

THE SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE 2023
CHRISTMAS



Dear Family and Friends,

Some of you may know that in July of 2024, a National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis. One purpose of this Congress is to ask the Holy Spirit to revive our love for the Eucharist. For the past few months, I have been pondering two things with regard to the Eucharist. First, what are the effects of receiving the Eucharist? and second, what are the effects of spending time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? One of my favorite sections in the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the section on the fruits or the main effects of receiving the Eucharist. Here is a portion of paragraph 1397: “The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive, in truth, the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren.”

Who are the poor? We are! Who became poor that we may become rich? Jesus! I love this passage from 2 Corinthians 8:9: “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” Hopefully, in receiving the One who became poor, we can be more aware of seeing Christ in the poor, in one another.

Also, St. Teresa of Calcutta has been my “mentor” in pondering the effects of Adoration. I remember the lesson I learned from her using this acronym: I.C.U. As a result of Adoration, her love for Jesus became more intimate, her love for the poor more compassionate, and her love for others more understanding.

As Servants of God's Love, we pray to be a sign and a witness of God's personal, strong love for his people and to be a witness (by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit) of the kind of love we are to have for the Lord. May this be so as we receive and adore the Lord Jesus.

Come, let us receive and adore the One who became poor for us, that we may help others become rich in Christ.

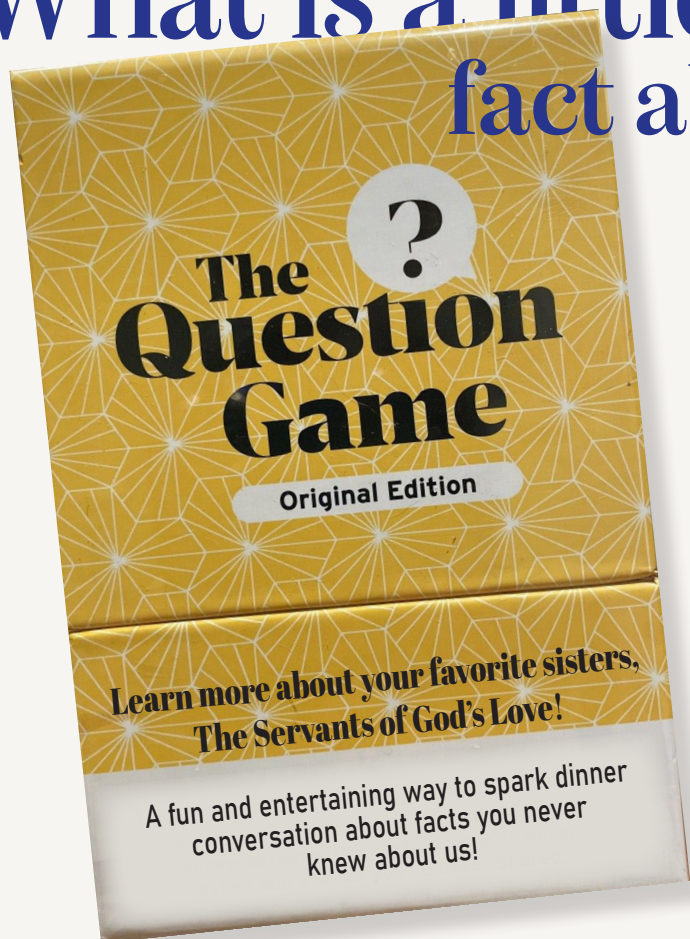
We love you and thank you for your friendship, prayers and support over the years. As always, you remain in our prayers!

Merry Christmas,

♦ *St. Sarah*

The question is...

What is a little known fact about you?



Sr. Sarah Burdick



Sr. Alice Lamiman



Sr. Ann Shields



Sr. Gail Lancaster



Sr. Rebecca Mierendorf

Hint: Match the color of the sister's name with the block of color below.

This sister played clarinet in her high school marching band.

This sister's first foray into cooking involved spaghetti and meatballs for 50!

Her last name means "toad."

As a child, she was invited to be in a photo shoot with one of the Detroit Lions. The football player got in her red wagon, and the only shots they were able to get were of her crying.

This sister made her television debut at 7 doing ballet in a program called 'The Story Princess.' It is one of her fondest memories!

Rode a bike in an open market in China and rode home with veggies and a chicken in her basket.

SHE WON A CHEVY CAVALIER BUT COULDN'T PASS HER DRIVERS' TEST. FOR MONTHS, SHE JUST SAT IN IT AND LISTENED TO THE RADIO.

Only sister taught by four of the Servants of God's Love in grade school through high school.

Her great aunt was a survivor of the Titanic.



Sr. Mary Fallon



Sr. Elizabeth Wesley



Sr. Mary Zielinski



Sr. Kelly MacDonald



Sr. Fran DePuydt



Sr. Mary Ann Foggin



Sr. Stacy Whitfield



Sr. Lisa Zelfa



Sr. Dorcee Clarey



Sr. Christina Frey



Sr. Laura Pressprich



Sr. Rachel Bejamin

She once stood on top of an active volcano.

After rolling through a red light in downtown Ann Arbor, this sister was pulled over by a police woman on a bike who followed her to the next stoplight and tapped on her window.

Two years of accordion lessons and she can still play "Three Blind Mice."

When she was eight, she got a real, live horse for Christmas!

This sister has been to Spain twice, and the first time was accidental!

Won a horsemanship award at her first summer camp...probably because she got back on after falling off.

THIS SISTER ONCE STOOD ON THE SAME BEACH IN SCOTLAND WHERE CHARIOTS OF FIRE WAS FILMED.

Went to a Carole King concert and wound up sitting next to Carole's mother. She was delightful!!

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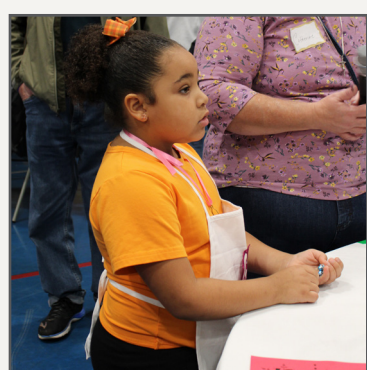


"We always give thanks to God for you and mention you in our prayers constantly."

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1 Thessalonians 1:2

How can we thank you all? Our bazaar on November 4 was our most successful one to date, and we owe it all to you! We are grateful so many of you joined us and found lovely things to purchase. Thank you to all of you who created the beautiful (and delicious!) things that we were privileged to sell. And to the untold multitude who helped behind the scenes with set up, manned tables during the day, and helped with clean-up, we couldn't have done it without you! Please know that we pray for you and have had Masses said for you. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity!

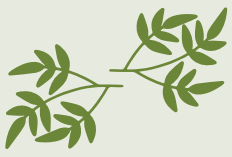




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Saturday, July 15, dawned a bit wet and rainy, but a little rain couldn't dampen our spirits on our first Family Day in several years. It was a blessing to open our home to our families and spend time with one another. There was much food, fun and laughter--a wonderful way to thank our families for their love and support of our life. Special thanks to Fr. Tom Firestone who joined us at the end of the day to celebrate Mass for all of us. The perfect ending to a perfect day!





Emmanuel House

The End of an Era



Sr. Fran DePuydt, Bishop Mengeling,
Sr. Mary Zielinski, July 1999



Our First Emmanuel House



Sr. Fran DePuydt, Sr. Mary Zielinski
July 2023

“God is with us’ truly describes my 7 1/2 years at Emmanuel House. I felt I was able to live the Beatitudes as I supported the ladies and the work of the Servants of God’s Love. I have wonderful memories, both of joy and of sadness. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this.”



“Emmanuel House has been a welcoming home with a great big family that extends beyond it’s four walls.”



“It was my privilege and honor to serve at Emmanuel House these past 13 years.”

This year, after much deliberation and prayer, we discerned that the time had come to close our Emmanuel House, Home for the Elderly.

We are so grateful to God for the many lives that were touched by this work of His over the past 24 years. Over 600 caregivers volunteered their time to bring and receive love from 33 ladies.

And that number does not include the volunteers who mowed the lawns, shoveled the driveways, fixed whatever was broken, painted, cleaned and added beauty.

It would be impossible not to remember this ministry, and all those who shared in it, with great joy.

“I started serving at Emmanuel House to ‘give,’ but quickly learned that I was ‘receiving’ so much more!”



“Volunteering at Emmanuel House (EH) started for me when my dear friend Linda Olsen’s life on earth was drawing to a close in 2014. She asked me to take her place at EH to continue the good work of caring for the ladies and helping the nuns. It has been my honor to try to fill Linda’s shoes. I am quite sure that I received more from the Sisters than I ever provided.”



“I found that volunteering at Emmanuel House helped me fill a void in my life of connecting with the one generation older than myself.”

A Glimpse into Our Life



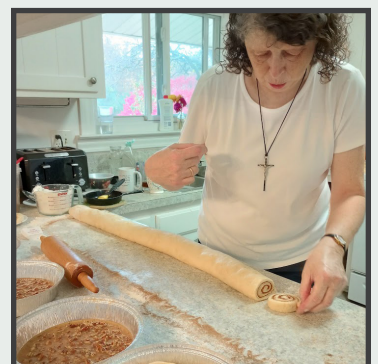
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Select "Online Giving" on the homepage.

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In thanksgiving for your generous and
prayerful support, you will be
remembered in Masses for our
benefactors in the Motherhouse chapel.

You remain in our prayers.



In Memory of Msgr. Frank McGrath, 1944 - 2023



*“How good the Lord is.
If I had a thousand lives to live,
I would say yes again
to the priesthood in each life.”*



We lost a very dear friend and holy priest this year. Fr. Frank was pastor of Christ the King until he moved back to Connecticut. He never failed to stop and see us when he was in town, frequently staying at Vianney Hermitage, a retreat house for priests on the Motherhouse property.

Rest in peace, Fr. Frank, and pray for us.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

In Gratitude



As we spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in our various houses, we bring before the Lord all those who love, serve and support us.

In particular, once a month we lift up our priests in Adoration. In His gracious goodness, we have been generously blessed with good and holy priests who serve our community. Priests from the Diocese of Lansing, the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Oblates of St. Francis deSales, the Companions of the Cross, the Marionite priests and the Chaldean priests frequently celebrate Mass for us on Saturdays and stay for breakfast and Confessions. A heartfelt thank you to each of you.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.