late Nite Catechism at the Paramount
Srs. Isa Berrones and Aurora Tovar profess final vows
New website/logo for St. Francis Music Center

FSLF celebrates 125th anniversary
Altar Bread ministry comes to a close after 124 years
Sr. Donna Ebner donates 100th pint of blood

Minnesota group builds house for people in need in San Rafael, Mexico
Faithful Fools Street Ministry celebrates 20 years

Sr. Gloria works at respite center, McAllen, Tex
Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minn. A Journey to New Frontiers 1950-2018 by Sister Elise Saggau published

St. Francis Music Center named Outstanding Arts Organization by Five Wings Art Council.
Best ever Taste of St. Cloud at new, larger venue, River’s Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud
St. Francis Music Center celebrates 40 years

New Leadership: Srs. Carol Schmit, Carolyn Law, Char Grossman, Grace Skwira
Sabbath House ministry bids farewell

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minn. A Journey to New Frontiers 1950-2018 by Sister Elise Saggau published
Franciscan Sisters Bean Bag Tournament
Francis Community Volunteers celebrates 10 years with reunion
St. Francis Health and Wellness celebrates 40 years

St. Francis Music Center celebrates 40 years
With the clever use of modern technology, it is possible to study the written and spoken usage of significant words. A recent study claims that in the last two decades, the word gratitude is losing popularity. How can that be?

With this issue of Our Journey, we express deep gratitude (still popular in our vocabulary) for your gifts that make it possible for us to continue our ministries and care for our sisters. We know that each gift comes with the sure trust that together we carry on the mission of Saint Francis into this new decade.

Now that one-fourth of 2020 has already been lived, I’ve decided to review my New Year’s resolution. I chose to be more faithful to set aside quiet time, down time, prayer time. There, I said it out loud. I will not judge myself by what I have accomplished, but how I am being present in that place of gratitude and compassion. After all, Jesus went away from the crowds and Saint Francis had his cave. My own resolution is a little effort to make this world a better place.

The calendar near the door in my office reminds me of the important events that have already occurred in 2020: Martin Luther King, Jr. again enkindled in us the dream that one day the equality of all persons will be acknowledged; Valentine’s Day marked that pleasant Friday when massive amounts of love and candy were shared; and International Women’s Day was commemorated on March 8 and, more or less, every year for 112 years.

I leave you with the gist of one of the early writings of Father Francis that repeats our theme of gratitude. Every evening, it is told, Francis would send a messenger out to announce that all praise and thanksgiving be given by all people to the all-powerful Lord God. To that he added a little warning. Those who don’t do this will have to give an accounting to God. “Let those who keep this writing, know that they will be blessed by the Lord God.”

Gratitude fills us with the desire to give back. Let that statement be our invitation to you to stop by our home in Little Falls, visit our lovely chapel and drink from our bottomless pot of coffee.

Peace and all good, Paz y bien,

Sister Carol Schmit
Community Minister

This issue of Our Journey recognizes individuals, businesses and organizations that have made cash, planned and in-kind gifts and donations to the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota, during the calendar year, January 1 – December 31, 2019. Donors who have passed away during 2019 are identified with an asterisk (*) behind their name.

Every effort has been made to recognize donors according to their wishes, including those who wish to remain anonymous. If names have been listed incorrectly, omitted or appear against the donor’s wishes, we apologize and encourage you to bring the matter to our attention by contacting Elizabeth Rydeen (320) 632-0624 or erydeen@fslf.org so that the error can be corrected. Thank you.
We extend our sincere thanks to our many donors who wish to remain anonymous.
Generosity abounds for the Franciscan Sisters

Sister Cordy Korkowski, director of Donor Relations

What an exciting year (and decade) for the Franciscan Sisters. This issue tells it all. Deep gratitude to each of you, our donors. We thank our families, friends, young adults, elders, organizations and “cheerleaders” across the miles. Our Gospel work continues strong because of you and your generosity.

Let’s revisit some special fundraising events of 2019. In August, that cute photo of Sisters Julien Dirkes and Char Grossman helped raise over $63,000 for the new fire safety system. In November, Sister Grace Skwira and I honed our acting skills to promote Give to the Max. It took a little rehearsing, and a few giggles, but finally we were ready for the big stage. We were delighted that more than 1,400 people viewed our video on social media. The 2019 online campaign raised $76,140, which included matching gifts of $28,500 from 13 generous donors. I loved staying up late to watch GiveMN.org and rejoiced when we hit our goal at 11:14 pm. Donations through GTTM support our sponsored ministries—St. Francis Music Center, St. Francis Health and Wellness, Franciscan Community Volunteers—along with our spirituality programs and outreach efforts to the poor and marginalized.

Our 2019 Christmas Appeal for the healthcare needs of our retired sisters was another successful effort. Some 800 donors contributed over $122,000 for this special appeal. Our gratitude is beyond measure.

Sister Grace Skwira, Leadership liaison for health care, stated, “Our donors respond generously to the health care and retirement needs of our sisters. They are mindful that these dedicated women worked diligently during decades of active ministry.”

The names of people near and far, who share our gospel values and Franciscan way of life, fill these pages of Our Journey. We give thanks for each one and pray that God will bless them abundantly as their love, support and generosity have blessed us.

Donating to the Franciscan Sisters

Please, feel free to express any wishes you may have for your gift. However, be advised that in order to ensure that donors will be entitled to a federal income tax deduction, Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota (FSLF), is required by Internal Revenue Service rulings to retain full authority over the assets granted to it and cannot accept gifts that are required by the donor to be paid, or to be used, only to further the work of a specific individual or that are required to be used in another country by FSLF or a foreign charity or religious institute.
When I donate to the Franciscan Sisters, it brings back memories of my time at St. Francis High School from 1947-1951. The sisters just keep going, from one generation to another. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this journey with the sisters from the beginning of my days with them until the present. — Joyce H. Thilen, Roseville, Minn.
The Franciscan Sisters invite former students, staff and faculty to gather on Sunday, July 19, 2020, for Mass and lunch.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy one another’s company, to share memories, and to nurture and promote the Franciscan spirit that was instilled during your high school years.

Please send your name, address, year of graduation and phone number, together with your registration fee, by July 1 to:

Mary Ellen Imdieke
3395 125 Ave. NE, Blaine, MN 55449-6572
763-785-0295 • sfhs.reunion@outlook.com

Registration fee: $20 per person. Checks payable to Franciscan Sisters. After July 1, $25.

PLANNED GIVING

Please let us know if you would like more information on remembering the Franciscan Sisters in your will and estate planning.

Contact: Sister Bernice Ebner
116 8th Avenue SE, Little Falls, MN 56345
(320)632-0699 • bebner@fslf.org
Enjoy music by Brothers Tone, refreshments and special appearance by comedian Jason Schommer.

April 17, 2020

St. Francis Music Center is hosting a new fundraiser in the gym of the former St. Francis High School. You’re invited to Prom—The Way it Should Have Been on Friday, April 17, 2020, 6:30-10 p.m. (Band starts at 7 p.m.) It’s a dance for adults, featuring live music by Brothers Tone and a variety of fun prom activities, including a photo booth, hors d’oeuvres and beverages. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Local comedian Jason Schommer will make a guest appearance as student council president, along with several colorful characters from your high school days. Come prepared to dance and have a good time. Attire: formal or informal. Tickets, $35 each or $60 for two, can be purchased by calling St. Francis Music Center—only 200 tickets will be sold. For more information, contact Trudi Amundson at St. Francis Music Center, (320)632-0612.
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The Franciscan Sisters have given so much to all of us for a very long time. We appreciate the prayers and graces that flow from the sisters to us. It is fun to give back. We love doing this and have come to know Sister Joan Tuberty and others who are very special in our lives.
— Pat and Kitty Lefton, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
Saturday, April 18, 2020 4:30 - 7 P.M.
St. Francis Convent, 116 8th Avenue SE, Little Falls, MN

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Children under 5 years - Free

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Spaghetti with meat sauce (meat-less sauce is available upon request), chicken alfredo, white and cracked wheat bread, Caesar salad, homemade bars and beverages will be served.

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I have had a long relationship with the Franciscan Sisters. I appreciated everything we did together in the parish, especially in Waite Park. I often had breakfast with the sisters and still have a sailboat they gave me when I left the parish. Years ago, the sisters were not given much in salaries. I have this in mind when I donate to them now. I have had many friends among the Franciscan Sisters over the years. — Father Ken Thielman, Melrose, Minn.
Sisters serve as Foster Grandparents

Sister Elise Saggau

Senior volunteers of the Central MN Foster Grandparent Program, sponsored by Catholic Charities, provide meaningful, supportive relationships for children with special needs. The program provides an opportunity for volunteers age 55+ to serve as models, mentors and friends. They provide small-group and one-on-one tutoring for children and serve as mentors for those who have been abused or neglected. They choose the age of children they enjoy most and the times they prefer to volunteer. They serve regular, consistent hours at the same site and become highly valued members of the school team. Foster Grandparents receive a tax-free stipend, transportation reimbursement and many in-service opportunities.

Three Franciscan Sisters have been serving as Foster Grandparents. When Sister Joyce Marie Piotrowski retired in 2001 after almost 45 years of service as an elementary teacher in the St. Cloud Diocese, she looked around for opportunities to keep her hand in the profession she loved. Her first opportunity was to work in a Montessori classroom at St. Mary’s Cathedral School in St. Cloud. After two years she went into the Title I system in the public schools, assisting students with math and reading skills. She worked in five different schools during this time. In spring 2006, Jean Yaeger (then director of the St. Cloud Area Foster Grandparent Program) invited her to serve as a Foster Grandparent at the Madison School summer Kids’ Stop program. This became her summer “home” for the next 10 years. In fall 2006, she also began serving as a Foster Grandparent at Sts. Peter and Paul elementary school. During her 14 years of service there, the school went through several mergers and is now called All Saints Academy (part of the Catholic Community Schools of the St. Cloud area).

As a Foster Grandparent, Sister Joyce sees many children through the mysteries of math, assists them with reading, and plays educational games with them. This frees the teacher to concentrate on other aspects of class instruction. Another valuable aspect of her work is to give the children, many of whom do not experience their own grandparents, an opportunity to relate to an older person in a relaxed situation. She finds them generally very loving and appreciative. In addition, Sister Joyce enjoys the chance to relate socially with other teachers and professionals. She also values in-service opportunities that enrich her own life. She continues to serve three days a week, four hours a day, using St. Cloud’s Dial-a-Ride to get back and forth from home to school.

Sister Maurita Niedzielski served in nursing care in her early professional life and then for some time at St. Cloud Children’s Home. Later she worked as a chaplain and in pastoral care. By 2012, she was looking for a new direction. Since she had served the elderly for many years, she decided it would be interesting to work with infants. She discovered that through the Foster Grandparent Program she would be able to assist at the Edu-Care daycare center in Waite Park. Working three days a week with infants, toddlers and preschool children, she found a new lease on life. She was able to hold, feed and comfort babies, while the staff took care of more urgent needs of other children. She loved her time at the center and was also much loved and highly valued. She performed duties as the staff directed and remarked, incidentally, that the care there was necessarily highly regulated for safety reasons. However, she experienced delight working with such young children and took much pleasure in observing how each one had a clearly defined personality. She enjoyed the trust they showed her and their desire to be held. She loved it when the toddlers called her “grandma.” She reflected, sadly, however, that some came from homes where they experienced some kinds of deprivation through poverty or overstressed parents.

Sisters Joyce and Maurita love their ministry to children.

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Eventually, Sister Maurita developed weakness in her shoulders and found she was no longer able to lift the children or hold them comfortably and safely. Thus regretfully she resigned from her position in December 2019.

When Sister Bernita Lindstrom retired to Little Falls after serving as an elementary teacher in California for 20 years, she looked for a way to continue her ministry to children. At Lincoln School on the west side of Little Falls, she was immediately offered a volunteer position assisting the kindergarten teacher. Meanwhile, she learned about the Catholic Charities Central MN Foster Grandparent Program through Sisters Joyce and Maurita.

In 2014, she became a Foster Grandparent and committed herself to three days a week to assist first grade teacher, Carol Larson, at Lincoln School. On those days, she arrives early to help set up the classroom for the 21 first graders’ free breakfast. She then works with individual children as directed by the teacher, focusing on issues that are particularly challenging for them. For example, she helps them write sentences using correct punctuation and numbers to indicate the day, month and year. Each student’s work papers are eventually made into a book that the child receives at the end of the school year. Sister Bernita, an experienced primary teacher, notes with some awe that first grade is more advanced than it used to be, especially in terms of technology. Each child is assigned an iPad for personal use and works on various program through this medium. The classroom also has a smart board that takes the place of the old chalkboard.

As a volunteer, Sister Bernita finds it quite wonderful that she does not have to prepare lesson plans for each day. Directed by the classroom teacher, her educational experience serves her well and she feels useful and appreciated.

Sister Bernita recently celebrated her fifth anniversary in this position and received her five-year pin.
Franciscan Girls Camp

June 2–4, 2020
For girls who have completed grades 6-8
Activities include prayer with the sisters, singing, crafts, campfires, nature and outdoor activities.
Register by May 1, 2020.
For more information, contact Sister Ange Mayers at amayers@fslf.org, (320)632-0680.

When I donate to the Franciscan Sisters, I get the most bang for my buck. I know that the money I donate goes for the work they do and for the needs of the sisters. I like knowing the gift is used well and carefully. — Paul Holthaus, Tampa, Fla.
I attended St. Francis High School in the 50s as a day student. The sisters influenced me in my education then and it continues on, now through Bible studies in our parish. It was a big deal to be able to ride the bus to the Catholic school in those days. My dad worked it out. What a gift. I’m very grateful to the Franciscan Sisters for my high school days. — Alice Houle, Wadena, Minn.
We like to donate to the Franciscan Sisters. When we are in Little Falls, we feel their love. We like their care of the sick, the poor, the protection of the unborn and their values. It is fun to come to Donor Day to talk and be with the sisters. We knew many of them at St. Andrew’s in Elk River. — Tom and Diana Christian, Elk River, Minn.
Power to choose my next moves

Katherine Giorgio, FCV11

On January 20, the community at Welcoming House attended a program at St. Cloud State University to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. The keynote speaker was Valerie Jarrett, former President Obama’s senior advisor. Needless to say, she provided the audience with plenty of good food for thought.

One of Ms. Jarrett’s main points was “share your story.” Hers includes interviewing 27-year-old Michelle Obama, which is where her relationship with the couple began. She was struck by Mrs. Obama’s vulnerability in sharing her personal story rather than simply pointing out her credentials for the job. It made me wonder how I might share my story. It is hard for me to look past the love and, frankly, privilege I have had in my life. What part of my story is a product of my environment? What part comes from me? In the coming weeks, I will certainly spend time thinking about the accomplishments I am truly proud of and the mistakes that have redirected my path for the better. Ms. Jarrett’s message is a good reminder that I am my greatest asset, and showing my personality and values is okay as I visit graduate schools that I hope to attend in the fall.

Reflecting on my past, I ask myself, “What do I want my story to be going forward?” Ms. Jarrett told of the time in her life when she left a comfortable job to follow her passion. Right now, I clearly sense that I have the power to choose the next big moves in my story, particularly with my education and relationships. I know this freedom to choose is a huge gift that doesn’t come easily for everyone at each stage of life. With so much that needs to be done in the world, it can be overwhelming. Where do I start?

Pat (FCV director) and I recently watched Romero, a movie about a bishop, now a canonized saint, who was dedicated to protecting the lives of the poor and martyred in El Salvador in 1980. It was quite an emotional experience for me. Oscar Romero faced many choices and responsibilities. I want to choose love and truth with courage the same way that he did. That will most likely come in the small events and relationships in my life rather than something as dramatic as the politics in El Salvador in the 70s and 80s. But I must remind myself that the small acts of love are just as important as the big ones when it comes to making a difference.

I’m more than halfway through the FCV program, and I’ve started to notice the little ways that “Franciscanism” has sunk in on a deeper level. Living in community and working at my service site continue to both challenge me to grow and keep me grounded.
Last fall, Sisters Ange Mayers, Mary Dumonceaux and Janice Wiechman, who lead our Mexico mission, held the first Boys Camp in San Rafael Parish. The camp is designed for adolescent boys who have limited contact with the Catholic community.

A primary goal for the mission in San Rafael is the development of lay leaders. Adults who were willing to work with youth were trained to offer presentations on recycling, care of Mother Earth, appreciation of creation through the stars, introduction to the Bible, and basic participation in Mass and prayer.

Sister Ange is pictured above with the participants as they learned about recycling.
Volunteers

Ellen Akotchik
Diane Allord
Deb Anderson
Cheryl Aswegan
Judy Athmann
Mary Ann Backowski
Dorothy & Ray Banick
Irene & Dave Becker
Faye Boser
Sally & Rich Brenny
Larry & Bea Britz
Mary Lou Britz
Donna Brooks
Marilyn Brown
Chris Calderone
Elise Carey
Tim & Ruth Ann Chaney
Rob & Ruth Clemens-Virnig, Guy, Alice & Laurel
Dodie Colombe
Patty Commerford
Alice Coudron
Alexia Cripps
Garry & Joann Dahl
Lucy Dale
Rick & Geri Dietz
Phyllis Dobis
Russell Droke
Joel & Mary Donnell
Lolly Doucette
Peggy Dragseth
Nettie Emblom
Kathy Etzel
Julie & Mel Euteneuer
Jan & Jeff Everson
Lana Faber
Jerry & Annette Fedor
Patricia & Roger Fernelius
Deb Fischer
Rosanne Fischer
Penny Flansburg
Debba Flicker
Phil & Mary Ann Force
Conrad & Mary Rae Freeberg
Hank & Bobbi French
Janie Frie
Mary Gallus
Deb Galvez
Sheila & Scott Gardner
Lloyd & Jackie Geisenhof
Bev Gerads
Maureen Gertken
Cheryl Gienger
Marllyn Girtz
Judy Girtz
Marcia Goff
Anita Goth
Robyn Gray
Dave & Sheila Gregoire, Colt
Renie Gummet
John & Rita Hacker
Patti Hammerbeck
Cheri Hample, Willow, Makya, Gavan
Mary Hanfler
Julie Hanowski
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Rosalia Heath
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Doreen Kapsner
Mary Kapsner
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Lora Knafel
Dawn & Lance Knopik & Family
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St. Francis Preparatory & Concert Orchestras
- Friday, April 24, 7 p.m. -

St. Francis Community Chorale
- Friday, May 8, 7 p.m. -

Both concerts will take place in Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. The concerts are free and open to the public. Everyone welcome!
**Sister Loretta Beyer, 82** — Loretta Pauline was born on November 27, 1936, in Brushvale, Minn. She was the second of 12 children of Alphonse and Mary Gertrude (Miranowski) Beyer. She attended grade school in Campbell and graduated from St. Francis High School in Little Falls. Her aunt, Sister Mary David Miranowski, was a member of the Franciscan Sisters. Loretta was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minnesota, on July 31, 1955, and given the name Sister Mary Loyola. She made her first profession of vows on August 12, 1957, and final vows on August 12, 1960.

Sister Loretta ministered as a houseparent at St. Cloud Children’s Home, in food service at the convent, and was a nurse aide at Community Mercy Hospital and Bethany Home in Onamia.

In 1972 Sister Loretta, along with Sisters Louise McKigney and Beverly Weidner, heard the Franciscan call to step out of the “safe zone” and work among the poor. Saint Francis’s intolerance of the status quo was an inspiration and guide as they challenged the racism in Holmes County, Miss. They joined a black-led community organizing effort to protest discrimination in hiring and police brutality. In 1982, she and Sister Louise spent 30 days in jail and received a taste of “justice” usually reserved for black prisoners. She not only heard the words of Saint Francis, she *lived them*. She ministered as an organizer and advocate representing claimants for disabilities and other programs.

Another of Sister Loretta’s many contributions to the people of Mississippi was her work to convert weedy vacant lots into gardens. With the help of children, elderly neighbors, farmers, local officials and other community members, they supplied vegetables to needy families. In addition, Sister Loretta played a significant role in the care of the children entrusted to the sisters.

**Sister Marie A. Theis, 101** — She was born on a farm in Eden Valley, Minn., on February 17, 1918, the oldest of eight children of Frank and Mary (Stein) Theis.

She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minnesota, on August 12, 1939, and given the name Sister Mary Susanne. She made first profession of vows August 12, 1941, and final vows on August 12, 1944.

Sister Marie attended grade school in Eden Valley and St. Francis High School in Little Falls. She studied at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, and at St. Cloud State University. She also studied at St. John’s University in Collegeville and the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph.

She served in the domestic area at the St. Cloud Children’s Home, the residences of Bishops Busch and Bartholome and at the Dwelling Place, a retreat center in Sauk Rapids. Her desire had always been to teach, and she fulfilled that desire when she taught at Catholic schools in Waite Park, Elk River and Holy Spirit in St. Cloud. Following her years of teaching, she cared for the sick and elderly in their homes.

Sister Marie lived for a number of years at Mary’s House in St. Cloud, where she enjoyed the backyard and all kinds of God’s creatures. She loved to garden and especially loved tending flowers. She played the piano and collected many recipes, as she was an excellent cook. In addition, Sister Marie was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins.

In the 1970s, Sister Marie started writing her family history. She wanted to preserve this history because both sides of her family had the genes for an inherited disease, cystic fibrosis.
Sister Paula Pohlmann, 91 — Rita Agnes Pohlmann was born March 2, 1928, in Melrose, Minn., the fourth of six children of Joseph and Mary (Soenneker) Pohlmann. She attended rural elementary schools and then St. Francis High School, graduating in 1946. In 1948 she followed her three aunts, Sisters Valeria Soenneker, Agnes Soenneker and Elizabeth Soenneker to the Little Falls Franciscan Community. She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minnesota, on August 12, 1948, and was given the name Sister Mary Paula. She made her first profession of vows on August 12, 1950, and final vows on August 12, 1953.

Sister Paula became a registered nurse following studies at St. Francis School of Nursing, Breckenridge, Minn. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a master’s degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

She ministered as a staff nurse, instructor, nursing service director, personnel director and administrator in Breckenridge and Little Falls, and Dodgeville, Wis. She served on the board of the Minnesota Catholic Health Association and as director of Health Services for the Franciscan Sisters. In 1976, she was elected community minister, serving in that capacity for eight years. Many changes took place during those years, and Sister Paula moved through those changes with acceptance and balance and assisted the Community to do the same. At the completion of her term, she moved to Berkeley, Calif., and studied massage. She was a massage therapist and Trager practitioner in Berkeley for 22 years. She then spent several years at Clare’s Well in Annandale, continuing her massage ministry. She moved to Little Falls in 2018, where she pursued an active retirement.

Sister Paula was a woman of integrity and discernment who had great love and deep respect for each person with whom she connected, and preferred one-to-one contacts. She loved to dance and celebrate whenever she had the opportunity. Of her call to the Franciscans of Little Falls she said, “To be part of a group of women committed to making a difference in the world, even though the ‘how to’ was not always clear, has been a tremendously stretching experience. I have been inspired by the goodness around me, by the modeling of compassionate souls, by the generous examples of women who endured great difficulties with resilience and faith. I am grateful and humbled to have been called into the company of this community.” She herself truly exemplified this belief.

We remember these Franciscan Associates

Associate Jennifer “Jo” Geoffrey, 62, passed away suddenly on October 31, 2019. Jennifer wrote in 2013 of her experience of being a Franciscan Associate for 10 years, “I have a deeper connection now to Jesus and to all the sisters and associates who are truly faith filled. Being an associate reminds me that we are all God’s children and that we are called to live as such every day.”

Associate Dolores de Epinoza at the age of 85, passed away on Monday, February 3, 2020. She was from Durán, Ecuador. Dolores worked with Sisters Bertha Gerads and Ramona Johnson with the neediest people in the neighborhoods. She was an associate for 21 years.

Associate Janet Rogalla, 88, passed away on February 9, 2020. Janet was part of the Franciscan family for a long time: 22 years as a sister and 33 years as an associate. After high school graduation, Janet joined the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, where she began her dream of being a teacher. She earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Janet eventually followed a calling outside the order but remained committed to living out the Franciscan charisma and values. She was as beautiful on the outside as she was on the inside.
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