



Ursuline Newsletter

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Leadership Corner by Sr. Shannon

Since beginning my ministry with the Ursuline Sisters, I have rediscovered the profound “real symbol” of the Incarnation through the Sacred Heart. It is the ultimate revelation of God’s unconditional, infinite love for humanity. That great love is expressed most deeply in the life of our Blessed Mother Mary.

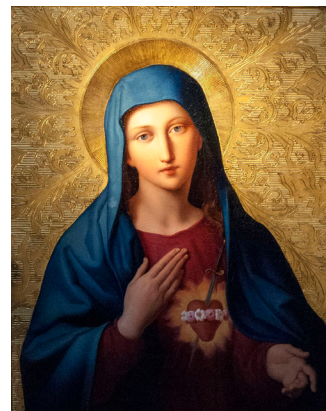
In the Church, the month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The month is anchored by three major Marian feasts:

- ❖ The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (August 5)
- ❖ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)
- ❖ The Queenship of Mary (August 22)

We celebrate Mary’s pure love and obedience. Her “yes” to God, voices her surrender and her desire to do God’s will in all things.

The Scriptures speak of Mary’s loving heart. When Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the Temple for their purification, Luke recounts the encounter with a righteous man named Simeon. The Spirit rested on him and he prophesied “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own heart too” (2:34-35). Mary accepted the sufferings and the joys that came with the gift of being the Mother of Jesus. While all that

God would ask of her was not immediately revealed, “Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.” (LK 2:19) The life of her son was etched in her heart. The most beautiful text about Mary’s heart is the *Magnificat*, it reveals the wondrous riches of Mary’s heart which sings the praises of God. It is a song about the history of salvation for all God’s people.



Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary gained immense prominence following the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady mentioned her Immaculate Heart in her second apparition. She told Lucia she would stay on the earth after her cousins went to heaven since “Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.” Our Blessed Mother also told her, “I will be with you always, and my Immaculate Heart will be your comfort and the way which will lead you to God.”

Our Mother Mary invites us to honor her Immaculate Heart, to take comfort in her guidance, prayers and love. May we rededicate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to her Son’s Sacred heart.



Rest In Peace



Sister Joy Gray, OSU

Received her eternal reward June 18, 2026

Ursuline Sister for 57 years

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Sr. Joy Gray, SUA '68; MMC '73 ~ June 18

Barbara Kornacki, mother of Amanda Kornacki Jones, SUA '93 ~ May 2

Mari-Lou Ahrens Beining, SUA '56; MMC '66, Former Ursuline ~ May 11

Peter Witker, father of Elizabeth Witker Reynolds, SUA '88 ~ May 20

James Schaefer, husband of Carolyn Emmick Schaefer, SUA '63 ~ May 24

Donna Hall, sister of Pam Juhasz Thomas, SUA '66 ~ May 25

Lee Alexander, father of Laura Alexander Gomoll, SUA '82 ~ May 26

Sr. Diana Lynn Eckel, OSF/S, MMC ~ May 27

Don Broadway, husband of Associate Pauline Broadway ~ May 27

Rev. John R. Laudick, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo ~ May 27

Richard Byersmith, husband of Betsy Brown Byersmith, SUA '82 ~ May 27

Diane Weinrich, mother of Angela Weinrich Grieve, SUA '03 ~ May 31

Sr. Mary Corese Floyd, SND ~ June 4

Lauretta Coy St. John, SUA '59; sister of Catherine Coy Lawson, SUA '61 ~ June 4

Neal Bosch, brother of Claudia Bosch Gall, SUA '74 ~ June 7

Linda Fournier Spencer, SUA '60 ~ June 9

Margaret "Peggy" Lumbrezer Graves, MMC '63 ~ June 18

Barbara MacDonald, mother of Susan MacDonald Brommer, SUA '78 and Laura MacDonald Mills, SUA '80 ~ June 22

Rita Hullstrung, mother of Pamela Hullstrung Wood, SUA '83 ~ June 25

Marilyn Lange Smith, MMC Associate ~ June 26

Carl Happ, husband of Sue Yarder Happ, SUA '64; father of Jamie Happ, member of the Ursuline Convent Foundation Board ~ June 29

Anne Warnement Hummer, MMC '66; sister of Alice Warnement Kosnikowski, MMC '68 ~ July 1

Timothy Kronbach, brother of Vicky Kronbach Hackman, SUA '74; Kim Kronbach Douglas, SUA '77 and Ann Marie Kronbach Santiago, SUA '82 ~ July 3

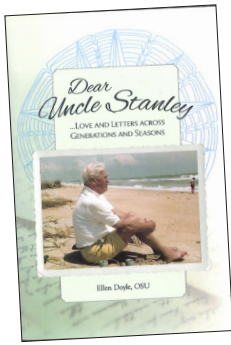
Robert Pollock, husband of Tamara Moran Pollock, SUA '80 ~ July 12

Sr. Joyce Cecil, Ursuline Sister of Mount St. Joseph ~ July 14

Sr. M. Lois Anne Palkert, OSF/S ~ July 18

Rev. Nicholas J. Cunningham ~ July 25

Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Morman ~ July 28



Dear Uncle Stanley... Love and Letters Across Generations and Seasons is a delightful memoir by the late Sister Ellen Doyle, OSU, an Ursuline Sister of Brown County and facilitator of the Toledo Ursulines' 2018–2022 Chapter. The book chronicles the heartfelt exchange of letters between Sister Ellen

and her Uncle Stanley, a diocesan priest, revealing a touching relationship that spanned generations and seasons of life.

Sister Ellen's book is available to borrow from the Convent Offices. Stop by if you'd like to enjoy this inspiring collection of letters.

8 CORE VALUES OF AN URSULINE EDUCATION

Over the next eight months, we will highlight one core value of an Ursuline education.

1 URSULINE SPIRITUALITY

We believe that the purpose of Catholic education is to honor the past, while preparing each young woman for the present, the future, and eternity in mind, body, heart, and spirit.

We believe in providing an environment in which students, faculty, staff, and all constituents are inspired to build and deepen their relationship with God.

Did You Know...

There is no federal law that imposes criminal or civil penalties on individuals who generate and distribute AI-generated nonconsensual intimate imagery. Several states, including California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, South Dakota, Texas, and Virginia, have enacted laws, though most include civil penalties, not criminal.

- Source: *Anti-Human Trafficking Newsletter*, July 2026

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Archive Snapshots

Sister Mary Alice McGill

Sister Mary Alice, born Alice McGill in 1884 in Weston, Ohio, entered the Ursuline Convent in 1905. She earned a degree in Home Economics from Marywood College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and completed graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin and Michigan State University.

She taught in the elementary schools at Immaculate Conception, Good Shepherd, and St. Rose in Perrysburg, and spent three years teaching at Toledo Central Catholic High School. The majority of her ministry, however, was devoted to St. Ursula Academy, where she taught for 37 years. During her tenure, she received a high commendation from the State of Ohio in recognition of her outstanding teaching and her commitment to staying current with emerging trends in Home Economics and Child Care. Sister Mary Alice's work with the Toledo Red Cross brought recognition to St. Ursula Academy when students were selected to represent the Junior Red Cross overseas.

She is pictured with "Beau-Beau," a beloved standard poodle which she loved but would drag her all over campus as she was so petite compared to his height, weight and power.

Sister Mary Alice died in 1968 at the age of 84, on the 61st anniversary of her religious profession.



Moved by the pain of inequities among peoples and environmental degradation, the Ohio Sisters Justice Network collaborates across the state to strengthen the moral voice as we advocate and act for a just and peaceful Earth community.



**A Call for Justice for Our Haitian Brothers and Sisters:
An Ohio Sisters Justice Network Statement on Temporary Protected Status
and Immigration Reform
July 17, 2026**

Members of the Ohio Sisters Justice Network (OSJN) deeply grieve and disagree with imminent plans to deport our Haitian brothers and sisters. We join the Ohio Catholic bishops in calling this a moral failure, affirming their statement: *"We find no moral justification for terminating their Temporary Protected Status (TPS) without an alternative way to adjust their immigration status."*¹

Haitian families fled unimaginable violence, followed United States law, and were granted Temporary Protected Status because returning home would have placed their lives in danger. Tragically, that violence has only intensified and become even more lethal. It is a matter of life and death. It's not just surviving daily life, it's surviving life itself. Armed gangs terrorize communities, children are kidnapped for ransom or forced into gang activity, and families live in constant fear. The U.S. Department of State continues to advise against all travel to Haiti because of life-threatening conditions, and commercial flights remain severely restricted because of the threat of armed attacks. Haiti is not safe.

When Congress created Temporary Protected Status in 1990, it intended to provide refuge until conditions in a person's homeland improved enough to allow a safe return. Those conditions simply do not exist today. Ending TPS now contradicts the very purpose of the law and places thousands of lives at risk. We stand in solidarity with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as Bishop John Cahill, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, affirms: *"There is simply no realistic opportunity for the safe and orderly return of people to Haiti at this time."*²

The ministries of Catholic vowed religious women and our collaborators have placed us beside immigrants and refugees for generations. We have welcomed families in schools, hospitals, shelters, parishes, detention ministries, and neighborhoods. This commitment is reflected in the Leadership Conference of Women Religious' (LCWR) Declaration of Commitment, which affirms: *"Welcoming immigrants and providing care and assistance to all who reside in our nation, while advocating for comprehensive immigration reform."*³ Through these relationships, we have learned that immigration is not an abstract political issue. It is about real people, real families, and the God-given dignity of every human person. We know Haitian families not as statistics or political talking points, but as our neighbors, coworkers, employees, fellow parishioners, and friends.

Across Ohio, Haitian families have become part of the fabric of our communities. They worship with us, their children attend our schools, and they contribute every day to the common good. They have followed our laws, obtained work authorization, paid taxes, rented homes, purchased cars, opened businesses, and filled essential roles as nurses, home health aides, factory workers, caregivers, and other valued employees. Many have established families here, and countless children born to these families are United States citizens.

Deporting these families would inflict profound harm. Parents could be forced to choose between separation from their children or taking them into a nation gripped by violence. Family separation also leaves vulnerable children at increased risk of exploitation and human trafficking. Ohio communities would lose trusted workers, employers would struggle to fill essential positions, and neighborhoods would be diminished by the loss of faithful, hardworking families who have enriched our communities through their culture, perseverance, and generosity.

We recognize that Temporary Protected Status was never intended to be permanent. At the same time, justice requires more than simply ending legal protection when safe return remains impossible. People who have followed the law, contributed to the common good, and demonstrated their commitment to their communities deserve an opportunity to remain legally in the country they now call home.

We affirm our nation's right and responsibility to maintain secure borders and an orderly immigration system. We also believe our nation has a moral responsibility to provide fair, timely, and humane legal pathways for those fleeing violence and persecution. We therefore call upon our elected leaders to extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitians and to enact comprehensive immigration reform that provides a pathway to lawful permanent residence for long-term TPS holders.

Sister Carren Herring, RSM, a founding member of the Ohio Sisters Justice Network, beautifully expresses our commitment. *"To our Haitian brothers and sisters: know that you are not alone. We see your courage, your faith, your hard work, and your love for your families. We are grateful for your presence among us and for the many ways you have enriched our communities. We will continue to stand beside you, raise our voices with yours, and advocate for policies that recognize your dignity and protect your families."*

As people of faith, we pray that our nation will choose compassion over fear, justice over expediency, and human dignity over political convenience. We pray that Our Lady of Perpetual Help protect every family living in uncertainty, guide our nation's leaders with wisdom and courage, and help us build a society where every person is welcomed as a beloved child of God.

References:

¹ Ohio Catholic Conference Statement: [America at 250: Freedom and the Common Good](#)

² [Statement](#) by Bishop John Cahill, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Migration

Ohio Sisters Justice Network (OSJN) is a coalition of vowed members, justice promoters and other charism carriers of Catholic women religious congregations across Ohio. We join with partner organizations locally and nationally working for justice.

LCWR Anniversary Gathering Invites Reflection on Synodality and Consecrated Religious Life

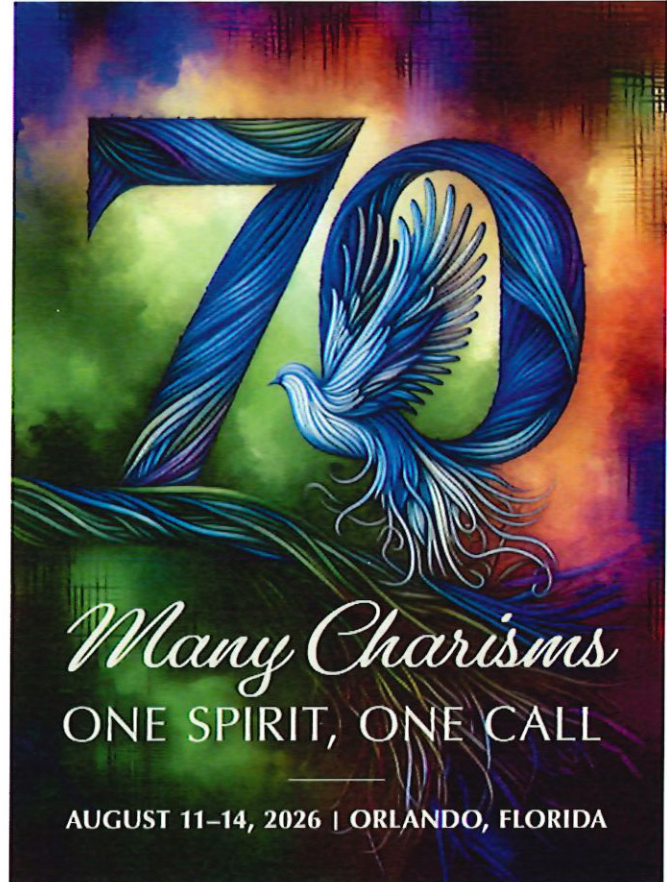
LCWR will host a gathering of women and men religious from across the Americas for prayer, reflection, and contemplative dialogue on the meaning and future of religious life. Marking the 70th anniversary of LCWR, this event is intended to strengthen and deepen religious life for the years ahead.

Religious from Canada, the United States, and Latin America will come together in what is envisioned as a historic first — an opportunity to build greater understanding, appreciation, and mutual support across cultures, contexts, and charisms. Through shared reflection and encounter, participants will explore how religious life continues to respond to the needs of the world and the church.

While the gathering will include brief presentations, its primary focus will be small-group conversations rooted in personal experience and communal discernment. Using the Conversation in the Spirit method developed through the church's Synod on Synodality, participants will listen deeply to one another, reflect prayerfully, and discern together the emerging call for religious life today.

Three sessions of Conversation in the Spirit will explore religious life as both mystical and prophetic — grounded in attentiveness to the Spirit and expressed through courageous action. Each session will begin with a reflection from a religious representing one region of the Americas, offering perspectives shaped by lived experience and ministry.

On the final day, participants will participate in a public witness experience ([see p. 7](#)), reflect on the graces received during the gathering and identify shared commitments for the future. The event will conclude with prayer and reflection, inviting



participants to consider how the Spirit is calling religious life forward through the unity of many gifts in one mission. Also on the final day, LCWR members will have an opportunity to gather to commemorate the founding of LCWR in 1956 and reflect on the many contributions to society and the church that the conference has made throughout the decades.

Registration information is available in the members' area of the [LCWR website](#).

NOTE OF GRATITUDE



A most gracious thank you to all those who made our Jubilee so tremendous.

from Sister Margaret Anne Carstensen

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The deadline for the September 2026 newsletter is Thursday, August 20. Please send your stories to Michelle at mscazzero@ursulinecenter.org.

from the Presidency

Called to Embody Christ's Loving Heart

by Kathy Brazda, CSJ – LCWR Past President



Once again in our liturgical year, we have entered Ordinary Time — though we do so in a moment when very little feels ordinary. We have journeyed through the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, and Pentecost. We have celebrated the feasts of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, and now we begin again... with the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Moving into the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the dedication of our nation to this feast, we are called to what life is really all about — LOVE.

The love that flows from the heart of Jesus is not abstract or distant. It's not just a song or a poem or hearts and flowers.

It is a deep love, a love that knows us as we are and is, nonetheless, dazzled by us. A love that has suffered, a love that has been wounded and pierced, a love that unites with us in our suffering. A heart of love which continues to burn, the heart of Jesus is the source of a love that never gives up.

Why consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart?



We live in a time of polarization and violence, a time when we need to pump more Love into the world to heal divisions and bring peace.

In 1899, when Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world/humanity to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, he wrote that in the Sacred Heart is the expression of the infinite love of Christ that moves us to love one another and binds us in love to the Body of Christ. As the Body of Christ, each of us is called to embody Christ's loving heart, sending kindness, charity, compassion, justice, and peace into a world wounded by violence and injustice.

Andrew Loyd Weber's song, "Love Changes Everything," provides us with some wonderful lyrics to describe the effects of Love.

Love changes everything...
how you live and how you die.
Love changes everything...
pain is deeper than before
Love will turn your world around
Love changes everything...
nothing in the world will ever be the same!

What choices do you and your congregation make to bring LOVE into the conversation? How does the pain of the world move into your heart and action? How are you changing the world through your charism?

Let us join our church in consecrating ourselves to the Sacred Heart, to be women of LOVE.

As my term in the LCWR presidency comes to an end, this is my last column for the LCWR newsletter. Thank you for your love for religious life and the mission and all you do and all you are to make love visible in the world through your leadership.

Thank you too for accompanying me on my health journey these years. Your love and prayers have carried me through my uncertain times. Love changes everything!

LCWR Declaration of Commitment

Significant attention is being given to the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. This milestone invites reflection on the enduring presence of women religious throughout the history and development of this nation. For generations, women religious have grounded their lives and ministries in a compelling witness to the values of justice, compassion, human dignity, and moral courage.

Building on a longstanding history of public witness and advocacy, LCWR has prepared a Declaration of Commitment reflecting the themes articulated in LCWR's Response to These Times, (2025), the LCWR Call (2023-2028), and the LCWR Assembly Resolution (2015-2029).

Each LCWR leadership team is invited to read the LCWR Declaration of Commitment and consider signing it both on behalf of the institute and as individual elected/appointed leaders. The LCWR Declaration and accompanying letter to members of

Congress will be delivered on June 25, the final day Congress is in session.

While no single statement can encompass the fullness of its actions, values, and beliefs, it is hoped that this Declaration will serve as a visible expression of shared commitment and a unified witness of LCWR at both the local and national levels. Following the collection of signatures, a final copy of the Declaration will be distributed to LCWR members and posted on the LCWR website.

Congregations are encouraged to participate in a virtual prayer on June 25 at 12:00 PM ET at the time of the Declaration delivery to Capitol Hill. Links to the prayer and other resources are below:

[Virtual Prayer link](#)

[Prayer Resource link for June 25](#)



"God's Pauper Francis and his Companions" Presentation

The Historic St. Patrick's Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to: "God's Pauper Francis and his Companions" Presentation on St. Padre Pio & Blessed Solanus Casey, Franciscan Jubilee Year (2026). Speaker: Brother Benoy Joseph, OFM Cap., Director, Solanus Casey Center, Detroit, MI Join us at The Historic St. Patrick's Church, 130 Avondale Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604 on Sunday, September 20, 2026, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free-will donations to the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, and the Solanus Casey Center. Since word of mouth is our best way to promote this event, please invite your friends. Contact: Magdalena Skiles, Group Leader, PPPG-HSP, at 419-356-4208 or email magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com.

*"Strive to be faithful to that
to which God has called you."*

St. Angela Merici 10th Legacy

Summer Snapshots ☀️



**Transfer of Leadership Ceremony
June 12, 2026**

Summer Snapshots



**Jubilee Celebration
June 14, 2026**



**Leadership Thank You Gathering
July 21, 2026**



**Ice Cream Social
July 29, 2026**

FRIENDS

By Sister Margaret Anne Carstensen

DEDICATED TO ALL MY MANY FRIENDS

**“A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;
He who finds one finds a treasure”**

from

The Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Chapter 6: 14



You may still have friends from Grade School,
High School, or College.

They could be from camp, a senior center,
your work, or a sewing class.

Sometimes good friends meet over coffee
after Mass.

Special friends will always be true.

Best of all, they pray for you
and help you get through hard times,
more than a few.

They have a shoulder to cry on
or a listening ear to lend.

Whatever the circumstance,
you can count on your friend.

Friends are lots of fun.

Friends are at your doorstep.

Friends are on your phone.

I truly do believe our friends
will be in our Heavenly home.

Thank you God for friends.

They really are a treasure.

Their value to all of us
will be cherished forever.

CALENDAR

August 2026

- 11-15 LCWR Assembly - Orlando, FL
- 26 Leaders Meeting

September 2026

- 7 Labor Day - Convent Offices closed
- 23 Serra Club High Tea, 2 p.m. at The Premier. Sisters only.
- 30 Leaders Meeting

October 2026

- 4 Mary Manse Alumni Prayer Service & Luncheon, noon, at The Pinnacle
- 24 Sister Study Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Rosary Cathedral
- 24 Feast of St. Ursula (Vows, Commitment and Missioning), for Sisters and Associates, 4 p.m. Liturgy followed by supper, Ursuline Center/Ursuline Convent Offices
- 27 Leaders Meeting
- 28-29 Region IV Meeting - Cincinnati

November 2026

- 2-5 RCRI - St. Louis, MO
- 10 Sub-Region Meeting - Ursuline Convent Offices
- 24 Leaders Meeting
- 25 Foundation Day of Company of St. Angela - Feast of St. Catherine Alexandria
- 25-27 Thanksgiving - Convent Offices closed

December 2026

- 5 Sisters and Associates Christmas Party, 11 a.m. lunch, Ursuline Convent Offices
- 10 Foundation Day, 11:30 a.m. lunch and prayer, Ursuline Convent Offices. For Sisters and Associates.
- 22 Leaders Meeting
- 23 Staff Christmas Lunch - 11:00 a.m.
- 24-Jan. 5 Christmas Break - Convent Offices closed

January 2027

- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Convent Offices closed
- 24 Feast of St. Angela, 11 a.m. Mass at Ursuline Center followed by dinner at Ursuline Convent Offices. For Sisters and Associates.
- 27 Leaders Meeting

February 2027

- 15 Presidents' Day - Convent Offices closed
- 23 Leaders Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August

- 7 Bob Manion
Leonard Polcyn
- 8 Sharon Stern
Deb Bercher
- 9 Shirley Eiseman
- 17 Beth Hafner
- 18 Pauline Broadway
- 21 Helia Corral
- 22 Katherine Sarver
- 24 Anne Sandalls
- 29 Coletta Allen

September

- 7 Sr. Janice Ann Brown
- 10 Gail Foreman
- 13 Sr. Beth Hemminger
- 16 Sr. Nelda Chafitelli
- 20 Dan Quinn
- 23 Sr. Rita Mae Johns
- 26 Bonnie Krochmalny
- 30 Sr. Carol Reamer



FEAST DAY



August

- 12 Sr. Janice Ann Brown
- 22 Sr. Regina Smith

September

- 16 Sr. Nelda Chafitelli



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website!

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.