

Sister's Corner

August in Word, Meaning, and Celebration



The painting of the Assumption shown here, by Titian, is considered one of the most famous in the world.

August - in our beloved English language - is one word always with the same spelling that could often have several different meanings or uses.

So we know that our month of AUGUST is sometimes seen as "august." Webster's dictionary defines august as "distinguished, respected, celebrated, of great importance."

How so this month of AUGUST?

Spiritually, there are several "august" feasts we look forward to this month.

Namely the Transfiguration on the 6th, when Our Lord revealed His august majesty to the three disciples.

On the 15th we recall the As-

sumption of Mary, as the august Mother of Jesus was assumed into heaven, body and soul due to her august role as the Mother of God.

On the 22nd we celebrate the august Queenship of Mary.

Then of course we have the august St. Augustine - the distinguished Doctor of the Church - and patron of our own special jubilarian, who is celebrating 65 years as a Carmelite Sister. When you see Sister Augustine, be sure to pass along your best wishes.

So August lives up to its name.

May you enjoy this most "august" month.

Sister M. Gabriela

Unveiled in 1518 in Venice, viewers found Titan had divided this massive panel into three sections:

1. The earthly at the bottom;
2. The heavenly at the top with God hovering over all; and
3. The middle in which the Virgin looks upward.

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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.



Bingo Rolls On

New Store a Way to Support Our Residents



One change at St Ann's this summer is the addition of the Bingo Store. Once a month residents have the opportunity to exchange Coupons they earn during Bingo for prizes.

The Activity Department shops for special prizes, but also welcomes donations of costume jewelry, snacks, left-over yard sale knick-knacks, or any small items residents find helpful or that they may treasure.

Please drop off donations at the Reception Desk and let Christine know that they are for the Bingo Store.

Our Residents

August Birthdays. . .

Margot D.
Aug. 1

Thelma C.
Aug. 4

Geraldine S.
Aug. 5

Mabel S.
Aug. 8

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Aug. 18

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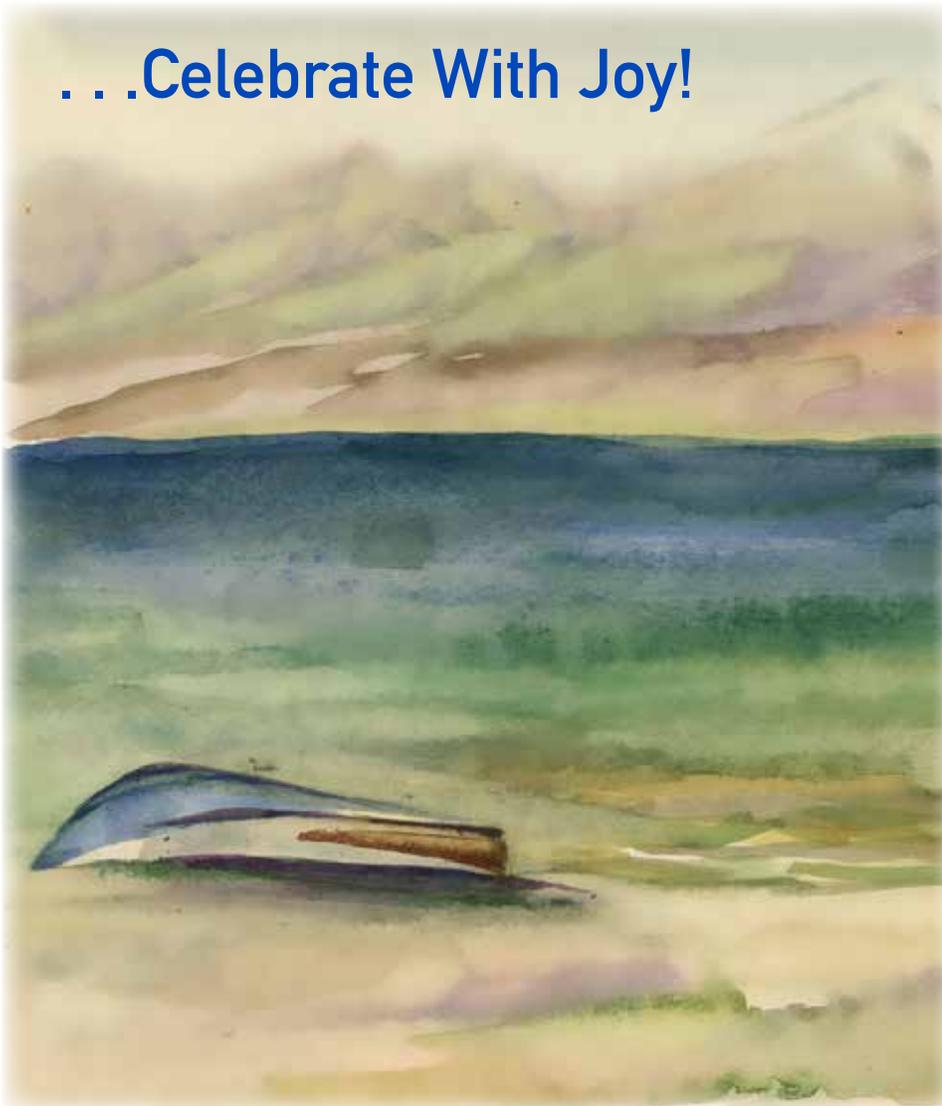
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Board, across from the bird
display, in the common area,
and in the Front Lobby.

What's the "PCC" Buzz You May be Hearing?

While much of the country has been focused this summer on debates surrounding healthcare laws debated in Washington, most of St. Ann's staff has been focused on a new healthcare software technology to be put in place here.

Residents and family members who may already have heard

staff members here talking about "working in PCC," have been informally introduced to this new software, known as Point-ClickCare.

St. Ann's physicians and staff targeted Aug. 1 as the date to fully turn on and use the system.

PCC will provide comprehensive

charting and medical records capabilities.

The company has a 15-year track record and is known and recognized for providing medical records systems to a wide variety of senior care communities in the U.S. and abroad.



How Many Notes?

What better way to pass a steamy summer Friday afternoon than with a little informal competition?

St Ann's residents, led by Leonard Kurtz, recently did just that. Many showed their musical expertise - guessing correctly after three or four notes - as the Activities staff member led a spirited contest of "Name That Tune."

Our Community

How Dark Will Our Sky Go? Thoughts About the Coming Solar Eclipse

Complete solar eclipses are relatively rare, especially one that happens completely over Michigan.

Much of our country is excited about the complete North American eclipse on August 21 - but we in West Michigan will not see a 'total eclipse' on that Monday. Instead, we will see a partial solar eclipse.

Which opens the door for several questions: what is a solar eclipse, can I safely watch one, and how rare is this?

What is a Solar Eclipse?

The Cranbrook Institute of Science in suburban Detroit, says this about a complete eclipse:

"Essentially, it's when the moon moves right in front of the sun, covering it completely for a very short time. It darkens the whole sky, lets you look right at the sun (only when it's completely covered, though - you must use special solar viewing glasses (also known as "eclipse glasses") whenever the sun isn't completely eclipsed), and shows you the beautiful corona that surrounds the sun.

"Stars come out, the horizon glows with a 360-degree sunset,

the temperature drops, and day turns into night.

It's one of the most beautiful things you can ever see on earth."

What is the Path of this Eclipse?

For those in the United States, the eclipse begins on a beach on the west coast of Oregon, and ends on a beach on the east coast of South Carolina, making a narrow diagonal track across the United States.

The complete eclipse will go right over portions of Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina.

The center line of the total eclipse really doesn't go through any of America's largest cities.

What About West Michigan?

The path of the total eclipse will pass a few hundred miles south of Michigan with Carbondale,



Illinois being the nearest location of the longest duration eclipse at 2 minutes and 41 seconds.

Across Michigan, 80-90% of the sun will be eclipsed. The Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids areas will see around 85% of the sun eclipsed by the moon and it will occur around 2:20 - 2:25 in the afternoon.

The very best spot in Michigan for viewing the eclipse is the extreme Southwest corner of the state in New Buffalo and the villages of Grand Beach and Michiana.

A word of caution from NASA, it is not safe to observe a partial eclipse like Michigan will see without protecting your eyes.

Life Enrichment

July Highlights | Sign-up required for off-campus events.

Date	Time	Event Name or Destination
Aug. 17	2 p.m.	Elvis in Concert
Aug. 17	6 p.m.	Antique Car Show - Front Circle Drive
Aug. 23	1:15 p.m.	Scenic Drive Outing (Sign-up Required)
Aug. 24	2 p.m.	Lemonade in the Shade (Courtyard)
Aug. 28	9:45 a.m.	Samaritan's Carriage Outing (Sign-up required)
Aug. 31	2 p.m.	August Birthday Celebration
Aug. 9, 16, 23, & 30	2 - 4 p.m.	Art Room Open

- Please remember that all groups and visits are subject to change.
- Please be sure to thank all our generous visitors each month.

Spiritual Support

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Will be 9:30 a.m. Aug. 17
In the Chapel
With Fr. Tom McKinney.

Mass Times
Monday - Saturday: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

The Rosary
4 p.m. Daily
In the Chapel.

Options for Watching Cathedral Masses Live



St. Ann's residents who are unable to attend Sunday Mass may tune into WXMI TV 17 at 10 a.m. each week for Mass televised from the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Mass is recorded and may be watched any-time on the Cathedral website. The televised Mass is a ministry of the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

You can also watch the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass live streaming each week and now on Facebook Live. If you miss a Mass, you can see four weeks of previous Sunday Masses on demand. You can also watch just the Sunday Homily on YouTube. Questions? Ask a Life Enrichment team member.

Our Community

Our Lady of Fatima: 100 Years of Grace

The Diocese of Grand Rapids, area parishes, and our Carmelite Sisters, DCJ, are among those joining the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Mary to three young visionaries in the town of Fatima in Portugal.

The story

During World War I, Pope Benedict XV made repeated, but forlorn, pleas for peace. Finally, in May 1917, he made a direct appeal to the Blessed Mother to intercede for peace in the world.

Just over a week later, Our Lady began to appear at Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children: Lucia dos Santos, age 10, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, ages 9 and 7.

However, it was in the previous year, 1916, that the children had their first supernatural encoun-



Carmelite Sisters joined a Fatima talk at Sacred Heart of Jesus parish led by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Arinze (center). Our Sisters also posed by Our Lady inside the church.

ters with an Angel as a means of preparing them to receive the Queen of Heaven.

Today

As part of the current anniversary remembrances, Grand Rapids Bishop David J. Walkowiak celebrated Masses at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady of Fatima churches.

Other local events included a Rosary Rally at St. Isidore Church; a Rosary Rally at Cathedral Square Center; a Fatima Rosary at St. Anthony of Padua Church; and an ongoing Fatima Speaker Series at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

The speaker series celebrates a century of the message of Our Lady of Fatima, highlighted by six evenings with major addresses about the Fatima message, adoration, rosary, solemn benediction and convivial celebration.

Join In

Three evening talks remain at Sacred Heart, open to the public, and each begins at 6:30 p.m.: Aug. 13, Sept. 13 and Oct. 13.

You can also learn more, as reported by "Faith Magazine" and the Diocese. Faith's work was from "Fatima, 100 years of grace by the World Apostolate of Fatima, U.S.A. – Our Lady's Blue Army". If you would like to read an in-depth account of the miracle, its history and the lives of the children, accompanied by historical photography, visit giftshop.wafusa.org.





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August Birthday Celebration | 8/31 | 2 p.m.

Our residents are always willing to help with projects.

