

Supporting Hilltop and Dear Neighbor Ministries

In April, Sister Lois O'Malley (left) attended a neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by The Hilltop Neighborhood Association and Dear Neighbor Ministries (DNM), a member of our Mission Network in Wichita. Sister Lois is an active volunteer with DNM and served as an activities guide for the more than 115 attendees at the event. She is pictured with Valerie Whiteley, Development Director at DNM. ●



Welcome New Associates

In January, the congregation welcomed seven new associates in Wichita at a commitment ceremony following Mass held in Resurrection Chapel at Mount St. Mary. The new associates are, from left, Rebecca Kelly, Adriana Nava, Doug Poe, Craig Dreiling, Peggy Phillips, Heather Welch, and Ginger Hartman (front). To learn more about associates and how to become one, visit us at CSJoseph.org/As-An-Associate ●

Wear Orange Weekend

Sisters, lay residents, staff, and others at our Wichita center showed their support for Wear Orange Weekend which took place June 7-9th. Part of Gun Violence Awareness Month in June, Wear Orange Weekend is a time to remember and honor victims and all those affected by gun violence by wearing orange, holding prayer services, and calling for an end to gun violence. ●



Life at

The Mount

As Sisters of St. Joseph, we believe relationship is at the heart of who we are. This philosophy extends to our residential centers, which are vibrant places of activity that offer a warm and friendly community environment, places for gathering and quiet reflection, and activities for mind, body and spirit. There are also opportunities for service to others.

We invite you!

A limited number of apartments on our Wichita campus have recently become available to women and men who are looking for assisted or independent living, or skilled and short-term rehabilitation residence.

If you are interested in a unique kind of living experience and want to learn more, we invite you to consider joining us!

For more information, contact **Michael Rajewski** at **316.686.7171** or **mrajewski@csjinitiatives.org**.



In April, sisters gathered to write notes of appreciation inside thank you cards that were then given to employees on May 1st, St. Joseph the Worker Day.



In March, resident gardener Sister Mary Catherine Sack prepared the courtyard for spring planting.



In June, Sisters Irene Regan and Ann Meyer dance to the Tennessee Waltz during a game of Name That Tune!



In May, sisters served their community by participating in a blood drive. At left, Sister Janet Roesener poses with the mobile Red Cross unit.



In March, in recognition of the Feast of St. Joseph, sisters, associates, staff and friends gathered in Resurrection Chapel to celebrate Mass together. After the Homily by Father David Lies (pictured far left), who in addition to being Chaplain in Wichita is also Vicar-General of the Diocese of Wichita, sisters renewed their vows together, followed by associates who also renewed their commitment. A celebration dinner followed in the dining room.



Sisters Mary Catherine Sack and Doris Vigneaux prepare rosaries to send to the U.S./Mexico border. Sister Mary Catherine served at the border in 2019 and while there, noticed how the newly arrived migrants and refugees appreciated receiving a rosary during a time of great uncertainty in their lives. She has since collected rosaries to send and now receives donations of rosaries from generous benefactors.



< Sister Rose Marie Brouillard is all smiles as she gets some exercise with the help of Associate and physical therapist, Jill Dankert.

> Lay resident Alvena Massey enjoys putting together puzzles at the Wichita center.



Jubilee

2024

The following sisters from our founding community of Wichita or who currently live in Wichita are celebrating Jubilee this year. Jubilee is the anniversary of a sister's entrance into religious life.



Sister Margaret Ellen
Isenbart, CSJ

80 Years



Sister Doris
Vigneaux, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Mary Clare
Doebel, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Consalata
Robles, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Dehra Elliot, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Rita Marie
Thissen, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Rita Lambert, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Teresa Waner, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Connie Beiriger, CSJ

70 Years



Sister Anita Germain, CSJ

70 Years



Sister Agnes Lero, CSJ

70 Years



Sister Frances Duos, CSJ

60 Years

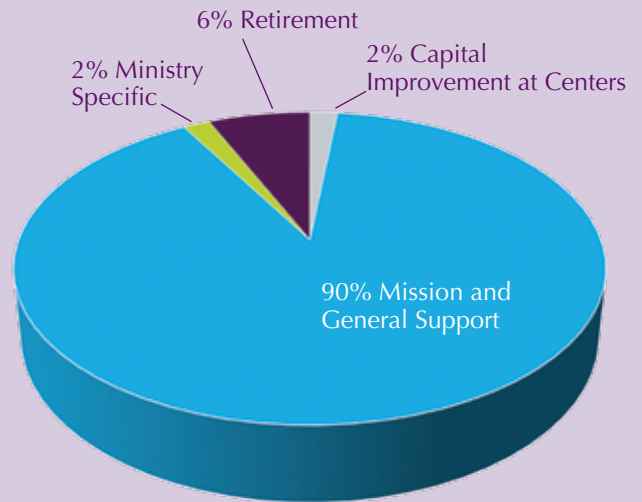


Sister Agnes Weber, CSJ

60 Years

Bless You!

We are so very grateful for your kind gifts of financial support. Your kindness helps care for our retired and infirm sisters, continue our ministries, and fosters our mission as we live and work so *that all may be one*. Here is how we used your contributions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:



Ways to Deepen Your Support

- Direct a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA to “Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph,” EIN No: 83-0481134.
- Consider a charitable gift annuity (CGA). For gifts of \$10,000 or more, you receive tax advantages and a lifetime stream of income payments – often at above market rates.

Single Life Rates

American Council on Gift Annuities 1.1.2024

Age	Rate	Annual Income \$10,000 Annuity
60	5.20%	\$520
70	6.30%	\$630
80	8.10%	\$810
90	10.10%	\$1,010

To Learn More, contact Melissa Haley O’Leary, Director of Development at moleary@csjoseph.org or **216-688-3474**

The Congregation of St. Joseph cannot give you financial or tax advice, so please consult with your financial advisor before making any final decisions.

A Legacy of Faith, Love, and Service

Sisters Bid Farewell to Former Home

In May, our sisters toured Mount St. Mary and held a closing prayer service in Resurrection Chapel to share memories of the building they occupied for decades and to bless the transition. Mount St. Mary, the sisters' former motherhouse, is scheduled for deconstruction in the coming months.

Sisters moved out of Mount St. Mary almost 10 years ago to live in the newly constructed and right-sized center on the property. Since then, two tenants have occupied parts of Mount St. Mary but later moved out. Despite much effort, no new tenants were able to be located. After careful discernment, the Congregational Leadership Team made the difficult decision that deconstructing the empty building was the best option for the congregation and our sisters, and the most responsible choice for our resources.

Unlike demolition, deconstruction means that 98% of the building's materials will be reused or recycled thus keeping them out of landfills. While deconstruction is a painstaking process and therefore takes longer, it is very important to the sisters and in keeping with the congregation's commitment to environmentally supportive practices.

The congregation is committed to using resources wisely in order to help people in our communities, rather than on maintaining empty buildings. Reducing our carbon footprint by deconstructing unused buildings, building right-sized new housing, and reducing our use of fossil fuels is a priority and an important value for the congregation.

The prayer service, led by Sisters Mary Catherine Sack and Catherine Therese Paulie (second photo, standing), included a poetic and meaningful sharing of the history of the sisters at Mount St. Mary by Sister Margaret Ellen Isenbart (second photo, seated). The sisters will remain in the Hilltop neighborhood and will continue to serve this vibrant community and its people. ●



In Memoriam



Sister Maria Murata, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on May 25, 2024, after 53 years of religious life.



Sister Anne Meridier, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on April 8, 2024, after 66 years of religious life.



Sister Mary Margaret Switlik, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on October 4, 2023, after 68 years of religious life.

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We Celebrate

We Believe

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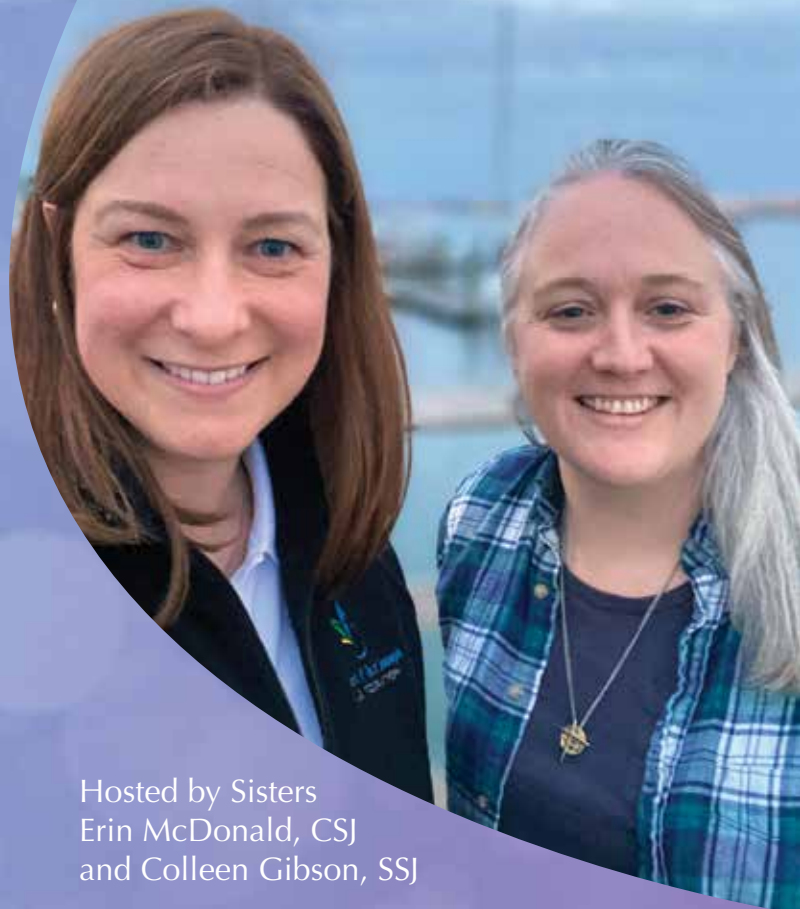
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Spotlight Photo



On April 8th, sisters, associates, staff, and friends gathered at our Wichita center to watch the solar eclipse.

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We invite you!

to join us in a truly unique living experience.

If you are looking for a licensed assisted living residence in a warm and friendly community environment for yourself or a loved one, we invite you to consider joining us!

Our residents enjoy:

- Modern, comfortable suites
- Beautiful grounds and walking paths
- Life enrichment and wellness programs
- Volunteer service opportunities
- Mass and prayer offerings

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We look forward to hearing from you!

