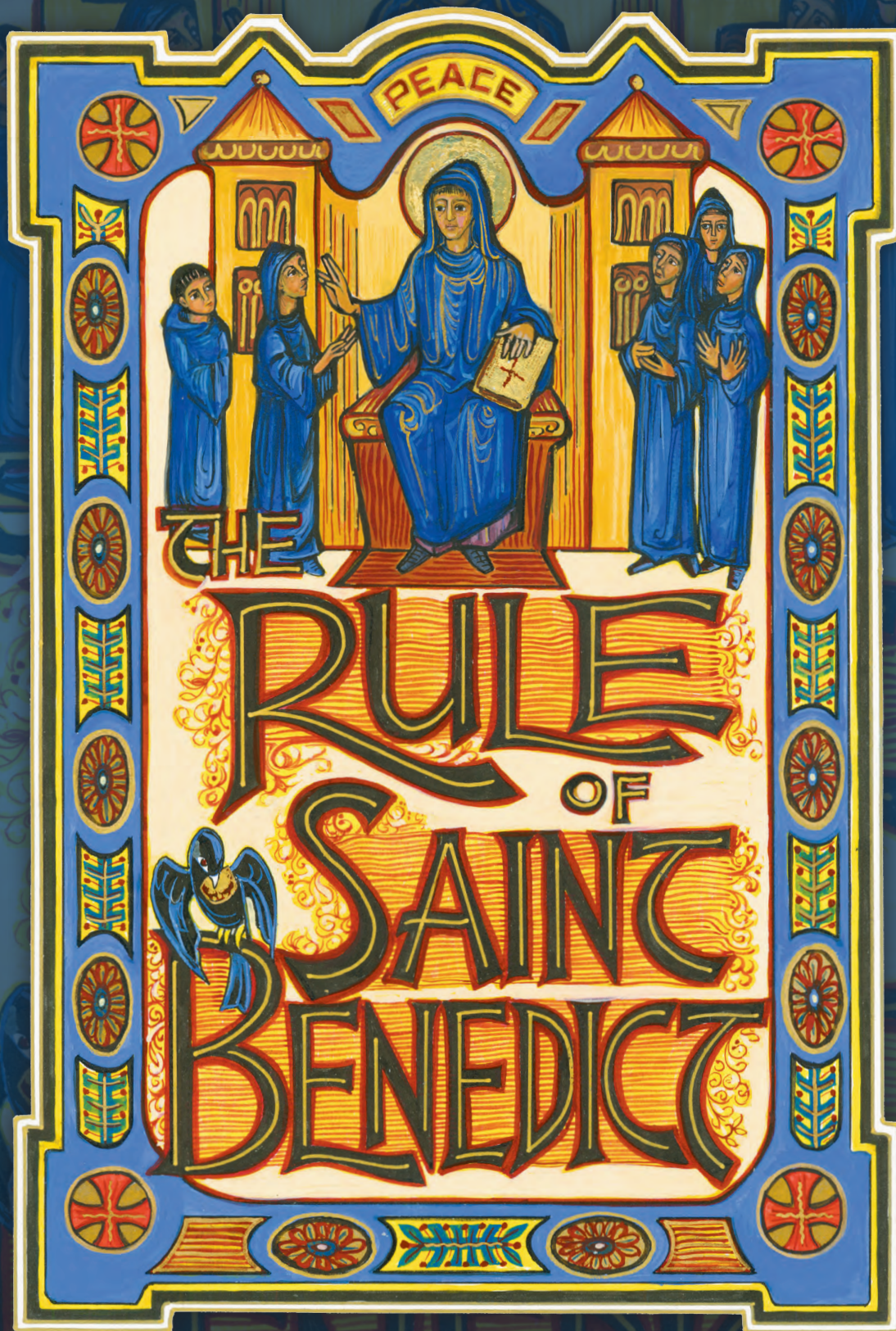




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Dear Friends of St. Scholastica Monastery,

As Benedictines, we are called to “listen with the ear of the heart” and to receive each day with gratitude.

As I reflect on this past year—my first year serving as Prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery—I give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon our community and for each of you who shares in our life through your prayers, friendship, service, and generosity.

Your generosity is a beautiful expression of Benedictine hospitality and stewardship. Because of your support, the Sisters continue their life of prayer, hospitality, and service while caring for one another and those who seek peace and renewal at the Monastery.

This past year, 523 generous donors, including 39 first-time supporters, shared 826 gifts totaling \$917,298.19. Every gift helped sustain our mission and ministries, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Thank you for being an important part of our Benedictine community.

This year, we also joyfully celebrated the jubilees of three Sisters whose lives reflect decades of faithful prayer, community, and service:

- Sister Maria Volk – 75 years
- Sister Daniel Lynch – 60 years
- Sister Josephine (Jo) Krulc – 60 years

We are equally grateful for our volunteers, who contributed 1,795 hours of service this past year. Their generous sharing of time and talent reflects the Benedictine spirit of hospitality and service.

Your generosity continues to sustain every aspect of our mission. During Fiscal Year 2025–2026, gifts were received in the following areas:

Community Support:	\$844,529.78
Retirement:	\$6,591.66
Care of Infirm Sisters:	\$16,658.33
Center for Spirituality & Enrichment:	\$4,565.00
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Special Projects:	\$31,317.00
Other:	\$11,152.75
Total Gifts:	\$917,298.19

Thank you for sharing in our Benedictine mission through your faithful support. Please know that you and your loved ones are remembered in our daily prayers. May God bless you with His peace and abundant grace.

With gratitude and prayer,

Sister Jeanne Ann Weber, O.S.B.

Sister Jeanne Ann Weber, OSB, Prioress



Sister Jeanne Ann Weber, OSB

Sister Maria Volk, 75 years

Anna Volk first learned about St. Scholastica Monastery when her older sister Mary became an aspirant with the Community. She grew up on a farm in Raleigh, North Dakota, part of a loving family and surrounded by gently rolling fields and grasslands and prominent buttes. Each spring she watched with awe the transformation of the seeding of the earth and felt a strong connection with the Creator of such beauty. This helped her face any challenges with confidence, knowing God was with her.



Sister Maria Volk

Inspired by two of her siblings, Ed and Mary, who chose religious vocations as priest and Sister, she decided she, too, would seek God in religious life. Towards this end, for her senior year of high school Anna transferred to Stanbrook Hall High School in Duluth. After graduating in 1950, she chose "the life of freedom granted to those whose vocation is to seek God," as +Sister Mary Penrose once described religious life. Her sister Mary had chosen 'Anna' as her religious name, so when Anna entered the novitiate she took the name Maria. As Sister Maria, she made her first profession in 1951 and final profession in 1954. Her sister eventually left the Order, but Sister Maria remained.

Sister Maria found that as a Benedictine she could venture into places she would never have gone on her own. She served in teaching and pastoral work, guided by the example of her father Elias' unstinting

generosity, who during the Depression shared extra milk from their farm with local families unable to afford it. It was from Elias that she learned her sense of justice. She and her friend +Sister Jane Casey, working out of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood, made regular visits to seniors and the homebound, there and at St. Ann's Residence. Together they brought companionship, Holy Communion, special treats on feast days, and always their beautiful smiles, kindness, and laughter.

After retiring from teaching, Sister Maria hit her stride. She became involved in two wonderful local organizations: Chum-Duluth (Churches United in Ministry) and Pax Christi-Duluth. Her deep faith and passion for justice and peace aligned with the mission of both. Sister led fund-raising projects and was 'energized' (her words) by tackling poverty, inequality, war, racism, and environmental damage. When she retired from service on the Chum Board of Directors, then-director Jim Soderberg said, "Sister Maria is such a sweet person that people sometimes don't realize how fiercely tenacious she is. Her deep faith is evidenced as a hopefulness and optimism that transform threatening realities into opportunities for grace."

We are blessed by Sister Maria's daily 'Yes' to God for 75 years as a Duluth Benedictine.

Becoming a Benedictine Sister at St. Scholastica Monastery is a journey of faith, prayer, community, and service. Women who feel called to Benedictine religious life are invited to discern how God may be leading them to a life rooted in the Gospel and the Rule of St. Benedict. Through prayer, community life, and meaningful ministry, Benedictine Sisters seek God together while serving the needs of the Church and the world.

***For more information about becoming a Benedictine Sister, please contact:
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Sister Danile Lynch, 60 years

Ten years ago, I was celebrating my Golden Jubilee, but it feels like last year. Where has the decade gone?

I was the third of four children born to Daniel and Agnes (Godfrey) Lynch in Waukegan, Illinois, and baptized Patricia. My father was raised in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and my mother in Hibbing, Minnesota. I grew up in Mundelein, Illinois, a western suburb of Chicago that was named after Cardinal George Mundelein. It housed the major seminary of the Archdiocese of Chicago, whose magnificent campus was a playground for my childhood friend Mary and me. We explored the woods, sat on a huge log that had fallen across the creek, and dreamed about the future. On summer afternoons many of the seminarians would wave and greet us on their way to the baseball field.

I first encountered the Duluth Benedictines at age seven, when my family came to visit my great aunt, Agnes Godfrey. 'Mime', as she was affectionately known, was living at the McCabe Home for Seniors and would tell us stories about the "wonderful nuns" who cared for her. Eventually I came to study at The College of St. Scholastica, where I met these wonderful nuns for myself. They were full of laughter and enjoyed the students who challenged them to ping-pong games (which the students never won). In April of 1964, on a visit home from college, I told my mother I was thinking of entering the convent. It caught her totally by surprise. I didn't dare tell her I had already been accepted to enter that September.

Most of my ministry has been in Healthcare. I began my "career" at St. Mary's Medical Center working in the Medical Record Department with Medelco, an early predecessor of a modern Electronic Medical Record. From Duluth I moved to the Chicago area and became Director of Medical Records at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. I loved being back in Chicago. After eight years, at the recommendation of my physician, I began looking for a position in Phoenix. (That beautiful



Sister Danile Lynch

warm weather!) I lived with our Sisters at St. Thomas Convent and taught Medical Records at Phoenix College. Two years later during Christmas break, I received a call from the Director of Medical Records at Desert Samaritan Hospital (DSH) asking me to apply for her position, as she wanted to retire. In Phoenix I completed my master's degree. I then moved to a small town in northern California called

Red Bluff and became Vice President of Ancillary Services for St. Elizabeth Hospital. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy of Omaha, Nebraska, it provided healthcare to many migrant workers. In 1993 I returned to Duluth for the discernment and election of prioress, and to my astonishment was elected prioress. When my term ended in 1999, I returned to Chicago and completed three units of the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

During the summer I studied theology at Notre Dame University and then was interviewed and hired as Chief Operating Officer with a Catholic treatment facility in the Washington, D.C. area. In late 2011 I was asked to return to Duluth to become the Community's treasurer, a position I held until a year ago when I turned 80!

After all these years, moves, and ministries, I still remember my first night in the convent. Sister Cabrini Beauvais, our postulant director, was explaining the night practices to us, and I suddenly knew I had come home and was where I was meant to be. During these sixty years of consecrated life, I have had the privilege of working all around our beautiful country and traveling to many places here and abroad, but I have always known that home is here at St. Scholastica Monastery.

To summarize my sixty years of monastic profession, I borrow an expression that my D.C. evening receptionist Genevieve used when asked how she was. "I'm blessed," she would say with a broad smile.

I, too, have certainly been blessed!

Sister Josephine Krulc, 60 years

Sister Josephine (“call me Jo”) has led an adventurous life. Born in 1942 in Slovenia amid the turmoil of World War II, she lived on the family’s large farm with parents Frank and Josephine and six siblings. At that time, Slovenia was part of Yugoslavia, a kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes. After World War II, Yugoslavia became Communist under Josip Broz Tito. Sister Jo has no memory of this period, but her older sisters passed on stories of hostility and attacks. Warned that he was suspected of being a traitor and would be arrested, Frank Krulc took his family into exile in Austria. He loved his home and farm dearly, but not as much as he loved his family. They left one infant daughter in the care of a cousin and an older daughter who begged to stay with her. They intended to return for them when situations improved, but sadly that never became possible under Communist control.

The reduced Krulc family lived in Austrian refugee camps for five years, the site of Jo’s earliest memories. Then in 1950 a family in Biwabik, Minnesota offered to sponsor them, and the family settled in Aurora, one of the Iron Range cities. Jo and her siblings befriended other Slovenian immigrants in the area and slowly settled into their new life, though she remained homesick for Austria and Slovenia.

In high school, Jo took part in sports and made friends. She attended a junior college, then transferred to The College of St. Scholastica to complete her degree in Elementary Education. She intended to teach, travel, marry, and have children, but there she met a young Sister who was the epitome of happiness: full of joy and down to earth. Under her influence she decided to try religious life. The Church had always been a vital part of her family life, with frequent Mass, Adoration, and daily rosary. So, after graduating in 1964, she entered St. Scholastica Monastery as postulant. “I was asked if I smoked, had a boyfriend, and went to church regularly, and I answered Yes to all three.” Accepted the next year into the novitiate, she became Sister Angela Marie, though later she reverted to her baptismal name. For ten years she taught elementary children at St. Anthony’s School in Duluth, St. Joseph School in Crosby, and Our Lady of Victory School in Minneapolis. During



Sister Josephine Krulc

the summer she worked as nursing assistant at St. Joseph Hospital in Brainerd.

In 1969 Sister Jo returned to Slovenia and Austria and was reunited with the two sisters who had remained behind. In 1973 she returned with her mother and has returned many times since. In 1991 Yugoslavia fell apart into warring regions and Slovenia became independent again. Each visit home to her native country strengthens the connection to

her Slovenian roots and extended family. She happily worked in the family hayfields, cooked meals, and tilled the garden at her former home, now the home of a nephew and his family. At St. Martin’s Church, she sat where her family sat many years ago before being forced to flee.

In 1975 she enrolled in the nursing program, graduating with a BA in 1978. For four years she worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph Hospital. Desiring to move in another direction, she studied Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Willmar State Hospital to become a chaplain. With an expanded vision of holistic health care, she served as Director of Nursing at the Villa of St. Francis in Morris, Minnesota, and then as Administrator at Riverview Homes in Brookston, a residential center for mentally challenged adults.

In 1990 she returned to care for our elderly Sisters in Benet Hall, the Community’s assisted living center. After a sabbatical in 1991 to visit her now-liberated homeland, she served in nursing homes in the Minneapolis area for eight years, and then became a Home Health Care nurse for clients in Minnesota, California, Washington, DC, and Alexandria, Virginia. Some of these clients were family members, whom she cared for with love until their deaths.

Returning to Duluth and never content to be idle, she began working in the monastery’s woodlands to remove invasive and dead trees and encourage the return of spring-blooming wildflowers. A fine seamstress, she also helps Sisters with their sewing and mending projects.

We are blessed to have Sister Jo among us.

Your Legacy of Faith and Generosity

Your generosity has helped sustain the Benedictine mission of St. Scholastica Monastery—supporting our Sisters in a life of prayer, hospitality, and service while touching the lives of countless people who seek peace and spiritual renewal.

By including St. Scholastica Monastery in your estate plans, you can ensure that this mission continues for generations to come. A planned gift is a meaningful way to reflect your values and create a lasting legacy of faith, compassion, and hope.

Planned gifts may be made through a will or trust, by naming the Monastery as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy, or through other charitable giving options. Your attorney or financial advisor can help determine the approach that best meets your goals.



Lisa A. Roseth

Become a Covenant Donor

Individuals who remember St. Scholastica Monastery in their estate plans become members of our **Covenant Donor Society**. We are honored to recognize these generous friends whose legacy will help sustain the Sisters and the Benedictine mission well into the future.

If you have already included the Monastery in your estate plans, we would be grateful to know of your intentions so we may thank you and recognize your generosity according to your wishes.

We Welcome a Conversation

If you would like to learn more about planned giving or discuss the many ways you can create a lasting legacy, I would be honored to visit with you—confidentially and without obligation.

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“The choices we make today become blessings for future generations. Thank you for considering a legacy that will help sustain Benedictine prayer, hospitality, and service for years to come.”



History Board & Website Initiative

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, last year's History Board & Website Initiative raised \$19,397 to support the creation of a new History Board on the first floor of Stanbrook Hall and the redesign of the Monastery's website.

Both projects are currently in production, and we look forward to sharing the completed History Board and updated website with our community in the coming months. Thank you for helping preserve our Benedictine heritage and share our story with future generations.

The Gift of Service: Honoring Our Volunteers



2026 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

At St. Scholastica Monastery, volunteers are a treasured part of our Benedictine community. Through their generosity of time, talent, and compassionate hearts, they help make it possible for the Sisters to continue their life of prayer, hospitality, and service.

Whether welcoming guests, assisting with special events, helping in the gardens, supporting office projects, or lending a hand wherever needed, our volunteers share in the Monastery's mission in countless meaningful ways. Their kindness and dedication are a daily reminder of the Benedictine value of service.

The Sisters are deeply grateful for every volunteer who gives so generously. Your willingness to serve enriches our community, extends our hospitality, and is a true blessing to all who enter our doors.

To each of our volunteers, thank you. Your faithful service makes a lasting difference, and we are honored to have you as part of the St. Scholastica Monastery family.

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Sr. Maria Volk with Jude Collins



Sr. Beverly Raway with Mary Tanner



Heidi Johnson with Sr. Lois Eckes

We Love Our Volunteers!

Volunteers enrich our lives in many ways, working beside us in ministries and lending new vigor to our efforts. In April we celebrated them with grateful hearts at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. We honor the many volunteers who generously share their time and talents throughout the year. It was an evening of joyful fellowship, beautiful music, and heartfelt gratitude for those who help carry forward our mission through their spirit of service.



Cheryl and Paul Fleckenstein, Lori Barnstorf, Thom Chartier, and Sr. Lois Ann Glaudel



Emily Wetzel, a recent graduate from our College, played her flute.



Judith and JaneFrances Umez, Sr. Dorene King, Sr. Mary Susan Dewitt, Jude Collins, and Sr. Lisa Maurer

COVENANT PEOPLE

Covenant People is the recognition society honoring individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the Benedictine Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery. Membership includes those who have remembered the Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association, d/b/a St. Scholastica Monastery, in their estate plans through a will, trust, life insurance policy, retirement account, annuity, or other planned gift, as well as those whose lifetime giving to the Monastery totals \$25,000 or more.

In gratitude for their generosity, Covenant People are recognized on the donor recognition wall in the Monastery's main entry and in the Covenant People Book located in the Eucharistic Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel, where the Sisters remember them in their daily prayers.



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Creating *The Rule of St. Benedict* Illuminated Manuscript, part one

by Heidi Johnson, with support from Sister Lisa Maurer, Meridith Schifsky, and Sister Therese Carson

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The Rule of St. Benedict is a spiritual guide for living a balanced and faithful life in community. Written more than 1,500 years ago, it offers practical wisdom for seeking God in the ordinary rhythms of each day - through prayer, work, humility, and mutual care. Its purpose is not perfection, but transformation: shaping hearts to listen deeply, live with intention, and grow in love of God and neighbor.

In 1980, a new English translation of *The Rule* was published by the Liturgical Press at Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota.¹ Fr. Timothy Fry, OSB, was the translator and editor-in-chief. In it he said, Saint Benedict (c. 480-547) "...wrote his Rule primarily for monks, but its sound principles for working together and living together have proved relevant to people of all classes of society through fifteen hundred years" (Fry, 1982, p. 9).

In the late 1980s, Sister Mary Charles McGough, OSB, was inspired to create an illuminated manuscript of the Rule. She was born Molly McGough in 1925 in Cloquet and attended Duluth Cathedral High School and The College of St. Scholastica. She did her graduate work at the University of Minnesota, receiving a Master of Education and a Master of Fine Arts from Notre Dame University. She entered St. Scholastica Monastery and became a Sister in 1943. She taught elementary and high



Sister Mary Charles McGough

school and was an art professor and chair of the department at The College of St. Scholastica from 1959-1967. A year later, she started the Barn Program in a carriage house at the Community's McCabe Center as a program for children. It included creative activities for writing, science, dance, music, and art.

Sister Mary Charles created art using many different mediums, including wood cuts, ceramics, sculpture, watercolors, and wood carving. In 1990 at the age of 65, she began her studies in iconography. From then

until a year before she died in 2007, she wrote more than eighty icons for churches and patrons all over the country.

According to Meridith Schifsky, who was the calligrapher for the illuminated Rule, Sister Mary Charles approached her in 1988 to do the calligraphy for the project after first asking Sister Margaret Clarke, OSB, who declined. An illuminated manuscript

is a partnership between the calligrapher who writes the script and the artist who creates the illuminations. Sister Mary Charles knew that Meridith had taken a calligraphy class in high school from Sister Thomas Carey, OSB, so Sister Mary Charles encouraged Meridith and provided her with a book to use as a refresher as well as the supplies, including a pen, ink, and 140# Arches high quality watercolor paper.



Sister Mary Charles McGough

For the illustrations, Sister Mary Charles used opaque gouache paint that Meridith gave her, so it was a true sharing, although Sister Mary Charles chose which passages would be included from the Rule. Six chapters were skipped, and several others were condensed. Meridith and Sister Mary Charles would get together to talk about each page, deciding what calligraphy would go where and what spaces would be left open for the artwork, including the images and decorations. Meridith would first calligraph each page using the Italic font with some Roman letters, and then give it to Sister Mary Charles to add the illuminations. This included applying gold leaf to some. It took a full two years for Meridith and Sister Mary Charles to finish the *Rule*, as Meridith was working as a nurse at the hospital three days a week while raising her family.



Sr. Mary Charles and Meridith with two pages of the Rule, September 1990

Since its completion in 1990, the illuminated Rule has held a special place at St. Scholastica Monastery. Visitors to Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel can see it on display in the right front corner by the stained-glass windows of Benedictine Saints and the icon of St. Scholastica and St. Benedict, also written by Sister Mary Charles. The book is part of Community funerals where the Rule, a red rose, and a lighted oil lamp are placed on the Sister's casket. Together they symbolize

the Sisters' shared vowed monastic profession, which binds them together as Benedictine Monastics.

Recently, first-year College students in Sister Lisa Maurer's *Dignitas* class have been studying the Rule of St. Benedict and learning about illuminated manuscripts. They visited the Chapel and listened to librarian and archivist Heidi Johnson talk more about their history and especially of this illuminated Rule.



Sister Lisa Maurer's Dignitas Students with Heidi Johnson, Feb. 26, 2026

Creating *The Rule of St. Benedict* Illuminated Manuscript, part two

by Heidi Johnson, with support from Sister Lisa Maurer, Meridith Schifsky, and Sister Therese Carson

As introduced in the first article, an illuminated manuscript of the Rule of St. Benedict was created by Sister Mary Charles McGough, OSB and Meridith Schifsky from 1988-90.

The creation of an illuminated manuscript requires a beautiful partnership between the calligrapher, who writes out the script, and the illuminator, who adds the artwork including images and decoration. For this illuminated Rule, Meridith was the calligrapher and Sister Mary Charles was the illuminator. They employed very classic and time-honored techniques of illuminated manuscripts.

Starting with the script, Meridith used the Italic font, which was invented in 1420 by Niccolo Niccoli, an Italian scholar who wanted a quick, less labor-intensive script.¹ She also used some Roman capitals.

For text where Saint Benedict quoted from the Bible, Meridith used red ink instead of the regular black ink. This is called rubrication after the Latin word for red, rubrica.²

Remember the teaching of the Lord: Do what they say, not what they do (Matt 23:3).

The first letter of the first word in a passage or verse is called an initial or a versal, which is usually ornamented. There are many different ways the calligrapher and the illuminator can work together to create this. These are the different kinds of versals they included in the Rule:

Anthropomorphic

is one that contains human figures (Brown, 1994, p. 11).



Decorated

is an initial with non-figural elements (Brown 1997, p. 47).



Foliated

is one decorated with foliage and floral elements.



Zoomorphic

is one that contains animals (Brown 1994, p. 126)



¹ Harris, D. (1995). The art of calligraphy. Dorling Kindersley Limited.

² Brown, M. P. (1994). Understanding illuminated manuscripts: A guide to technical terms. The J. Paul Getty Museum.

Historiated versals

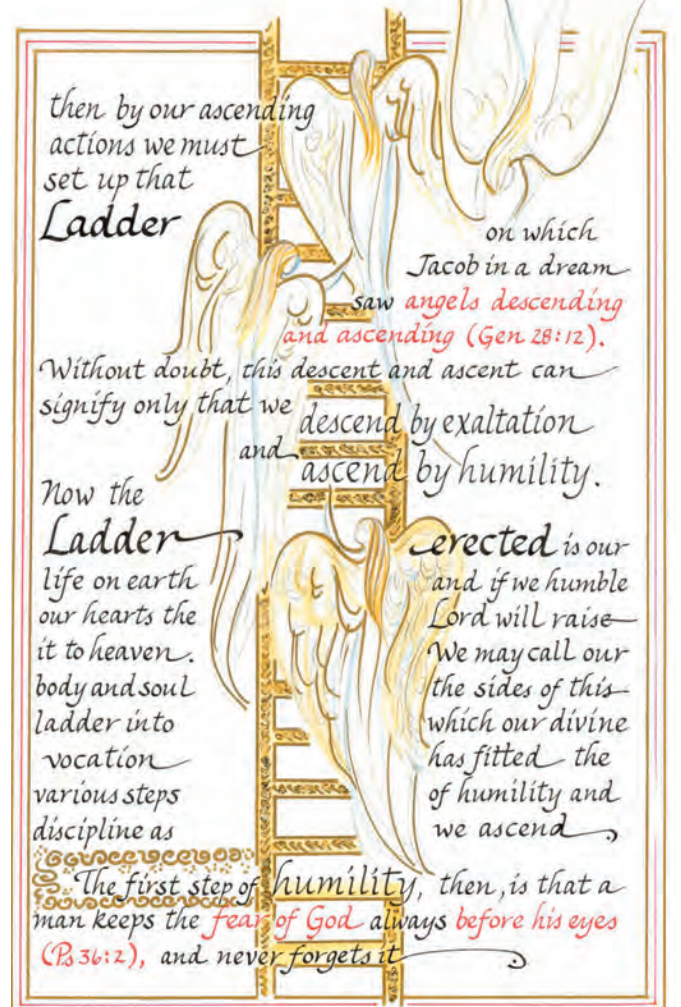
contain identifiable scenes or figures. These were first used in illuminated manuscripts in the first half of the eighth century (Brown, 1994, p. 68). This is an example of where illuminations can be used to support people who are illiterate as they are able to understand the meaning of the text through the pictures used.



With regard to the illuminations, Sister Mary Charles did not base the figures used in the Rule on any people she knew.



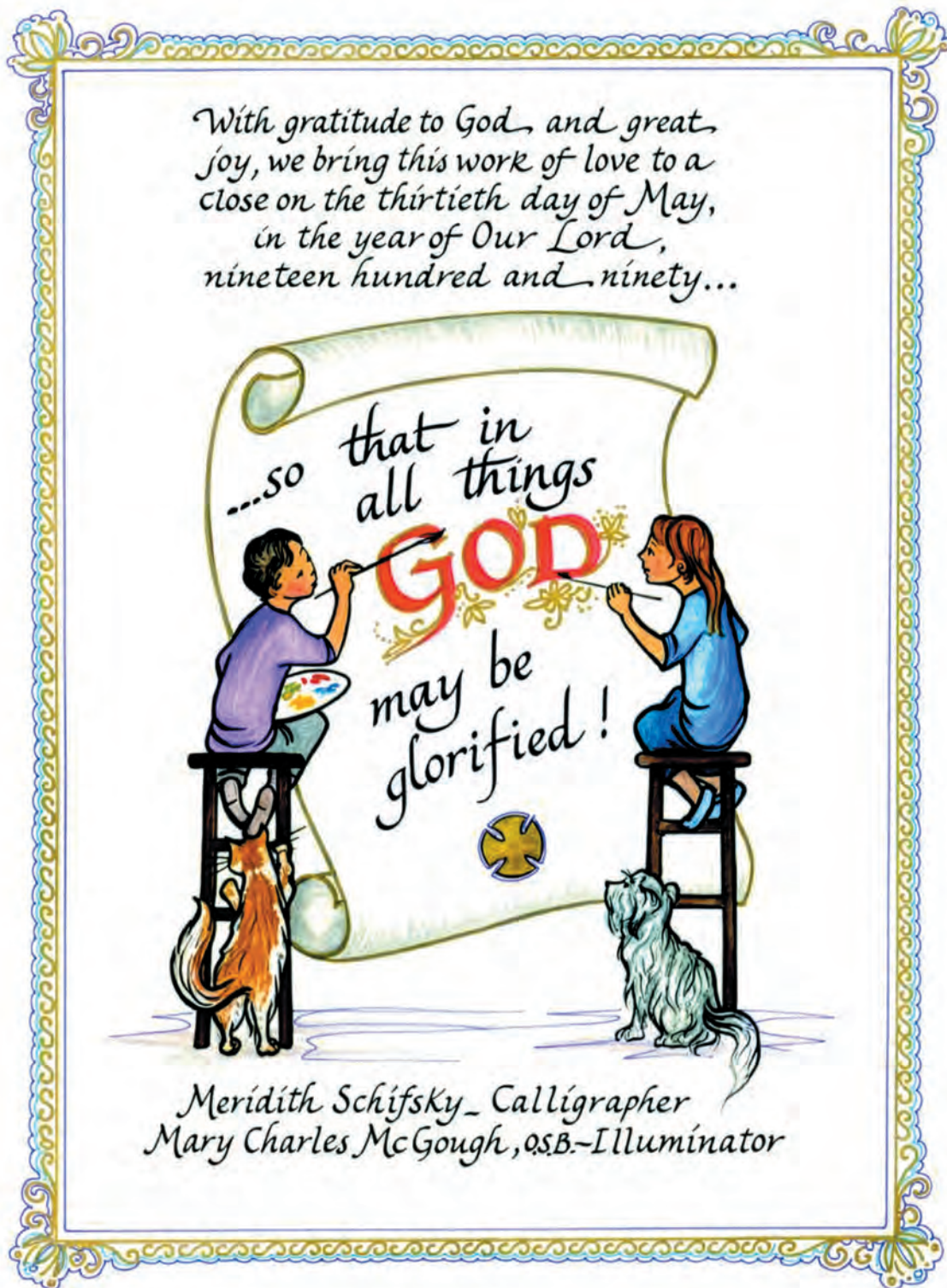
According to Meridith, the most difficult page to do was the one on humility, as the text and art are so intertwined.



The purpose of illustrations is two-fold and includes to instruct and to inspire or enlighten, from the Latin *illuminare* (Brown, 1994, p. 69). One of the ways the illuminator can really show off their skills is with a carpet page. This is a page that does not contain any text and is generally used to separate the four Gospels in a manuscript (Brown, 1994, p. 36). The one carpet page Sister Mary Charles included in the Rule separates the seventh chapter on humility from chapters eight to eighteen on the liturgical code.



Finally, the last page of a manuscript is called the **colophon**. While only sporadically included in medieval books, it was more often used by Italian humanists to add the date (Brown, 1994, p. 43). This is also the place in the manuscript where the illuminator can have a little fun, which Sister Mary Charles did by painting herself and Meridith on stools with her cat and dog at their feet.



We are grateful for their talent and dedication in creating this illuminated Rule so that we are able to be enlightened, and for the calligraphing and illuminating on this page so that in all things God may be glorified!

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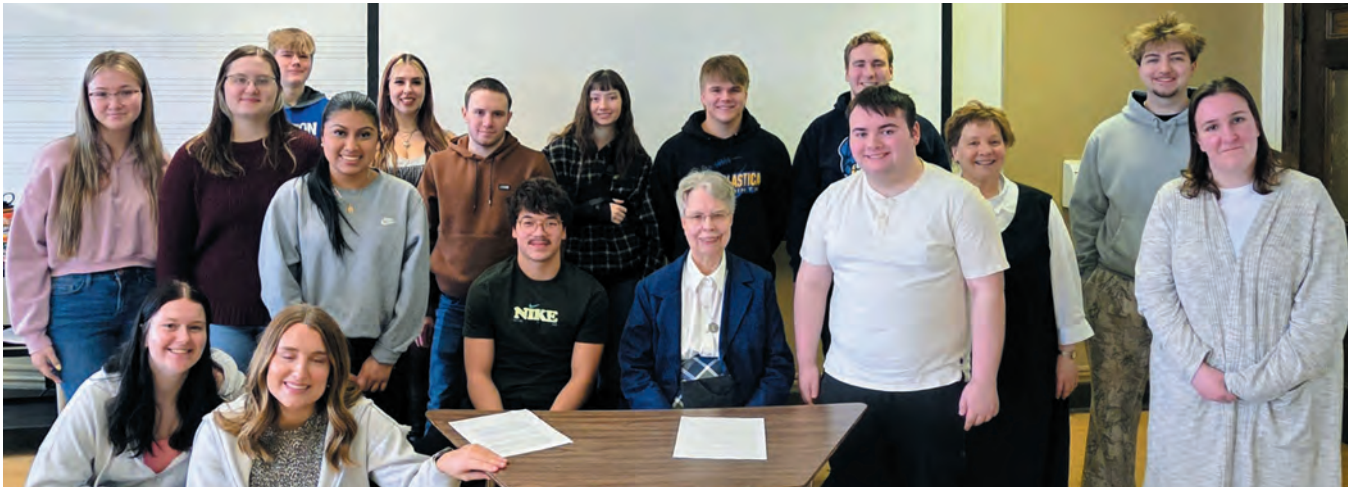


Sister Lisa Maurer teaches a Dignitas Class at The College of St. Scholastica

Sister Lisa helps new students embrace Benedictine values through her Dignitas classes. In a year-long immersion in the Benedictine tradition, first year students learn who we are, what we stand for, and how to find a place in this community. Dignitas provides a sound foundation to their education, introducing them to key elements unique to a St. Scholastica education. These include the dignity of every person, diversity, the Benedictine tradition and values, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. *Dignitas*, the Latin word for dignity, focuses on the intrinsic, absolute value of being a person.

Sister Jeanne Ann Weber, Monastery Prioress, was a guest speaker, sharing insights from Chapters 2 and 64 of The Rule of Saint Benedict, which explore the qualities of leadership and the role of the abbot or abbess.

At another class, Sister Lois Eckes answered questions about the Prologue to the Rule. At a third, Sisters Teri Spinler, Beverly Raway, and Marie Therese Poliquin spoke about the Rule of Benedict and answered the students' questions about religious life.



Sr. Jeanne Ann Weber's class



Sr. Lois Eckes's class

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Memorial Bench and New Railings

Sister Theresa Spinler enjoys a beautiful memorial bench, generously donated by the Dahlberg family in loving memory of their parents and placed near the bird feeder in our Garden Court.

And thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have new exterior railings leading up from the drive to the entrance of Stanbrook Hall, helping provide a safer and more welcoming environment for the Sisters, guests, and all who visit the Monastery. We are deeply grateful for your support in preserving our home and ensuring its accessibility for all.



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Ministry of Education

The first Benedictine Sisters came to the United States from St. Walburg Abbey in Eichstätt, Bavaria, in 1852. Their mission was to found schools for the children of German-speaking settlers. In developing the framework for this, they created a whole new way of life for Benedictine women by accepting ministries outside the convent walls. In 1881 Benedictine women came to Duluth to found and staff schools and, eventually, a hospital, and in 1892 founded a new Community dedicated to education and health care.

Although our teachers are retired, we remain involved in education through serving on boards and committees, and by building nurturing relationships with students, staff, and administrators at every level. Your support helps us continue this vital ministry.

We welcome Sister students from other countries

We continue to welcome Sisters from Africa to live with us while studying for degrees at The College of St. Scholastica. These women enrich our life as they develop knowledge and skills to take home to their own communities. Most recently, we hosted



Sr. Joana Charles at graduation; Sr. Mary Josephine Torborg watches as Sr. Joana opens our parting gift, a game of Mexican Train played with dominoes, which she learned and played with enthusiasm during her time with us.

Sister Joana Charles, a member of the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa in Tanzania, East Africa, who majored in Computer Information Systems with a concentration in Business Analysis. In June, she graduated with highest honors and will study for her master's degree at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania. We bid her a fond farewell at a dinner party.

We are grateful for Sister Joana's many gifts and gentle presence in our Community. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins this new chapter in her journey.

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Sister Lisa spoke with Campus Ministry leaders from The College on how to lead with integrity and joy. We are always grateful for her thoughtful leadership and the wisdom she continues to share with others.

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Mary K. Sheldon

In honor of Sr. Donna Schroeder

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Theresa and Brandon Butler

In honor of Sr. Pauline Micke

Bill and Therese Campbell

Sharon Captain

Jane Carlson

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Sister Lisa Award recognizes Benedictine leadership



Paige Blattner was this year's recipient of the Sister Lisa Award. Named in honor of Sister Lisa Maurer, the award recognizes a player who exemplifies character, integrity, humility, selfless leadership, and commitment to others. Paige, a star on the College's hockey team, exemplifies what it means to lead by example, lift up teammates, and represent the program with pride both on and off the ice.

Jeanne and Chris Carroll

*In memory of David Hood and
Srs. Agnes Fleck and Johnetta
Maher*

Diane Cary**Kathleen Castro****Mary P. Caven**

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and Lisa Roseth*

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Leick and Verda Clare Eichner*

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Cheslak*

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Marie Makowski, Robert
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and Frank Tarnowski, and
Srs. Agnes and Victorine Sitter*

Eric and Jeannie Dahlberg

*In memory of his parents,
Kathleen (Wagner) and
Thomas Dahlberg*

Renee Dahlberg

*In memory of her parents,
Kathleen (Wagner) and
Thomas Dahlberg*

Chad Dahlberg**Connie Daigle****Dave and Jessie Dauer**

*In memory of Dorothy and Jim
Dauer and their son David
Dauer*

Charles Davidson**Thomas and Teresa Dawson****Patricia Day**

*In memory of Tom and Marjorie
McGill*

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In memory of Sr. Judine Mayerle

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members*

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Philip G. Christman*

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*In memory of Howard, Ruth,
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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

High Tea with College students

Every spring the Student Activities group at the College hosts a High Tea with the Sisters. This is a chance to meet over tea and treats, share conversation, and make connections. These gatherings reveal the spirit of hospitality, community, and friendship that make this campus special.



Janice Gerchman

*In memory of her husband
Chuck who died 8/24/25*

+Mary J. Gerlach

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Kroening*

Barbara Hayes

*In memory of Donald and
Angeline Pierce*

DuWayne Henke

*In memory of Mary Henke and
Ray and Helen Meyer*

Dennis Hoelscher

Shannon Hoffman

Terry Hoffman

Carl Huber

Rita Hughes

Lana R. Hurley

Carol Jackson Hushagen

*In memory of John and Helene
Jackson, Scott Jackson, and
Steve Jackson*

Joan M. Huston

*In memory of her husband
Dennis L. Huston*

Susan Hyndman

Marsha and Tom Hystead

In memory of Sr. Judine Mayerle

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Mary Ives

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Kurt Jacobson

Karen Jakala

Jim Jarocki and Kristin Blakeslee

In memory of Casimir Jarocki

Cameron and Ruth Jayson

Robin Johnson

*In memory of her great aunts,
Srs. Estelle, Alicia, and Eunice
Panger*

Heidi and Bret Johnson

+Barbara C. Johnson

Lyle Johnson

Patricia Jones

Carol A. Karalus

*In memory of Louis and Rose
Karus*

Blanche Kaspari

Meg Kearns

*In honor of Sr. Jeanne Ann
Weber*

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Farewell to President Barbara McDonald, a Warm Welcome to President Brenda Kelly

At the College's annual President's Dinner in late June, we honored outgoing President Barbara McDonald for her faithful leadership and dedicated service. We then hosted a farewell dinner at the Monastery for Barbara and her husband David, where we offered our gratitude, prayers, and best wishes as they begin a new chapter. We presented her with a print of +Sister Mary Charles McGough's icon of St. Scholastica

On July 1, the College welcomed Dr. Brenda Kelly and her husband, Dr. Jess Kelly, on her first day as the 14th President of The College of St. Scholastica. Two weeks later, we hosted them for dinner at the Monastery, where Dr. Kelly received a Benedictine Cross as a symbol of the shared heritage between the Monastery and the College.

As the College's founders, the Sisters offer their prayers and best wishes as Dr. Kelly begins her leadership of the College's Benedictine mission.



Dr. Barbara McDonald



From left, Sr. Jeanne Ann Weber, Sr. Lois Eckes, Dr. Brenda Kelly, Dolf Hergert (the dinner's chef), Dr. Jess Kelly, and Sr. Jayne Erickson

Patrick Kearns**Erin Keeley***In honor of Mrs. Beverly Raway
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Luukkonen***Roland and Mildred Klein***In memory of Emma and
Herman Klein and Albert and
Mary Zok***James and Geraldine Kloster****Carolyn Koep****Jerry and Cathy Koering****Karl Koivunen and Mary Pat
Rocchio***In memory of Sr. Ingrid
Luukkonen***Julie Kolojeski***In memory of Joe, Gen, Dean
Kolojeski, Jo Sjodin, Pam
Stenberg, Carol and Jan Bort,
Denny Gruba, and Sr. Anne
Marie Cheslak***Kathleen Kopecky****Janet R. Kopp***In memory of Sr. Marguerite
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Supporting Stella Maris Academy in Duluth

We are blessed to have a strong, faith-based academy to guide the education and religious formation of our young people, kindergarten through high school. Stella Maris provides a sound education rooted in the sacramental and intellectual traditions of the Catholic faith. We support the Academy financially (with your help) and make connections with third-grade students through our pen pal program. Every November we look forward to hosting a party for the first-grade students, who dress as their patron saints and join us for singing and treats. (Watch for photos in our Advent *Pathways* magazine.)



Sr. Josine Krausnick with her young pen pal



At the Stellabration fundraiser: from left, Sisters Donna Schroeder, Claudia Cherro, and Josephine Krulc; Bishop Daniel Felton; Sisters Jeanne Ann Weber and Beverly Raway

Chrissy Koralia

*In honor of Mary Lou Crain and
in memory of John R. Crain*

Joan Kovacs

Ann Kraemer

*In memory of her dad
Raymond Kraemer and
great-aunts Srs. Leona,
Rosaline, and Laboria*

Raymone Kral

Shalom Kropfl

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*In memory of her mother Joyce
Childers*

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In memory of Colleen and
Joseph Green and Susan and
Dennis Modoc*

Michael Levinski

*In memory of Srs. Mary Martin
Beringer and Martha
Bechtold*

Jane Lindborg

*In memory of her beloved sister,
Mary L. Beaudry Boisjoli*

Marcie Lindgren

In honor of Sr. Annella Wagner

Catherine J. Little

*In honor of Srs. Sue Fortier and
Annella Wagner
In memory of Sr. Joyce Fournier
and all deceased Sisters*

Elaine Loaney

Sally G. Lofte

Jane Anne Lounsberry

Donald and Linda Lucachick

Cheryl and +Tim MacPherson

In memory of Danny B. Mahle

Dennis and Linda Maetzold

In memory of Gregory Haugen

Immanuel E. Magomolla

Ann Mahoney and Richard

Dolezal

Terry Mahoney

Ann Majerle

In memory of Sr. Jane Casey

Jeanne C. Makela

*In memory of John and
Katherine Signorelli*

MINISTRY OF HEALTHCARE

2026 Essentia Gala

*"Before and above all things, care must be taken of the sick,
that they be served in very truth as Christ is served."*

~ Rule of St. Benedict, Chapter 36

Throughout our history we have ministered to the sick, following these directions in the Rule. Chapter 36 continues with the words of Christ in Scripture, "I was sick and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36), and, "What you did for one of these least of my people, you did for me" (Matthew 25-40).

In 1888 the Benedictine Sisters purchased a building in West Duluth for St. Mary's Hospital. A series of typhoid epidemics were straining the capacity of St. Luke's Hospital, and this second hospital was needed to treat infectious disease in the growing city and injuries from the region's logging and mining. A larger hospital was built at Fifth Avenue East and Third Street with an initial capacity of 200 patients. Over the years this grew to fill most of a city block, and then in 2023 was replaced by the newly constructed St. Mary's Medical Center. It is now part of Essentia Health, which includes hospitals and clinics throughout the upper Midwest. Through it all, we have continued to provide state-of-the-art, patient-focused care that honors individual values and beliefs while embracing technical advances.

For years we provided SMMC with administrators, nurses, and technical specialists. Today we continue a presence in chaplaincy while serving on boards and committees and supporting Essentia financially. In late May, Sisters and their guests attended the Essentia Foundation Gala fundraiser, celebrating the enduring legacy of the Sisters as Essentia Health / St. Mary's continues its mission of compassionate care for those in need.



From left are Sister Kathleen Del Monte, Sister Beverly Raway (retired RN), Sister Jeanne Ann Weber, Dr. David Herman (CEO), Sister Kathleen Hofer (former CEO), and Sister Theresa Spinler (retired RN).

Howard and Frances Maki**Susan Maki***In memory of Alvin Roy Matten***Lynda Markon****Judith Markus-Gair****Judith R. Matonich****Steve and Diane Matthiesen****Jennifer Mayerle***In memory of Sr. Judine Mayerle***Marilyn Mayry****Kevin and Laureen McCalib****Barbara and David McDonald****Gerry and John McGraw****Thomas and Lorrie McKenzie***In honor of Sr. Marie Therese
Poliquin's Birthday***Bob McLean****Susan McLennan****James J. McNearney****Kathy McQuinn****Rev. David Mesner and Rev. Joyce
Piper****Rita Meyer****Colleen Michaelson****Patricia Michals****Alice Michels****Bernadette Miller***In memory of her parents**Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Ligday***Dr. Ronald and Michaelann
Mortaloni***In memory of Sr. Cecile LaForest***Patrick Mullen****Mary Rielly Murray***In honor of Sr. Mary Josephine
Torborg***Kathleen A. Murray****Verdella Musech***In memory of the Sisters who
came to Cook to teach
religion***James Muske***In memory of Carolyn Ann
Lehtinen Muske, 1963
Stanbrook graduate***Michele Naar-Obed and Greg
Boertje-Obed****Rev. Dale Nau****Darlene Nemanich***In memory of Jerry Nemanich
and Sr. Victoria Nemanich***Daniel and Debra Nesgoda***In memory of their mother
Dolores Nesgoda***Patricia A. Niska****+Kathy Noble****Jane Norman***In memory of her mother
Marian and brother Karl***Judy Norstrud****Jerry and Karen Nurnberger***In memory of Srs. Mary
Rochefort and Cecile
LaForest***Lezlie and Bradley Oachs***In memory of Diane Ellison***Peg Obremski***In memory of Sr. Mary Charles
McGough***Rita O'Connell****+Wanda K. Oland-Johnson****Bill and Harriet Olson****Kathleen O'Neill***In honor of Sr. Gloria Ess
In memory of Sr. Mary Daniel
O'Neill***Diane Orville***In memory of Sr. Francesca
Caskey and Gert Pearson***Karen and Steve Ostovich****Teresa O'Toole****Dawn Pajunen-Ibes***In memory of Joyce Rigo***Ludwina Bowman Palma***In memory of Srs. Johnetta
Maher and Grace Marie
Braun***Jerome Paquette****Curt and Cathy Paulsen****Judith A. Pedersen***In memory of Marlene Pinten***James and Sheila Perry***In honor of Sr. Katie Doyle
In memory of Mary Hawkins
Perry***Gwendolyn Perun and Lawrence
Johnson****Carol M. Peterman***In honor of her education
received from the Sisters***Tom and Cathy Peterson***In honor of John, Liz, and Matt***Bruce and Cherie Peterson***In memory of Sr. Michelle
Dosch***Donna M. Peterson****Nancy L. Petroske****Jane Pierce***In memory of Mary Elizabeth
Silvers***Shannon Pitre***In honor of Srs. Gretchen
Johnston, Lois Eckes, and
Dorene King***Elaine Popp****Susan and Gordon Pusc****Dorothy Rappel, Ph.D.***In memory of Corinne Hood***Father Terry Rassmussen***In honor of Sr. Renata Liegey***Christopher and Geriann Raway****Nadine M. Reiser**

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Making Catholic Social Teaching a reality

Catholic Social Teaching is a body of doctrine developed by the Catholic Church over the past 130 years that applies themes from the Hebrew prophets and Jesus's teachings to daily life. We are called to embrace human life and dignity, life within communities, a balance of rights and responsibilities, the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, the dignity of work and the rights of workers, solidarity as one global human family, and care for God's creation as stewards of the earth.

A daunting challenge, but one Benedictines have embraced through the centuries. It begins with recognizing the inherent worth of every individual. We are deeply grateful for those who work within our Monastery and in the nonprofits we sponsor through Duluth Benedictine Ministries. We serve on boards for organizations that provide food, shelter, clothing, education, counseling, and healthcare for the most vulnerable, and support them financially and as volunteers.



Rita Reker

In memory of Sr. Martha Bechtold

Bret Reuter

Jeanette Reuvers

Tom and Kris Reynolds
*In honor of her 60th birthday
in memory of her mother
Barbara Gentilini and
Sr. Judith Ann Oland*

Al Robins

*In honor of Sr. Therese Carson
In memory of Sr. Victor
Grutkoski*

Joanne E. Robson

*In memory of Srs. Barbara and
Mary Rae Higgins*

Regina and Michael Roemhildt

Erika Rogers

Sharon Rolle

Patricia Rosvold

Mary Ann Rotondi

In memory of Marian Rotondi

Barbara Roubal

In memory of Barb Coffin

Priscilla Russell

In honor of Sr. Kathleen Doyle

Deb Ruzynski

Judith A. Ryan

Kevin and Jennifer Rymanowski

*In honor of the 40 Year
Anniversary of Benedictine*

Georgette Sarkela

Patrice and Wayne Schanus

*In memory of Sr. Mary
Catherine Shambour*

Olivia Scheibl

Alice A. Scherer

In memory of Sr. Agnes Fleck

Meridith and John Schifsky

*In memory of their son Michael
Schifsky*

Thomas M. Schinn

*In honor of his wife +Mary H.
Schinn*

Donna M. Schneider

Patricia A. Schreier

Rev. Brian Schultz

Deacon Daniel and Janet Schultz

Mary and Lawrence Schwanke

John and Rosie Schwartz

*In honor of Sr. Lisa Maurer and
Diane Maurer*

*In memory of Gene Maurer and
Steve Maurer*

Terry Scott

Kevin Scroggins

In honor of Sr. Renata Liegey

Jacque Semaan

Linda Senta

*In memory of Bob Senta and
Anna Senta*

Virginia Sherman

Barb Shimshock

Lloyd and Joanne Shun

Vicky and Paul Siders

*In memory of Srs. Rebecca
Burggraff, Margaret James
Laughlin, and Judine
Mayerle*

Mary and Joseph Sitek

Cynthia Wisniak Skelton

Laurie Skiba and Larry Miranda

*In memory of Sr. Martha
Bechtold*

Cheryl Skluzacek

*In memory of Leo and Lucille
Skluzacek and Louis and
Christine Skluzacek*

Rita E. Smith

In memory of deceased fathers

Patricia A. Smith

Rita E. Smith

*In honor of Sr. Sue Fortier
In memory of Chuck Smith*

Patricia A. Smith

Sue and Rick Sommer

Diane Sorensen

Thomas J. Spencer

*In honor and memory of
Barbara Ann Spencer
In memory of Ellen and William
Spencer and Jeanette and
Alphons Mescher*

Carol Spielman

*In honor of Sr. Jeanne Ann
Weber
In memory of Sr. Theresa
Jodocy*

Patty and Jim Splan

Greg and Vicki Spofford

Dori Squiers

*In memory of the Roehl and
Squiers family*

Mary Kay and Jon Staudohar

*In honor of and thanksgiving
for Sr. Beverly Raway and
Sr. Jeanne Ann Weber for
their ministry as Prioress*

Barbara Stearns

Marilyn Steimann

*In memory of Cory and Richard
Steimann*

Linda and Robert Stein

Kim and Judith Stelmazek

In honor of Sr. Jayne Erickson

James H. Stewart

Mary Ann Stogsdill

*In memory of Srs. Agnes and
Victorine Sitter*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Benedictine Leadership Formation

Leaders in the education and healthcare institutions that are sponsored by Duluth Benedictine Ministries receive a thorough grounding in applied Catholic Social Teachings. This past spring Sisters Beverly Raway, Lois Eckes, and Lisa Maurer recorded videos for these formation modules. The formation program supports the Benedictine and Catholic identities of The College of St. Scholastica; the Catholic facilities within Essentia Health; Benedictine; St. Francis Regional Medical Center; and St. Mary's Health in Cottonwood, Idaho.



From left, Sisters Beverly Raway, Lois Eckes, and Lisa Maurer

Neil Storch**Bob and Linda Strukel****Jerry and Barbara Sullivan****Marie Sullivan****Christopher Swanson****Lynn Swelbar****Mary Jo Synnott***In honor and memory of the
Sisters who taught at
St. Bridget's School,
Minneapolis***Mary Helen Taft****John Talarico****Mary Tanner****Jim Taylor****Lawrence and Judith Telega***In memory of Elizabeth
Hendrickson and Brenda
Telega***Robin and Valerie Tellor****Justin Terch****Kathleen M. Theisen***In honor of Sr. Claudia Cherro
In memory of Eugene Theisen***Mary Kay Thornton****Gary L. Tibbitts***In memory of Bob and Doris
Tibbitts***Terese Tomanek and Steve Davis****Henry and Frances Torborg****Gay Trachsel***In honor of Sr. Jayne Erickson
and Margaret Masuga
Chapman***Carmen Tripp****Barb Trombley***In memory of Bernette Brown***Patricia Turbitt***In memory of John C. Turbitt***Mike Turner****Lillian Twomey****JaneFrances Umez****Judith Umez****Becky Urbanski and Scott
Junkert***In memory of Tim MacPherson***Doug and Marsha Vierzba***In memory of Sr. Barbara Ann
Vierzba***Kim Waltman***In memory of Sr. Michelle
Dosch***Joseph R. Warnert***In honor of Doug and Sue Rydel***Jeffrey and Brenda Washburn****Deacon John and Cindy Weiske****Emily Wetzel****Nancy and Tom Willette****Mark and Theresa Jobin***In honor of the new Prioress,
Sr. Jeanne Ann Weber, and
in memory of Srs. Arlene
Kleemann and Judine
Mayerle***Mary Wilson****Ivy Wright***In memory of Sr. Judine Mayerle***Mary M. Wright***In memory of Sr. Mary
Catherine Shambour***Katherine A. Wyers****Nancy R. Ziegler****Keith and Katherine
Zumbrunnen****MISSOURI****Paul and Julie Merline****Patricia Skomars***In memory of E.T. and Toinie
Skomars and George and
Martha Atol***MONTANA****Beth Hickok***In memory of Sr. Noemi
Weygant***Gerard Weber****NEBRASKA****Kathleen G. Roehl****NEVADA****Terrance Jobin***In memory of Sr. Victoria Jobin***NEW HAMPSHIRE****Sarah B. Kendall****NEW JERSEY****Kenneth and Georgina Conover***In memory of her mother's
cousins Srs. Lea and Paschal
Pocta***Laura O'Rourke***In honor of Sr. Lois Eckes***John and Jane Tomaine***In honor of Sr. Beverly Raway's
60th Jubilee***NEW MEXICO****Marcia E. Congdon****NEW YORK****Pam Dillon***In honor of Srs. Therese Carson
and Beverly Raway
In memory of Carol Brittain***William J. Fay****Lt. Gen. & Mrs. Charles
McCausland***In honor of Sr. Renata Liegey
In memory of Srs. Mary Carol
Braun and Mary Rae Higgins***Christine McCausland***In honor of Sr. Renata Liegey
In memory of Srs. Mary Carol
Braun and Mary Rae Higgins***NORTH CAROLINA****Susan and Paul Calovini***In honor of Sr. Linda Wiggins***Mary Louise Salstad****NORTH DAKOTA****Kevin and Jo Greff****Edwin and Ann Wagner***In honor of Sr. Annella Wagner***Cecil and Patty Wilson***In memory of Srs. Victorine and
Agnes Sitter***CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

Raising money for Chum Duluth at the Annual Rhubarb Festival

Our spring rhubarb harvest was a success! Sisters, associates, staff, and volunteers gathered at our Chester Creek garden to prepare for the 21st Annual CHUM Rhubarb Festival.

Then Sisters joined the community at Asbury United Methodist Church for the annual fundraiser benefiting Chum Duluth. In this long-standing tradition, the Benedictine Sisters continue their commitment to hospitality, compassion, and serving neighbors in need.



OHIO

Beth Domholdt

Father Thomas M. King

In honor and memory of the wonderful dedicated Sisters who lovingly taught at Our Mother of Sorrows School in Cincinatti, OH

William B. North

In memory of Sr. Grata Zorichak

Thomas Richardson

Dr. Joyce Salg

William F. Schlater

Dr. Tim Shay

In memory of the Sisters who taught at Our Mother of Sorrows School in Cincinatti

OREGON

Sharon Jacobs

In memory of her mother, Elizabeth Coy, and aunt, Sr. Magdalen Dooper

Barbara Levey

Susan Tappeiner

In honor of Sr. Beverly Raway

PENNSYLVANIA

Mary D. Delaney

Stephanie Paulachok

In honor of Sr. Renata Liegey

Caroline L. Wroblewski

SOUTH CAROLINA

Kathleen M. Bitsura

SOUTH DAKOTA

Bill and Vickie Fargen

In honor of Sr. Lisa Maurer

TENNESSEE

Jan Cotton

In memory of Sr. Lucille Geisinger and her sister Patricia Ann Starboard

Terry and Gail Johnson

In memory of Srs. Victorine and Agnes Sitter

Kenneth and Nancy Leners

In memory of Sr. Celine Plante

TEXAS

George Kaven

In honor of Sr. Therese Carson

Janet Molstad

Frederick V. Novak

In memory of Sr. Mary Hope Novak

Luci Reed

In memory of Jane Kelly Smith

Peter M. Tart

+Ronald J. Thomson

In memory of Sr. Judine Mayerle

UTAH

Herb and Judy Janson

In honor of Sr. Kathleen Doyle

VIRGINIA

Joanne and Billy Cox

In memory of Sr. Annella (Ann) Gallagher and Therese Beaulier Sundberg

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Rule on Reception of Guests

Weaving around and through all our ministries is Hospitality. When we welcome you into our lives we welcome Christ, who said, "Just as you did it to one of the least of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). We respect your personhood, listen with our hearts, and share with you what we have. We do not distinguish between people when we offer hospitality. In doing this, we help change what is unjust and so help build the kingdom of Heaven on earth.

In her book *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*, Sister Joan Chittister of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Pennsylvania writes,

"Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and our minds and our hearts and our work and our efforts. Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step toward dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time."

In light of our Benedictine values, we call ourselves to create:

- Sacred spaces that foster the awareness of God
- Hospitality that welcomes others as Christ
- Peace-filled environments through listening and respect
- Responsible stewardship of the resources of life

We welcome members of all faith traditions and human service organizations who promote the well-being and peace of all. Come for a visit, stay a while, and enjoy our hospitality. Attend a workshop, make a silent retreat, sit with a spiritual director, or just wander the woodland. We would love to have you!

Go to retreatduluth.org/programs/ for more information.



From *The Rule of St. Benedict*
illuminated manuscript

Rosemary and Colin Jellish
 Barbara M. Knecht
 Phyllis Meyer
WASHINGTON
 Susan Blake
 Bob and Nancy Cesaro
 Carol A. Diemert

Marilyn and Patrick Lewis
 James Magnuson
 Patricia B. Marks
*In honor of Daniel J. Marks,
 missing person*
 Jayne Nash
*In memory of Sr. Rosemary
 Stager*

Marcelline A. Norman
WISCONSIN
 James and Margaret Barnes
*In memory of Sr. Marguerite
 Baxter*
 Nancy Deever
 Patrick DeGrace

Mrs. Maureen Denny
 James D. Dewitt
 Barbara J. Fiedler
In memory of Sr. Judine Mayerle
 Gloria A. Hammer
 Tim and Desiree Heytens
*In memory of Phyllis Currie and
 Patrick Currie*

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Hosting our Benedictine Friends

We are blessed to have a retreat center with room to host large groups. When the Stanbrook West building was extensively renovated in 2020 – 2023 to hold our monastery offices and living quarters, we were able to free up much of the c. 1938 Stanbrook Hall building on the east side of our complex for guest quarters and conference rooms. Over the past year we have hosted very large groups, including the Chapter of the Monastic Congregation of St. Benedict a year ago.



President for Mission Integration at The College of St. Scholastica (CSS); Sr. Jeanne Ann Weber, Prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery; Dr. Barbara McDonald, outgoing president of CSS; and Bishop Daniel Felton of the Diocese of Duluth.

Then in July we hosted a gathering of Benedictine Sisters age 55 and under from across the country. The group focuses on building networks, collaborating on projects, and sharing ministries. One initiative that came from this group is Benedictine Tech Ministries, which provides technical support and digital connectivity for Benedictine communities.



The weekend provided opportunities for prayer, friendship, and renewal. Sister Gretchen Johnston (second row, far left) and Sister Lisa (second row, third from the right) joined the gathering.

Patricia H. Klauck

Ken Kutz

Rev. Fr. Yanchy and Wendy Laccka

Fredrick and Kathleen LeSavage

*In memory of Sr. Mary Martin
Beringer*

Lisa M. Mahsem

*In memory of Ben Mahsem and
Lynn Peters*

Elizabeth A. Markon

Judi and Tim McKeon

Tina Nelson

Merle and Janet Nett

*In memory of Srs. Joan Braun,
Mary Carol Braun, and Grace
Marie Braun*

Daniel Nikolay

Donald Rachner

*In memory of Edmund, Aurora, Larry,
and Jackie Leitschuh; Jeannine
(Leitschuh) Rachner; Bernadette
(Zachman) Dehn; Jim Dehn; and
Earl and Marlys Dehn*

Charlene Reno

Roger and Kathy Rigterink

Dorothy A. Rottier

In memory of John U. Mitchell

Brenda Schaeffer

*In memory of Ralph and
Bernice Furtman*

Michael and Patricia Schmitz

Sharon Schmitz

Robert and Suzan Schunk

*In memory of Srs. Valeria
Lessard and Mary Felton*

Victoria Stauber-Pufall

Joe and Kay Tierney

*In memory of Rosella and
Martin Harney*

Fr. Jim Tobolski

Constance Townswick

*In memory of Sr. Johnetta
Maher*

Carol and Myron Van de Ven

Barbara Wetzal

Virgil and Sharon Wuttke

James and Mary Zastrow

In memory of Sr. Judine Mayerle

WYOMING

Kim Dooper

*In honor and memory of
Sr. Magdalen Dooper and
the Dooper family*

Mr. Herb Scheeler

*In honor of Sr. Donna Schroeder
In memory of Wilma Ann Scheeler*

INTERNATIONAL

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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report. If you notice an error or omission, please contact the Office of Development at 218.723.6536 or email monastery@duluthosb.org. Thank you!

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Sisters invite College alumni for a Tea

Sister Lois Eckes is the director of Hospitality, the warm welcoming face of Christ to all who come; but we all partake of that ministry, so integral to daily monastic life.

Every year during The College of St. Scholastica's All Class Reunion, the Benedictine Sisters welcome alumni for their annual tea. This June the afternoon was filled with laughter, fellowship, and shared memories, celebrating the enduring connection between the College and Monastery.



Sr. Lois Eckes shares memories with College alums.

MONASTIC LIFE

A Special Concert



In July, we gathered in the Community Room for a beautiful concert by accomplished pianist Obie Esparza, whose music brought joy to all who attended. Thank you, Obie, for sharing your remarkable talent with us!

Our Annual Retreat

Even dedicated, hard-working monastics need to pause the cycle of *ora et labora* (prayer and work) and return to silence, contemplation, and rest. Each June we have a week retreat within the Monastery, with a retreat director who opens our eyes to new ideas and moves us more deeply into what it means to be Benedictine.

This year we were blessed with Fr. John Klassen, who for 23 years led the monks of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. He opened up the parables of Jesus, helping us see them through the lens of first century Jews, and catching us as he reverses the roles of those in the story. In his parable of the wealthy man and the publican, the tax collector, a Jewish collaborator with Rome and so despised by observant Jews, is shown to be nearer God than a man of smug, self-satisfied wealth.



Fr. John Klassen



At the closing party, from left, Sr. Mary Josephine Torborg, Fr. John Klassen, Sr. Kathleen Hofer, and Sr. Josephine Krulc.

Life with the Sisters on Benet Hall

Benet Hall is our assisted living center, with emphasis on living! Thanks to our Sisters, volunteers and associates, our elder Sisters' lives are enriched with get-togethers and parties. In May, they enjoyed a little springtime fun, with straw hats, goodies and name-that-flower trivia, organized and led by Sister Lisa Maurer.

On July 4th they celebrated with an afternoon of Bingo, laughter, and fellowship. The festive gathering was a wonderful way to celebrate Independence Day together and enjoy one another's company.



Sister Donna's 'Daughters'

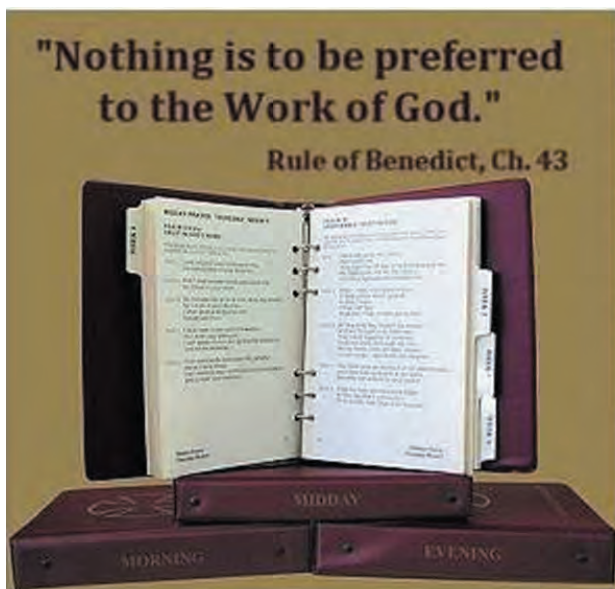
Women entering religious life bring their secular life with them. In his book *Strangers to the City*, Fr. Michael Casey, a Cistercian monk in Australia, compared this to being dropped in a foreign land with its own customs, beliefs, language, priorities, taboos, and joys. Monastics are challenged every day to be different from the world around us.

To help us grow into this new way of being, we are given a wise Sister who has been through it all and can guide us as we adapt to this new world for, "your way of acting must be different from the world's way. The love of God comes before all else." (Rule of St. Benedict, chapter 4.)

Many of us have been blessed to call Sister Donna Schroeder our spiritual guide. We gathered after dinner one evening for a group photo.



From the left are Sisters Dorene King, Elizabeth Farias, Kathleen Del Monte, Donna Schroeder, Jayne Erickson, Therese Carson, Lisa Maurer, and Gretchen Johnston



Monastery Prayer Schedule			
Morning Prayer (call to confirm)	Mon – Fri	7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Chapel
	Sat – Sun	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	
Eucharist (call to confirm)	Mon – Fri	11:45 a.m.	Chapel
	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	
Evening Prayer	Sun – Sat	5:00 – 5:40 p.m.	Chapel
<i>We invite you to join the Sisters for Prayer and Eucharist. However, times can change for Holy Days, Feasts, special occasions, or according to availability of a priest. Please call 218.723.6555 for the day's schedule.</i>			





SAVE THE DATE!

Monastery Christmas Bazaar

Thursday, December 3, 2026

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mark your calendar and join us for the St. Scholastica Monastery Christmas Bazaar! Enjoy the spirit of the season while browsing a wonderful selection of handmade items and gently used treasures!

come browse, find something special, and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season!

Donations Welcome!



**Handmade Crafts & Creations
Gently Used Christmas Decorations
Gently Used Household Décor**



Please, no electronics or VHS tapes.

To arrange a donation drop-off or for additional information,
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We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!

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MISSION

We, the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, Duluth, Minnesota, are monastic women who seek God in community through a life of prayer and work. Living in accordance with the Gospel and the Rule of St. Benedict, we respond to the needs of the Church and the world through our ministries.

Donations to the Monastery provide funds allowing Sisters to continue various missions and the opportunity to do beautiful work. Thank you for helping the Sisters serve in the following ministries:

Administration

Advocacy

Architecture

Creative Arts

(art, writing, photography,
icon writing)

Development Ministry

Education

Governance

Hospitality

Health Care

Maintenance of gardens/
woodland

Music

Office and Secretarial Ministry

Pastoral Care

Peace and Justice Ministry

Photography

Public Speaking

Prayer Ministry

Renewal/Retreat Ministry

Spiritual Direction Ministry

Sponsorship

Telephone Ministry

Vocation Ministry