

Save the date: Saturday, April 25th
Trivia Night 2020:

Guys & Dolls

Doors Open @ 6 pm

Trivia starts @ 7 pm

8 Rounds-10 Questions + 1 Bonus Round

\$200/Table of 8 OR \$25 a Person

Free Popcorn and Drinks!

Baskets Raffle!

Silent Auction

JFK Center-315 Howdershell Rd.

See details in future issues of NFH!

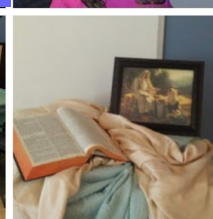
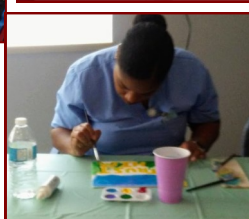
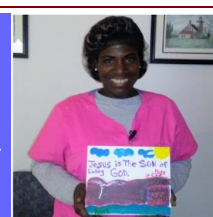


Staff Appreciation 2020!

Karaoke Fun!



Painting with a Twist
Staff paint during a mediation from scripture.



Spa Day with back, feet, and hand massages and a beautiful spread courtesy of Hope Hospice!

A pancake breakfast with all the fixings!



News From Home

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A Few Thoughts from Sr. M. Christine

Dear Friends,

This year, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr Saint George celebrate the 150th anniversary of our founding in Thuine, Germany, in 1869. As we near Thanksgiving Day, it is with a heart filled with gratitude that I share a bit of our history, and our arrival in St. Louis and at Mother of Good Counsel Home.

Our foundress, Mother M. Anselma Bopp and another Sister were sent to the small German village of Thuine on May 25, 1857. They went there at the request of Father Gerhard Dall, pastor of St. George the Martyr Parish, who wanted the Sisters to help care for needy children and the sick. After receiving permission, Mother M. Anselma separated from her original Community, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, to serve the people of Thuine. The Sisters lived in extreme poverty, thus, the new Community adopted the Rule of St. Francis; their mission was to "be ready in obedience to God's call." The spirituality of our Community focuses on the Sacred Heart, striving to make His merciful love visible through service to others: in hospital work, care of the elderly and day care, academic and religious education, parish work and social services.

Anthony's Infirmary, then Saint Anthony's Health Center. Today it is known as OSF St. Anthony's Health Center.

In 1932 the Sisters arrived at Mother of Good Counsel Home, then owned and operated by the Catholic Women's Union. Currently, there are 12 Sisters serving here. The Home has expanded several times over the years, adding services and rooms. Another area of service in the St. Louis Archdiocese is St. Alban Roe School in Wildwood, MO., where the Sisters teach and work in youth ministry.

God has been so good to our Community, blessing its growth with young women on an average of three to four vocations each year. I attribute this to the prayers of our Sisters, especially our older Sisters who pray daily for vocations to our Community. We have Sisters living and working in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Ohio, and Nebraska, for a total of 12 houses. We also have Sisters outside the U.S. in Germany, Holland, Italy, Albania, Cuba, Japan, Brazil, and Indonesia.

On October sixth, we held an Open House at St. Francis Convent in Alton to commemorate our 150th Jubilee. We welcomed approximately 300 visitors who toured our Motherhouse and grounds. It was a wonderful opportunity for our guests to get acquainted with the Sisters and to hear about our history. This month, for three days, all the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George living in the United States will gather at our Motherhouse in Alton for a Mass of Thanksgiving and special Community celebrations.

As we celebrate our nation's Thanksgiving Day, we will also be thanking God for His sustaining grace and blessings to our Community throughout 150 years. We thank Him for you who have become one with us in our mission to serve Our Lord and His people with the greatest love.

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

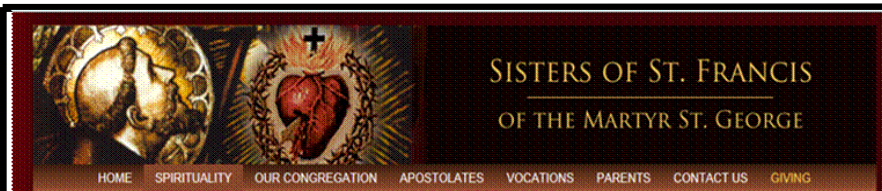
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Sr. M. Rosalinda, as Mother M. Anselma, greets some of our many visitors to our Open House

Our Sisters arrived in America in 1923. Although they began at Father Dunne's Newsboys Home in St. Louis, an institution for neglected boys, the Sisters were unable to continue because of the language barrier. Two years later, on April 1, 1925, the Community purchased its first establishment in the United States—Nazareth Home in Alton, Illinois. Over time, Nazareth Home became Saint



Visit our Community's website:
www.altonfranciscans.org

New Residents

Br. Thomas Farnsworth
Harlan Heck
Linus Pottebaum
Garry Moeller
Dolores Weekly
Mary Wright

Farewell

Fr. Ralph Wright

With Deepest Sympathy

Fr. Charles Burgoon
Ruby Cobb
Eugene Gerard
Marie Casey

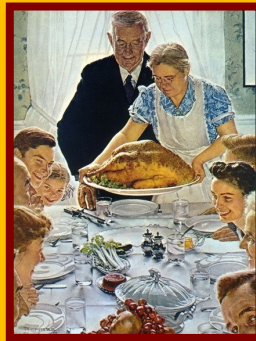
November Birthdays

Residents

Robert Loyd—4th
Mary Kay Shehan—4th
Clarence Bishop—5th
Frances Walsh—19th
Jean Andert—24th
Margaret Adams—28th

Staff Members

Bridget Sonnier—1st
Lawrence Norman—2nd
Barbara Douthit—6th
Katrina Walker—10th
Maya Rivers—12th
Steviena Rivers—16th
Leonard Slaughter—18th
Quinesha Day—20th



Thanksgiving Potluck!

Join us on November 12th at 5 pm in the Activity Hall for family, friends, and great food! We will provide tasty turkey, ham, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, dessert, and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish to share! If you plan to attend, contact Sr. M. Juliana at smjulina@mogch.org, call 383-4765, sign up at the front desk, or tell a member of the Activity staff by November 11th! Hope to see you then!

Next potluck: January 14th for our "Chili Potluck!"

Sunday, November 3rd!



Best wishes to May on your retirement after 19 years of dedicated service!



**May God's blessing be upon you.
May the future bring joy, peace, and
good health to you!**



Mother of Good Counsel Home's Annual Appeal letters will reach your mailboxes this month. If you do not receive a letter in your mailboxes by the end of the month and would like to participate please contact Marsha Heine (mheine@mogch.org or call 314-383-4765) and one will be mailed to you.

All contributions are greatly appreciated. No donation is too small! We humbly ask that you please pray for us and our mission of making God's merciful love visible to those we serve.

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown us and may God bless you for your generosity.

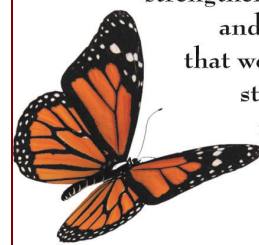
-the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George

All Souls' Day

November 2

Jesus, dear Savior,
on this day we prayerfully remember
all our loved ones who have died.
Please give them comfort and hope
and may they be at peace,
knowing that they will
rest in God's arms eternally.
Thank You for our memories of them
and for the good times we shared.

We ask You, please,
through their intercession,
to deepen our faith,
strengthen our hope
and increase our love
that we, too, may someday
stand before You,
ready to enter Your
Holy Kingdom.
Amen.



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Prayers for the Feast of All Saints Day - November 1

God our Father, source of all holiness,
the work of Your hands is manifest in Your saints,
the beauty of Your truth is reflected in their faith.

May we who aspire to have part in their joy
be filled with the spirit that blessed their lives,
so that having shared their faith on earth
may we also know their peace in your kingdom.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise Thee.
All Thy saints and elect with one voice do acknowledge Thee,
O Blessed Trinity, one God!

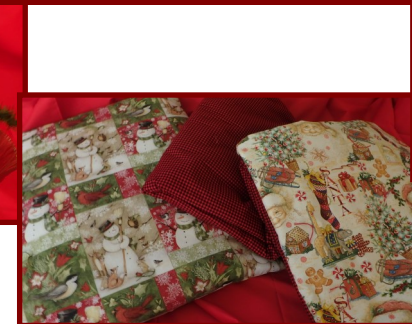
Our annual Christmas Raffle will begin November 1st. Prizes include a Christmas Basket, 2 Christmas Quillows, a Christmas Centerpiece, Nativity Set that holds tealight candles, and a Christmas wreath!

1 ticket—\$2
6 Tickets—\$10

Tickets available now at the front desk! Drawing - Monday, December 2nd



To benefit Residents



It's the biggest shopping day of the year for our residents at MOGCH! We are still accepting items for our annual Shop 'til You Drop on December 13th! Donations can be dropped off at the front desk. Ideas for donations: scarves, hats, gloves, socks, T-shirts, knick-knacks, lotions, shampoos, & stuffed animals. Your donations will make our residents' Christmas shopping a success! Thank you for your generosity!

November Coming Events

Bingo—Mondays /Saturdays

Playing Cards—Thursdays

Exposition/Benediction—1st

Music w/Sr. Brenda&Louise—7th

Card Making w/Renae—8th

Birthday Party—8th

Thanksgiving Potluck—12th

Movie, *Country Girl*—13th

Sing-Along w/Ed—15th

Watercolors w/Mary Ellen—19th

Holiday Dance Party—22nd

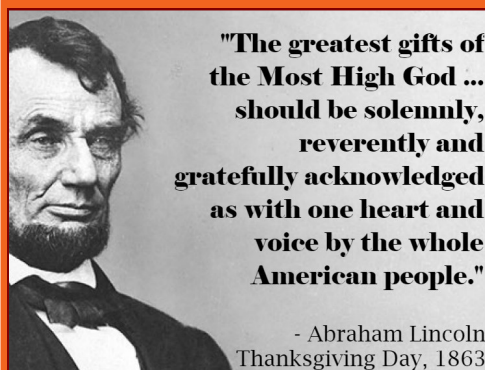
Travel to Germany—27th

RT/Fold & Deliver NFH—29th



Mass of Remembrance

On Saturday, November 9th, at 9:30 a.m., Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased residents of this past year. Family members and friends are invited to join us in prayer for our loved ones. Msgr. William McCumber will preside. A light reception will follow in the Activity Hall.



- Abraham Lincoln
Thanksgiving Day, 1863