



OUR MISSION

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Sunday, November 17
Noon - 5 pm.

Delicious spaghetti and homemade meatballs!

Dinner tickets:
\$10 for adults
\$5 for kids 4-12

Bake Sale
Craft Sale
Spin-the-Wheel Raffle

Great prize packages,
all valued at \$100+

See our website for details.

We hope to see you there!

Closing The Jubilee Year

Celebrating Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

On August 23 we brought our jubilee year to a close with a Mass and reception at our neighboring parish, St. Regis. This past year, from August 2018-2019, has been a wonderful year commemorating the Little Sisters' arrival in the United States 150 years ago, and our final night of celebration was a special one.

We are grateful for the use of the church and parish hall, for all of the friends who joined us, and for Bishop Johnston, who celebrated Mass and gave a beautiful homily. He recounted how the Little Sisters came to the U.S. in 1868 and arrived in Kansas City in 1882 — the same year construction of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception began. According to

the cathedral's website, it was the tallest building in Kansas City at the time! And tickets were sold to people who wanted to go up into the tower to see the view.

A lot has certainly changed since then, both in Kansas City and the world in general. We may have taller buildings now, but one thing has remained constant throughout the years, and that is the need of the elderly to be cared for and loved; to feel safe and secure in this vulnerable time of their lives.

We are grateful to God for our vocations, and for all of you who support us in our mission of seeing Christ's face in each elderly person that we care for. We look forward to serving the elderly well into the future. May God bless you!



Sr. Michael Teresa adds to the beauty of the Mass with her flute.



Residents enjoy the food, music, and visiting with friends at the reception.

Department Spotlight: Laundry

26,000 pounds. That's how much laundry our laundry department processes each month!

Many departments work behind the scenes to keep our home running smoothly and our Residents happy. And our laundry department really goes above and beyond. They're here Monday through Saturday, washing about 100 giant-sized loads of clothes and linens each week. Along with the Residents' clothing and bedding, all the towels, table cloths, napkins, and even the curtains in the home get a thorough cleaning. And in addition to washing and drying the Residents' clothes, they also iron, mend, and/or alter them if needed.

The laundry room is a comfortable and homey place,

often filled with easy talk and laughter as the employees and volunteers chat while folding, their voices blending with the sound of machines whirring softly in the background. Residents drop by to see about getting pants hemmed, to say hello, or to ask if supervisor Jennifer might have a matching button to replace one they lost (and she always does!).

Several Residents also enjoy volunteering in the laundry room. It's a chance to be productive, stay active, to help out, and enjoy the company of their fellow folders.

We are grateful for the wonderful job this department does in keeping our Residents looking and feeling good, and helping to make a comfortable home for all those who live and work here.



The laundry crew (l-r): Resident and volunteer Maggie, Seamstress Ngan, Laundry Supervisor Jennifer, Employees Heather and Cindy, and Resident volunteer Leticia take a break to pose for a photo.

Celebrating God's Creation



The Season of Creation is a time set aside by the Church to honor God through his creation of nature and all living beings. It started on September 1, which is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ended on October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Like his namesake St. Francis of Assisi, our Pope has a love for the natural world, and here at the Jeanne Jugan Center we share this as well. Along with taking steps to preserve resources, we used this Season of Creation to reflect on and thank God for the bounty and beauty in nature.

We are blessed to have beautiful grounds where our Residents can enjoy nature - a pond, 23 acres of trees and flowers, birds, ducks, and fish. We planted several new trees on our grounds this year, and celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi by dedicating one of them with a plaque commemorating the Little Sisters' arrival in the U.S. 150 years ago.

Our Residents are enjoying the change of seasons and the accompanying arrival of the crisp, autumn air. We wish you many blessings, and especially during the upcoming season of Thanksgiving, know that you are remembered in our grateful prayers.

WAYS TO GIVE



Recurring Donation - Our website allows you to donate with a credit card, debit card, or e-check, and to schedule donations to automatically repeat at a frequency of your choosing.



Memorial/Tribute Gifts - Gifts may be made in memory of a loved one, to honor a special person, or to recognize a significant anniversary or achievement.



Matching Gifts - Check with your employer to see if they offer a matching gift program to increase the impact of your gift.



AmazonSmile - Shop at AmazonSmile and designate LSP Kansas City as your charity. A portion of your Amazon purchase will be donated to us - at no additional cost to you.



Planned Giving - Carry on the legacy of caring for the elderly poor by remembering the Little Sisters in your estate plans.



In-kind donations - Interested in donating goods or services? Contact Sister Michael Teresa at 816-761-4744 to find out more about our needs and what we can accept.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT AGING

- Florida is the state with the highest percentage of senior citizens in the US - about 19% were 65 or older in 2014. The warm weather and no income tax make it a favorite.
- Alaska has the lowest rate at 9.5%.
- North Dakota has the highest percentage of residents over age 100.
- It's never too late! Gladys Burrill ran her first marathon when she was 86 years old. She completed the Honolulu Marathon at 92.
- Grandma Moses received her last commission as an artist when she was 99.
- Harlan David Sanders – better known as Colonel Sanders – founded Kentucky Fried Chicken at the age of 65.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Jeanne Louise Calment was the oldest human. She lived for 122 years and 164 days.

**Sources: seniorliving.org/research, medium.com/the-mission*

FEATURED ARTIST



Creativity and caring know no age limit, and Resident Patricia is a perfect example of that by her impressive commitment to creating beautiful and warming crocheted hats. At the end of 2018, she created a hat for each member of our staff for Christmas, plus at least 100 extra! She is always working on new hats and giving them away or selling them in the Rose Bud Gift Shop at our home.

Patricia started crocheting as a child in the Missouri Boothill. She crocheted ropes without the use of

crochet hooks - she really did it by hand! Her favorite things to make are hats because they keep people warm. You can feel her love as she creates them because she says, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph" every three stitches.

When Patricia was notified that she'd be the first "Featured Artist" she said, "I am humbled. I am not used to being in the public eye," and later said, "I've never even been in the paper!"

We are happy to have Patricia as a part of our family. She's a joy!