



*“Peace, love, and all good
permeate our hearts
and our world.”*

Sister Sandy Lasecke



2024 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

Dedication to Jesus Christ involves us, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, intimately with His liberating and reconciling mission -- to make God more deeply known and loved and, in so doing, to draw all persons to fuller and freer life.

Together with all our Sisters and Brothers who strive for a more just world, we undertake those activities which promote the material and spiritual development of the human family.



Meaning of the Congregation's Logo

The logo symbolizes our call to be a Franciscan Sisterhood under the patronage of St. Joseph. We incorporated the Tau Cross, a Scriptural symbol which Francis adapted for his way of life, signifying continuing conversion for the renewal of the Church. Above the Tau are the crossed pierced hands of Jesus and St. Francis. The net represents our Gospel mission to gather all into the Kingdom of God and the fullness of life.

We remember the stained-glass windows in the chapel at St. Joseph Motherhouse in Stevens Point, WI, displaying their dancing colors on the side aisle pillars

From the President

“Women with Open Hearts”



January 2025

Dear Friends,

When I gaze physically and in my heart on Sisters, I recognize simple, beautiful women who live our mission of “making God more deeply known and loved and drawing others to a fuller and freer life.” In the same manner, I gaze upon our supporters in our mission. Both you and our Sisters are companions on this journey -- geographically spread to share our lives with whomever is the “other.”

These days I have been faced with and gifted with the fragility of my Sisters, of my neighbors, of our country and our world. I have listened to the humbling, holy words from a wise elder Sister, who faced terminal cancer with openness and love. I have gathered with women, victims of human trafficking and drug dependency, striving for hospitality and receptivity of who we/they are. I have listened to the anger and confusion of a nation, struggling with an unknown future, and with fears of violence and retribution. I have prayed, “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”

Thank you for joining us in our mission. With openness and gratitude, we yearn to be who we are called to be - women with open hearts and spirits willing to simply be. To be who we are. To be hope, and presence and lovers of a God who loves unconditionally.

With deep gratitude,

Sr. Linda Szocik

Sister Linda Szocik, President



Message from our SSJ-TOSF Leadership Team:

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the third Order of St. Francis. Your contributions help us continue our important work, and we’re honored to have you as a part of our congregation. Where we are, you are with us. We look forward to keeping you updated on the impact of your generosity.

Top Left to Right: Sisters Linda Szocik, Michelle Wronkowski
Bottom Left to Right: Sisters Dorothy Pagosa, Lorraine Durkalski

Thank you

One of the Blessings used by St. Francis begins "May the Lord be always kind to you and take care of you..." In a world of overwhelming needs, it is the strength of community that gives one courage to keep on reaching out to others in an effort to help to meet at least some of those needs. Many of our ministries and our very way of life have been made possible by YOU who form part of that faith community. May your generosity and friendship be richly rewarded.

Sister Jane Blabolil

Through the year and all its seasons, for so many reasons the world is a nicer place because of you. We are most grateful for your unwavering support and belief in us. God's blessings to all!

Sister Colette Wilczynski

May God bless you abundantly for all your goodness to us. Your kindness is very much appreciated and is never taken for granted.

Sister Shawn Lee

The light of gratitude burns brightly in our hearts for all the many ways you have gifted us. Thank you for journeying with us in our mission through you friendship, support and generosity. May God who is all goodness bless you graciously.

Sister Rita Schmidt

God's blessings to each of you who have given so generously to us through this past year. May our Lord shower graces of love upon you and grace you with happiness and joy throughout this coming new year! Holding you dearly in prayer.

Sister Debra Ann Weina

We thank you all for your support and generosity. We appreciate you thinking of us. You are in our grateful thoughts and prayers.

Sister Barbara Koza

Dear incredibly giving hearts... bless you. You are loved and prayed for.

Sister Angela

Dear Friends,
We, as a community, are decreasing in number. There are fewer Sisters working to provide for us. So, I personally want to thank you, our donors, for keeping us in mind. May you be blessed with many graces in 2025 for your generosity. It would be nice to see you in person to thank you.

Prayerfully,
Sister Rose Karecki

From the Mission Advancement Office

Dear Friends,

Have you ever heard of the Honey Guide? A gift created to be people friendly. The elders of the Hadza tribe in Tanzania tell the story of this special 'indicator' bird who points the way to life's sweetness. The elders say "she sings a particular song to attract our attention, so we follow her to where to find the honey on which our lives depend. The honey guide is always there for us. Before eating, we break off a piece of the honeycomb and leave it for her to thank her for her guidance. We show our gratitude by giving back what we have been given."

By now you know where I am going with this story. Everything about it reminds us of Jesus, the Perfect Gift, given by God to be people friendly... indicating the way to lead us on the right path. Jesus said, perhaps even sang, "I am the way, the truth and the life." I think Jesus sang... He continues with a particular voice to attract our attention through the Gospels. He is always there for us... feeding us with the Eucharist... blessing us each day as we arise in morning prayer deciding how, where and when to give back.

We, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, thank you for sharing our journey through the years. In 2026, we will celebrate being 125 years old. Yes, we have been blessed, and you have been our blessings so we could bless others in multiple ways throughout our various ministries.

We are ever grateful to you, our friends, who have chosen SSJ-TOSF to 'give back.' Many of you are former members, students, and patients, who have chosen us to 'give back' and bless us with your faithful and loving generosity. You saw and embraced what has taken hold of our hearts to live passionately for all people so they may have a fuller and freer life. (SSJ-TOSF Mission Statement)



May the blessings from Jesus available to you this year, shine through your smile, erupt with your laughter, be conveyed with your hands, sung out from your soul, and glow from your hearts.

Peace and all good,

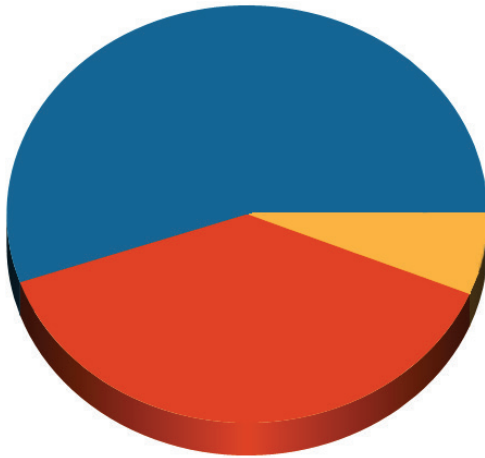
Sister Sandy




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2024 Financial Report

Total Gifts by Category



	Fund Most Needed	\$269,804
	Retirement Fund	\$188,146
	Other	\$31,216

Retirement

Gifts to retirement help meet the current and future needs of the retired and frail members of the congregation. This includes housing, medical and living expenses.

Fund Most Needed

Unrestricted gifts are used to help fund the congregation's most urgent needs. In 2024, these funds were used to fill the gap in the retirement funding, moving Sisters to new locations and provide general support for our Sisters working in low or non-paying ministries with the poor and needy.

Planned Giving

An increasing number of donors have made lasting gifts to the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis through their wills, bequests, trusts and estate plans.

Making a planned gift can be easy! Many donors have chosen to name the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF as a beneficiary (specific dollar amount or percentage) of their estate in a will, life insurance policy, trust or retirement account.

With careful estate planning, you can reduce estate tax liabilities for your heirs along with providing for the organization that means so much to you.

To learn more about how you can make a planned gift to the SSJ-TOSF, contact the Mission Advancement Office at (715) 881-1533

Last Word from the desk of Sister Sandy

We appreciate you remembering us when you gift us through your investment funds. Please send me a note, email (slasecke@ssj-tosf.org), or give me a phone call (920-410-5458) to let me know a donation of \$\$\$\$ will be coming our way and will not have your name on it.

Please include your phone and email on your contribution envelope. That information is important in case we need to contact you. Thank you for your attention to these things.

Non-Designated Gifts

The Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF, with humility and deep gratitude, list our benefactors. This list reflects gifts received (that did not specify in memory or in honor) by the Mission Advancement Office between January 1 and December 31, 2024. We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this listing. If we have inadvertently misspelled or omitted your name, please accept our sincere apology and let us know by contacting Sr. Sandy Lasecke, Director of the Mission Advancement Office at (920) 410-5458 or slasecke@ssj-tosf.org.

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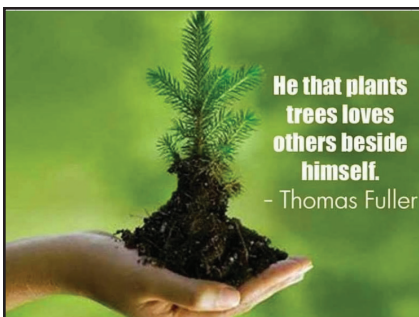
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Barbara Ziemba



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It is indeed a privilege to write to express our deep and lasting gratitude for your unending prayers, support and friendship. May God bless all with peace, health and happiness for all the ways you let God's love shine through. Thank you!

Sister Eunice Beaudin

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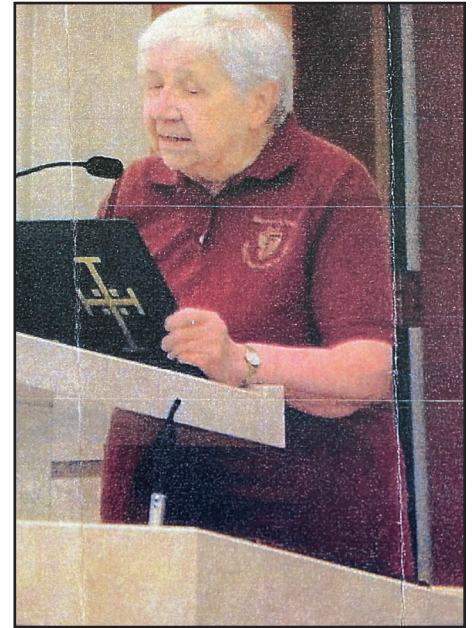
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Dear donors and benefactors,
I am appreciative of your interest and support for our community. We will be celebrating 125 years in 2026 and could not have gotten this far without all of you!

Sister Lorraine Durkalski

“Giving is an expression of gratitude for our blessings.” Laura Arvillaha-Andreesse

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Sister Carlene Blavat reads at a liturgy at Regina Healthcare Center For the celebration of their 30th anniversary. Bishop Malesic of Cleveland presided on the feast of the Queenship of Mary.

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Dear Benefactors,
We are now in the shadow of the Christmas season of giving. You have lived in the spirit of giving many times all year. Thank you for including us SSJ-TOSF Sisters in your gifts of support. Here at Regina Health Center in Ohio where I now reside, we include you, our benefactors, in the prayers of intentions at our daily Eucharistic Celebrations. May God continue to bless you and your families. Gratefully,

Sister Anne Koszarek

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Rights of Nature Resolution

Sister Rita Schmidt joined many at the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee, WI to witness David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive, signing the Rights of Nature resolution on October 27, 2024, following its approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

This is a resolution aimed at ensuring “human activities do not interfere with nature and its ability to thrive.” It doesn’t take any specific action, but Crowley said the goal is simple. “To state clearly and unequivocally that Milwaukee County land and waterways deserve to be protected and maintained to be healthy, robust, and resilient,” he said before signing the resolution.



Pictured from left to right: Rita Schmidt, SSJ-TOSF, Pat Sullivan, OP, Colleen Settles, OP, Mary Howard Johnstone, OP, David Crowley and Shannon Meather

I Feel Anxious



In my ministry since 1993, as a licensed Pastoral Counselor in the State of Ohio, I have heard this statement many times, “I feel

anxious.” What often followed that “I feel anxious” was, “Tell me how to get calm.” Oh, how each of us wish we could wave a magic wand and have an anxious free life.

Our world leaves many of us wondering how to get through these troubling times. What I often say to my clients is “Take action.” Action can absorb anxiety. Be generous. Generosity can reduce anxiety.

I found myself needing to take my own advice that I so often offered my clients. My question, “What action could I take on Election Day, being generous with my time and that might also offer me a less anxious sense of being?” The State of Ohio was asking Professional Counselors to work

Election Polls, and we would receive 1 CEU for the day. As I was considering this option in Fall 2024, I received an email from Network, a lobby group for Catholic Social Justice, asking me to consider assisting a National group. This group was looking for Pastoral Counselors, Chaplains, and/or Peacekeepers to be at polling locations in November 2024. The group, *Faith United to Save Democracy*, was just what I needed at the time. I accepted the invitation to be present at a Polling Location on election day.

I spent 6 hours with a woman Rabbi in a parking lot of a polling location we were assigned to in Cleveland, Ohio. Our role was simple: BE PRESENT. The day was filled with saying “Thank you for Voting.” These four words, as I recall, embodied RESPECT and provided a no judgement zone for each person as they were entering the polling building. A welcoming PRESENCE replaced conversations. In that same parking lot, the Rabbi and I did the same for the staff working the polling location. “Thank you for your SERVICE today.” There was a suspension of unnecessary conversations. While it was a long six hours in the parking lot, both the Rabbi and I were so grateful we were offered this opportunity.

November 2024 was a life lesson for me. Generosity of Self, Non-judgmental Presence, and a Grateful Heart were and are amazing qualities that nurture us, mind, heart, and soul to offset these anxious times we live in.

Sister Carol Ann Killoran, D. Min, LPCC
Pastoral Counselor in Willoughby Ohio



Franciscan Chords practice for a Chapter Liturgy
L-R: Sisters Sandy Lasecke, Debra Weina, Kim Mulhearn
Barb Knauf and Shannon Fox

Winter Activity at Regina Health Care Center



Sister Ann Koszarek enjoyed a bowl of homemade soup at Regina Health Center where she resides.

“Residents have been sharing fond memories of homemade soups in the Winter so Activities, with the help of our friends on staff, made that memory come to life. Staff made five crockpots of a variety of homemade soups and residents were offered tastings or bowls of whatever sounded good to them!

Stuffed Pepper Soup, Vegan Vegetable, HOB0 (Vegetable Beef), Amish Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Chili and homemade cornbread.

Everyone had so much fun and the hot soups went perfectly with the cold blustery weather!”



50 Years of Hope, Healing and Change

A Dinner Blessing was given by Sister Linda Szocik on October 24, 2024, for the Anniversary of the Benedict Center – celebrating 50 years of service and advocacy to help women affected by the criminal justice system find hope and lead safer and healthier lives.

She was joined by Lakesha Taylor, a participant in the Sisters Program. The Sisters Program offers support to women in the street-based sex trade, using a harm reduction and housing-first approach. This program was expanded to the south side of Milwaukee in 2017 through the efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis and four other religious congregations.

Sister Linda Szocik of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis greets Sisters attending Sunday’s 50th anniversary Foundresses Day Mass for the School Sisters of St. Francis in their St. Joseph Chapel.



Pictured L-R, Sisters Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Benedict Center: Alexanne Osinski, Charlene Trombley, Alice Myslinski, Marcella Nowakowski, Henrietta (Junie) Gesinski

Entered into Glory

In 2024, ten Sisters of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis were born into Eternal Life. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



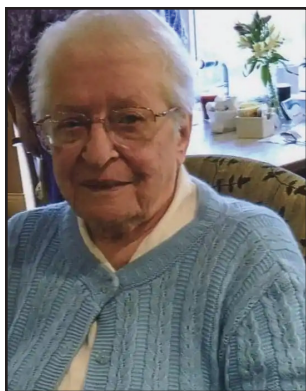
Sister Jane Frances Koszarek

March 2, 1924 - January 17, 2024

Sister Jane Frances Koszarek, SSJ-TOSF, died January 17, 2024. She was 99 years old. She was born March 2, 1924, in Antigo, Wisconsin, a daughter of the late Martin and Clara (Spsychalla) Koszarek. Survivors include two brothers: Msgr. Paul Koszarek, of Crandon, Wisconsin, and Martin (Toshie) Koszarek, of Yonkers, New York; two sisters: Sister Elizabeth Koszarek, SSJ-TOSF, of Garfield Heights, Ohio, and Sister Anne Koszarek, SSJ-TOSF, of Richfield, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews. Sister Jane is also survived by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis with whom she shared her life for 83 years.

She was preceded in death by six brothers: Rev. Thaddeus, Stephen (Anne), Alexander (Dorothy), Andrew, Thomas, and Louis (Josephine); six sisters: Clara (Gordon) Mayo, Rose (Redmond) Marchel, Martha (Carl) Bombinski, Florence (Theodore) Hoffman, Sister Irene, SSJ-TOSF, and Mary (Jerome) Wuller.

As an educator and within congregational administration, Sister Jane Frances' service touched the hearts of many not only through her professional competence, but also through her compassionate heart and willingness to be of assistance in diverse and creative ways. She provided a listening, comforting presence, a companion in the journey of life. Her ministry included: Teacher, Supervisor of Schools and Assistant Provincial.



Sister Clarita Iwanski

April 1, 1928 - February 6, 2024

Sister Clarita Iwanski died on February 6, 2024. She was 95 years old. Sister Clarita was born in Fancher, WI.

Sister Clarita entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis on September 10, 1944. She made final vows on August 10, 1953.

In Sr. Clarita's own words on the occasion of her 75th jubilee in 2021, "All of my life I have been 'gifted'... I am grateful for my parents, my family, my Catholic faith which they and the Sisters helped me grow through my parish and education. When I answered my call to community, I saw it as an opportunity to share my faith with the children I taught and their families in Wisconsin and Puerto Rico. I especially enjoyed my time in Puerto Rico. The people there are so giving... many of whom I continue to call friends... they are filled with a warmth that lifts your spirits."



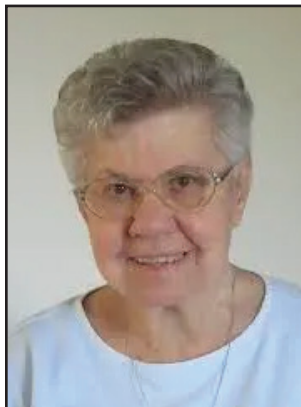
Sister Mary Lucinda Mroczek

June 29, 1942 - March 23, 2024

Sr. Mary Lucinda entered the congregation on September 1, 1956 and made final vows on August 10, 1966. She served as a homemaker for Regina Convent and High School in Michigan from 1966-2007. Before that, she served at Marymount Convent from 1962-1966.

Sister enjoyed reading, crocheting and walking. She is survived by her brother Dennis and sister Valerie. Her brother Richard is deceased.

**Note: "Sister" names in parentheses are their former names before Vatican II when they could choose to go back to their Baptismal name.*



Sister Cecilia (Rosanne) Zielen

June 15, 1932 - April 3, 2024

Sister Cecilia Zielen died on April 3, 2024. She was 92 years old. Sister Cecilia was born in Chicago, Illinois. Her parents, Peter and Stephanie, migrated from Poland.

Sister Cecilia made final vows in the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF on August 10, 1958. For most of her religious life she was a teacher. She was also called to leadership on the Provincial and Central level. She served the diocese of Chicago as Associate Director of Youth Development in a primarily Hispanic area.

On the occasion of her 70th Jubilee, Sister Cecilia reflected on her own life of ministry. "“This above all: To thine own self be true” has been a significant motto for me. Community life, retreats, education, travel, and ministry presented many opportunities and challenges to be true to my own self. As a biology, earth science, and physical science teacher at Lourdes High School, I participated in many workshops and classes that opened up a whole new world of perceptions and experiences.”



Sister Marlene Hostetter

November 9, 1933 - April 15, 2024

Sister Marlene Hostetter died on April 15, 2024. She was 90 years old. Sister Marlene was born in Detroit, Michigan.

Sister Marlene entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis on August 23, 1950. She made final vows on August 10, 1958. She ministered as a teacher in Cleveland, Ohio and New Britain, Connecticut. She was a principal in New Britain from 1979-2007. At one point she was co-provincial of the Marymount Province.

On the occasion of her 70th Jubilee she said: "I am grateful for all that has been, for all who invited me to walk with them on life's journey, and for a faithful God who continues to nurture and sustain me and the human family. Daily, like St. Francis and St. Clare, I ask, 'How can I make God more deeply known and loved?'"



Sister Marjorie Szydlo

September 23, 1934 - May 11, 2024

Sister Marjorie Szydlo died on May 11, 2024. She was 89 years old. Sister Marjorie was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She made final vows in the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF on August 10, 1965.

For most of her religious life, Sister Marjorie's ministry was in education as a teacher and then principal. She was also called to leadership on the provincial level. Sister Marjorie spent the last years of her life assisting those Sisters in health care.



Sister Catherine (Catherine of Siena) Britton

February 8, 1930 - July 10, 2024

Sister Catherine Britton died on July 10, 2024. She was 94 years old. Sister Catherine was born in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sister Catherine made final vows in the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF on August 10, 1962. She began her ministry as a teacher of English and Spanish. She spent many years as Principal of Trinity High School in Garfield Heights, Ohio. Sister Catherine led the high school through the decision to go co-ed.

After retiring from Trinity, she began her own ministry as the director of Siena Prints, using her creative side to make cards, wall hangings, etc.



Sister Dorothy (Barbara) Monikowski

February 17, 1943 - November 16, 2024

Sister Dorothy Monikowski died on November 16, 2024. She was 81 years old. Sister Dorothy was born in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Genevieve (nee Naruszewicz) and Frank Monikowski.

Sister Dorothy made final vows with the Sisters of St. Joseph-TOSF on August 10, 1968. She spent many years teaching in various grade schools in Chicago. She was elected to Provincial Council on two occasions.

Sister Dorothy got advanced degrees in Administration and Organization Development. She became Associate Director of Planning for the Archdiocese of Chicago. She became an Organization Consultant and Facilitator helping many religious congregations throughout the United States.



Sister Mary Ann (Pius) Stoltz

May 2, 1937 - November 19, 2024

Sister Mary Ann Stoltz died on November 19, 2024. She was 87 years old. Sister Mary Ann was born in Callon, Wisconsin, the daughter of Susan (nee Wanta) and Emil Stoltz.

Sister Mary Ann made final vows to the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis on August 10, 1963. She spent many years as a teacher. After additional studies, she became a Director of Religious Education and a Pastoral minister.

At her 60th Jubilee, she reflected on her vow commitment and stated that the most powerful phrase was, "I trust that together with these Sisters I can receive my life goal response."



Sister Rita Marie (Dolores Therese) Malachinski

December 20, 1934 - December 8, 2024

Sister Rita Marie Malachinski died on December 8, 2024. She was 89 years old. Sister Rita Marie was born in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Genevieve (nee Gorecka) and Andrew Malachinski.

Sister Rita Marie made final vows with the Sisters of St. Joseph-TOSF on August 10, 1958. She taught in elementary schools for many years, attaining the rank of Principal after additional education. In 1968, she founded Bartlett Learning Center, a school for children with developmental issues. That school continues to this day as Clare Woods Academy.

Teacher of Special Needs Students

I joined the Sisters of St Joseph of the Third Order of St Francis when I was nineteen. For the past 25 years I have been blessed to be a representative of my Sisters, my congregation, everywhere I go. For the last 15 years I have been teaching Special Needs Students at a Therapeutic Day school in Illinois (Clare Woods Academy.) My students are the oldest, 18-22 years old. My responsibility is to make sure these students are ready for the world after school. What kind of job can they get, where are they

going to live, can they accomplish self-care independently, can they cook for themselves? There are many aspects of their future that each student's team and I work together on to help prepare them for independence. These people are one of the groups in society that are on the margins and need a voice that can speak out for them. It is an honor and a passion of mine to be that voice for them, especially since they cannot speak for themselves. My Sisters have given me that passion and strength to be that voice and to be a compassionate and loving presence of God in their lives.



Sister Kim Mulhearn in her classroom



After school therapy with Lola



Sister Gretchen Clark making a donation to the Homeless Stand Down in Ohio at a Thanksgiving Dinner

To all our donors:
Thank you for the love and generosity you have shared with us throughout the years. We are very grateful and always remember you and your needs in our prayers.

Sister Helen Skok (Veronette)

Sister Rose Karecki at St. Rita Apartment with friend/resident, Willene Griffin, enjoying the resident gathering.



Resident Jean Antoskiewicz and Sr Joan of Arc (right) enjoying a resident get together

Archives: The Heart of SSJ-TOSF

The heart of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis dwells in its Archives. It is here that the official records relating to the history, foundation, expansion, and achievement of the religious congregation exist. Reverently preserved through time, lies the story of the Sisters and their ministries to the people of God, the way they lived, worked, and celebrated life.



Sister Christine Nowak (1975) developed SSJ-TOSF Archives

Back on August 30, 1973, Sister Christine Nowak, SSJ-TOSF, presented a Preliminary Study on the Community Archives to the leadership of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. In doing her research, Sister Christine discovered facts, observations and recommendations to the importance of the need to create such an office that would gather and preserve the history of the congregation.

This preliminary study of the archive project developed into committee work which lasted for several years until the official announcement was made on March 25, 1976, that made the SSJ-TOSF Archives Office official.

The primary goals of this office are the preservation of past documentation, management of present records, and service research. Materials include but are not limited to, annuals, journals, chapter minutes and proceedings, corporation minutes and proceedings, council minutes, legal documents of property, community registers of members, vital statistics, obituaries, celebrations and records of apostolic works. Artifacts with historical significance are also stored and preserved in the archives.

The original SSJ-TOSF Archives was developed and housed at St. Joseph Motherhouse and Novitiate in South Bend, IN. But as



Sisters Dulcia Wanat and Archangela Woznicki, 1975

the need to sell the South Bend property became clear, the decision to transfer the repository to the SSJ-TOSF Motherhouse in Stevens Point, WI, took place on April 4, 1979. With the truck packed, “A Transfer of Archives Liturgy,” was celebrated with everyone assembled in the parlor. Once in Stevens Point, WI, the archives were received with a blessing and procession of the Sisters to where the new repository was to rest. Sisters Christine Nowak, Dulcia Wanat, Archangela Woznicki, Camille Guzman, Sponsa Rozga, Alice Burmistrz, Joyce Prasalowicz, Joanne Skalski, and now I, Debra Ann Weina, have been the caretakers of the SSJ-TOSF Archives through the years of its inception.

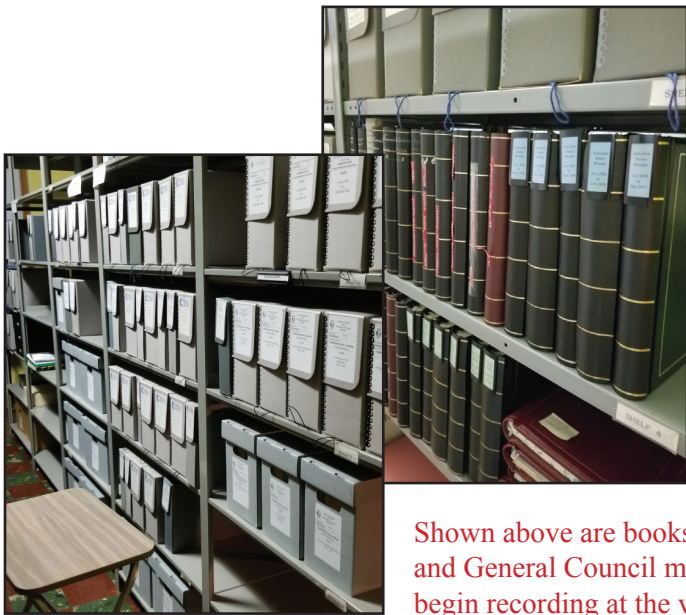
Sister Debra measures an acquired hand carved Nativity set from a donor into the SSJ-TOSF collection



During my short tenure, change again took place in our archives. Just before COVID hit, we began to realize that we were possibly looking at selling the Stevens Point Motherhouse. Seeing this on the horizon, we needed to be proactive, and discussion began with other congregations in a joint project regarding

the future housing needs of archive collections.

In early 2021, the SSJ-TOSF congregation connected with WRAC- Women’s Religious Archives Collaborative in Northeastern Ohio. WRAC is a group of dedicated archivists, former congregational leaders, and others concerned with religious women’s history and the need to preserve archival collections. In these early discussions the SSJ-TOSF congregation made the commitment to join the WRAC working together for our collective future. As the current SSJ-TOSF archivist, I created a comprehensive study of our specific collection based on a series of questions posed by WRAC. After a ZOOM call regarding my study and addressing further questions specific to our collection, it became evident that I would not complete the work in time for the scheduled move of the collection and would benefit from a few helping hands to get the remaining repository listed. Arrangements were made, dates set, people gathered and came together to help finish documenting the



Shown above are books of Provincial and General Council minutes that begin recording at the very start of the congregation in 1901. These historical documents are now stored in Cleveland, Ohio awaiting the new Research and Archival Center for Women Religious slated to open next year.

contents of materials and gathering artifacts in the SJS-TOSF Motherhouse. We also packed up the collection for the semi-truck in December and color-coded boxes to keep specific collections together.

With most of the repository in storage, I proceed with work that needs to be accomplished in Stevens Point with computer data entry and the current history of the ongoing story of the Sisters, their ministries to the people of God, the way they live, work, and celebrate life. Once the new center opens, I will be closely working with professional archivists in Cleveland, OH and on collection items there. Groundbreaking for the new Heritage and Research Center for WRAC is scheduled to take place sometime this spring

2025 in Cleveland, OH. This consolidated effort began with 13 congregations in 2021 and today, we have 40 from all over the United States and Canada. Please follow WRAC on this journey by joining on our Facebook page found under the heading, Women Religious Archives Collaborative or connecting on the website: archivescollaborative.org. A donation site has been established for those wishing to monetarily contribute and be a part of this exciting venture which pursues further building and sharing the SSJ-TOSF story long after we are gone.

Sister Debra Ann Weina, SSJ-TOSF



Sisters Rose Margaret, Camille, Sponsa, Josephine Marie, Archangela



Dear Friends,
Please know how grateful, we, the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF are to you for your goodness, kindness and prayerful and financial support to us. It is our prayer and hope that our gracious God will reward you with all the blessings you most need at this time in your life. We continue to remember you and your family in prayer daily.

Ever grateful,

Sister Anne Maslanka (Alberta)



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Dear Donors,

Blessings to you during this season of darkness waiting for the light as your days there in the USA are growing shorter, while we here in Peru, below the equator, are in the season of more light as we head toward the heat of summer. We pray that all is well with you and your family.

In a special way, we wish to say THANK YOU for your generous support, which allows us to help those who are in great need. You help us in our efforts to be missional to bring Christ's compassion. Through your generosity we have been able to help the ladies serving in soup kitchens, and for the many hungry and homeless, who frequently come to our convent door asking for help. Most are sick and unable to pay for medicine. Those who live on the street, because the little they earn just does not suffice for shelter, are subject to humiliation and physical and emotional abuse from marauders. Many more young mothers with babies come asking for help.

When we are able, we also help support Community Children of the Holy Family, which houses and provides an education for over 500 children and young people whose parents are unable to provide for their basic needs. We would not be able to do this without your loving support.

We send our LOVE and PRAYERS for you and your family as YOU BRING CHRIST'S LOVE. YOU ARE MISSIONARIES together with us in this effort to bring the Good News of God's Love and Compassion to as many as possible.

MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Sister Monica Lachcik & Sister Josephine Espinos

Tahuantinsuyo, Peru

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Sister Monica Lachcik (left) and Sister Josephine Espinos (right) are visiting Fairway Knoll from Peru.

Sister Sandy Lasecke (middle) welcomes them to frigid Wisconsin.

Jennings Senior Living



Sisters Barbara Jean Peplinski, Fran Jerzak, and Santa having their moment.



Mission Advancement Personal Assistant, Mary Ann Alexander, visiting and getting in on the fun.



Sister Roselle Lesinski playing Scrabble with a resident at Jennings Senior Living.



Sister Helen Skok



Sisters gathered to celebrate the Epiphany. Top L-R: Sisters Jean Ehasz, Anne Maslanka, Theresa Marie Slonina, Fran Jerzak, Kenneth Bielski Bottom L-R: Sisters Barbara Jean Peplinski, Helen Skok, Anne Marie Luberda



Sister Shawn Lee



Sister Gretchen Clark



Sister Susanne Skorich visits with Santa



Sister Fran receives a photo message of love from her friends.



Sisters Betty Gulick, Denise Seymour, Anne Marie Luberda and Rose Karecki



Sister Judith Wood enjoying Epiphany

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Sister Barb Knauf ”



*I am
Blessed
because I have
God
in my life.*

“

My prayer for you is from Philippians 1:3-4: "I give thanks to God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you."

Many continued blessings to you and your loved ones.

Sister Rose Grabowski

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*Thank
you*

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May our Lord shower you with His many blessings and surround you with His love. Truly grateful and appreciative for your ongoing support and generosity of the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF.

Prayerfully always,

Sister Elaine Ann Robleski

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In the words of a song I say:
"Thank you, thank you, thank you sooooo
I can't help but let you know,
You're so thoughtful in your ways;
I can't help but sing your praise.
You're so very, very kind.
Thanks for keeping us in mind."

Sister Theresa Marie Slonina (Dymphna)

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Dear friends,
Is "Thank You" enough to say to you for all that you have done to support us Sisters and Associates and all our affiliated ministries? I don't think so, but I am going to say it again and again: THANK YOU and again THANK YOU, and GOD BLESS YOU for your caring and generosity. I keep you in my prayers daily.

Sister Sandy LoPorto

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Prayerfully,
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Sister Marge Kalina

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Sister Marcella Nowakowski



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Sister Mary



As we celebrate the gift of God's presence among us, we also celebrate your enduring care and concern for our well-being. Throughout the years your generosity and love have supported our ministries as well as our practical needs. We are profoundly grateful for and blessed by your goodness. Sincere, loving thanks. Know of our continued prayerful support for bountiful blessings in your own journey of life.

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Sister Anonymous

How can we ever thank you?
By surrounding you with our love,
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and asking God to grace you with
whatever you most need in your
life at this time.

Sister Marianne Saucier

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You and your generosity inspire an ATTITUDE OF
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ATTITUDE motivates me to KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYER
ALL YEAR. May this new year be especially JOYFUL
and PEACEFUL for you and our world.

With my Love,
Sister Henrietta, Junie (Marida)

Dear Incredibly Giving Hearts,
I am writing this on the first day of 2025. The
song that resonated at Church this morning
was this: Angels We Have Heard on High.
Yes, Angels were heard on high, and they
sang the glorious announcement of Our
Lord's birth!

As I recall that song though, I am very aware
that angels are everywhere. You are the
angels that surround us, care for us in so
many ways, love us, pray for us...



Today I read that butterflies rest
when it rains because it damages
their wings. It's okay to rest
during the storms of life.
You'll fly again when it's over.

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for the gifts of God and be ready always for new ones.

For God is a thousand times
more ready to give than we are to receive.
For the person who has learned to let go and let be
nothing can hinder.

Then each creature points you toward God
and toward a new birth,
and towards seeing the world as God sees it:
Transparently!

Then all things become nothing but God
and we learn to know with God's knowledge
and to live with God's love.

When we learn this
we know everything praises God.
Darkness, privations, defects, evil too
praise and bless God

For all paths lead to God
and God is on them evenly
for those who know with transformed knowledge.
What is best is to take God
and enjoy God in any manner, in any thing.
All my life this has been my joy.

God does not ask anything else of you
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let God be God in you.



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