

After Supper Visions at 20: Continuing to Affirm Our Tuesday Night Supper Guests



Photos taken by artists in the After Supper Visions program.

Catholic Charities' After Supper Visions Program (ASV) is celebrating 20 years of "Developing Film, Talent, and Hope." In this innovative program, guests of our Tuesday Night Supper Program are invited to grow in their skills as photographers. These guests are struggling in many ways, often bearing the burdens of homelessness and food insecurity. The ASV Program offers a wonderful respite for them—an opportunity to be part of a large, supportive community of people who enjoy photography and want to affirm each other as they strive for new levels of originality and expertise.

The dedicated volunteers who run ASV, some of whom are professional photographers, have witnessed the joy this program brings. On a recent episode of The Voice of Charity radio show, Co-Founder and former Catholic Charities executive Ellen Gorney said, "When the program started, we were trying to give the guests of the Tuesday Night Supper a positive, creative experience. As we got to know them, we learned about a variety of talents they

have. Coincidentally, we received a huge donation of disposable cameras and the thought was, through photography, we could provide a creative endeavor that would be fun and give them something to look forward to." Fr. Wayne Watts, Catholic Charities Associate Administrator and Co-Founder of the program with Ellen, added, "It's amazing to see how the logistics of the program have changed, from first handing out cardboard cameras to now, when so much photo organizing is done with computers... it's really something."

Professional photographer Jody O'Connor also has been with ASV since its inception. On this recent VOC show, Jody commented, "All of the different stages of the After Supper Visions creative process give life, and joy and excitement to our dinner guests. Catholic Charities relates and can respond to the profound needs of our guests, such as homelessness, mental illness, addiction, and other issues, but this

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September 2022

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Flower: **Aster**

5..... Labor Day
22..... Autumn begins
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de Paul

October 2022

Birthstone: **Opal**
Flower: **Calendula**

7..... Our Lady of the
Rosary
10..... Columbus Day
31..... Halloween



*Greetings from
the Editor*

Katie McDonnell Bredemann

Happy Fall, Keenager Readers!

September and October are always full of wonderful beginnings, from school years, to football seasons, and much more. We hope you find new challenges this season that enrich your health, rejuvenate your spirit, and engage you in happy, rewarding experiences.

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After Supper Visions artists enjoy learning about photography, and preparing for the Annual Photo Exhibition at Catholic Charities' Vincent Hall.

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is a way we can relate on a different level."

"The Annual Photo Exhibition is the End-All. The artists relate to each other on this pure level of excitement, joy and creativity where there are no barriers between all of them and the hundreds of art enthusiasts who come to see the show," added Jody. "We get to know each artist as a person, and the friendships with all of the artists have probably been the greatest gift of all."

The original members of the volunteer Photo Team, which also includes Noreen Russo and Maureen Kelly, agree that the collaboration between the artists, and the

talents discovered are amazing. Fr. Wayne explains, "I like to use Mike B. as an example. He never took a photo before in his life. He is someone whom you would never imagine would take a picture, because he is a quadriplegic from a swimming accident when he was 18. We gave him a camera and his eye for photography was incredible. Mike is so generous in helping the other artists too. He was in one of the first shows and sold a number of copies of one image. He used the money he earned to buy his own camera with a giant lens. Jody kept encouraging him and, eventually, the CEO of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago saw his images and commissioned Mike to take photos for their new building. Mike is an alum of the

Rehab Institute from when he was first injured. So, Mike's work now hangs in the halls of the new Shirley Ryan Ability Lab."

Many volunteers, donors and benefactors have been part of the success of this program. After a two-year hiatus, due to the pandemic, the 21st season of After Supper Visions is starting in September! Over several weeks, at the Tuesday Night Supper, guests will be invited to participate as new, or returning artists. Disposable, digital cameras will be distributed, a few photography classes will be underway, and the new group of artists will soon be taking photos of anything they find to be interesting or beautiful in Chicago.

Visit aftersupervisions.com to see photo galleries containing years of these amazing photos. Support for the program can be provided through the purchase of prints, note cards, Christmas cards and other gifts on this website. Seventy percent of every purchase goes to the artist who took each photo represented. Also, an ASV 20th Anniversary commemorative book is currently in development. Join the many individuals and corporate leaders who have purchased ASV prints for their homes and offices!

Save the Date!

The return of the in-person ASV Annual Photo Exhibition will take place **June 9-11, 2023** at Vincent Hall, 721 North LaSalle Street, Chicago.



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The Voice of Charity

Sally Blount
President and CEO

God is Young!

What a wonderful thought!

In his 2018 book entitled *God is Young*, Pope Francis provokes us, as he writes of God, “He is young because He ... renew[s] and rejuvenate[s] Himself and all things continually... because He makes all things new and loves innovation; because He astonishes and loves astonishment; because He dreams and wants us to dream.”

With this counterintuitive thought, Pope Francis reminds us that renewal and rejuvenation are foundational to the created world and to our Creator—whether it be the life cycles of all plants, humans, and animals; the seasons; even the topography of the Earth across time. And with this frame, he teaches us that revitalization and renewal are critical to the life of faith and to the life of our Church.

At Catholic Charities, we have reflected—as a 100+-years-young organization founded during the previous pandemic—How has this

new pandemic changed us, and how must we change to better meet the needs of our region coming out of it? Toward that end, my colleagues and I have spent the past 18 months reviewing all that Catholic Charities does.

Touching thousands of people daily, we are the largest human services provider in our region. We offer an amazing array of programs—from affordable housing for veterans; to community support and connection for seniors; to counseling for families, teens, and new mothers; to food pantries and emergency housing for families in crisis. We are proud of our reach and how it bears witness to our faith. **And yet, we cannot rest.**

Wealth inequality widened dramatically in the decade preceding the pandemic; all research suggests it’s grown even worse: **50% or more of the 6 million people living in Cook and Lake counties have little or no savings—they are a paycheck away from zero.** Yes, there are jobs, but rapid inflation and the rising cost of gas, childcare and elder care make it prohibitively expensive for many to work. We know because we walk with these people and their families.

We gain our strength from serving, from making a difference each day, and from the idea that God is young and will refresh us as we do it. So, we have asked for His guidance in how we might do more and do better with the resources and people entrusted to our care as we move forward, and we have gained clarity.

We are called to serve in ways where our Catholic identity, our values, and our century of service make us a unique and valued provider. This has led us to rethink and to tailor our focus so that we can partner in new and more effective ways. As a result of this work, we have stepped away from some programs that no longer make sense for us to provide, transitioning them to secular providers who are better equipped to serve and operate under different types of government requirements. As part of this process, we have come to a deeper understanding and recommitment.

- We commit to being present to children, youth and families, especially to mothers and their babies—it is core to who we are.
- We commit to being present to families in crisis and to those coping with loss—it is core to who we are.
- We commit to being present to seniors and veterans who face social isolation and poverty—it is core to who we are.

And so, **undertaking God’s call to rejuvenation and renewal, Catholic Charities is growing young again!** “Young” so that we can best fulfill the mission of charity that was bestowed upon us in 1917. “Young” so that we can continue to innovate, astonish, and dream. And “young” so that we are fortified to witness a message of mercy and hope to a world in need, as we emerge from the pandemic.



St. Martin de Porres Society

Introducing the St. Martin de Porres Society

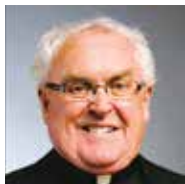
Catholic Charities envisions the St. Martin de Porres Society as a premier forum for dialogue and debate around the intersection of economic growth, social justice, the mission of Charity, and the practice of mercy.

The Society will convene partners, advocates, and champions of Catholic Charities and our broader community, providing opportunities for intellectual discovery and deep conversation about the needs of our region, nation, and world, and the power of faith in meeting those needs.

Whether you’re a longtime partner of Catholic Charities or new to our community, everyone is welcome to engage with compelling speakers, become more informed about and connected to the current political and economic realities and the charitable works of the Church. Together, we can inspire each other to live our faith in new ways, through greater education, regular service with intention, and advocacy on behalf of our neighbors in need.

To join our list to receive updates about future events, call (312) 948 6797 or email us at partners@catholiccharities.net.

LOSS in 2022: Still a Very Important Part of My Ministry



Words for the Spirit

Reverend Charles T. Rubey

Founder and Director, LOSS Program (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide)

As many of you know, I have been working for the past 43 years on LOSS. The name stands for Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide. This name was given early on as we began serving people who have lost a loved one to suicide. We began meeting in a couple's home in the northwest suburbs. In the beginning, I was running the meetings, encouraging participants to tell their stories, beginning with sharing who they had lost. What followed was a general discussion about how they were doing and what issues and obstacles were impacting their lives.

After a few months, we began another meeting on the south side of Chicago. That meeting was held at St. John Fisher parish, and the same format was followed. An article appeared in the Archdiocesan newspaper informing people of this program, including a phone number to call for more information and I was the person who spoke with callers and explained the program.

We began getting more calls from people who had lost a loved one to suicide. After a while, there were so many calls that I got permission to get someone to help. We developed a mailing list and I would send out a letter to the members of LOSS about the meetings. I would include an article about suicide to help people understand the issues surrounding a completed suicide. I began seeing some of the members individually because they did not want to share some rather personal issues.

After a few years, I hired someone to answer the phone and she happened to be a survivor of

suicide. Because she had lost a son to suicide, she knew firsthand the pain callers were experiencing, and she proved to be a vital addition to the LOSS team. Her talents led us to start our newsletter, *Obelisk*, a name chosen to give people hope and direction after their devastating loss.

It soon became clear we needed to add additional sites to hold our meetings. In addition, we began to get requests for advice from neighboring dioceses who were trying to start a program similar to LOSS in their regions. With this expansion, we were able to hire more staff to meet the demands.

Today, the LOSS program offers four services: monthly meetings, weekly meetings, individual counseling and a newsletter, *Obelisk*.

Over the years, we have made some changes to the meetings. They are now run by facilitators who themselves are survivors of suicide, along with a licensed clinical therapist in attendance. During the pandemic, we held meetings online,

with many people finding that to be a convenient way to gather. As a result, we are now offering meetings and a speaker series to people across the country who can attend through the Internet. We continue to seek the best ways to help survivors in today's world.

The LOSS program has been nationally recognized for the way we help people learn to live with their loss and find enjoyment in life again. Our staff is involved in the national organization known as the American Association of Suicidology (AAS), an organization that studies various aspects of suicide. LOSS is held in high regard within the AAS, and the program will continue to offer hope to people whose lives have been devastated by a completed suicide.

It has been a very important of my ministry for over 43 years. If you or someone you know is suffering as a survivor of suicide, call us at (312) 655 7283 or email us at loss@catholiccharities.net.

Keep on keepin' on,

Rev. Charles T. Rubey

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Fr. Gerry Kelly Celebrates 40th Ordination Anniversary



Fr. Gerard Kelly, C.M., Chaplain and Associate Administrator of Catholic Charities recently celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination. Over the years, Fr. Kelly has written powerful reflections to staff members, encouraging all to grow in holiness and see the face of God in every client we serve. In honor of Fr. Kelly's very special milestone, below are excerpts from two of Fr. Kelly's eloquent writings. Congratulations, Fr. Kelly and thank you for the many ways you lead us closer to Christ,

June 2012

I recently attended the funeral of "Uncle" Pete Zonsius, a long-time volunteer for Catholic Charities and many, many other charitable groups. Volunteering was a vocation for Uncle Pete. He had a daily regime of gathering, transporting and giving away needed items...He always distributed a hug and a hearty, "God Bless You," to whomever he

encountered. His sincerity made up for his occasional gruffness. As I watched the crowd at the funeral, many of whom were children from St. John Brebeuf Church and School where Uncle Pete was a long-time parishioner and former employee, I was impressed that so many had tears in their eyes. They had known Uncle Pete and were mourning the loss of a unique person in their lives, a truly good man and role model...

There has to be something good about us, about Catholic Charities, to attract someone like Uncle Pete to us. We have so many good people in our orbit: volunteers, donors, staff, and clients. Seeing people believe in us can help us believe in ourselves. The people around us reflect the values and attitudes that characterize our agency. They are attracted to our light by the light within themselves. This is the season of light—long, hot days full of sunshine. We can stop and enjoy

the warmth as we walk to and from our jobs. The next time you pause to let the sun fall on your face, think of the light you contain, and that you share with the world as a member of the Catholic Charities community.

As Uncle Pete would say, "God Bless You!"

Rev Gerard Kelly C.M.

April 2022

We find ourselves in Holy Week. This week we remember the Passion of our Lord in all its details. It is a time of recollection but it is more than that. In this year's Magnificat (a monthly publication) for Holy Week, Fr. Sebastian White writes: "Yet, for all this emphasis on recollection, the Church also teaches that, by the power of the Holy Spirit Christian liturgy not only recalls the events that saved us but actualizes them, makes them present."

This week began with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and within the same liturgy we heard the Passion of Jesus read. Jesus' full glory and kingship would only come about when he was lifted up...Jesus' experience of being loved and hated, of being welcomed and then rejected, provides us strength to endure the caprices and injustices of our own life.

On Holy Thursday/ Maundy Thursday we will recall the Last Supper. Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and gives them the mandatum, "as I have done, so you MUST do." Jesus uses the word "must" and this has grown in importance with me over the years. I have seen the good work done by so many people in caring for others, especially in my time here at Catholic Charities. I must keep finding ways to fulfill the Lord's command....no matter what. Your

example has spurred me to action many, many times.

Good Friday shows us the darkness of hatred and evil and the triumph of light and God's love. Many of us I'm sure have seen the movie "The Passion of the Christ." It is very difficult to watch a movie about anyone being murdered, let alone the Son of God. I certainly remember the graphic violence of that movie, but even more I remember the solitary acts of kindness that were shown to Jesus as he went to his death. Any act of kindness shown to Jesus has an eternal memory to it. I believe that all the solitary acts of kindness that we have shown to others throughout our lives have that same eternal memory. Those actions of mercy are a sign that we have stepped out of the crowd and are acting as a disciple.

Jesus has given us a new commandment "Love one another, as I have loved you." Holy Week shows us the very depths of His love. As followers of Jesus, we have a command, a commitment and a gift from God.

The command is to act with love. The commitment is that God is with us. The gift is grace.

While Holy Week calls us to live a life of active love for our neighbor...it also calls us to reflect on God love, the infinite depth of His love...We can say this because of the reality of Easter and the power of the Holy Spirit working within us and around us. May the rest of this week be a time of grace for you and your family.

May the peace of the Risen Lord be in your hearts always.

God bless,

Rev Gerard Kelly C.M.

Impact Story:

Family Self-Sufficiency Program Graduate Shares Her Experiences

Since 1984, Catholic Charities Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program has been helping single-parent families overcome obstacles to becoming self-sufficient. This program has been recognized nationally because of the unique way in which social workers and employment specialists collaborate, for up to five years to help single parents achieve their goals. Currently, 150 single-parent families are in this program. An Annual Achievement Celebration was held in June (see photos) at which milestones were acknowledged, and encouragement and support for these families was in abundance! A 2019 Graduate spoke at this event, and she also accepted our invitation to share her experiences in the FSS Program. We thank her and wish her continued success in all the future holds for her!

Keenager News (KN): When did you start participating in the program?

Graduate: I started in about 2014.

KN: How many children do you have, and what were your first impressions of the program?

Graduate: I have two children. They are 9 and 13 years old. When I first started, my exact thoughts were, "This is a program for people trying to keep it together. It challenges the participant to set goals, and make game plans to achieve them while creating a custom work plan that caters to the specific areas that one is limited in. This is the kick in the pants I need!"

KN: What were your goals at the beginning? Are they different today? If so, how?

Graduate: My goals at the beginning were to:

- to secure stable housing and employment;
- to pay off my debt and build credit;
- to go back to school to pump up my resume to apply for better employment opportunities; and
- to lose weight.

To date, I have accomplished every goal that my case worker and I set. My goals are bigger now:

- to become a homeowner in five years; and
- to develop my dream business (videographer/producer) so I can:
 - 1) Open a recording studio/cafe in my community;
 - 2) Earn residual income; and
 - 3) Reach back into the community and co-op with schools to provide exposure to how others can gain these types of skills.

KN: How are your career plans going now?

Graduate: I now juggle working from home as a Claims Operations Manager, while attending Microsoft Office certification, and being a sports mom. It's hard maintaining a work/home life balance, but it is very rewarding to be able to take care of my family without it interfering with my work.

KN: What, for you was the most challenging part of the FSS program?

Graduate: You have to be really honest with yourself about the areas that you lack in. You also have to have to set realistic goals



and dig in like there's no tomorrow. You have to push harder and get out of the box you've been stuck in. Cut out the people and habits that keep you unfocused. Remove the toxic parts to make room for the people and habits that will water your soul and contribute to your life, happiness and growth. No excuses, no mercy.

The most challenging part off FSS was seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Committing to the program whilst going through everyday struggles. It was hard to focus and stay in alignment when things went wrong. Not worrying was also challenging for me.

KN: What did you like best about the FSS program?

Graduate: I like that you manifest your own destiny. I was given every opportunity and resource

to CHANGE my life. I was the only person that could get in my way. There were so many different parts of FSS that were like balm to my soul. I love that putting in the work was the reward.

KN: What would you say to someone who is considering joining this program?

Graduate: As iron sharpens iron, this program will sharpen you. You must be willing to face your short comings and not make excuses for them any longer. You can fly as high or soar as far as your mind's eye will take you, BUT you will work for it. It will be hard. There will be days when you are feeling crushed. On those days, remember why you started. Once you know better you will do better. Don't be afraid to level up, and trust in the process.

Morton Arboretum Flourishing into the Next Century



Mary Ellen Kastenholz
Staff Writer

Just before the vibrant display of fall foliage radiates its majestic presence, the Grand Garden at Morton Arboretum in Lisle will open on September 18. As part of the Arboretum's centennial celebration, this two-acre area will feature three sections: Centennial Plaza and Celebration Garden along with Joy of Plants Garden that honors and reconceptualizes the historic Hedge Garden that was created in 1934. Each garden offers distinctive experiences from lush gardens to a terrace for celebrations.

This past April 29th was the 150th celebration of Arbor Day, begun by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska, father of Morton Arboretum founder, Joy Morton. It has been estimated that nearly a million trees were planted in Nebraska in 1872. In Illinois, the last Friday of April is Arbor Day which signifies the value of trees for climate change challenges as well as the many benefits they provide to the environment and humanity.

In 1909, 25 miles west of Chicago, Joy Morton, President of the Morton Salt Company established his estate on 175 acres west of the East Branch of the DuPage River. His domain known as Thorn Hill Farm was on land that spread from the valley of the river over hills shaped by glaciers thousands of years earlier. In 1922 he bestowed his land and an extensive amount of his fortune to found

The Morton Arboretum as a "great outdoor museum of trees."

During these past 100 years, the Arboretum increased to 1,700 acres to include 3,600 kinds of plants on acres of tree assemblages, reestablished woodlands, prairies, gardens and research areas. Also included are five man-made lakes, 11 miles of roads and 16 miles of hiking trails. Over one million guests come each year to take in the botanical beauty but just as important is the science, conservation and education programs that take place here.

The creation of a Visitor Center in 2004 and the Children's Garden in 2005 greatly increased both interest and visitation for a new generation. Special events at Halloween and Christmas add to family traditions and during the summer of 2018, the *Troll Hunt* exhibit by Danish artist Thomas Dambo became the sought-after destination to find the whimsical tribe of six extraordinarily sized fairy tale trolls made of reclaimed wood throughout the property. New this past June was the arrival of several of the eight *Human + Nature* sculptures by South African artist Daniel Poppe made of concrete, fiberglass and steel. These larger scale figurines lead guests to lesser visited locations.

In 2022 and 2023, Morton Arboretum will plant 3,000 trees in the seven-county Chicago area communities as part of the Centennial Tree Planting Initiative. The trees have been researched and carefully chosen for specific community environments and underwritten completely by philanthropic donations. At least 300 trees have been designated for communities that sustained great

tree loss and devastation from the June 2021 tornado. The initiative is diversifying the variety of trees in communities to provide less vulnerability to climate change and disease of a particular species that had been commonly planted throughout communities in the past. Oak trees have been a prevalent tree in the local ecosystem and the Arboretum has and will continue to research ways to protect them. Conservation methods are also being utilized to help trees thrive throughout the world.

Learn more

To commemorate the Morton Arboretum's centennial, *A Magnificent Garden of Trees: Celebrating 100 Years of the Morton Arboretum*, a 176-page book filled with captivating photos and enthralling narrative about the Arboretum is available. You can order the book and view centennial events at mortonarb.org/centennial.



Mr. Joy Morton (1855-1934) in the original grounds of the Morton Arboretum and a family enjoying the grounds today. The Morton Arboretum invites anyone who care about trees and people to be part of its second century. Photo courtesy of: mortonarb.org.

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City of Chicago

Northside: Older Adult Services

3125 North Knox
Chicago, IL 60641
(773) 583 9224

Central access point for seniors living on the northside of Chicago.

Southwest Side Senior Services

2601 W. Marquette Rd.
Chicago, IL 60629
(773) 349 8092

Central access point for seniors living on the southwest side of Chicago.

Lake County Senior Care Coordination

101 N. Cedar Lake Road
Round Lake, IL 60073
(847) 546 5733

Central access point for seniors living in Lake County.

Northwest Suburban Senior Care Coordination

1801 West Central
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
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Central access point for seniors who live in the townships of Barrington, Hanover, Palatine and Wheeling.

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15300 S. Lexington
Harvey, IL 60426
(708) 596 2222

Central access point for seniors who live in Central access

point for seniors who live in the townships of Bremen, Bloom, Calumet, Thornton, and Rich.

Other Catholic Charities Senior Programs

Senior Centers

Recreational, educational, social, and health/nutrition programs on a drop-in basis. Twelve sites (10 in Chicago, one in Grayslake and one in Calumet City) have resumed activities, but will continue to be subject to COVID-19 guidelines.

Adult-Day Services

Supervised day care and programming in pleasant, safe environments to help frail adults with socialization, recreation, and health monitoring. Three sites (two in Chicago and one in Oak Park) have resumed operations, but will continue to be subject to COVID-19 guidelines.

Hospital Transition

Helps seniors take an active role in their health care and communicate effectively with their physicians. Coaches work

with patients in the hospital and in the home. Services usually conclude within 30 days of hospital discharge.

Service Coordination in HUD-Subsidized Residential Communities

Information/referrals for low-income senior residents in our HUD-subsidized housing communities to help them maintain their independence, age in their own homes, and avoid premature admission to more costly institutionalized care.

Government-Funded Employment and Training for Low-Income Individuals

Seniors work part-time in social service agencies and government organizations while obtaining skills for unsubsidized employment.

Senior Congregate Meals

Some sites are resuming, in Cook and Lake counties, but all will continue to be subject to COVID-19 guidelines.

Visit catholiccharities.net for the latest information.

Home Delivered Meals/Meals On Wheels

Noon-time meals prepared and usually delivered by volunteers for those who are homebound and unable to prepare their own food due to physical or mental difficulties. In some instances, an evening sack meal may be included.

Food and Nutrition Program (SFNP)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) supplemental food and nutrition program administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for low-income Chicago residents who are 60 years and older, providing monthly food packages as well as nutrition education.

Visit catholiccharities.net for list of SFNP Food Distribution Sites.

Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Summer program providing coupons to low-income seniors that can be exchanged for eligible food items at farmer's markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture programs.

Lake County Senior Nutrition COVID-19 Temporary Meal Pick-up Locations

Call (847) 782 4170 for the latest information. There is a suggested donation per site, but **no one** will be denied food based on his or her inability to make a donation.

Other Catholic Charities Services

Legal Assistance

CCLA offers legal resources to low-income individuals who otherwise could not afford an attorney. Included are referrals, clinics, and/or pro bono (free) attorneys. CCLA may also provide appropriate legal advice to clients. Call 312-948-6821 or visit catholiccharities.net.

Veterans Services

Catholic Charities offers a range of services for veterans, including food, housing, counseling and employment assistance. Call 312-655-7525 for more information.

Federal, State, and Local Resources for Seniors

To learn more about the benefits to which you may be entitled, reach out to the websites, phone numbers and email addresses provided for more information.

If we can also assist, call us at (312) 655 7470, or email gethelp@catholiccharities.net. Friends and family can be great sources of additional information too.

Financial Benefits

Social Security

Social Security is a monthly payment ("benefit") available to retired, and disabled workers, and their dependents and survivors. If you start receiving benefits at age 62 (the earliest possible age), your benefits will be lower than if you work until your Full Retirement Age (FRA), as determined by the Social Security Administration.

Delayed Retirement

If you choose to keep working beyond your Full Retirement Age, you can increase your future benefits in two ways: 1) Each extra year you work adds another year of earnings to your Social Security records, and higher lifetime earnings can mean higher benefits when you retire; and 2) Your benefits will increase a certain percentage from the time you reach your FRA until you start receiving benefits, or until you reach the age of 70.

No matter the age you retire, contact Social Security in advance to learn your choices. Sometimes, your choice of a retirement month could mean higher benefit payments for you and your family.

Social Security benefits also are available to Widows and Widowers, Spouses, Dependent Children, and Divorced Spouses. Social Security is part of the retirement plan of ninety-six percent of American workers. Local office hours are subject to COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information on all SSA issues, call (800) 772 1213; for deaf or hard of hearing: TTY (800) 325 0778 or visit ssa.gov.

Medical Benefits**Medicare**

Medicare is health insurance for persons 65 or older and for younger people with certain disabilities or permanent kidney failure.

Note: Sign up for Medicare three months before your 65th birthday, even if you haven't retired yet. In some circumstances, medical insurance costs more if you delay applying for Medicare. You can apply for Medicare-only without claiming your retirement benefit. The application can be done online at socialsecurity.gov.

To learn more, call (800) MEDICARE (800 633 4227) or visit medicare.gov. For hard of hearing or speech impaired, call 1 (877) 486 2048.

Medigap

A Medigap policy is a health insurance policy sold by private insurance companies to fill the "gaps" in the Original Medicare Plan. Medigap policies can help pay some of the health care costs that the Original Medicare Plan doesn't cover. Be sure to compare Medigap policies because costs can vary.

Visit 1-800-medigap.com.

Other Medicare Options

For help choosing the best Medicare option for you, contact Medicare (800-633-4227), you can contact: The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), a FREE statewide insurance counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers provided by the State of Illinois Department of Aging. Call (800) 252-8966 or visit illinois.gov. Call Medicare Interactive at (800) 333 4114 or visit medicareinteractive.org.

Illinois Medicaid Healthcare And Family Services (HFS) Medical Benefits

Medicaid/HFS is a government-funded program that pays for medically necessary services (such as hospital care, nursing facility care, therapies, dental, and eye care), supplies, and medicines for persons with low income and few financial resources. Persons who are disabled, blind, or 65 years of age and older may qualify.

Call (800) 843 6154 or visit illinois.gov/hfs.

Other Potential Benefits**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

SSI is a federal income supplement program that pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources. SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits. Benefits can vary depending on the state you live in, your living situation, and other income in your

household. If you qualify for SSI, you likely also qualify for Medicaid.

Call (800) 772 1213 or visit: ssa.gov/benefits.

Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD)

This program by the Illinois Department of Human Services provides income support to persons who are age 65 or older, blind, or disabled. You must be an Illinois resident and meet other eligibility criteria to receive cash and medical assistance, including having low income. If you receive an AABD payment, you can also receive Medicaid.

Call (800) 843 6154 or visit dhs.state.il.us.

Senior Citizen Sewer Service Charge Exemption

The City of Chicago Department of Water Management offers seniors a savings on their water bills by exempting the sewer portion of the water bill. To qualify, certain conditions apply. Seniors who reside in their own residence but do not qualify for the Senior Citizen Sewer Exemption may apply for a refund in lieu of exemption. Applications for this refund are made through your Aldermanic office.

Call (312) 744 4426 or for the application visit chicago.gov/seniors.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

This program provides one-time financial assistance with energy bills for persons with low income. Apply early for LIHEAP funds, which tend to run out quickly.

Call (217) 785 2533, email communityassist@illinois.gov, or visit: liheapillinois.com.

Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (LHWAP)

This program assists low-income residents in making their dwelling more energy efficient by helping to pay for repairs, insulation, and maintenance of heating systems. To learn more, contact your local Community

Action Agency (CAA) to apply. Call (217) 785 2533, email communityassist@illinois.gov, or visit illinoisweatherization.com.

Food & Nutrition**Senior Food And Nutrition Program (SFNP)**

See *Catholic Charities Services* above.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Snap (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and provides cash assistance (in the form of the Illinois LINK debit card) to low-income individuals and families to buy approved food items.

Call (800) 843 6154 or visit www2.illinois.gov/hfs.

Transportation**Regional Transit Authority**

For information on accessible transportation routes, Call (312) 836-7000. Free or reduced fares for seniors and persons with disabilities are available on CTA and PACE transportation services (excluding Paratransit). You must apply in person or by mail.

Call (312) 913 3110 or visit rtachicago.com to download an application.

Paratransit

The RTA offers special travel options for persons who cannot ride public transportation due to disabilities. "Paratransit" is provided by specific carriers depending on your geographic area. These carriers can pick up a disabled person at his/her home, take them to a destination, and make the return trip.

Call (312) 663 4357; for deaf or hard of hearing: TTY (312) 913 3122.

Taxi Access Program

The Taxi Access Program only operates in Chicago (though it is administered by PACE). Riders receive a TAP card and pay only \$3 for one-way taxi

rides, worth up to \$20 per ride.

Call (800) 606 1282, choose "4" when prompted, or visit pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/tap.asp.

Veterans Benefits (outside of Catholic Charities):**Veterans Rights Bureau**

The Veterans Rights Bureau ensures that veterans receive the benefits they have earned. They also publish a free, annual guide to veterans' rights that they will mail to you.

Call (800) 382-3000 or visit illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/veterans.html.

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs helps veterans and their families understand federal, state, and local resources and benefits available to them.

Call (312) 814 2460—Chicago or (800) 437 9824—Illinois, or visit www2.illinois.gov/veterans.

Additional Source of Information for Seniors**Illinois Department on Aging**

(800) 252 8966
TTY: (888) 206 1327
Visit: www2.illinois.gov/aging

Illinois Department of Public Health

Visit: dph.illinois.gov

City of Chicago Senior Services

Visit: chicago.gov/seniors

Ageguide.org

Information, virtual tours and more for residents in northeastern Illinois.

AgeOptions.org

Based in Oak Park and a longtime partner of Catholic Charities, offering support resources, services and programs for seniors.

Reader's Corner: Poems and musings submitted by our readers

Don't Leave Home Without One

Reader Ronald Tragasz

The original Leatherman tool, designed by Timothy Leatherman, was called the PST, or the Pocket Survival Tool. Eight years in the making, the PST was comprised of thirteen different tools (components) and folded up into a five-ounce, four-inch toolbox. There is another pocket survival tool that predates Tim Leatherman's invention. It is a lovely, silent, haunting companion found in pockets, cars, purses, and drawers and even under pillows, sometimes worn at the waists or clutched in the hands of those who have passed. It's called a Rosary, and many people consider their Rosaries to be lifesavers.

As you may know, the Rosary dates to the 13th Century. It is the one object that is probably most emblematic of the Roman Catholic faith. Many people can attest to the power of the Rosary and Marian devotions.

I prayed the Rosary on the way to work and back routinely and have a story that showcases

its wonder. One day in May, 2002, I went to work even though I was not feeling well, ignoring my wife's urgings to stay home. About noon that day, I left work after my boss told me to go home; I looked sick. On my way home, feeling quite warm even though it was not hot outside, I cranked the air conditioning in my car. Minutes later I found myself about ready to slam into a truck ahead of me, when I quickly made a right turn, just missing the vehicle but climbing a guard rail which flipped my Jeep as I sailed through an intersection. I then hit yet another guard rail, skidded along a brick wall of an apartment building, knocking down a cyclone fence before stopping in the owner's backyard after hitting his tree. An eight-foot length of top fence rail sailed through my windshield over my left shoulder like a lance, inches from my head before the car came to a stop.

I heard people screaming and emergency vehicle sirens as I climbed out of the car. The fire station and police department were located a half-block away, along with St. Cornelius Catholic Church.

All windows were smashed, the roof crushed, and all four tires flattened. The Jeep was declared

a total loss. Apparently, I had lost consciousness behind the wheel. It was a single vehicle accident; no one was injured – including me. Given the damage to the car, it was truly a miracle.

Did the presence of the Rosary in my pocket have anything to do with the outcome? No, I do not think so, even though I kept a spare in my car. But I think God was looking out of the Church window that afternoon as I passed by saying, "Now why didn't he listen to her. Guess I will step in." While the sirens blared, the Rosary gave me great comfort during my ambulance ride, as scary as it was.

Father Gabriel Amorith, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican, once wrote that during an exorcism, one of his colleagues heard the devil say, "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end." Going from one bead to the next takes you on a spiritual journey traveled by countless Christians who found happiness, protection from sin, a closer union with our Savior and spiritual comfort in times of trouble.

Oh, and stay home if you are sick with the flu.



Happy Anniversary, Robert and Rosemary Holbach!

Reader Marie Thomas

Robert and Rosemary Holbach celebrated their 74th Wedding Anniversary on August 28. Keenager News featured Bob's WWII experiences in our June 2019 issue commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. Bob and Rosemary's daughter, Marie Thomas, has written several beautiful articles about her parents. At the request of Keenager News, Marie provided this update below, as Bob and Rosemary celebrate another special milestone. We wish the Holbachs many more happy years together!



Bob and Rosemary Holbach met in 1947 on a hike organized by the St. Priscilla's Young People's Club, and married in 1948. After serving in the U.S. Army in World War II, Bob graduated from Northwestern University on the GI Bill with a B.A. in Business and a minor in Education. He had long careers in newspaper distribution and with the U.S. Postal Service. Rosemary worked from the home raising their six children, and later joined Gordon Technical High School as part of a very busy cafeteria staff, where she could make great use of her award-winning culinary skills.

St. Viator's Parish, the Independence Park community, its local pool, and family travel experiences have enriched the lives of the

Holbach family members over the years. Bob and Rosemary's family has grown to include 17 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Bob and Rosemary have lived in the same house for 68 years, a home they built on a vacant lot in the Old Irving Park neighborhood. Rose turned 95 in May of 2022, and Bob will be 98 in October. Bob is looking anxiously forward to his 100th birthday in 2024 and plans to be around for it. When they were once asked what the secret is, to their long marriage, Rose said, "Know when to speak your mind." Bob answered, "Know when to keep your mouth shut."

Words of wisdom from an inspiring couple!

Eucharistic Adoration Chapels: Peaceful Places for Prayer

Reader Ron Polaniecki

Once it was common for Catholics to stop by a local parish near their home, school or workplace for a “visit”—nothing formal, just silent time with the Lord. Also known as Eucharistic Adoration, this practice is experiencing a renewal. It is the act of silently worshiping God, fully present in the consecrated Eucharist, and the sacred host is placed in a monstrance, a special vessel used for this exposition.

Eucharistic Adoration was established by the beginning of the Middle Ages, and St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–74) contributed further to the practice of Eucharistic Adoration by composing hymns still used in Eucharistic Adoration ceremonies today: *O Salutaris Hostia* (“O Saving Victim”) and *Tantum Ergo*

Sacramentum (“Down in Adoration Falling”).

Bishop Robert Barron (founder of Word on Fire) often discusses the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, citing examples of holy individuals of the 20th century who regularly engaged in Eucharistic Adoration, including St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (also known as Edith Stein, a martyr and Auschwitz victim), and Dorothy Day (Catholic worker advocate whose cause for sainthood is in process).

Here's a glimpse of how three Illinois parishes currently encouraging Eucharistic Adoration through their own parish chapels:

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel of St. Bernadette's Parish, Rockford, has been open for some 20 years, according to Kevin Rilott, Director of Religious Education and Chapel Coordinator. The chapel, which has a first-class relic (a piece of bone) from St. Bernadette, is housed in the former parish convent. Rilott says the chapel is open to parishioners, and the public, including those who might be homeless, or occasionally

even in tears—but all are seeking a place for peaceful prayer.

Visitation Parish in Elmhurst has a 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration chapel open since 1997. The story about this chapel is told by approximately a dozen faithful adorers in the parish's five-minute YouTube video. For example, a young man, Thomas, explains, “The Adoration Chapel is the safest place on earth. And no matter how much the world might chew you out, or no matter what pain you might experience in any relationship, any suffering, any sickness—your healing and your healer are there—the one who loves you isn't going to give up on you... He is right there for you, 24/7.”

St. James Parish, Arlington Heights opened its Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in June 2019, notes Deacon Matthew Hahn. While the parish had a history of adoration, it was a major renovation of the church that created a space for the chapel. The goal was, and continues to be, “To draw as many people as possible into the spiritual growth that springs forth from time

spent in prayer and meditation in the real presence of Jesus Christ,” says Tom Garson, a leader in the Adoration Team.

If you are considering experiencing Eucharistic Adoration, St. Bernadette's Parish offers this perspective on its website: “St. John Vianney once asked a man who sat quietly for hours before the tabernacle what he was doing. The man replied, “I do not know. I look at him and He looks at me, and we are happy together.”

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops started a three-year Eucharistic Revival on June 19, 2022. One of the primary goals is to increase Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the country. To learn more, visit uscbb.org.

Submissions were edited due to limited print space. Thank you to all readers who sent in these wonderful items for the Reader's Corner.



Affordable Housing for Independent Seniors

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1270 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois

Frances Manor's waitlist for affordable housing for seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans opens **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

Applications will be accepted on and after September 6. Maximum household size is 2 persons, in a one-bedroom unit.

To receive an application by mail, call **(847) 390 1270** or email **FrancesManor@catholiccharities.net**.



Eligibility for residency will not be based on race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, age, familial status or disability.

Requirements for joining the Frances Manor waitlist:

- » Must be 62 years or older
- » Income not to exceed \$36,500 (one person) or \$41,700 (two persons)
- » Must Provide information on income, assets, and expenses
- » Must be present for an in-person interview when contacted
- » Meet all screening criteria stated in the Tenant Selection Plan (*available on request*)

For more information on Catholic Charities affordable housing, call (312) 655 7440 or visit catholiccharities.net/housing.



Together with faith leaders, community organizations, and businesses, officers from four district police units on the west side participate in the program. Photo copyright Chicago Westside Sports League.

Peace Corner Youth Center participants have a fantastic time playing baseball

The Chicago Westside Sports League is a gathering of volunteers representing local organizations and churches, nonprofit organizations like Catholic Charities, community members, and the Chicago Police Department working together to provide opportunities for youth to engage in safe and healthy activities such as zero cost Club Baseball, AAU Basketball and Team USA Archery.

Now in its fourth year, 375 boys and girls in grades three through eight played baseball in the league in 2022. They play in five different baseball fields throughout the west side of Chicago: Columbus Park, Garfield Park, Moore Park, La Folette Park, and Franklin Park.

More than 40 players from the Catholic Charities' Peace Corner

participated this summer. All the players learned valuable skills such as sportsmanship and teamwork while being part of this supportive community program.

The 2022 season began with a Parade of Teams event on June 11, which was attended by a host of dignitaries, including Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. All of the players, coaches, and parents gathered for photos, then marched from the "Golden Dome" at Garfield Park to the baseball fields for the opening ceremonies and the season opening games.

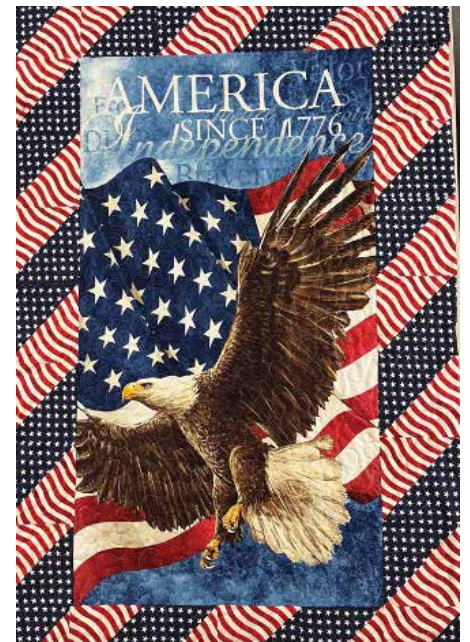
The 2022 season has concluded, and the players have begun a new school year now. But the memories of a great season of summer baseball will last for a long time to come.

75th Annual Celebration of Giving is Around the Corner!

In 1947, parents who adopted children from Catholic Charities' St. Vincent's Orphanage gathered to purchase gifts for children who had not yet been adopted. That extraordinary gesture personifying the Spirit of Christmas has grown and thrived, and now Catholic Charities is planning a wide range of opportunities for anyone and everyone to be involved in the 75th Annual Celebration of Giving this year.

Here is one of those opportunities! Last fall, we shared the heartwarming story of Diane Kennedy and the gorgeous quilts she makes and raffles off in support of the Celebration of Giving and in memory of her very generous father.

Over the years, Diane has raised an amazing total of \$15,000 through her raffles, and she purchases gifts for children and families in need through the Celebration of Giving with all of her raffle earnings. Diane has created another beautiful quilt this year, and she is again offering Keenager readers the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets before the WINNING TICKET is pulled on NOVEMBER 20, 2022.



Diane Kennedy's 8th Annual Quilt Raffle is entitled, "Wind Beneath His Wings Eagle." It measures approximately 53 x 34 inches. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, contact Diane Kennedy at mrssken@aol.com. Tickets can be purchased through Venmo (@Diane-Kennedy-21) or checks sent to: 3348 15th Street, Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096.



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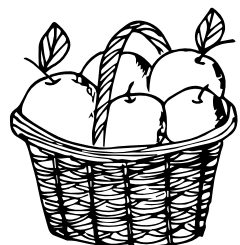
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Apple Pancakes

from a Keenager Reader

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| 2 red apples | 2 T. sugar |
| 3 eggs | 1 t. lemon juice |
| ½ c. and 2 T. flour | 5 T. butter |
| ½ c. and 2 T. milk | |

Preparation

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Slice and peel apples. Continue with lemon juice and sugar. Mix the rest of the ingredients, except butter, in a large bowl. Melt butter in an iron pan. Pour in the flour mixture and bake in the oven for 25 minutes. Halfway through baking, add slices apples on top of pancake. When finished baking, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serves 4.

Fresh Apple Cake

from a Keenager Reader

Ingredients

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| 2½ c. flour | 1 t. nutmeg |
| 2 c. sugar | 1 t. ground cloves (optional) |
| 2 t. baking powder | 3 apples, peeled and chopped |
| 1 t. salt | 2 unbeaten eggs |
| 1 t. baking soda | 1 c. salad oil |
| 1 t. cinnamon | ½ c. chopped pecans |

Preparation

Mix all dry ingredients first. Then add apples, pecans, oil, and eggs and mix well. Spoon into greased bundt pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or longer if necessary. Cake will spring back when touched lightly on top. Serves 8.

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Humor & Nostalgia

Aging and Laughing with Two of the Greats

George Burns and his wife Gracie Allen were one of the most endearing and enduring acts in entertainment history. They met in 1922 and were married in 1926. George and Gracie formed a comedy duo, with George often playing the straight man to Gracie, to make the

most of her natural comedic ability. The duo worked successfully together for 40 years. Gracie died in 1964, at age 58. Following her death, George became a solo performer and had memorable roles in Hollywood well into his later years. He died in 1996, just weeks after celebrating his 100th birthday. The "Burns and Allen" radio show was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 1994. Their TV series ran for eight years, and received 11 Primetime Emmy Award nominations. In 1988, George and Gracie were inducted into the Television Hall of Fame.

George and Gracie's views on aging, and life are humorous, poignant and timeless—enjoy this sample:

George Burns

"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there."

"I can't understand why I flunked American history. When I was a kid there was so little of it."

"People are always asking me when I'm going to retire. Why should I? I've got it two ways - I'm still making movies, and I'm a senior citizen, so I can see myself at half price."

"Young. Old. Just words. Inside we feel like our shoe size."

Gracie Allen

"My mind works so fast. When I think of something, I say it. Lots of times I say it even before I think of it."

"A friend asked her doctor if a woman should have children after thirty-five. I said, 'Thirty-five children is enough for any woman.'"

"Classic Recipe for Roast Beef: 1 large Roast of beef; 1 small Roast of beef. Take the two roasts and put them in the oven. When the little one burns, the big one is done."

"I don't see what difference it makes what side it's [your bread] buttered on. I always eat both sides."

Sources: photo from CBS Television press release, azquotes.com, history.com.



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September/October Celebrations

Birthdays

Happy Hundreds

Florence Grabowski.....100 on 9/11
Anne Kerchowski.....105 on 9/20
August Barberi.....110 on 9/25
Susie Sloan.....101 on 9/29
Ellen Beyer.....101 on 10/16

Nifty Nineties

Loretta Kieliszewski.....90 on 9/9
Lois Melchiorre.....90 on 9/29
Helen Kreft.....90 on 10/16

Extraordinary Eighties

Linda Keagle.....80 on 9/4

Mary Phillips.....80 on 9/9
Michael Losurdo.....80 on 9/20
Roland Sibrie.....80 on 9/23
Donna Rae Siekierski.....80 on 10/3
Pat Musil.....80 on 10/19
Karen Marcing.....80 on 10/24
Barbara Schlosser.....80 on 10/31

Belated Birthdays

Geraldine Stiff.....80 on 8/12
Betty Swierzynski.....90 on 6/26
Helen Baker.....100 on 5/10
Rose Biagioni.....100 on 4/16
Gregory Watrack.....80 on 1/15

Anniversaries

Armand & Judith Sylvie: 66 on 9/2
John & Rosemarie Szwajkart: 62 on 9/3
Joe & Carol Marzullo: 59 on 9/7
Richard & Marianne Gieser: 60 on 9/8
John & Irene Dominki: 63 on 9/12
Gregory & Rose Ann Serratore: 72 on 9/17
John & Jean Grosklaus: 58 on 9/19
Larry & Marilyn Crites: 63 on 9/26
Don & Annette Lydon: 59 on 9/28
Jim & Marylyn Sobun: 59 on 10/12
Ronald & Donna Brambora: 60 on 10/13
Joe & Tina Chlopecki: 53 on 10/25

Belated Anniversaries

Chuck & Lillian McConnell: 50 on 8/19
Don & Phyllis Lauer: 67 on 8/13
Dan & Barb Simmons: 50 on 6/17

Submissions

Keenager is delighted to help celebrate your special birthday (80, 90, 100 years+) or anniversary (50+). Please mail or phone us your submission eight to 10 weeks in advance. We regret that limited space does not allow us to publish birthdays in between those decades. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all Keenagers celebrating their special days!