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NOJOSHING is an Indian word. It means "Straight Tongue."

In 1849, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi built their Motherhouse on land that was called Nojoshing by the Indians, because it protrudes out into Lake Michigan like a straight tongue.

Event Raises Funds for Arbor / Green Space

The 7th annual *Wine & Vine* took place on the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Motherhouse grounds on August 22. Many local vendors and sponsors, along with sister and lay volunteers, help to make this a wonderful and successful event for the approximately 500 people who attend each year.

The beverage tastings included an excellent selection of wines, beers, coffee, tea and local soft drinks. Rounding out the tastings were a wide range of delicious foods and desserts.

In addition, there were raffle items, a wine pull (\$10 for any bottle chosen by random number) and more. This event has been held since 2009 to raise funds to refurbish and maintain the 1912 grape arbor and vines.

The arbor has been a symbol of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi campus and a place of quiet reflection, beauty, and solitude since it was constructed.

The congregation hopes to continue the restoration and maintenance of the arbor and surrounding green space with the funds raised through this event. The 2016 event has been set for August 27 from 3:30 to 7. Please plan to join the sisters next year. The web page for details and more photos is <http://www.winenvineosf.com>. At the bottom of the homepage is a link to Facebook, where more photos are available.

(LEFT) Sisters Humbeline Guenther and Jane Denning greet guests with plates and wine glasses for the tastings.

(RIGHT) The grape arbor was decorated and lit for the event.



The Abundance of Jubilee - 2015 ~

70-Year Class

Each year, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi celebrate Jubilee on the last Sunday of July. The joy and grace of that day are always more than any Jubilarian anticipates. We share some of the reflections of the Jubilarians in this newsletter and will share the remaining reflections in the January newsletter. Once again, we congratulate each of the Sisters and ask God to bless them abundantly each day.

Sr. Irene Kunding

By fourth grade, I felt God was calling me to be a sister. I entered the aspirancy on August 28, 1941. From the day I entered, I knew that God had blessed me with a religious vocation forever. After serving for 31 years in the USA, God had another big surprise when He invited me to serve in Asia as a missionary. I can never thank God enough for all the mission opportunities He gave me my entire life. I now ask God to continue to bless me every day until He calls me home to heaven forever.

80-Year Class

Sr. Theodora Bies



Most of my years were spent working with the mentally challenged. I was very happy and felt God was with me. He has rewarded me with a good mind and good health.

Sr. Generose Willkomm

My religious life has been a "journey of challenges." Jesus has always been my mentor and my guide. In my quest for Truth, I find Jesus, not only in the Eucharist, but I also see Jesus' goodness in all of nature and in every person I meet. "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

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75-Year Class

Sr. Rosanne Sanders

I am filled with gratitude for God's abundance of graces which I have received through my family, our Franciscan congregation, our Church and many devoted friends. To all I say, "Thank you!"

Sr. Rosanne Sanders (left)
Sr. Francis Marie DeLany (right)



23 Celebrate Anniversaries of Profession

(St. Augustine) "My God and my All." I believe a Jubilee is a time to say "thanks." To God, for all that has been and for all that will be: "YES." I do not know the future, but I do know who holds the future in His providential hands. DEUS PROVIDEBIT

(BACK - LEFT TO RIGHT)
Sisters Generose Willkomm, Humbrline Guenther and Martina D'Amour

(FRONT - LEFT TO RIGHT)
Sisters Annette Fessler, Charlene Chang and Irene Kundinger

(NOT PICTURED)
Sr. Catherine Morrissey



60-Year Class on back page

50-Year Class

Sr. Rita Ann Haderer

I was 25 years old when God called, revealing new directions for my life, and everything in my life was disrupted. Only the grace of God allowed me to follow the new path, the call. It was important to become a Franciscan because the charism and spirit of St. Francis fit well into my life and have been the source of great joy and peace.

I ministered as a special education teacher for 30 years and as a director of religious education and youth minister for 18 years. Summers of outreach ministry among the poor were spent in New Jersey and Kentucky. Serving God and His people has been immensely meaningful to me.

I have many happy memories and much gratitude. Being a Sister of St. Francis of Assisi has indeed been my life. I thank God daily for this gift of a Franciscan religious

vocation and for those inspiring people who helped me to follow it for so many years. All praise to God!



Sisters Rita Ann Haderer (FRONT LEFT), Julianne Koch (BACK RIGHT), Rose Sevenich (BACK LEFT) and Adele Thibaudeau (FRONT RIGHT)

Jubilee Celebrants cont.

Sr. Therese Ann Koltes

Having lived as a vowed Franciscan religious in community for over 60 years has been a growing revelation of God's love and faithfulness. God is the constant, the rock, in my life.

Sr. Mary Jerome Lacy

A faith journey nourished by prayer, community and ministry. My heart echoes with the hymn, *Great is God's Faithfulness*.

Sr. Grace Schauf

I am most grateful for my 60 years as a Sister of St. Francis of Assisi. I have been blessed with loving sisters who are examples of the Franciscan charism and love of Jesus and St. Francis as we serve God's people.

Sr. Jodene Wydeven

Blessing, blessing, blessing! What a gift God has given me every day of my life! When I think

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60-Year Class



(BACK - LEFT TO RIGHT) Sisters Mary Jerome Lacy, Jodene Wydeven, Therese Ann Koltes and Agnes Terese Eckelkamp

(FRONT - LEFT TO RIGHT) Sisters Donna Siegl, Grace Schauf and Lourdetta Van Driel

(NOT PICTURED) Sr. Valerie Jarzembowski

back over the years, I realize all is GIFT! Supportive parents, family, and friends, Catholic upbringing in a Franciscan Capuchin parish, the CALL to religious life and all the persons who encouraged that call – holy women who were mentors and spiritual directors, loving communities with lifelong friends that fostered growth in prayer and contemplation. My heart is overwhelmed with gratitude to a faithful God, who loves me and encourages me, and to all who have touched my life with His and their love and encouragement.

Please remember the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in your will.

A bequest is a wonderful way to support our retired sisters and is a testimony of your care and concern for them.