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Carmelite Sisters, CDCJ

July Moments for the Carmelites

This month offers us a lot to celebrate.

July 2 is the "Foundations' Day" of our congregation and the day the Sisters renew our vows.

As the history of the Order says, "Founding the Carmel of the Divine Heart of Jesus on July 2, 1891, in Berlin, Germany, Mother Maria Teresa received the grace to put the contemplative spirit of Carmel into the active apostolate. Intimately united with Jesus through prayer, silence, and solitude, yet ever aware of the needs of her time, she brought her contemplative life to bear on the direct apostolate, fulfilling her dream to provide a 'home for the homeless.' Her concern was aimed especially at poor and neglected children, above all those who had no home. Her loving dedication was further directed to families and individuals who had left the Church, to the lonely,

the aged, to immigrants and transient workers — all who were homeless in any way."

On July 4 flags will fly high in gratitude for our country and for our forefathers. Let's all join in saying (and singing) "God Bless America." We need His blessing in so many ways - again - this year.

July 16 is a great day for all Carmelites - it is the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Scapular. (See more on page 3.)

Continuing on in the month we have our patronal feast of our Home - St. Anne - which is celebrated on July 26.

God bless you always and in all ways as we celebrate the great month of JULY.

With Blessings & Prayers,
Sister M. Gabriela, CDCJ

OUR RESIDENTS



July BIRTHDAYS

JANE F.
July 3

JUDY F.
July 13

PAT M.
July 157

CALISTA P.
July 27

MARY G.
July 4

PAT G.
July 15

MARTY L.
July 26

JULY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
July 3	1 p.m.	Piano Requests and Favorites (MH Dining)
July 4		Happy Independence Day!
July 7	1:30 p.m.	Lemonade in the Shade & Guitar (Courtyard, weather permitting)
July 9	1:30 p.m.	Violin/Piano Duets (MH Dining Room)
July 13	11 a.m.	Baseball "Hits" in History (HFC)
July 14	1:30 p.m.	"The Nifty Fifties" concert w/Anna K. (MH Dining Room)
July 19	1:30 p.m.	Violin/Piano Duets (MH Dining Room)
July 22	2 p.m.	"Polka Party Accordion" with guest Stan Mroz, Jr. (MH Dining)
July 27	11 a.m.	Bocce Ball (HFC)
July 22 & 23	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Garage Sale: in the garages on the east side of campus. Family and friends are invited, to support Activities programming.



HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
FOURTH OF JULY

July 16 and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (also known as the Brown Scapular) is the habit of both the Carmelite Order and the Discalced Carmelite Order, both of which have Our Lady of Mount Carmel as their patroness.



The liturgical feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16, is popularly associated with the devotion of the Scapular.

In its small form, it is widely popular within the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church as a religious article and has probably served as the prototype of all the other devotional scapulars.

According to the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship, the Brown Scapular is "an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer."

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

Televised Masses and Liturgies:

St. Ann's residents may tune into WXMI TV 17 at 10 a.m. for Mass televised from the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

Mass may be watched anytime on the Cathedral website.

Residents will find a full slate of Catholic programming on the EWTN network. Ask a staff member if you need any help.



St. Ann's

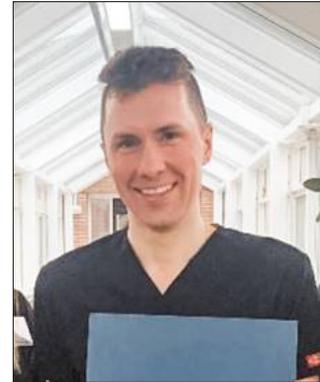
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New Role for Andy King

Many St. Ann's residents are used to seeing Andy hustle around campus, working his way through Laundry needs. Residents will now see Andy moving from unit to unit in his new role of Central Supply / HIS Coordinator. Take a moment to congratulate him on his new opportunity, and to thank him for his continued service here.



Patrons of Our Home

On July 26, the Church remembers St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary. Despite the importance of their role as the maternal grandparents of Jesus, we do not know too much about them. Regarding Joachim, we know that he was a shepherd from Jerusalem, married to Anne. They did not have any children, and they were a rather elderly couple when, one day, while Joachim was at work in the fields as usual, an angel appeared to announce the birth of a child, and Anna also had the same vision. So they called their little girl Mary, which means "loved by God," and then they moved to Nazareth, where they educated Mary, teaching her the law of the Lord.

ST. ANN'S MISSION

Our mission is to provide a loving and spiritual community for older adults to live lives of caring and wholeness inspired by our Carmelite foundation of fraternity, service and prayer.

Cover Photo - Water Lilies

A Flower for July

Ahhh, water lilies and Michigan. You probably think they are either quite pretty or a nuisance at the cottage!

The water lily is one of the birth flowers of July, says the Old Farmer's Almanac. While they may sometimes get in the way of water skiers and boats, they are often planted to shade and cool the water for fish and frogs. They symbolize purity and majesty.

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