

TidBytes for February 2020

From HMC by Mary Rehmann

- Many enjoyed “The Two Popes” (Benedict XVI and Francis), an excellent film with many Academy Award nominations. Thanks to Laurie Gibson’s computer and “Netflix”. Good story about speaking, listening, understanding and transforming – with humor, as well.
- Valentine’s Day produced wonderful gifts: large, heart-shaped chocolates from Msgr. Henricksen, cookies in a brown bag with a greeting (Be mine) from Kathy Kendall; heart-shaped, frosted chocolate cookies from Janet and kitchen staff; “Merci” melt-in-your-mouth chocolate from Deb Williams and Sr. Greta.
- Srs. Johanna, Pat Heidenry, Mary Rehmann, and Kathleen Henneberry watched the candidate debate from Las Vegas.
- Sr. Maggie Bennett has been working with choir members on Lenten music. Sunday Masses will include one part sung in Latin each week.
- Associate Diana Schachter was at HMC for meetings and visit to BDRC.
- Associate Janet Rossmiller-Dolan was also on-site for a meal and conversation group.
- The annual CHM retreat at the Humility of Mary Center will be March 9 -13 conducted by Fr. Jim Bergin, SVD, a spiritual director at Divine Word College, Epworth, Iowa.
- A memorial Mass for Associate Carol Parr, who died on January 22, 2020, was held on Tuesday, February 18, with Fr. Sia celebrating. Friend and Associate Barb Kendall shared reflections about Carol with the community.
- **We Remembered National Migration Week, with a prayer service in the chapel on Feb 13.**
- **7th Annual Have a Heart for the Homeless Luncheon** was attended by Sisters Mary Ann, Johanna,
- Maggie Bennett, Joann Kuebrich, Kathleen Henneberry Greta Fitzgerald, Mary Rehmann. It was sponsored
- By many local businesses and organizations.

From Associate Eva Lee Mickey: I am currently in San Antonio on a retreat given by Father Rolheiser.

It is my fourth retreat here at Oblate Renewal Center and this one is on Prayer. He is a gift.

From Sr Irene Ottumwa:

The Wapello County Historical Museum opened up a celebration of women exhibit Feb. 14, 2020. The exhibit highlights tribute to the centennial of the 19th Amendment and highlights Wapello County women. The exhibit will be open from noon to 4 PM Wednesday through Saturday until Thanksgiving. I plan to go!

From Jeanie in Des Moines - February 2020

The Hagedorn sisters joined a faith group of people of faith from across the country for a forum held in Des Moines entitled "Faith, Politics and the Common Good." Sponsored by the organization "Vote for Common Good" and co-sponsored by, among others, NETWORK the Catholic Social Justice Lobby in Washington, DC, the very mixed group united for justice for ALL. "Vote for Common Good" is beginning a 50 state bus tour. Sister Simone Campbell was one of the presenters. Upon leaving the site we found four inches of early January snow piled on our cars and a bitter wind making clearing our vehicles a challenge.

Santa arrived late for Christmas Day but on time for Little Christmas/Epiphany at Bishop Drumm with the visit of Srs. Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn who donned red hats to bring little treats to the sisters and staff. It is always a joy to visit them and be enriched by their positive attitude. Their smiles and words of gratitude are gift to us!

Directory Update: Carol Parr died January 22, 2020