Finding Peace in Challenging Times

A reflection by Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB
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Dear Friends,

I hope you will enjoy the new look in this issue of Sacro Speco. Appropriately, the inclusion of color photos comes to you as we experience all around us our world in full bloom this summer. Here at the monastery we experience the brilliant growth in our community gardens, the sound of birdsongs; all the while we enjoy the lush greenery of grass, trees, and the colorful flowers.

Even though the church calls this “ordinary time” in the liturgical calendar, it is a time when we may practice St. Benedict’s way of finding God bountiful in daily life. Whether we find ourselves drawn to God when our lives feel broken or when we see creation’s beauty, we are called to remember God is always there.

We hope that the addition of color to the photos and the new stories herein will bring alive to you the connections and concerns we share in the spirit of Saints Benedict and Scholastica, that in all things God may be glorified.

In peace,

Judith Murphy, OSB

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Letters From You

**SCHOOL MEMORIES**

I am forever grateful for the sisters who taught me and grounded me in the Benedictine values at St. Scholastica Academy. To name a few, but missing many: Srs. Mercedes, Mary Paul, Ignatia, Aurelia, Judith, Sebastian, Eleanore, and lay teachers, Patricia Flood and Miss Battista. I now have the privilege of knowing better Sr. Judy Murphy and Sr. Benita Coffey. One of my favorite St. Scholastica Academy memories: Working after school decorating a bulletin board on the south staircase landing, late on a winter afternoon, pulling on my coat to dash home and hearing in the dark and empty halls your beautiful, high voices singing evening prayers. I stopped to listen and was filled with such peace and a sense of sacro speco. What a gift to a young woman! Thank you.

-Marguerite Delacoma
St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago, ’59

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Sister Benita Coffey, our monastery’s Social Justice Promoter, coordinated a peace walk for the neighborhood in which our monastery stands after a shooting occurred this spring. She worked with the local police district and notified neighbors. On Wednesday, April 6th, approximately 100 people gathered to walk and pray for peace. Many of our sisters were able to walk with the neighbors, including Sister Vivian, who at age 102, carried the holy water to bless the site of the tragedy. The Chicago Tribune, local television news, and other media covered the event. We hope it inspires other communities that face gun violence to stand up for peace, as well. Since the event, Sister Judith Zonsius coordinated a documentary film screening for Sisters and Oblates to educate themselves about the corporate interests involved in the gun industry. Sisters also attended a meeting about Citizens United, a SCOTUS decision that permits corporations and individuals like the NRA to use limitless financial resources to fuel the availability of guns. In order to prevent further gun violence, many Sisters have signed a petition that calls for gun dealer licensing that is being circulated by www.peopleforasafersociety.com. The Sisters also encourage others to continue voting faithfully and responsibly.

The monastery’s St. Joseph Court (an assisted living and skilled care center) offers enrichment courses to the sisters who reside there. From art class to theater class, the Sisters have an array of options from which to choose. Recently, the Sisters who participate in the Theater class put on a review of skits and songs for the monastery’s Sisters and staff. Included in rehearsals and/or production were Sisters Anne Krall, Margaret Ann Holtz, Joanna Trapp, Mercedes Moore, and Victoria Marconi. Thanks to Lisa Wagner-Carollo and Still Point Theatre Collective for their on-going work with our monastery!

Sister Karen Bland was selected, along with 14 other Catholic Sisters, for the inaugural Sisters in Public Leadership Project. The national project is an initiative of Faith in Public Life, a strategy center for the faith community, and NETWORK, a Catholic Social Justice Lobby. The event brought together Sisters working in high-level social justice roles to learn about emerging strategies and communication skills to further their work. Sister Karen is putting the training to good use back at her ministry site where she serves as Executive Director at Grand Valley Catholic Outreach in Colorado. The organization works to prevent homelessness and assist those who experience homelessness, including many veterans.

Every March, Catholics celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week as part of Women’s History Month. This year our monastery hosted an evening for young women called “Pray. Connect. Celebrate!” Sister Belinda Monahan coordinated the event and Sisters Patricia Cielinski, Virginia Jung, Susan Quaintance, Mary Ann O’Ryan, and Judith Zonsius all helped out, from preparing food to welcoming the women to the monastery. The evening was such a success that Sister Belinda is now coordinating a quarterly group, Young Women and the Word, that invites women to the monastery to explore scripture and experience community together. If you are interested in learning more or attending, visit www.osbchicago.org/word to learn about the next gathering that will take place in late July.

Sister Patricia Crowley traveled to London in May to attend a conference on Islam, as part of her extended work with the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue. She made a number of new connections, learned more about the religion, and also had a chance to connect with some of the English Benedictine communities while she was there.

At our National Catholic Sisters Week event, Sister Belinda Monahan (right) spoke to a group of young women about Lectio Divina, a Christian practice of praying with scripture. Listening (at left) is Hannah Kilnert, a young women who attended the program.
Sister Mariella’s office is near the north entrance of our monastery. If you have visited the monastery over the last 18 years, you have likely seen her at work with her fellow sisters. As Director of St. Joseph Court, she oversees the care of our monastery’s elders. “I love each Sister in her own special way,” says Sister Mariella.

Sister Mariella’s compassion for others perhaps is modeled after the Sisters who first stirred in her a desire to become a Benedictine. “I was inspired by the Sisters themselves,” she recalls. “What they taught, especially religion, and how to develop a deeper love of God through Mass and the sacraments and treating others with reverence.” She notes that they were “excellent teachers and models of their Benedictine values.”

Sister Mariella first entered the Benedictine community at St. Joseph Monastery in St. Marys, PA. She says she remembers a few surprises in those early years: “Getting up so early!” She also remembers the fun her fellow younger sisters had on a feast day and the “joy of a simpler lifestyle.”

Over the years, she taught grades one through six at schools in the Pennsylvania towns of St. Marys, Lucinda, and Warren. She says, fondly, that it is the people she remembers the most from her years of teaching and then service as principal. For example, she recalls that St. Joseph Elementary School in Warren, PA only had 48 students in 1969. The people in the town were incredibly supportive and by 1989, the school population had grown to 225 students.

When she looks back on her life, she is grateful for each of her ministries: “the privilege of teaching, being principal, prioress in St. Marys, PA, and administering to the needs of our elderly sisters, especially those in the infirmary.” Having transferred to St. Scholastica Monastery in 1995, Sister Mariella joyfully recalls that as of last month she has been part of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago for more than two decades. “I have found a prayerful, caring community. I feel their support and love,” she says.

She says for those who may be considering entering religious life today, she would ask them “What are you truly looking for?” Often the answer to that question helps to clarify one’s path in life. For Mariella, it is clear that she found the path that God had planned for her. “I am extremely grateful for 21 years of joy and peace here in Chicago with all the Sisters.”
Sophia (Sophie) Ruskin has three daughters, although she says, “the oldest one lives in heaven” after she lost her battle with cancer as a young woman. Sophie said her faith is the foundation of her life. It is what sustained her after the death of her daughter and part of her faith experience has been walking the path of a Benedictine Oblate.

Sophie recalls that even as a young child she had a strong faith in God. She has been an active member of St. Pius Parish for 50 years and always active in the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. She is a business owner of a women’s dress shop and a religious articles store named Angels of Hope, both located in Pueblo, CO.

On Sunday, April 17th, Sophie deepened her faith yet again and stood alongside Rose Guerrero as they enrolled to become Benedictine Oblate Candidates. Sophie and Rose are among the four new candidates of the St. Scholastica Monastery Benedictine Oblate community this year.

Rose, like Sophie, lives in Pueblo, CO. She is the mother of three children, one of whom died in February. Her faith has always been important to her. She shares that she has always been involved in the church, beginning with her family of origin and continuing with her time in Catholic school through high school. She became an LPN when her children were young and realized the importance of nursing and how much she enjoyed taking care of people. She became an RN and was active as a nurse for 30 years. “As a single mother, I relied on God to get me through each day,” she notes. Although she had to stop nursing after a serious illness, she said she believes God gave her the strength to survive so she could help others, even though she could no longer be a nurse.

She has been active in the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, starting as a teenager with her mother. She felt one of her blessings after she retired was being able to increase her work with the Council. She is now active on the national level. She said she saw that organization as an avenue for unity of women, as a way for them to live out the Gospel values, and to help women on their spiritual journey. She is also active in social justice issues and feels that being an Oblate has helped her keep up that commitment.

Mary Cunningham and Michal Lewon also enrolled as Oblate Candidates this spring. On March 20th in Chicago, they stood before their fellow Oblates and the
Benedictine Sisters to announce their intent. Michal is a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese who has been serving as a chaplain at the University of Illinois, Chicago and will soon serve at a local parish. Although a priest, he looks forward to deepening his connection to the monastic tradition and Benedictine spirituality. When asked how he decided to make this step in his faith journey, he responded, “At some point people have to stop thinking about doing something and just do it. For me, contacting Sister Benita was a turning point in my life.”

Joining them that day was Seth Alexander who, after a year of candidacy, made his profession to become a Benedictine Oblate. Seth is a Ph.D. candidate at Loyola University, studying Catholic medieval women’s history and theology. He reflected, “I am so happy to have made this step of Oblation...and like Benedict says at the end of the Rule, this is only the beginning of a journey.”

Special thanks to Phyllis King and John Chavez for their reporting from Colorado that contributed to this story.

(opposite page) Rose Guerrerro (l) and Sophie Ruskin (r) are welcomed as Oblate Candidates in Colorado. (this page, above) Sister Judy Murphy, Prioress, (l) stands with Oblate Candidate Michal Lewon (r) in Chicago. (this page, right) Seth Alexander stands in St. Scholastica Chapel after becoming an Oblate.

Sisters & Oblates Stand For Racial Justice

Oblate Mimi Lynch holds a sign during the Stand Against Racism on April 29, 2016. Oblate Kathy Myers stands with her. This annual event is coordinated by the Evanston YMCA. Each year, Sisters and Oblates gather together to participate and help raise awareness for racial justice.
In Memoriam

St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago

Lois Hayhurst Gaquin (1943)
Joseph Glab, husband of Lois Kohl Glab (1945)
Virginia Welter Boss (1948)
Richard Halvorsen, husband of Marilyn Futter Halvorsen (1948)(deceased 2015)
Edmund A. Keefe, husband of Donamarie Fiebert Keefe (1948)
Andrew Lock, husband of Virginia Brunk Lock (1948) (deceased 2014)
Sue Anderson Considine (1949)
Nancy Garrahy Crawford (1949)
Patricia Bell Sanger (1949), sister of Nancy Bell Happ (1948)
Gary H. Kling, husband of Doris Zechel Kling (1950)
Leora Kathryn Bruch Hofmeister (1952), sister of Audrey Bruch Tellefsen (1949)
Colleen Owens Prawicki (1952)
Helen Beckmann Wahls (1953)
Robert A. Carrane, husband of Barbara “Bunny” Annetti Carrane (1954)
Thomas Grassi, husband of Ellyn Zunker Musser (1954)
Charlotte Stannard (1954)
Patricia Ann Born (1955), sister of Virginia Born Kobesi (1958) and Kathy Born Krieger (1967)
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Barbara Micek Crawford (1960), sister of Donna Micek Cukrowski (1959)
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Loretto Daley (1964)
Marshall Kearney, son of Denise Ryan Kearney (1968)
Amy Silverman, daughter of Jane McHugh (1968)
Marie Terese Schmid, mother of Maria Garrity (1972), Carlin Glennon (1973) and Terese Engling (1976)
Rita Nemeth, mother of Rita Nemeth Szopinski (1973)
Kenneth Gillis, husband of Nancy Dietrich Gillis (1974)
Kaylyn Pryor, sister of Chantal Pryor (Chantal left the Academy before graduating in 2004)

St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City

Arleen Boben DiOrio (1953)
Leila May Polintan (1994), sister of Liza Polintan (1998), Michelle Polintan (2002) and Mia Polintan Herren

The above represents notices received October 26, 2015 - June 1, 2016.
Alumna Puts Spotlight on Racial Justice

“My junior year theology class with Mr. Donahue around social justice has had a profound impact on my career and life,” reflected Brittany Hogan, SSA ’03.

Brittany, pictured above, now serves as Coordinator of Educational Equity and Diversity for the Rockwood School District, the largest in the St. Louis area. She oversees their social justice and diversity initiatives, along with their busing program that desegregates schools.

In the 1980s, a Missouri Supreme Court ruling found that the St. Louis Public School Board of Education and the State of Missouri were responsible for maintaining a segregated school system. School districts responded with a desegregation busing system that brought St. Louis city students to suburban schools and vice versa.

The Rockwood School District, for which Brittany works, is the largest participant in the busing program. She is responsible for coordinating the transportation of 1,700 St. Louis city students daily to the suburban school district. “In a snapshot, my work here has focused on educational equity, social justice, race, and the impacts those things have on how we educate our children, work with people who look different from us, and how we teach children about the world.” She notes that she is the youngest administrator and the only Black female in the district.

Brittany says that her greatest hope is “to see my students becoming global citizens who can talk about inequities and equity and who want to make a difference in the world they live in.” It’s not an easy job, but her faith is a support for her. It “is the center of everything I do,” she said. “Living a life of service has always seemed like the way for me to say ‘Thank you’ to God.... Every day I try to do a job I can be proud of, working out of a space of love and empathy for others.”

When asked what advice she would give to others who seek to make a difference in the world, she says, “Follow your passion, pray, and be conscious in the moment.”

Do you know an alumna who you think we should feature in a future newsletter? Email your suggestions to alumnae@osbchicago.org.
Where do you find peace in challenging times?

St. Benedict looked to the Psalms

by Sister Susan Quaintance

Folks are unsettled. Between unprecedented levels of violence in our city and neighborhood, a presidential primary season revealing a deeply divided country, and climate change that brings never-before-seen threats, to name but a few current realities, I note something in people’s faces that I don’t really remember in my lifetime: sort of a mix of bewilderment, wariness, and fear.

In addition to wrestling with all the same uncertainties that neighbors and colleagues are, I wonder what my response should be as a Benedictine? Pondering this question, I make a mental dash once more to the Psalms. They are, of course, the same Psalms prayed by Benedict and the communities he founded in the sixth century of the Common Era. Their moment, though almost unimaginably different than our own in circumstance and particulars, must have been similar in diseas and anxiety. The collapse of the Roman Empire in 476 resulted in political instability and social chaos. Sound familiar?

What follows is a shortened reflection on the Psalms in a series, “Seeking Peace”, that I wrote for the American Monastic Newsletter during the last presidential election cycle in 2012:

What do the psalms say about seeking peace? When that question occurred to me one night during evening prayer, it struck me as one worth exploring a bit. What text does a Benedictine spend more time with over the course of a lifetime than the Book of Psalms? The Rule itself quotes the psalms a whopping 71 times. The psalms are the river that flows over us, shaping our stony hearts into something closer to what they are supposed to be. So I spent a Saturday morning looking at where the word peace shows up in the psalms and also where those psalms fall in the Liturgy of the Hours setting that my community uses.* It wasn’t too terribly scientific or exhaustive, but it reminded me of something I
already knew and prompted my gratitude for something I didn’t.

The reminder: Peace is ultimately God’s work, not ours. Obviously that does not excuse us from whatever we can do to make peace (“Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and follow after it.” Psalm 34:15). Peace building seems especially con-

nected to speaking honestly and living authentically (“[God] has

granted peace in your borders.” Psalm 147:14a).

Peace will be the hallmark of the reign of God’s anointed one

(Psalm 72). This is an important truth to hold onto as we make

our way in a world that is anything but peaceful. As we try to

educate ourselves about global genocides and torture, as we

search for the facts in the mudslinging of another presidential

election, as we attempt to mend our sometimes fractured com-

munities, we must acknowledge that our work alone will not be

sufficient.

That realization, on a bad day, can be discouraging. What’s

the point of trying? This is where my gratitude comes in. One of

the things I looked at in my morning of psalm study was when

my community prays the psalms that talk about peace. Some are

prayed in the morning, but almost twice as many are prayed in

the evening. After a long day of doing what we do, saying what

we say, living with whom we live with, and humbly having to

admit that it’s another day of coming up short, it is good to hear

that God works through our small efforts, that God has the ulti-

mate responsibility, that it is in and through God alone that the

promise of peace is fulfilled. What a relief! Knowing that, we will

be able to “fall peacefully asleep” as soon as we lie down (Psalm

4:9). Or, at least, that’s the hope.

There are three psalms that mention peace which are omit-

ted from our Liturgy of the Hours book: 83, 109, and 120. They

are prayers against different enemies. I’ve never been in favor of

leaving out the “cursing” psalms from prayer; instead I’ve always

felt that using them can help us face our own violence and

sinfulness. Now I find myself grateful for that editorial decision.

Each of us is plenty capable of unconsciously destroying the

fragile peace(s) that exist around us; we probably don’t need to

be awash in how the wicked willfully do it. To “seek peace” im-

plies shunning its opposite, and these psalms would surely keep

me up at night by feeding resentment and hostility. The psalms

are a primer for so many aspects of right relationship, and seek-

ing peace is no exception. May we use them so. “Peace be upon

Israel” (Psalm 125:5c) . . . and all of us.

*All quotations are from the 1998 edition of the translation done

by the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA.

“**The psalms are the river that flows over us, shaping our stony

hearts into something closer to what they are supposed to be.”**

-Sister Susan Quaintance
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June 8, 2016

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We remember you in our daily prayers.

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Patricia Brown

In memory of deceased members of the Class of 1969
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Andrew and Barbara Stano

In memory of Leamond Onnie Allen
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In memory of Louinda Pettiford Allen
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In memory of Vacarious Pettiford Allen
Leamond A. Allen

In memory of Trudy and Sam Anderson
Patricia Campion

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Patricia Campion

In memory of Donald Andries
Dorothy Andries

In memory of deceased members of the Austin family
Claudette A. Austin and David Young

In memory of Jan Babcock
Joan O’Shea

In memory of Ken Bailey
Joy Bailey

In memory of the Bajda family
Donata Bajda

In memory of Wojtek Bajda
Donata Bajda

In memory of Louis and Genevieve Balkin
Charlene Balkin

In memory of Sister Maurus Becker, OSB
Harold Terry

In memory of deceased Benedictine Sisters
Patricia Campion

In memory of the deceased members of the Bentley family
Dorothy and Matthew Miholic

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Bernard P. Beverley, Jr.

In memory of Dorothy A. Beverley
Bernard P. Beverley, Jr.

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Dorothy Andries

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In memory of Winifred M. Brost
Gerard A. Brost

In memory of Edward Bunzol
Kathleen Gallichio

In memory of deceased members of the Campion family
Patricia Campion

In memory of Robert A. Carrane
Dorothy Andries

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Robert and Mariou Ducey
Molly Ducey Hansen

In memory of Claire Carriveau
Margaret Heaphy

In memory of Matt Casey
John and Mildred Reiter

In memory of Tony Catalano
Robert and Elizabeth Cornella

In memory of Mary Cielsinski
Anonymous

Ronald and Marjorie Auer
Patricia Ballard

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Jeff and Donna Bergen
Sister Barbara Ann Bosch, CSSF

Paul and Gloria Brandys
Sister Mary Beth Bromer, CSSF
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Susan Comrov
Donna Dehnert
Jacqueline Dombrowski
Lynne Farmer
Elissa Feldman
Felician Services Board and Team
Rose Mary Finnegan
Martha and Steve Frey
William and Virginia Frey
Katherine Gehrke
Ivette Guarin
Patricia Heineman-Vernon
Susanne Iden and the Arthritis Water Exercise Class
Jackie LeSanche
Katherine McSpadden
Kathlyn Myers
Carol Russotto
Mary Beth Schulien
Jennifer and Terry Schweizer
Jerry and Peggy Serwa
Joanne Spata
Joseph and Loretta Stec
United Stand Family Counseling Center
Jeremy and Aileen Westrick
Andrea White
Don C. Winslow

In memory of Theodore Clarke
Wanda and Brian Pabich

In memory of Esther Clay
Margaret Clay

In memory of Sue Anderson Considine
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Sheila Brannen

In memory of Janet Ruth Allen Cooper
Leamond A. Allen

In memory of Thomas Cooper
Barbara Nolan Cooper

In memory of Mary Cornella
Robert and Elizabeth Cornella

In memory of Agnes Coughlin
Barbara Bernacchi

In memory of Barbara Micek Crawford
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In memory of Nancy Garrahy Crawford
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In memory of Dennis Crean
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Marie Beaton Crean
In memory of Jerome and Puddy Crowley
Tom Crowley
In memory of Patrick and Patricia Crowley
Allan and Victoria Rodrigues
In memory of Richard J. Cullen
Margaret Cullen
In memory of deceased members of the Cullom family
Helen M. Slattery
In memory of John Cullom III
Helen M. Slattery
In memory of Loretto Daley
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Jayne and Anthony Altimari
In memory of Vito DeCarlo
Betty DeCarlo
In memory of Max Dersch
Katharina Harasch
In memory of Arleen Boben DiOrio
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Alice and Edward Skerjanec
In memory of Anna Thach Thi Doan Lai Truong
In memory of Patricia Dohr
Tim and Liz Uligian
In memory of Dolores Dorgan
John P. Dorgan
In memory of Georgine Ebert
Aldona Kavaliunas
Diann Keller
Thomas Keller
John Paulson
Steve and Peggy Savage
Bill and Marta Staranowicz and family
Richard and Alice Watkins
In memory of Ray Erjavec
Joan Erjavec
In memory of Jack and Julie Evans
Leslie Dickerson
In memory of Josephine Fekete
James Gaquin, Jr.
In memory of Albert E. Gehrke
Geraldine A. Gehrke
In memory of Robert Geier
Katharina Harasch
In memory of Kathy Geroski
Jill Newberger
Martin Wojcik
In memory of Margaret Geroski
Martin Wojcik
In memory of Catherine Gersick
Margaret M. Cullen
In memory of Martin Gersick
Margaret M. Cullen
In memory of Ralph, Barbara and Jerry Tom and Mary Gibbons
In memory of Kenneth Gillis
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In memory of Joseph Glab
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Lois Kohl Glab
In memory of Barrett Gleixner
Julie Gleixner
In memory of Sister Joyce Gleeson, OSB
Suzanne M. Walsh
In memory of Anton Govekar
Helen and Daniel Knapp
In memory of Thomas Grassi
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In memory of Jeanne Adele Hafner
Jeff and Mary Kehl
In memory of Sheila and John Hagan
Noreen Roche Brady
In memory of Richard Halvensen
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Marilyn J. Halvensen
In memory of Eleanor F. Handler
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Chris and Colleen Brewer
Catherine O’Connell-Cahill and
Michael Cahill
In memory of Richard Hathorn
Maureen and Dennis Brown
In memory of Maria Jahn
Andrew and Barbara Stano
In memory of Frank Jallits, Sr.
Frank J. Jallits
In memory of Rosina Jallits
Frank J. Jallits
In memory of Frances Jerina
Maureen and Dennis Brown
St. Scholastica Monastery Infirmary Sisters
In memory of Patricia Healy
Katherine McSpadden
In memory of John Heath
Dorothy Andries
In memory of Sister Jeanne Hegarty, OSB
Patricia Heineman-Vernon
In memory of Margaret Heineman
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In memory of Rosemarie and William Hellman
Jean Hellman Ryan
In memory of Katie Hennessey
Dorothy Andries
In memory of Elizabeth Heslin
Bill and Ellen Wirth
In memory of Mike and Mary Hiza on their 90th wedding anniversary
Bernice Krasovec
In memory of Leora Kathryn Bruch Hofmeister
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Geraldine Grimm
Audry and Harold Tellefsen
In memory of Hilda Hoover
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In memory of Alan D. Hoppe
Dorothy Andries
In memory of Dorothy Peterson Hughes
Dorothy Andries
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Sheila Hulseman
Phyllis Duzmal
Michael J. Kelly
Sister Nancy Murray, OP
Greta O. Rusk
Valerie Stockmar
In memory of Robert Itschner
Patricia Hartmann
In memory of all deceased members of the Ivantic family
Paul Ivantic
In memory of Maria Jahn
Andrew and Barbara Stano
In memory of Frank Jallits, Sr.
Frank J. Jallits
In memory of Rosina Jallits
Frank J. Jallits
In memory of Frances Jerina
Maureen and Dennis Brown
Mary Chamernik
Mary Sue and Alex Grossman
Gerald and Beverly Gust
Ronald A. Hemerbach
Ruth and Bill Hervoy
John and Theresa Lesnak
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Peter and Patricia Shaulis
Therese and Lawrence Stickler
In memory of Wayne Jerney
Patricia Hoyland Jerney
In memory of Deborah Johnson
Patricia Finnegan
In memory of Anton Kaplan
Margaret Cullen
In memory of Frances Kaplan
Margaret Cullen
In memory of Marilyn and John Kearney
Ann Lamas
In memory of Marshall Kearney
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Denise Kearney
In memory of Edmund A. Keefe
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Marilyn J. Halvorsen
In memory of Katherine Kelley
Katherine Goeddle
In memory of James Kelly
Karen Kelly
In memory of Alfred G. Kilgen
Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell
In memory of Charles Kilgen
Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell
In memory of Mary Lou Kilgen
Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell
In memory of Gary H. Kling
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In memory of Anne Pauline Kochevar
Bernice Krasovec
In memory of Rudolph J. Krasovec, Sr.
Bernice Krasovec
In memory of Ceci Kuhlmann
Mary Groark
In memory of Mary Ann Cummins Kupper
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Mary Flessner
Judy Glogovsky
In memory of Richard E. Lind
Dorothy Andries
Patricia Ballard
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Jackie LeSanche
Katherine McSpadden
Joanne Spata
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Ruth G. Lochner
In memory of Andrew Lock
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Jon and Phyllis Graham
In memory of Sister Catherine Lynch, OSB
Kathy and Bill Riordan
In memory of Gloria Majewski
Carol Thompson
In memory of Dorothy Maloney
Jim and Judy Maloney
In memory of John and Dorothy Maloney
Mark and Joan Harris
In memory of William Marker
Linda Marker
In memory of Jerome and Helen Martin
Richard J. Martin
In memory of Marty Martin
Arlene Martin
In memory of Victoria Mauro
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Andrea Ciccone
Arlene Glow Gange-Harris
Dorothy Vella Heller
Linda Antognoli Maucieri
In memory of Paul McCaffrey
Pauline McCaffrey
In memory of Eleanor McCarthy
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In memory of Janet McGurn
Patricia Ballard
In memory of John McHugh
Dorothy Andries
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Joseph and Mary Ellen Kadleck
Gregory and Judith Matz
Joanne Spata
In memory of Pat McKinney
Ellen J. Van Buskirk
In memory of James McMahon
Candy McMahon
In memory of Edwin and Janice McNamara
A. J. and M. E. McNamara
In memory of Stella McPhillips
Patricia Ballard
In memory of Bill Mella
Philip and Nancy Mella
Katherine and Robert Sherman
In memory of Chris and Norma Messina
Roxanne Messina Captor
In memory of deceased members of the Miholic family
Dorothy and Matthew Miholic
In memory of Vince Mirtich
Ann Mirtich
In memory of Michael Morris, Jr.
Sylvia Morris
In memory of Kathleen Mullarkey
Katherine McSpadden
In memory of Helen and Lawrence Murphy
Michael J. Kelly
In memory of Katherine Murphy
Ann Oliveri
In memory of Paul Murphy
Margaret (Maggie) Geimer Murphy
In memory of deceased members of the Francis J. Murray family
Ann C. Murray
In memory of Patrick Murtaugh
Michael and Eileen Moorman
In memory of Marion Needham
Mary Needham Turek
In memory of Rita Nemeth
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Jon and Phyllis Graham
Frank and Rita Szopinski
In memory of Loretta Newhouse
Eleanor Nangle
In memory of Mary Nangle Newhouse
Eleanor Nangle
In memory of Bud Nichols
Joanne Spata
In memory of the deceased members of the Nolan family
Mary Nolan
In memory of James Nolan
Marietta Nolan Stevens
In memory of Mary Margaret O’Connor
Barbara O’Connor
In memory of Marilyn Alles Olson
Dolores Barber
In memory of Gretchen Fieweger O’Neill
James Patrick O’Neill
In memory of Janet Lee Ornelas
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In memory of Barbara Mary Kob Ostdiek
Glen Ostdiek
In memory of Maury Pardue
Martha Pardue
In memory of Nellie Pelkovic
Ellen and William Wirth
In memory of Josephine Perko
Agnes Glavich
Ursula and Charles Perko
Marian Radacy
Alice and Edward Skerjanec
In memory of Edmund A. Perse
Margaret M. Cullen
In memory of Helen Perse
Margaret Cullen
In memory of Marc A. Perse
Margaret M. Cullen
In memory of Mary Gersick Perse
Margaret M. Cullen
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In memory of Peter A. Perse, Jr.
Margaret M. Cullen

In memory of Richard (Dick) Perse
Margaret Cullen

In memory of Annette Lind Peterson
Kathy, Jeff, Tom and Pat Caudill

In memory of Honorable Frank Petrone
Joanne Spata

In memory of Mario Pierini
Dominic and Margaret Caminiti

In memory of Margaret Pignaloni
Angela Schroeder

In memory of Lea Pirman
Margaret Pirman

In memory of Leila May Polintan
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Steven W. Miller Suzanne Miller Carolyn Miller Samuel

In memory of Halina Poreba
Andrew and Barbara Stano

In memory of Colleen Owens Prawicki
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In memory of James Provenzano
Joanne Spata

In memory of George E. Radacy
Susan Ernst Marian Radacy

In memory of Charmaine Render
Patricia Hartmann

In memory of Angela Kieter Reynolds
Shirley Weber

In memory of the deceased members of the extended Rhodes family
Joseph L. Rhodes

In memory of Josephine Robich
Dominic and Margaret Caminiti

In memory of Alex A. Rocco
Shirley Rocco

In memory of Sharon Rodie
Marian Radacy

In memory of Philip J. Rock
Karen Kelly

In memory of Irene Rudolph
Jeff, Kathy, Tom and Pat Caudill

In memory of Marie Sabia
Florence Sabia

In memory of Patricia Bell Sanger
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In memory of Jack Schermerhorn
Edward and Mary Coffey

In memory of Robert F. Schermerhorn, Sr.
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago Margaret F. Crumley Marilou Ducey Mary Ann Harrington Molly Ducey Harsen Schermerhorn family Joan Thiry Amelia Winchester

In memory of Marie Terese Schmid
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago Carol Schmidt Hines

In memory of Peg and Nick Schroeder
Schroeder family

In memory of Lucille Sebahar
Sister Benita Coffey, OSB

In memory of Magdalena Seifert
Sister Barbara McCarry, OSB

In memory of Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, OSB
Geraldine A. Gehrke

In memory of James Sharp
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In memory of Barbara Silerzio
Eileen Moorman

In memory of Amy Silverman
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In memory of Dolores Sinkus
Kathy Caudill

In memory of Helen A. Slattery
Helen M. Slattery

In memory of Dr. Thomas Slattery
Helen M. Slattery

In memory of deceased members of the Slattery family
Helen M. Slattery

In memory of Teresa Smialek
Andrew and Barbara Stano

In memory of Dolores F. Smith
Sister Barbara McCarr, OSB Sara M. Smith and family Don C. Winslow

In memory of Mary Ellen Smith
Francine O’Connor

In memory of James Spain
Marietta Hipskind

In memory of St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago
Mary Ann Sheehan

In memory of Catherine Sullivan
Cynthia A. Bachmann

In memory of Martha Bower Sutton
Bower family

In memory of John Tavormina
Bill and Ellen Wirth

In memory of Richard Thompson
Jean Dolan

In memory of Maria Senese Tomassini
Joanne Spata

In memory of Richard Tomz
Lauren Giotetti

In memory of Paul and Margaret Tracy
Patricia A. Lund

In memory of Brother Blasius Unger
William and Katherine Milleker

In memory of Marge Urbancic
Angela Schroeder

In memory of Janet Stineman Valtierra
Bernard and Barbara Murphy

In memory of Ida May VanDuyne
Robert and Mary Bzik

In memory of Tom and Terri Ivantic

In memory of William Van Houghton
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago Eileen and Michael Kohne Malter Associates
Van Houghton daughters, Trina, Linda, and Mary

Women’s Club of Inverness

In memory of James “Mike” Vaske
Mary Clare Cadieux

In memory of Veronica Vatch
Steven J. Vatch

In memory of Bernadette (Bernie) Veeneman
Patricia Campion

In memory of Michael Vislosky
Frances Vislosky

In memory of Bette Ann Vitale
Mary Ann Vitale

In memory of Thomas Vogel
Eileen Moorman

In memory of Helen Wahls
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Sandra Waite  
Sylvia Morris  
In memory of Honorable William Ward  
Patricia Urbanus and Joseph Dunne  
In memory of Maria Werth  
Helga Ruby  
In memory of Sister Colette Westrick, OSB  
Barbara and Edward Cunningham  
In memory of Robert Wheeler  
JoAnn Bonwell  
In memory of Sister Miriam Wilson, OSB  
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In memory of Dale Winslow  
Don Winslow  
In memory of Kittie Winslow  
Don Winslow  
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Elise Wolfragm McDonald  
In memory of Anna Wrenn, OSB  
Grace and Michael Gaughan  
Catherine Wrenn  
Michael Wrenn  
Michael and Catherine Wrenn  
In memory of Estelle Wroblewski  
Valerie Wroblewski  
In memory of Angelina (Lee) Wyleta  
Richard and Alice Watkins  
In memory of Charlotte Stannard Yates  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of deceased members of the Young family  
Claudette A. Austin and David Young  
In memory of Paul Zeffer  
Deb Watassek  
In memory of Louis J. Zember  
Ray and Patty Erjavec  
In memory of Sister Mildred Zember, OSB  
CARE  
Donna Dehnert  
Joan Erjavec  
Ray and Patty Erjavec  
Joseph Fabach  
Bernice Krasovec  
Rita and Ron Newchausky  
Teresa and Stan Szott  
Gene and Katharin Vix  
In memory of Pete Zonsius  
Barbara Zonsius  
In memory of Sister Suzanne Zuercher, OSB  
Elizabeth Rochford  
David J. Zuercher  

Special Occasions

In honor of Helen Anderson  
Kathie Murphy Anderson  
In honor of Judy and Ken Bartels  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of Kenny Bartels  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of Judith Beaumont on her birthday  
Juliet Bergner  
In honor of all the Benedictine Sisters who made a difference in my life, especially Sister Suzanne, Sister Ada and Sister Barbara McCarrig  
Nancy Tomz  
In honor of Sister Amy Campbell, OSB on her 75th Jubilee  
Joseph and Mary Godec  
In honor of Canon City Benedictine Sisters  
Connie Godfrey  
In honor of Steph and Mike Cassidy  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of Patti and Leo Cassidy  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of our children and grandchildren  
Martin and Jeanne Stanton  
In honor of Sister Benita Coffey, OSB  
Marjorie and Ron Auer  
In appreciation of my aunt, Sister Benita Coffey and all the inspiring women at St. Scholastica  
Patricia Sebahar  
In honor of Sister Patricia Coughlin and Penny Kerd  
Karl and Laureen Youtsey  
In honor of Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB  
Monique P. Garrity  
In honor of Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB on her birthday  
Jane Hennessy  
Nancy and Richard Kunnert  
In honor of Vince and Ginny Fontana on their 50th wedding anniversary  
The Fontana family  
In honor of Maryanne and Tom Forde on their 60th wedding anniversary  
Marjorie and Ron Auer  
In honor of Sister Joan Gannon, OSB  
Joan and Edward Matuga  
In honor of all the good teachers at St. Scholastica Academy  
Karen L. Gagel  
In honor of contributions made by Sister Hilary Halpin, OSB  
Sharon Wang  
In honor of Maripat Hartmann on her Confirmation  
Patricia Hartmann  
In honor of Cathy and Sam Ingraffia  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of Tony Ingraffia  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of Sister Callista Kaley on her 85th birthday  
Kathy and Bill Riordan  
In honor of Marianne Littau on her birthday  
The Birthday Group  
In honor of Don and Helen Lyon family  
Philip and Donna Van Swol  
In honor of Matthew Miholic on his 90th birthday  
Gertrude Miholic  
Fred and Marie Zalaznik  
In honor of Sister Judith Murphy, OSB  
Michael K. Kelly  
In honor of Margaret Schriver Murphy  
Kathie Murphy Anderson  
In honor of Mimi Nolan on her birthday  
Marietta Nolan Stevens  
In honor of John Olen  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of Mary Jo and George Olen  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of Frances Ondovchik on her birthday  
Bernice Krasovec  
In honor of Francine and Steve Palm  
Jeanne and Martin Stanton  
In honor of the Sisters who taught at St. Lambert School (1954-1962)  
Sue and Tom Reilly  
In honor of Sister Jane Smith, OSB  
Doug and Mary Ann Hohfrer  
In honor of Eddie Zonsius  
Jeanne and Martin 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.
A Sense of Peace:
Free Seminar on Wills, Trusts, & Estate Planning

Join us for this informative seminar on how to align your estate planning with the values you hold close to your heart. Light refreshments will be served.

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St. Scholastica Monastery
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