

A Season of Blessings

Autumn, with its theme of Thanksgiving, is a perfect time to count our blessings. It's also a time to look back at those who came before us. November's All Saints Day and All Souls Day offer opportunities to give thanks for our relatives who have passed away, and also for the saints of the Church.

This time of year, especially, we think of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, who was born in October. For us Little Sisters, she is not only a saint, but like a beloved family member who passed away. She gave

us the gift of our vocations, and also taught us so much about how to live it.

St. Jeanne embodied the theme of Thanksgiving. She trusted God completely to take care of her needs, and more importantly, she was grateful for each thing, big and small, that she received.

One of her sayings to the young Little Sisters that she mentored was, "We must always say: 'Blessed be God. Thank you, my God. Glory be to God.'"

The Little Sisters of her time

spoke of how in her later years, Jeanne could often be found in the gardens of the Motherhouse, looking in awe at the beautiful flowers, praising God for the simplest of his creations.

We give thanks to God for our Mother foundress, our vocations, each beautiful flower on our grounds, our Residents, and all of our collaborators who volunteer, donate, and pray for us. Thank you for supporting our mission, and please be assured of our grateful prayers for you.



Sr. Paul Colette Golden Jubilee

September 20, 1975. That's the day Sister Paul Colette made her first vows as a Little Sister of the Poor. She says it seems like only yesterday . . .

In the second grade, Sr. Paul knew she wanted to be a consecrated religious, and as she grew, so did her desire to serve God. As a young woman, she was unsure of which order to join, so she took a job at a nursing home while she considered it. When patients at that facility would die, she saw that many were alone. And that didn't seem right to her.

A priest friend suggested she go and see the Little Sisters of the Poor's Home in Kentucky, and she did. She was stunned at how different it was there – different and much better. The Little Sisters sat with their dying Residents and surrounded them with prayer and support. The first time Sr. Paul witnessed that, it touched her heart so much that she knew she had found her calling.

Fifty years later, she can still be found living out her calling at the Residents' sides – in the chapel, the dining room, and at the bedside.



A Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, Catholics are encouraged to visit a designated pilgrimage site.

A group of Residents, Little Sisters, and staff from our home did that this summer and had a lovely visit to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City.

Everyone enjoyed Mass, followed by a guided tour of the Cathedral. They ended the outing with a delicious sack lunch in one of the community rooms.

Everyone enjoyed seeing the Cathedral, especially one Resident, Kathleen. She had attended Mass there for many years, and said it was like a homecoming to go back again.



Apartment Resident, Sinh, by the beautiful glass carving of the Virgin Mary at the Cathedral.

Motorcycle Fun

When she's not helping our Residents stay active here at the Jeanne Jugan Center, Vicky, who works in our physical therapy department, likes to ride motorcycles. Harley-Davidsons to be exact. Our activities director Gaby thought seeing a motorcycle may be something that our Residents would like, so she asked Vicky to bring hers in one weekend,

and she happily obliged.

Gaby was right, the Residents loved it. Most had never seen one up close, and were excited for a chance to see all the details.

Others had ridden when they were younger, and happily relived memories of the experience. The Residents had a great time getting a close-up look, and also listening to Vicky's stories about riding with

her friends – a group of women who share a love for riding the open roads.

When getting ready to leave, Vicky started it up, and that trademark Harley-Davidson rumble filled the air. She waved to everyone as she made a lap around the parking lot and rode off into the sunset.



Enjoying God's Creation

Autumn is the perfect time to get some fresh air and enjoy the just-right weather.

On a recent day that was not too hot and not too cold, Residents Johnnie, Leticia, and Mary joined activities assistant Lauren on the patio for some visiting and bird watching.



MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone, and happy Fall! We hope you are enjoying the cooler weather. We sure are! This time of year, we are always reminded of our blessings, and we have many.

We are grateful for our little family of Residents, Little Sisters, and dedicated employees. We are also grateful for you. Without you we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

Throughout the month of November, we remember our beloved dead with thanksgiving as well, especially those Residents who have died in the last year. We hold a special Mass for the repose of their souls, and also pray for their family members who miss them.

Our Home is buzzing with anticipation as we prepare for the holidays. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it.

I am also excited for the spaghetti dinner. It will be my first one since arriving in Kansas City, and I've heard many good things about this yearly tradition. I hope you can join us.

Thank you again for your support throughout the year, and may God bring you many blessings.

Mother Mary Thomas



Little Sisters of the Poor



Sunday, November 9, 2025
11 am - 4 pm

Delicious Pasta Meal
Craft Sale
Bake Sale
Silent Auction
50/50 Raffle

Join Us!
for this fun
Fall
tradition

Dinner Includes:
Pasta & Meatballs, Bread, Salad,
Drink, and Dessert

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$8 Kids (3-10 yrs old)

Eat-In or Carry-Out. Purchase meal tickets
at the door. Cash or credit cards accepted.

All proceeds benefit our home for the elderly.

**Extra parking down the block at St. John Francis Regis
parish. Shuttle service will be available.*



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Mission Statement

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.

We value your privacy. Please be assured that we do not sell, rent, or share our mailing list or donors' personal information.