



## TidBytes –September 2022

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

### Administration – Kelly Bell

**S. Joan Marie Schuster:** Room 140, ext. 140

**S. Marian Smith:** ProMedica, 833 16<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Room 186A, Moline IL 61265; 309-517-2895.  
Sister will be at ProMedica for therapy for  
several more weeks. Visiting hours are  
weekdays and weekends 9:00 am-5:00 pm.  
Visitors are required to wear masks.

*Save the Date:* Welcoming Ritual for **Jennifer Hager's** entrance into the CHM Affiliate Phase:  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 10:30 am.  
HMC Magnificat Chapel and on Zoom

### Des Moines – S. Jeanie Hagedorn

August has been a busy and *unusual* month in many ways: Iowa State Fair (no CHMs in the record crowd, as far as I know), but lots of excitement around the city and state. There *were* some special events, however, that might be worth sharing.

St. Pius X has completed a major renovation project that now connects an enlarged Parish Center with the expanded grade school. Srs. Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn attended the Dedication and Open House as St. Pius X School was one of the places CHMs taught and administered from its founding days in 1956! Sr. Mary Camillus was the first principal and Srs. Leona Mary and Mary Sheila taught the first classes. Since 1956 dozens of Humilities staffed St. Pius X School until 1992 when I think I was the last CHM to teach there (for 16 years). It was a joy to see the growth of “our school” today as it continues to thrive, thanks to the dedicated ministry of the CHMs for almost 36 years!

Another Open House and Dedication was at Emmaus House, attended by Srs. Jude

Fitzpatrick, Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn. Emmaus was the inspiration of Bishop Maurice Dingman who, in 1974, invited Jesuit priests to Des Moines to offer spiritual direction, retreats, liturgy and private prayer. After nearly 50 years Emmaus has moved from an old Victorian House to a new location in Urbandale. The newer, more handicap-accessible, and renovated facility will continue to be available to all faiths. We are delighted that this ministry will continue in the diocese!

A third celebration was the 110<sup>th</sup> reunion of St. Anthony School which opened in 1912 with the Sisters of Humility staffing the school. Sr. Mary Cecilia became the first superior. To quote from their online history “Over the many years, the Sisters of Humility served unselfishly to fill the hearts and minds of their students with knowledge and the love of God.” Srs. Jeanie and Elaine were guests at the reunion, both as a former teacher and as CHMs, and heard many stories and inquiries about Sisters who have taught there in the past. *The Humilities are remembered fondly by parishioners!* We were delighted that, among the alums honored as “Outstanding Alumni” were Sr. Joanne Mauro, posthumously, and her sister Roseanne Mauro McCargar who served as school secretary for several decades. Sr. Joanne was the last CHM to teach and counsel at the school up to her death in 2015.

Sr. Cathy Talarico has been doing her civic duty by making phone calls to remind citizens to VOTE in these important mid-term elections, especially for candidates who share our values! A *lot* is at stake both nationally and statewide, so let's all do our part so we can celebrate good leadership at all levels!

Not everything this month fits the description of “celebration”, however. On Aug. 19 a heavy rain, wind and hailstorm caught Srs. Elaine and

Jeanie off guard. While out west at Mercy One Jeanie left her car windows down several inches, forgetting the forecast. BIG mistake. Ready to leave the building after therapy the sisters were surprised with a blowing downpour of rain, hail, and strong wind. Helpless to do anything they waited for a slight let up when they made a mad dash for the car. With no raingear, and carting Elaine's oxygen and Jeanie's walker they faced the disaster they had feared. *Everything was soaked* through and through especially the car seats and carpet. Sinking uncomfortably onto the seats for the drive home in bumper-to-bumper traffic, with frequently reoccurring outbursts of the storm we finally arrived home safely, stripped off soaked clothes and breathed a sigh of relief and gratitude before eating a bite of supper. Then, within just a few minutes, the fire alarm went off in our building. So, once again, we grabbed oxygen, walker, and purses, and headed down the stairs from our third-floor apartment, aided by a new neighbor. At the front door we met our maintenance man who calmed everyone with "It's all ok - false alarm." So, we gratefully rode the *elevator* back upstairs. And decided to go to a (virtual) Mass of gratitude that we had survived the day! Unfortunately, while logging on to Zoom I (Jeanie) knocked over a full glass of water, so the next challenge was soaking up *more water* this time all over the carpet! BUT all's well that ends well – we learned that many others had major damage to *their* cars ... after several days the Hagedorn's Ford is *almost* dried out!

*Moral of the story:* No matter how warm it is outside, only *crack* your car windows -- and remember the weather forecast! (And I promise to be briefer next month – barring any more months like this!)

### Humility of Mary Center S. Mary Rehmann

Sr. Delphine reports that.... "We have had very, very few [**Monarch**] eggs on the butterfly weed in the courtyard and not many...on the milkweed near the shed.... A year ago, we had released 57;

at this writing, the total released is 15.... the Monarch has been put on the endangered species list although the U.S. has not officially signed on to this. Part of the problem is the lack of milkweed, and people are encouraged to plant it...to preserve this lovely pollinator.

Our **hummingbird friends** have delighted us...with their visits to our feeders.... now we have seen much more activity as the males have started their southern migration -- females will follow in a few weeks -- and we have guests... passing through from Canada and Minnesota.... always entertaining to see them." 8/23: Too late -- feeder gone from St. Joseph Court.

We enjoy bouquets of Black-eyed Susans from the court, and grasses. Temperatures have invited walking at any time during the day, but it is almost dark by 8:15.

Residents followed the **Iowa State Fair** starting with the parade on August 11 and ending with the finals of the Bill Riley Talent Show Sunday evening, the 21st. Evening summaries on Iowa PBS showed many learning opportunities including a "veterinary school" and "how to be an animal judge". News was made by 730 people breaking the **Guinness World Record** for the largest **cornhole tournament** on Saturday, August 20. Previous record was 444 players in San Diego in 2019.

Monthly Friday Happy Hour went forward, without live music, however, from Sr. Rachel's **relatives**, due to illness. Word is that there will be a next time, with music.

With the **war in Ukraine** more than 6-months old, sisters continue saying the **rosary at 4:40 p.m.**, before evening prayer 1) for relief from that invasion and its growing losses, and 2) for the recovery and support of democratic norms and processes in the United States. **Join us.**

CHMs and other email recipients have been asked to pray for families of sisters, associates

and staff who have lost siblings and others, and for successful outcomes of surgeries and other treatments for medical conditions.

### **Bishop Drumm Center**

The week before the State Fair, Bishop Drumm had a few of their own Fair days outside on the patio and in the Activity Room:

- Mon., Aug. 8, 1:30 pm, Outdoor Country Band and Ice Cones
- Tues., Aug. 9, 10:00 am, State Fair Animals
- Wed. Aug.10, 1:30 pm, Cookie Competition
- Thurs., Aug. 11, 2:00 pm, Festive Bingo with the Guild

The pictures show that all were having a grand time.

Some of Jeanette's family, Jim Kopel, and some of their first cousins came for a visit on Friday, August12. Jim shared cake and ice cream with family and the sisters. Jim stayed longer to go to the Iowa State Fair. He came back on Monday for another visit with S. Jeanette and shared that he enjoys the Iowa State Fair every year!

On Monday, August 15, S. Rosalia and Barb Gross had the opportunity to go to the Iowa State Fair with other staff and residents throughout the morning. Barb pushed S. Rosalia around in her wheelchair. They saw the Veterans Parade and S. Rosalia enjoyed waving her small flag and greeting veterans of all ages as they came by. She was in awe of the beautiful flowers in the flower garden. She was surprised to see the buttered cow and buttered people. The joy at the end of their Fair tour was to see the baby chicks being born, baby lambs by their mother sheep, and a baby calf born on film. Only one sad choice of their day ...their Fair food was not the best! 😞 Rosalia was looking forward to returning to Bishop Drumm for better food! 😊

A poster with pictures of Sister Harriett Ping was displayed during the BDRC Fair Days. S. Harriett loved a good fair



*State Fair Day at BDRC*



*Sister Joan LeBeau with a young man and his rabbit.*



*Poster of Sister Harriett Ping at BDRC State Fair Day*



S Virginia was delighted to have her niece, Pat Bartholome, come for a visit for a few days in mid-August. Pat said that they shared stories about their family and had a good time. Their visits are short due to health and need to rest. Pat is always grateful to come see her beloved Aunt and have any updates from our staff.

S Kayleen had a good visit with her brothers on Wednesday, August 24th.



*Sister Kayleen Heffron*

### **Evalee Mickey**

I am sending this article about the archbishop of New Mexico and his pastoral letter on nuclear weapons which he wrote in Jan, 2022.

I was lucky to attend Pax Christi Conference in Washington, DC a short time ago where Archbishop Wester gave the keynote address. I gave a copy of Barb Arland-Fye’s opinion from the *Catholic Messenger* to Archbishop Wester as I wanted to show him the support he has in spite of the lack of which he received from most of his fellow bishops. As the relatively new archbishop for New Mexico, I think he is unbelievably courageous to write such a document in the “belly of the beast”, since it is the site of the birth of the bomb and continues to hold many nuclear weapons, plus all the research and development of future means of destruction our government continues to fund at the Los Alamos and Sandia labs.

Archbishop Wester’s pastoral letter, *Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace: A Conversation Toward*

*Nuclear Disarmament* can be easily found on his website or Pax Christi’s website.

At the conference, we were shown a list of supporters of Pax Christi USA and I was pleasantly surprised to see the Humilities represented.

Article by Dennis Sadowski, National Catholic Reporter, July 14, 2022

“Archbishop Wester embarks on the long path to end the nuclear threat”

Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico, thinks it is time for serious conversations about how to achieve nuclear disarmament — not just for the United States but for all countries of the world.

Read more:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/archbishop-wester-embarks-long-path-end-nuclear-threat>



*CHM Associate Evalee Mickey presenting the opinion from the Catholic Messenger to Archbishop Wester.*

