

TidBytes – October 2021

CHM internal community news to CHM sisters, associates, and staff

Humility of Mary Center – S. Mary Rehmann

Sisters Roberta Brich, Kathleen Henneberry, Judy Herold, Joann Kuebrich, Mary Rehmann, Johanna Rickl, joined OLPR staff for a blessing service for three stones to be added to the Memorial Walk there. They honor relatives of Jean Herber, a relative of deceased Sister Matilda Herber. Several toured the “Sunrise Shop” where Todd Seifert show off his office with records documenting events such as scheduled “prairie burns” and building utilization. There was a well-organized, large storage area for equipment and seasonal items such as plastic “hoop” covers for the raised beds for early spring plantings. Staff: Director Sr. Margaret Kruse, Program Coordinator Lori Freudenberg, and cook Deb Friederichs, joined the visitors for lunch consisting of roasted pork loin, roasted vegetables and pickled beets from the garden, and a pumpkin dessert. Interrupted rain enabled Todd and Sr. Roberta to place the 3 stones on the spiral “walk”.

HMC Residents were disappointed to learn that Sr. Judy Herold would be moving to St. Louis on October 28, to live with her Notre Dame community there. Her brother, Fr. Tony Herold, will celebrate the Eucharist on October 24 at the Center when several guests are expected. She has been busy sorting, disposing of, recycling, and packing selections from her collection of “stuff”.

Speaking of “stuff”, CHMs are reminded to contribute to their “drop” and picture files in the Archives office. Amy Yuncker-McCoy welcomes newspaper clippings, event programs, records from travel or volunteer experiences, and expressions of arts and crafts that demonstrate your pastimes.

There is an array of reading materials for the Synod of Bishops 2023 in the Community Room. Pope Francis opened the Synod on October 10 with the theme “For a synodal church: communion, participation and mission.” Users should record items that are taken on the pad there. The “diocesan phase” consists of “listening to and consulting the people of God”, continuing until April 2022.

Residents and Staff lined up for annual flu shots, gratefully arranged for by Supportive Living Staff.

RLC Shelly Seifert assisted some residents with obtaining absentee ballots for the November city election. Associate Tyla Sherwin-Cole is running as a “write-in” candidate for the “open” position on the Board of Eastern Iowa Community College.

“Game Day” returned this month with one table of “Right, left, center”. “Once monthly” frequency was recommended.

Steve Boatwright asks for prayers as he discerns studying for the priesthood. He says that CHMs “were a major influence on both my educational and spiritual development. I can’t thank them enough.” Now living in Minnesota, he attended St. Pius X and Dowling High Schools in Des Moines and was ordained a deacon in 1991. He would like to speak to anyone who knew Sr. Antoinette Walsh who is his “go to saint”. Contact Sr. Mary Rehmann for his info.

Des Moines – S. Jeanie Hagedorn

As November nears, we rejoice with the still-growing number of friends, CHMs and relatives who have joined the Communion of Saints. While we celebrate all of them on All Saints and All Souls Days we have been invited to frequent reflection on death, and gratitude for the *new life* these loved ones now enjoy!

Srs. Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn have also been rejoicing in the gift of their *living* friends and family who continue to bless our lives. This month, we have been the happy recipients of some surprise visits, homemade dinners and beautiful flowers delivered to our door, and even a fun gift of a Bobblehead doll of Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM. She is Loyola University’s 102-year-old Men’s Basketball Team chaplain and honorary assistant coach!

We continue to enjoy Saturday football games of our Notre Dame Irish, IA Hawkeyes and IA State Cyclones. (In case you haven’t guessed, our dad’s love of sports rubbed off on his daughters!) *And*, we have loved phone calls, emails and letters from our CHM sisters and associates. It has meant even more during this pandemic when in-person time together is, necessarily, infrequent because of the continued risk of COVID. e.g. It was a great disappointment for some of us to make the decision not to attend the Representative Assembly. All this deepens our gratitude when we *can*, by whatever means, enjoy the company of those who mean so much.

For example, two friends have come to our apartment to help Elaine and Jeanie move into the 21st century, teaching Jeanie how to use a SMART (?) phone. One friend is my **former 1st grade student** at St. Anthony’s School. Now, in a role reversal, she is the *teacher*. For her: a lesson in patience (the “smart” phone is sometimes smarter than the learner!); and for me: a lesson in HUMILITY! But we enjoy lots of laughs, memories of St. Anthony School days ... and Elaine’s comical remarks, served with delicious root beer floats!

Interesting CHM Zoom discussions (e.g. Exploring Intersections) wonderful SPARK newsletters from our Associates, updates from the Leadership Team, monthly TidBytes stories, daily virtual Mass, and weekly ZOOM liturgies with our DM Intentional Eucharistic Community have all enriched these weeks. Elaine and Jeanie also continue to appreciate and take advantage of the *many* virtual growth opportunities found on Zoom especially the webinars from Georgetown University, Catholic Theological Union, NETWORK, LCWR and Future Church! There is no end to the opportunities of learning and sharing virtually ~ a gift of the pandemic! A wonderful presentation by Massimo Faggioli, PhD on Oct.14 was especially worthwhile. A Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University, Faggioli “is one of the foremost scholars on the intersection of American Catholicism and the state of democracy in the United States.” His understanding of today’s *American* Catholic Church was very *insightful* for us who are both *Catholic* and *American*! (More can be found at Future Church’s website for their FALL EVENT 2021.) It is our hope that the text of Faggioli’s presentation will become available and,

if so, I will let you know. Next week Future Church will give an award to Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ (author and activist against the death penalty). Meantime, remember to VOTE in our local elections on Nov. 2, and to urge Congress to pass critical national legislation that can lighten the burdens so many families are carrying, especially the poor. We still have work to do!

Bishop Drumm Center – Barb Gross

Our Bishop Drumm CHM Staff is delighted to have Kim Hall as a new member of our CHM Team. She already is well experienced with procedures at Bishop Drumm and her nursing background and presence is most appreciated!

Joan LeBeau, Kim Hall and Barb Gross enjoyed the blessing of the pets over at McAuley.

All the Sisters enjoyed the pumpkin contest display and the one we brought to the contest. 😊 We made up a pumpkin with one of Virginia's Montana hats that had a sign that read: **A Montana Howdy!!! from your CHM Sisters.** He was quite the character but the pumpkin train was very creative and a delightful winner! This is our Montana pumpkin man! Pat Rothamel started out with the eyes, nose and mouth and left it in our office! We had fun and finished him on Thursday, October 14th! We simply had a fun time with a lot of laughter! Many of the pumpkins were great exhibits!!! 😊



S Dorothy Ann Chevalier and S Kaylene have enjoyed the walks outside during the beautiful Autumn days. They were delighted to see the new trees planted after so many had to be cut down due to the disease.

Pat Rothamel continues to have a Current Events session every Sunday after Mass in the Chapel. Sisters and other residents interested are welcome to come. They have a good turnout and interesting discussions!

Mary Routh and Barb Gross started a CHM Meditation in Chapel every Monday at 11 am. We read the Anniversary Memorials of all the CHM Sisters who have died in the week ahead. We begin with a prayer, share the memorials and our memories, and close with prayer.

S Virginia was delighted to have her two nieces, Pat Bartholome and Catherine Bartholome come visit her for a couple days and celebrate her 98th Birthday! We ordered cupcakes with the number 98 on top and shared with family and all residents in our sisters' neighborhood! Virginia also received a couple bouquets of beautiful flowers! Virginia had a grand time!

S. Kathryn O'Meara

I continue Covid precautions. Busy writing letters to elected officials/local & national. I did take a small group tour to the Congressional Cemetery in south D.C. I didn't realize

Cokie Roberts was buried there. I know that she & her daughter were active with the group that restored the cemetery. I know that she visited the Center when she was in Davenport several years ago. I also met her at a book signing. The local Senior Center has begun some life-long learning courses so I've been attending those. Masks still required here in all public places. Otherwise on zoom for various meetings & courses. My best, Kathryn

Administration – Kelly Bell

Please remove S. Dorothy Chevalier's email dodochevie@gmail.com. S. Dorothy has moved to room 310. She is still using her cell-phone

S. Margaret Kruse email address is now smkruse@chmiowa.org.

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