



A Celebration of Joy and Gratitude

Ursuline Newsletter

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Leadership Corner by Sr. Sandy

With the approach of Thanksgiving, I have been praying for family gatherings across our country in this time of division. The day after Thanksgiving is known as *The National Day of Listening*. It was named so by StoryCorps, an archive of stories between two individuals remembering together a story that brought and has kept them together. The stories are archived at The Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

I come from a family of storytellers on both sides. One of us is always sharing via Facebook, text, or email, a cherished and often humorous memory about one of our parents or even of one another. My sisters now tell them about their children and grandchildren. Our shared stories fill up the space our difference might otherwise choose to occupy.

When we share stories, we practice listening to one another. As Ursuline Sisters and Associates, recently re-missioned to the Ministry of Prayer and Presence, we often find ourselves listening to another person's pain or struggles. Sometimes we know the person and sometimes it is someone we have only just met.

In a recent memory in her weekly online post, Sister Joan Chittister shared this memory: "I have a memory, too, as a twelve-year-old of crying silently but bitterly, face down into my pillow on the living room floor. That day, my bird, my only life companion, had disappeared up an open flue in our apartment wall. There were visiting relatives in the house, in my bedroom, whom I knew were not to be disturbed. The needs of the guests came first...But when the house was safely dark, I let the pain pour out, not simply for the loss of my dearest possession but also in sorrow for my own carelessness in his regard. Then, suddenly, I felt the covers around me tighten. My mother had gotten in on one side of the



mattress, my father on the other, and together they held me all the long and empty night. I learned then that being human meant to enter into someone else's pain." This long ago memory is in the archive of her heart.

I recently listened to poet and songwriter Carrie Newcomer's podcast interview with poet, James Crews whose latest book contains the following poem. As you read it, contemplate how you might be called to listen not just the day after Thanksgiving but every day. What are your archived memories of listening and being listened to?

How to Listen

Listening is a form of worship,
but you don't have to kneel on the floor with
folded hands
or mouth the perfect prayer.
Just open the door of yourself to another,
become the space
they step through to show you who they are.
This is holiness: two people seated together
on the pew of a park bench, on the altar of a
kitchen table.
Even if no one says a word for a while, receive
the silence
until it's like a new language only the two of you
can speak.



Rest In Peace



Sister Mary Angela Gaietto, OSU

Received her eternal reward
October 19, 2025

Ursuline Sister for 67 years

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

Michelle Woda, mother of Seneca Weirich, SUA '04
and Laken Weirich Arthur, SUA '10 - September 27

Virginia Kilcorse Norton, SUA '55 - October 1

Sr. Mildred Marie Streif, RSM - October 2

Robert Mossing, father of Natalee Mossing, SUA
'90 - October 4

William Roccia, father of Deborah Roccia Prichard,
SUA '88 - October 5

Sr. Immacolata Scarogni, SCC - Sister of Christian
Charity - October 7

Terese "Terry" Anderson Carey, SUA '69; mother of
Elizabeth Carey, SUA '93 - October 9

Norman Dymarkowski, father of Ann Dymarkowski
Garcia, SUA '91 - October 10

Barbara Krabach Raab, SUA '46 - October 17

George Stamos, husband of Laura Schreiner
Stamos, SUA '63 - October 17

Sr. Mary Angela Gaietto, MMC '67 - October 19

Kathleen (Kathy) Borer Bradley, SUA '60; MMC '70;
former Ursuline - October 19

Margaret TenEyck Brown, MMC '68 - October 19

David Lincoln, brother of Sue Lincoln DuMont, SUA
'69; Margaret Lincoln McGovern, SUA '70; Marcia
Lincoln Urban, SUA '74 and Marilyn Lincoln Hall,
SUA '78 - October 23

*If you all stand united in heart,
you will be strong in adversities.*

(St. Angela Merici, 9th Counsel)

Pray with the Ursulines:
Communication Tape
It is recorded Mondays, Wednesdays
and Fridays.
Call 419-536-9375.



Liturgy of Thanksgiving

You are invited to join the Ursuline Sisters and Associates for a *Liturgy of Thanksgiving* in celebration of 170 years, followed by a luncheon, on Sunday, November 23, 2025 beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Ursula Academy.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 14 by calling the Ursuline Convent Offices at 419-536-9587 or emailing vmyers@ursulinecenter.org. We would love to have you with us in our celebration!



Christmas Party for Sisters and Associates

**Saturday,
December 6, 2025
11 a.m.
at Ursuline Convent Offices**

Plan to join the Ursuline Sisters and Associates for an afternoon of Christmas cheer, lunch and delicious desserts. Come celebrate this joyous season together!

Please RSVP to Val at vmyers@ursulinecenter.org or 419-536-9587 by Friday, November 28, 2025.

FOUNDATION DAY LUNCH & PRAYER

**Saturday, December 13, 2025
11:30 a.m.
St. Ursula Academy
All are invited!**

Please RSVP to 419-536-9587 or vmyers@ursulinecenter.org by Friday, December 5.

SEASON 5 of THE CHOSEN



Join us for the viewing of Season 5 of The Chosen! Show times begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Ursuline Convent Offices. All are welcome to attend.

Episode 3	November 6	"Woes"
Episode 4	November 13	"The Same Coin"
Episode 5	November 20	"Because of Me"
Episode 6	December 4	"Reunions"
Episode 7	December 11	"The Upper Room I"
Episode 8	December 18	"The Upper Room II"

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the December 2025 newsletter is Wednesday, November 19. Please send your stories to Michelle at mscazzero@ursulinecenter.org.



From the LCWR Presidency

Let Us Intentionally Enter the Month of Remembrance

Kathy Brazda, CSJ — LCWR Past President

The words from the song, “I Am Standing on the Shoulders,” by Joyce Rouse (Earth Mama) come to mind as we head into this month of remembrance, beginning with All Saints and All Souls Days and culminating in the celebration of Thanksgiving at the end of the month.

Each time I hear this song, my memories shift and change as I pause to remember the members of my community and family who are not physically present and who have deeply touched my heart.

*I am standing on the shoulders
of the ones who came before me
I am stronger for their courage,
I am wiser for their words.
I am lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter future
I am grateful for their vision
for their toiling on the earth.*

As we reflect on this time in religious life, we have many opportunities -- some expected, some unexpected -- to remember, mourn, and celebrate our sisters who have been lifted to the heart of God. Whether they were influential community, local or national leaders,

or those who ministered faithfully every day in simple, yet profound ways, we stand on their shoulders. Formators, educators, attorneys, justice workers, environmentalists, health care professionals -- we stand on their shoulders. Mystics,



spiritual directors, and artists -- we stand on their shoulders.

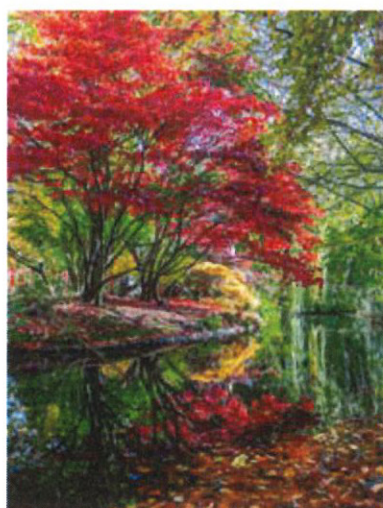
We know that we can rely on their presence and grace to be with us as we move through these unsettling times. Hopefully, we can take some time this month to remember and reconnect with those who are now united in the arms of God yet continue to influence our lives.

November ends with the celebration of Thanksgiving, where we gather

with loved ones to share a feast celebrating family, friendship, and community. Some of the feasts are abundant traditional gatherings, while others may be smaller, intimate meals. Some are at home; some at restaurants; some at a homeless shelter. We often pause to acknowledge the abundance of grace that has been a part of our lives and congregations. We often acknowledge loved ones who have gone before us and invite them to our table, lifting them up with gratitude and praise.

As we celebrate the feasts of All Saints, All Souls, and Thanksgiving, let us recall and give thanks for all who have brought us to this moment, honor them, and imitate them in our words and actions. So that with their grace, we can help create a better world, faithful to the values we have held together through the years.

*We are standing on the shoulders
of the ones who came before us.
They are saints and they are humans, they are angels,
they are friends
We can see beyond the struggles
and the troubles and the challenge
When we know that by our efforts
things will be better in the end.*





Archive Snapshots

Sister Anne Louise Stoelzel



Born Marie Kathryn Stoelzel on June 28, 1922 in Toledo, Ohio, Sister Anne Louise entered the Ursuline Community in 1943 after her graduation from Mary Manse College. She received her Master's degree from The Catholic University of America and did further work in Math through many grants at the University of Notre Dame, St. Louis University, Bowling Green State University, Ohio State University, and the University of Toledo. She taught grade school students at St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Teresa schools. Sister Anne Louise spent 14 years at Lima Central Catholic teaching Math and at St. Ursula Academy for 20 years. She served as the moderator of the St. Ursula Academy Alumnae for over 30 years. She received the Alumna of the Year Award in 1991. Sister Anne Louise tutored up until near her death on November 1, 2005 at the age of 83.

Take Time

“Stop and smell the roses!” What words of wisdom this cliché proposes.

Take time for the children, play games, go out in the snow. Visit Grandma and Grandpa for ice cream you could go.

Put aside the computer, Facebook and phone. Give yourself some “quality time,” with a book, a hobby or happy thoughts when you’re alone.

Avoid working overtime, take care of your health. Your well being is worth more than any great wealth.

Take time to chat with a neighbor, do things with friends. You’ll be surprised what happiness it lends.

Go to Church, make a meditation, you’ll be amazed what an inspiration!

Especially, keep holy the Sabbath, a day for prayer and rest. If you “take time” for what’s important, you’ll live life at its very best.

~ By Sister Margaret Anne Carstensen



CALENDAR

November 2025

- 6 The Chosen, 3:30 p.m., Convent Offices
- 11 Sub-region Meeting - Lial
- 13 The Chosen, 3:30 p.m., Convent Offices
- 20 The Chosen, 3:30 p.m., Convent Offices
- 23 Closing of 170th Celebration, 11 a.m. Liturgy of Thanksgiving followed by lunch, St. Ursula Academy
- 24 Council Meeting
- 25 Foundation Day of Company of St. Ursula - Feast of St. Catherine Alexandria
- 26-27 Thanksgiving - Convent Offices closed

December 2025

- 4 The Chosen, 3:30 p.m., Convent Offices
- 6 Sisters and Associates Christmas Party, 11 a.m., Convent Offices
- 11 The Chosen, 3:30 p.m., Convent Offices
- 13 Foundation Day, 11:30 a.m. lunch and prayer, St. Ursula Academy. Sisters and Associates are invited.
- 17 Council Meeting
- 18 The Chosen, 3:30 p.m., Convent Offices
- 23 Staff Christmas Lunch, 11 a.m.
- 24-Jan. 5 Christmas break - Convent Offices closed

January 2026

- 19 Martin Luther King Day - Convent Offices closed
- 25 Feast of St. Angela, 11 a.m. Mass and dinner to follow, St. Ursula Academy
- 28 Council Meeting

February 2026

- 16 President's Day, Convent Offices closed
- 25 Council Meeting

March 2026

- 11-12 Chapter
- 23-25 NAULC - St. Louis
- 31 Council Meeting

April 2026

- 11 Sisters and Associates Study Day, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sylvania Franciscan Serra Hall.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

- 2 Marcia Kolbeck
- 8 Carol Pruss
- 12 Karen (Kitty) Meyers
- 13 Sr. Regina Smith
- 14 Jerry Folmar
- 16 Joanne McGinnis
- 19 Michelle Scazzero
- 20 Hilaire Daly
- 21 Jess Gamby



December

- 4 Pat Cryan
- 7 Shirley Persinger
- 10 Mary Obert
- 18 Sr. Claudia Holtz
- 20 Barb Torio
- 22 Janet Ellzey
- 27 BJ Stevens
- 28 Jovita Harrah
- 31 Mary Richard
- Nancy Turski



FEAST DAY



November

- 4 Sister Carol Kronfield
- 4 Sister Carol Reamer



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